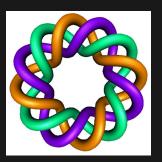
Solving Bernoulli's equation

 $y' + p(t)y = g(t)y^n$



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2.4 Solve Bernoulli's equation,

$$y' + p(t)y = g(t)y^n$$

If n = 0, then y' + p(t)y = g(t) is linear.

▶ If n = 1, then y' + p(t)y = g(t)y is separable.

When $n \neq 0, 1$, solve Bernoulli's by changing it to a linear equation.

How do you change a problem that you do not know how to solve into a problem that you do know how to solve?

The algorithm is NOT as important as the idea behind the algorithm.

Goal: Create linear equation, w' + P(t)w = G(t)

2.4 Solve Bernoulli's equation when $n \neq 0, 1$ by changing it to a linear equation

 $y' + p(t)y = g(t)y^n$

Goal: Create linear equation, w' + P(t)w = G(t)2.4 Solve Bernoulli's equation,

$$y' + p(t)y = g(t)y^n,$$

when $n \neq 0, 1$ by changing it

$$y^{-n}y' + p(t)y^{1-n} = g(t)$$

when $n \neq 0, 1$ by changing it to a linear equation by substituting $v = y^{1-n}$

and noting that $v' = (1 - n)y^{-n}y'$

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Goal: Create linear equation, w' + P(t)w = G(t)Solve $ty' + 2t^{-2}y = 2t^{-2}y^5$ $ty^{-5}y' + 2t^{-2}y^{-4} = 2t^{-2}$ Let $v = y^{-4}$. Thus $v' = -4y^{-5}y'$ $-4tu^{-5}u' - 8t^{-2}u^{-4} = -8t^{-2}$ $tv' - 8t^{-2}v = -8t^{-2}$

We now have a linear DE that we can solve for v

$$tv' - 8t^{-2}v = -8t^{-2}$$

Solve linear DE for *v*:

Make coefficient of v' = 1

$$v' - 8t^{-3}v = -8t^{-3}$$

Find integrating factor:

An antiderivative of $-8t^{-3}$ is $4t^{-2}$

Thus integrating factor is $u(t) = e^{\int -8t^{-3}dt} = e^{4t^{-2}}$.

Multiply equation by $e^{4t^{-2}}$

$$e^{4t^{-2}}v' - 8t^{-3}e^{4t^{-2}}v = -8t^{-3}e^{4t^{-2}}$$

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 $(e^{4t^{-2}}v)' = -8t^{-3}e^{4t^{-2}}$ by PRODUCT rule. $\int (e^{4t^{-2}}v)'dt = -8\int t^{-3}e^{4t^{-2}}dt$ $e^{4t^{-2}}v = -8\int t^{-3}e^{4t^{-2}}dt.$

Integrate RHS using substitution:

Let
$$u = 4t^{-2}$$
. Then $du = -8t^{-3}dt$
 $e^{4t^{-2}}v = \int e^u du = e^u + C$
 $e^{4t^{-2}}v = e^{4t^{-2}} + C$
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Solve $ty' + 2t^{-2}y = 2t^{-2}y^5$
Recall $v = y^{-4}$:
 $y^{-4} = 1 + Ce^{-4t^{-2}}$ implies $y = \pm (1 + Ce^{-4t^{-2}})^{-\frac{1}{4}}$
General solution: $y = \pm (1 + Ce^{-4t^{-2}})^{-\frac{1}{4}}$
OR $y = 0$