

Math 46 - Fall 2021 - Discussion section 002 and 005

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Summary of some methods to solve ODE

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Handwritten notes for  $n=2$ :

$$u = y^{1-2} = y^{-1}$$

$$u' = -y^{-2} y' = -\frac{y'}{y^2}$$

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(divide by  $y^2$ ):

$$\frac{y'}{y^2} + \frac{1}{x}y^{-1} = 9$$

$$u' + \frac{1}{x}u = 9$$

$$u' + \frac{1}{x}u = 0 \implies \frac{u'}{u} = -\frac{1}{x} \implies \text{integral}$$

$$\ln|u| = \ln|x|^{-1}$$

$$\implies u = x^{-1}$$

$$u = v \cdot x^{-1}$$

$$u' = v'x^{-1} - vx^{-2}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{x}u = \frac{1}{x}vx^{-1} = vx^{-2}$$

$$q = v'x^{-1}$$

$$v' = qx$$

$$v = \frac{qx^2}{2} + c$$

$$u = v \cdot x^{-1} = \left( \frac{qx^2}{2} + c \right) x^{-1}$$

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

$$(-5)^{-1} = \left( \frac{9}{2} + c \right) \cdot 1 \Rightarrow c = -\frac{1}{25} - \frac{9}{2} = -4.54$$

$$y^{-1} = \left( \frac{9x^2}{2} - 4.54 \right) x^{-1}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{y^{-1}} = \frac{1}{\left( \frac{9x^2}{2} - 4.54 \right) x^{-1}}$$

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$$\begin{array}{l} M_y = 2 \\ N_x = 2 \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} M_y = 2 \\ N_x = 2 \end{array}} \right\} \text{equal : } \underline{\underline{\text{exact}}}$$



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