

Solving differential equations with MAPLE

Functions and graphic representation

The derivation of the functions

Initialization of the solving ODE package

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> restart:                clears the memory of all previously saved values and variables
> with(DEtools):          load the differential equations package
> with(plots):            load the graphical package
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Define and solve a first order differential equation

Let consider the differential equation $\frac{d}{dx}y(x) = k y(x)$ where k is a real coefficient. The differential equation can be introduced in MAPLE as follows:

```
> diff_eq1:=diff(y(x),x) = k*y(x);
diff_eq1 :=  $\frac{d}{dx}y(x) = k y(x)$ 
```

To obtain the general solution of the equation use **dsolve** command

```
> dsolve(diff_eq1,y(x));
y(x) = _C1 e(k x)
```

The general solution is seen as an expression. Notice that the undetermined constant is called $_C1$. How can we manipulate this expression?

We can use the function definition command:

```
> sol:=(x,k,c)->c*exp(k*x);
sol := (x, k, c) → c e(k x)
```

If the expression of the solution is too complicated we can use the command **rhs** (*right hand side*) and **unapply** in order to obtain the solution as a function

```
> right_hand_expr:=rhs(dsolve(diff_eq1,y(x)));
right_hand_expr := _C1 e(k x)
```

Using the **unapply** command we transform the expression `sol1` into a function specifying the variables:

```
> sol1:=unapply(right_hand_expr,x,k,_C1);
sol1 := (x, k, _C1) → _C1 e(k x)
```

and we get the same result.

The graphics of ODE solutions

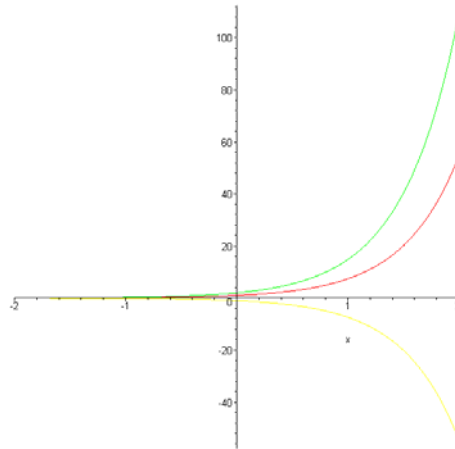
Let suppose that $k := 2$. Then the corresponding general solution is:

```
> y:=(x,c)->sol(x,2,c);
```

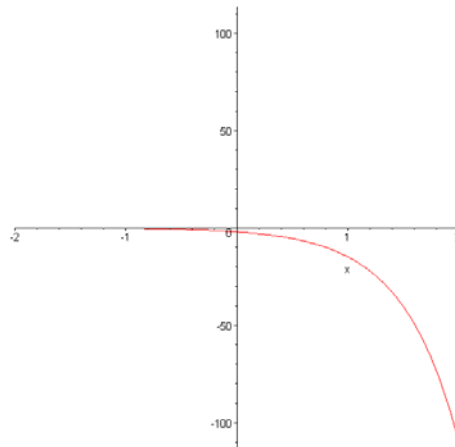
$$y := (x, c) \rightarrow \text{sol}(x, 2, c)$$

To draw the solutions curves you just assign some values for the constant c . For example take $c:=1$ $c:=2$ and $c:=-1$

```
> plot([y(x,1),y(x,2),y(x,-1)],x=-2..2);
```

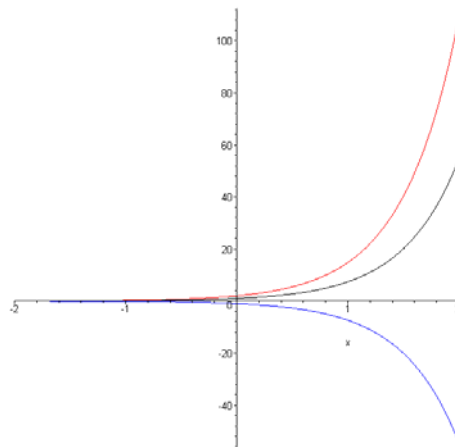


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> animate( y(x,c),x=-2..2,c=-2..2,frames=50);
```



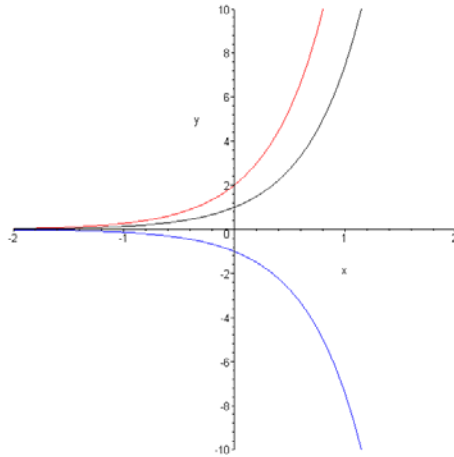
If you want to obtain the solutions with some specified colors use the command:

```
> plot([y(x,1),y(x,2),y(x,-1)],x=-2..2,color=[black,red,blue]);
```



Also you specify the window of the graphic:

