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\* Separable ODE

Def: Given functions  $g, h: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  
an ODE on the unknown  
 $Y: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called **separable**  
iff the ODE has the form

$$h(Y) Y'(t) = g(t)$$

\* Remark: An ODE  $Y'(t) = f(t, Y(t))$   
is separable  
iff

$$Y'(t) = \frac{g(t)}{h(Y)}$$

iff

$$f(t, Y) = \frac{g(t)}{h(Y)}$$

\* Notation: In lecture:

$$t, y(t), \quad -g(t) + h(y) \quad y'(t) = 0$$

In textbook:

$$x, y(x), \quad M(x) + N(y) \quad y'(x) = 0$$

Therefore:

$$g(t) = -M(t)$$

$$h(y) = N(y)$$

\* Examples

(1)  $y' = \frac{t^2}{1-y^2}$  is separable, since

$$\boxed{g(t) = t^2} \quad , \quad \boxed{h(y) = 1 - y^2}$$

(2)  $y' + y^2 \cos(2t) = 0$  is separable, since

$$y' = -y^2 \cos(2t)$$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{y^2} y' = -\cos(2t)} \quad , \quad \text{so;}$$

$$\boxed{g(t) = -\cos(2t)} \quad , \quad \boxed{h(y) = \frac{1}{y^2}}$$

Remark: Functions  $g, h$  are Not unique;

$$\boxed{g(t) = \cos(2t)} \quad , \quad \boxed{h(y) = -\frac{1}{y^2}}$$

\* Not every ODE is separable :

\* Examples

(1)  $y' = -\frac{2}{t} y + 4t$  is Not separable.

(2)  $y' = -a(t) y + b(t)$  (linear ODE)

With  $b(t) \neq 0$  is Not separable.

\* Remark :

$y' = -a(t) y$  (linear ODE  $b=0$ )

is separable, since

$\frac{1}{y} y' = -a(t)$ , so:

$g(t) = -a(t)$ ,  $h(y) = \frac{1}{y}$

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## \* Main Result

Thrm.

If functions  $g, h: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are continuous with primitives  $G, H$ , respectively; that is,

$$\boxed{G'(t) = g(t)}, \quad \boxed{H'(u) = h(u)},$$

then, the separable ODE

$$\boxed{h(y) y'(t) = g(t)}$$

has infinitely many solutions,  $y$ , satisfying the equation

$$\boxed{H(y(t)) = G(t) + c}$$

with  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  arbitrary.

\* Remark:

Given  $g, h$ ,

find their primitives

$G, H$ .

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\* Example: Find all solutions to ODE

$$y'(t) = \frac{t^2}{1 - y^2(t)}$$

Sol:

$$(1 - y^2) y' = t^2$$

$$\underbrace{g(t) = t^2} \Rightarrow \underbrace{G(t) = \frac{t^3}{3}}$$

$$\underbrace{h(u) = 1 - u^2} \Rightarrow \underbrace{H(u) = u - \frac{u^3}{3}}$$

Therefore, the sol.  $y(t)$  satisfies the eq.

$$\boxed{y(t) - \frac{y^3(t)}{3} = \frac{t^3}{3} + c}, \quad c \in \mathbb{R} \quad (1)$$

[The solutions  $y(t)$  are given in implicit form.]

Remark: No  $y'$  appears in (1).

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\* Remark : Verification : Derivate on both sides of (1).

$$y'(t) - 3 \frac{y^2(t)}{3} y'(t) = 3 \frac{t^2}{3}$$

$$(1 - y^2) y'(t) = t^2$$



\* Proof of the Thrm :

since  $h(y(t)) y'(t) = g(t)$

their primitives differ by a constant,

$$\int h(y(t)) y'(t) dt = \int g(t) dt + c$$

Perform the substitution:

$$u = y(t)$$
$$du = y'(t) dt$$

$$\int h(u) du = \int g(t) dt + c$$

$$H(u) = G(t) + c$$

Substitute back  $u = y(t)$ ,

$$H(y(t)) = G(t) + c$$

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\* IVP for separable eqs. are simple to solve

