

Differential Equations

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Homogeneous Equations

Equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$ **is homogeneous from degree n if**

$$f(tx, ty) = t^n f(x, y)$$

Example

$$f(x, y) = x^2 - 3xy + 5y^2$$

Solution:

$$f(tx, ty) = (tx)^2 - 3(tx)(ty) + 5(ty)^2$$

$$= t^2 (x^2 - 3xy + 5y^2) = t^2 f(x, y)$$

This equation homogeneous from degree two



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Example

$$f(x, y) = \frac{x}{y} + \frac{y^2}{x^2} + 1$$

Solution:

$$f(tx, ty) = \frac{tx}{ty} + \frac{(ty)^2}{(tx)^2} + 1$$

$$= \frac{x}{y} + \frac{y^2}{x^2} + 1$$

$$= t^0 f(x, y)$$

This equation homogeneous from degree zero



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Example

$$\begin{aligned}f(x, y) &= \ln x - \ln y + 1 \\ &= \ln \frac{x}{y} + 1\end{aligned}$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}f(tx, ty) &= \ln \frac{tx}{ty} + 1 \\ &= \ln \frac{x}{y} + 1 \\ &= t^0 f(x; y)\end{aligned}$$

This equation homogeneous from degree zero



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Example

$$f(x, y) = xy + 1$$

$$f(tx, ty) = (tx)(ty) + 1$$

Solution:

$$= t^2 xy + 1 \neq t^2(xy + 1) = t^2 xy + t^2$$

This equation nonhomogeneous

$$f(x, y) = xy^2 + y \quad \text{nonhomogeneous}$$

$$f(x, y) = e^{y/x} \quad \text{homogeneous from degree zero}$$



Homogeneous Equations

Example. Show that differential equation $xydy = (x^2 + y^2)dx$ is homogenous differential equation.

Solution:
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{xy}$$

Differential equation is homogeneous

$$f(x, y) = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{xy}$$

$$f(tx, ty) = \frac{t^2 x^2 + t^2 y^2}{t^2 xy} = \frac{t^2 (x^2 + y^2)}{t^2 xy} = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{xy} = f(x, y)$$

\Rightarrow Differential equation is homogeneous



Homogeneous Equations

METHOD for solving Homogenous differential equations

Substitute $y = ux$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = u + x \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$dy = udx + xdu$$

OR

Substitute $x = vy$

$$\frac{dx}{dy} = v + y \frac{dv}{dy}$$

$$dx = vdy + ydv$$



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Note. Selection of substitution Differential Equation depends on number of terms of coefficients $M(x, y)$ and $N(x, y)$

1. If $(1 + 2 + 3)dx + (1)dy = 0$, then take $y = ux$
2. If $1dx + (1 + 2 + 3)dy = 0$, then take $x = vy$
3. If $(1 + 2)dx + (1 + 2)dy = 0$, then take $x = vy$ or $y = ux$



Homogeneous Equations

(1 / 3)

Using substitution the homogeneous differential equation is reduce to separable variable form.

Example: Solve the homogenous differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{xy}$$

Solution:

Rewriting in the form : $M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy = 0$

$$(x^2 + y^2)dx - xydy = 0$$

substitute $y = ux$ and $dy = udx + xdu$



Homogeneous Equations

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$$(x^2 + x^2 u^2) dx - ux^2 (u dx + x du) = 0$$

$$x^2 dx + x^2 u^2 dx - u^2 x^2 dx - ux^3 du = 0$$

$$x^2 dx - ux^3 du = 0$$

$$x^2 dx = ux^3 du$$

$$\frac{x^2 dx}{x^3} = u du$$



Homogeneous Equations

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$$\frac{dx}{x} = u du$$

is variable separable form

$$\int \frac{dx}{x} = \int u dx$$

$$\ln|x| = \frac{u^2}{2} + c$$

$$\ln|x| = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{y^2}{x^2} \right) + c$$

is general solution.



