

Sec 1.4 (a) Separable equations
(b) Applications

(Con't part (a): More caution)

Examples of implicit solutions of an ODE:

• (1st Ex last time)

$\ln|y| = -3x^2 + C$ is an implicit solution of ODE $\frac{dy}{dx} = -6xy$
 $\ln|y| + 3x^2 - C = 0$

• (2nd Ex last time)

$-\frac{1}{y} = x + C$ is an implicit solution of ODE $\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2$
 $-\frac{1}{y} - x - C = 0$

• (WW03 Prob 6)

See previous lecture notes

$\ln|y-1| - \ln|y+1| = 2x + C$ is an implicit solution of ODE $\frac{dy}{dx} = (y-1)(y+1)$
 $\ln|y-1| - \ln|y+1| - 2x - C = 0$

In general, an equation $K(x,y)=0$ is an implicit solution of an ODE

if it is satisfied (on some interval) by some solution $y=y(x)$ of the ODE.

Caution 1 Not every possible (algebraic) solution $y=y(x)$ of

an implicit solution $K(x,y)$ satisfies the same ODE.

Cautionary Example Consider ODE $x + y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$.

The equation $\underbrace{(y-2x)(x^2+y^2-4)}_{K(x,y)} = 0$ is an implicit solution to the ODE.

$y_1(x) = \sqrt{4-x^2}$, $y_2(x) = -\sqrt{4-x^2}$, $y_3(x) = 2x$ are all (algebraic) solutions to $K(x,y) = 0$

$$\begin{array}{|l} x^2 + y_1^2 - 4 = \\ x^2 + 4 - x^2 - 4 = 0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{|l} x^2 + y_2^2 - 4 = \\ x^2 + 4 - x^2 = 0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{|l} y_3 - 2x = \\ 2x - 2x = 0 \end{array}$$

BUT, $y_1(x)$ and $y_2(x)$ are solutions to the ODE $x + y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

while $y_3(x)$ is NOT a solution to this ODE:

LHS of ODE: $x + y_3 y_3' = x + 2x \cdot 2 = 5x$

RHS of ODE: 0

LHS \neq RHS.

Caution 2 Solutions of an ODE can be gained or lost when multiplied or divided by an algebraic factor.

Cautionary Example Consider ODE $(y-2x) y \frac{dy}{dx} = -x(y-2x)$

- $y_3(x) = 2x$ is a solution:

LHS of ODE: $(y_3 - 2x) y_3 \frac{dy_3}{dx} = (2x - 2x) 2x \cdot 2 = 0$

RHS of ODE: $-x(y_3 - 2x) = -x(2x - 2x) = 0$

LHS = RHS

- If we divide both sides of the ODE by $(y-2x)$, we get a different ODE

$$y \frac{dy}{dx} = -x$$

The same ODE $x + y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ from previous example.

We checked that $y_3(x) = 2x$ is not a solution to this ODE.

Ex (Webwork WW03) Prob 6

Find solution to IVP $\frac{dy}{dx} = (y-1)(y+1)$, $y(4) = 0$

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