```
> plot([y(x,1),y(x,2),y(x,-1)],x=-2..2,y=-10..10,color=[black,red,blue]);
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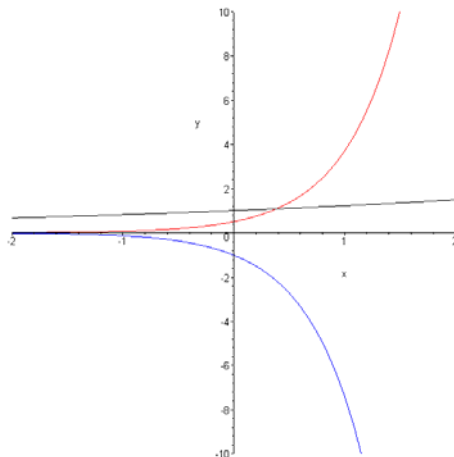


Using this way of manipulation for the solution you can see also how the solution depends on the k parameter. Let us consider $c:=1$ and assign some values for the parameter k.

```
> y1 := (x,k) -> sol(x,k,1);
```

$$y1 := (x, k) \rightarrow \text{sol}(x, k, 1)$$

```
> plot([y1(x,0.2),y(x,0.5),y(x,-1)],x=-2..2,y=-10..10,color=[black,red,blue]);
```



Solving an IVP

Suppose that we want to solve the IVP $\frac{d}{dx} y(x) = k y(x)$ with the initial condition $y(0) = 1$

```
> restart:with(DEtools):
```

```
> diff_eq:=diff(y(x),x) = k*y(x);
```

$$\text{diff_eq} := \frac{d}{dx} y(x) = k y(x)$$

```
> in_cond:=y(0)=1;
```

$$\text{in_cond} := y(0) = 1$$

```
> dsolve({diff_eq,in_cond},y(x));
```

$$y(x) = e^{(kx)}$$

Let consider the case $k = 2$

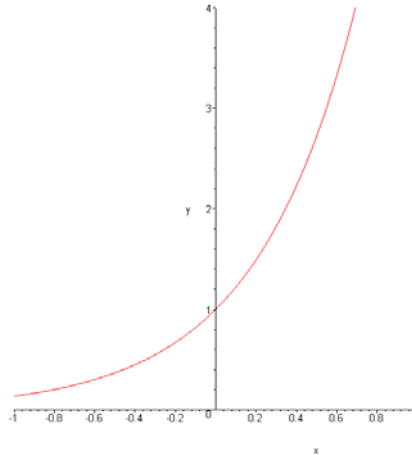
```
> k:=2;
```

$$k := 2$$

```
> sol:=dsolve({diff_eq,in_cond},y(x));  
sol := y(x) = e(2x)
```

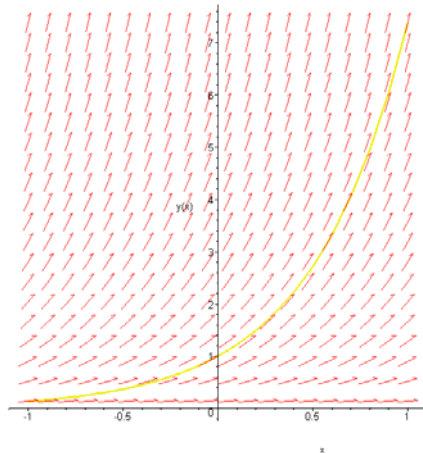
```
> yy:=x->rhs(sol);  
yy := x → rhs(sol)
```

```
> plot(yy(x),x=-1..1,y=0..4);
```



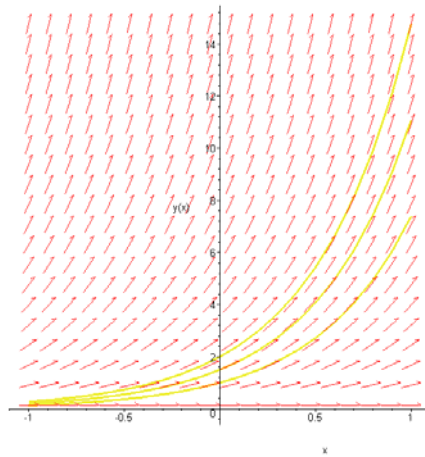
You can obtain the graph the IVP directly using the command DEplot:

```
> DEplot(diff_eq,y(x),x=-1..1,[[in_cond]]);
```



In this graph is also represented the direction field of the equation. If you want the graphs of the solutions for different initial condition ($y(0) = 1$, $y(0) = 1.5$, $y(0) = 2$) you can use the same command and specify the list of initial conditions:

```
> DEplot(diff_eq,y(x),x=-1..1,[[y(0)=1],[y(0)=1.5],[y(0)=2]]);
```



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First Order Solvable Differential Equations