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Example:. Solve the Differential Equation by using appropriate substitution

$$\left(y^2 + xy + x^2\right)dx - x^2 dy = 0 \quad (1 / 2)$$

Solution: Differential equation is homogeneous as degree of each term is same, hence we can use either $y = ux$ or $x = vy$ as substitution

Let $y = ux$

$$dy = udx + xdu$$

Substituting y and dy in the given equation

$$\left(u^2 x^2 + ux^2 + x^2\right)dx - x^2(u dx + x du) = 0$$

$$u^2 x^2 dx + ux^2 dx + x^2 dx - x^2 u dx - x^3 du = 0$$

$$u^2 x^2 dx + x^2 dx - x^3 du = 0$$

$$x^2(u^2 + 1)dx = x^3 du$$



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Separating variable u and x

$$\frac{dx}{x} = \frac{du}{1+u^2} \quad \text{is Separable form}$$

Integrating both the sides

$$\int \frac{dx}{x} = \int \frac{du}{1+u^2}$$
$$\ln|x| = \tan^{-1} u + c$$
$$\ln|x| = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{y}{x} \right) + c.$$

is general solution of the differential equation



Homogeneous Equations

Example: Show that differential equation

$$3xy \frac{dy}{dx} = 4x^2 + 9y^2 \quad (1 / 2)$$

is homogeneous

Solution:

$$3xydy - (4x^2 + 9y^2)dx = 0$$

$$y = ux, \quad dy = udx + xdu$$

$$3x \cdot ux (udx + xdu) - (4x^2 + 9u^2 x^2) dx = 0$$

$$3x^2 u^2 dx + 3ux^3 du - 4x^2 dx - 9u^2 x^2 dx = 0$$

$$3ux^3 du = 4x^2 dx + 6u^2 x^2 dx = x^2 (4 + 6u^2) dx$$



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$$\frac{3udu}{4 + 6u^2} = \frac{dx}{x}$$

is Separable form

(2 / 2)

Integrating both the sides

$$\int \frac{3udu}{4 + 6u^2} = \int \frac{dx}{x}$$

Let $z = 4 + 6u^2$

$$dz = 12udu$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \int \frac{dz}{z} = \int \frac{dx}{x}$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \ln|z| = \ln|x| + c$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \ln\left(4 + 6\frac{y^2}{x^2}\right) = \ln|x| + c.$$

is general solution of the differential equation



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Example:5. Solve the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{3xy + y^2}{x^2 + xy} = 0$$

Solution: Differential equation is homogeneous

$$(x^2 + xy)dy + (3xy + y^2)dx = 0$$

[Note: We may take $y = ux$ or $x = vy$ as substitution]

Let $x = vy \quad dx = vdy + ydv$

$$(v^2 y^2 + vy^2)dy + (3vy^2 + y^2)(vdy + ydv) = 0$$

$$v^2 y^2 + vy^2 dy + 3v^2 y^2 dy + 3vy^3 dv + y^2 vdy + y^3 dv = 0$$

$$2vy^2 dy + 4v^2 y^2 dy = -y^3 (3v + 1)dv$$

$$(2v + 4v^2)y^2 dy = -y^3 (3v + 1)dv$$

$$-\frac{dy}{y} = \frac{3v + 1}{2v(2v + 1)}$$

is variable separable form

$$-\int \frac{dy}{y} = \int \frac{3v + 1}{2v(2v + 1)} dv$$



EXERCISES

Show that differential equation is homogenous differential equation.

$$(1) \quad dy + (x^2 + xy + y^2)dx = 0$$

$$(2) \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{x} + \cosh \frac{y}{x}$$

Using substitution the homogeneous differential equation is reduce to separable variable form.

$$(1) \quad 2x^2 y \, dx - (3x^3 + y^3)dy = 0$$

$$(2) \quad (y^2 + xy + x^2)dx - x^2 dy = 0$$

