

Equations of first order & first degreeHomogeneous Equations

A function $f(x, y)$ is homogeneous of degree n if it can be expressed in the form $x^n \phi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$.

If M and N are homogeneous functions of x and y of the same degree n , then the equation $Mdx + Ndy = 0$ is said to be a homogeneous equation of degree n . In this case we may write

$$M = x^n \phi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right), \quad N = x^n \psi\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

on the substitution of $y = vx$, so that v may be considered a new dependent variable, the equation $Mdx + Ndy = 0$ becomes

$$x^n \phi(v) dx + x^n \psi(v) \{x dv + v dx\} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^n \{[\phi(v) + v\psi(v)] dx + x\psi(v)dv\} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dv}{F(v)} + \frac{dx}{x} = 0 \quad (\because x^n \neq 0)$$

$$\text{Where } F(v) = \frac{v\psi(v) + \phi(v)}{\psi(v)} = v + \frac{\phi(v)}{\psi(v)}$$

Thus, the variables are separated & the solution is

$$\int \frac{dv}{F(v)} = \log \frac{c}{x}$$

The primitive will be given by the substitution of $\frac{y}{x}$ for v after the integration has been performed.

Example 1 Solve $2xy \frac{dy}{dx} = y^2 - x^2$.

Solution: → Here the equation is homogenous, for

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y^2 - x^2}{2xy} = \frac{\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2 - 1}{2 \frac{y}{x}}$$

Substituting $y = vx$, we get

$$v + x \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{v^2 - 1}{2v}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{v^2 - 1}{2v} - v = \frac{v^2 - 1 - 2v^2}{2v}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2v \, dv}{1 + v^2} + \frac{dx}{x} = 0$$

Integrating, we have

$$\log(1 + v^2) + \log x = \log c$$

$$\Rightarrow x(v^2 + 1) = c$$

∴ The primitive is

$$x\left(\frac{y^2}{x^2} + 1\right) = c \quad \text{or, } cx = y^2 + x^2 \quad \underline{\underline{\text{Ans.}}}$$

Example 2 solve $x^2 dy + y(x+y) dx = 0$

Solution: →

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{y(x+y)}{x^2} \quad \text{is Homogeneous.}$$

put $y = vx$, where v is variable. then

$$v + x \frac{dv}{dx} = -\frac{vx(x+vx)}{x^2} = -v(1+v)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \frac{dv}{dx} = -v(v+2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{x} + \frac{dv}{v(v+2)} = 0$$

Integrating, we get

$$\int \frac{dx}{x} + \frac{1}{2} \int \left[\frac{1}{v} - \frac{1}{v+2} \right] dv = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \log x + \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{v}{v+2} = \log c$$

$$\Rightarrow \log x^2 + \log \frac{y}{y+2x} = \log c$$

$$\Rightarrow \log \frac{x^2 y}{y+2x} = \log c \Rightarrow \frac{x^2 y}{2x+y} = c$$

Therefore, the solution is: $x^2 y = c(2x+y)$

Ans.

Example 8: \rightarrow Solve $(y^4 - 2x^3y)dx + (x^4 - 2xy^3)dy = 0$

Solution: \rightarrow

Here,

$$M = y^4 - 2x^3y = x^4 \left\{ \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^4 - 2\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \right\}$$

$$\& N = x^4 - 2xy^3 = x^4 \left\{ 1 - 2\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^3 \right\}$$

$\therefore Mdx + Ndy = 0$ becomes

$$\left\{ \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^4 - 2\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \right\} dx + \left\{ 1 - 2\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^3 \right\} dy = 0 \quad (\because x^4 \neq 0)$$

The substitution $y = vx$ gives

$$(v^4 - 2v) dx + (1 - 2v^3)(x dv + v dx) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (v^4 - 2v + v - 2v^4) dx + x(1 - 2v^3) dv = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{x} = \frac{1 - 2v^3}{v + v^4} dv = \left(\frac{1}{v} - \frac{3v^2}{1+v^3} \right) dv$$

Integrating, we have

$$\log x = \log v - \log(1+v^3) + \log c$$

$$\Rightarrow x(1+v^3) = cv$$

ie; $x^3 + y^3 = cxy$ ($\because v = \frac{y}{x}$)

Ans.

Solve.

Example 4 $(x^2 - y^2) dy = xy dx$

Example 5: \rightarrow Solve

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

Example 6: \rightarrow Solve

$$(x+y) \frac{dy}{dx} = y-x$$