\* Example: [ Find the sol. of IVP ]

$$y'(t) = \frac{t^2}{1 - y^2(t)} \quad (1)$$

$$y(0) = 1 \quad (2)$$

Sol: All solutions to (1) satisfy the eq.

$$y(t) - \frac{y^3(t)}{3} = \frac{t^3}{3} + C$$

The initial condition (2) implies

$$y(0) - \frac{y^3(0)}{3} = 0 + C$$

$$1 - \frac{1}{3} = C \Rightarrow \boxed{C = \frac{2}{3}}$$

$$\boxed{y(t) - \frac{y^3(t)}{3} = \frac{t^3}{3} + \frac{2}{3}}$$

Implicit form.

\* Example: Find the sol. of IVP

$$y'(t) + y^2(t) \cos(2t) = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$y(0) = 1 \quad (2)$$

Sol: Eq. (1) is separable, since

$$\frac{1}{y^2} y'(t) = -\cos(2t)$$

So:

$$g(t) = -\cos(2t) \Rightarrow G(t) = -\frac{1}{2} \sin(2t)$$

$$h(u) = \frac{1}{u^2} \Rightarrow H(u) = -\frac{1}{u}$$

All solutions of eq. (1) satisfy the eq.

$$-\frac{1}{y(t)} = -\frac{1}{2} \sin(2t) + c, \quad c \in \mathbb{R}$$

Implicit form

$$\frac{L}{Y(t)} = \frac{\sin(2t) - 2c}{2}$$

$$Y(t) = \frac{2}{\sin(2t) - 2c}$$

Solutions in  
explicit  
form.

The initial condition  $Y(0) = 1$  implies

$$1 = Y(0) = \frac{2}{0 - 2c} = -\frac{1}{c} \Rightarrow \boxed{c = -1}$$

$$Y(t) = \frac{2}{\sin(2t) + 2}$$

explicit form.

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\* Example: Find the sol. of IVP

$$y'(t) = \frac{2-t}{1+y(t)} \quad (1)$$

$$y(0) = 1 \quad (2)$$

Sol: Eq. (1) is separable with

$$\boxed{g(t) = 2-t} \quad , \quad \boxed{h(u) = 1+u}$$

Their primitives are:

$$g(t) = 2-t \quad \Rightarrow \quad G(t) = 2t - \frac{t^2}{2}$$

$$h(u) = 1+u \quad \Rightarrow \quad H(u) = u + \frac{u^2}{2}$$

All sols.  $y(t)$  of (1) satisfy the eq.

$$\boxed{y(t) + \frac{y^2(t)}{2} = 2t - \frac{t^2}{2} + c} \quad c \in \mathbb{R}$$

The initial condition  $y(0) = 1$  implies

$$y(0) + \frac{y^2(0)}{2} = 0 - 0 + c$$

$$1 + \frac{1}{2} = c \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boxed{c = \frac{3}{2}}$$

Therefore :

$$\frac{y^2(t)}{2} + y(t) = -\frac{t^2}{2} + 2t + \frac{3}{2}$$

equivalently :

$$\boxed{y^2(t) + 2y(t) = -t^2 + 4t + 3}$$

Implicit form.

\* Sometimes the solution can be given in explicit form:

$$y^2 + 2y + (t^2 - 4t - 3) = 0$$

$y(t)$  is the root of the polynomial.

$$y_{\pm}(t) = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4(t^2 - 4t - 3)}}{2}$$

$$= -1 \pm \sqrt{1 - (t^2 - 4t - 3)}$$

$$\boxed{y_{\pm}(t) = -1 \pm \sqrt{-t^2 + 4t + 4}}$$

Two possibilities:  $y_+(t)$ ,  $y_-(t)$

\* Only  $y_+(t)$  satisfies the initial condition:

$$y_+(0) = -1 + \sqrt{4} = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

$$y_-(0) = -1 - \sqrt{4} = -3$$

The solution is

$$y(t) = -1 + \sqrt{-t^2 + 4t + 4}$$

Explicit form.