Separable Differential Equations

$$\frac{d}{dx} y(x) = f(x) g(y(x))$$

> `restart;with(DEtools):`

> `sep_eq:=diff(y(x),x)=f(x)*g(y(x));`

$$sep_eq := \frac{d}{dx} y(x) = f(x) g(y(x))$$

> `dsolve(sep_eq,y(x));`

$$\int f(x) dx - \int \frac{1}{g(y)} dy + C_1 = 0$$

Examples:

a) $y' = 2x(1+y^2)$

b) $(x^2 - 1)y' + 2xy^2 = 0$

c) $y' = e^{(x+y)}$

> `eq_a:=diff(y(x),x)=2*x*(1+(y(x))^2);`

$$eq_a := \frac{d}{dx} y(x) = 2x(1+y(x)^2)$$

> `dsolve(eq_a,y(x));`

$$y(x) = \tan(x^2 + 2C_1)$$

> `eq_b:=(x^2-1)*diff(y(x),x)+2*x*(y(x))^2=0;`

$$eq_b := (x^2 - 1) \left(\frac{d}{dx} y(x) \right) + 2xy(x)^2 = 0$$

> **dsolve(eq_b,y(x));**

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{\ln(x-1) + \ln(x+1) + _CI}$$

> **eq_c:=diff(y(x),x)=exp(x+y(x));**

$$eq_c := \frac{d}{dx} y(x) = e^{(x+y(x))}$$

> **dsolve(eq_c,y(x));**

$$y(x) = \ln\left(-\frac{1}{e^x + _CI}\right)$$

Homogeneous (in the Euler sense) Differential Equations

$$\frac{d}{dx} y(x) = F\left(\frac{y(x)}{x}\right)$$

> **hom_eq:=diff(y(x),x)=F(y(x)/x);**

$$hom_eq := \frac{d}{dx} y(x) = F\left(\frac{y(x)}{x}\right)$$

> **dsolve(hom_eq,y(x));**

$$y(x) = \text{RootOf}\left[-\int^Z \frac{1}{F(_a) - _a} d_a + \ln(x) + _CI\right] x$$

Examples:

a) $2x^2 y' = x^2 + y^2$

b) $x y' = \sqrt{x^2 - y^2} + y$

c) $2x^3 y' = y^3 + x^2 y$

> **eq_a:=2*x^2*diff(y(x),x)=x^2+y(x)^2;**

$$eq_a := 2\left(\frac{d}{dx} y(x)\right) x^2 = x^2 + y(x)^2$$

> **dsolve(eq_a,y(x));**

$$y(x) = \frac{x(-2 + \ln(x) + _CI)}{\ln(x) + _CI}$$

> **eq_b:=x*diff(y(x),x)=sqrt(x^2-y(x)^2)+y(x);**

$$eq_b := x\left(\frac{d}{dx} y(x)\right) = \sqrt{x^2 - y(x)^2} + y(x)$$

> **dsolve(eq_b,y(x));**

$$-\arctan\left(\frac{y(x)}{\sqrt{x^2 - y(x)^2}}\right) + \ln(x) - _CI = 0$$

> **eq_c:=2*x^3*diff(y(x),x)=y(x)^3+x^2*y(x);**

$$eq_c := 2 x^3 \left(\frac{d}{dx} y(x) \right) = y(x)^3 + y(x) x^2$$

> **dsolve(eq_c, y(x));**

$$y(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{1 + _CI x}}, y(x) = -\frac{x}{\sqrt{1 + _CI x}}$$

First Order Linear Differential Equations

$$\left(\frac{d}{dx} y(x) \right) + P(x) y(x) = Q(x)$$

> **lin_eq:=diff(y(x), x)+P(x)*y(x)=Q(x);**

$$lin_eq := \left(\frac{d}{dx} y(x) \right) + P(x) y(x) = Q(x)$$

> **dsolve(lin_eq, y(x));**

$$y(x) = \left(\int Q(x) e^{\left(\int P(x) dx \right)} dx + _CI \right) e^{\left(\int -P(x) dx \right)}$$

Examples:

a) $y' + y \tan(x) = \frac{1}{\cos(x)}$

b) $y' + \frac{y(x)}{x} = 3x$

c) $x y' + y = e^x$

> **eq_a:=diff(y(x), x)+tan(x)*y(x)=1/cos(x);**

$$eq_a := \left(\frac{d}{dx} y(x) \right) + \tan(x) y(x) = \frac{1}{\cos(x)}$$

> **dsolve(eq_a, y(x));**

$$y(x) = \cos(x) \tan(x) + \cos(x) _CI$$

> **eq_b:=diff(y(x), x)+1/x*y(x)=3*x;**

$$eq_b := \left(\frac{d}{dx} y(x) \right) + \frac{y(x)}{x} = 3x$$

> **dsolve(eq_b, y(x));**

$$y(x) = \frac{x^3 + _CI}{x}$$

> **eq_c:=x*diff(y(x), x)+y(x)=exp(x);**

$$eq_c := x \left(\frac{d}{dx} y(x) \right) + y(x) = e^x$$

> **dsolve(eq_c, y(x));**

$$y(x) = \frac{e^x + _CI}{x}$$

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Solving a second order ODE

> **restart:**

> **with(DEtools):**

> **with(plots):**

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Consider the linear differential equation with the constant coefficients $y'' + 3y' + 2y = 1 + x^2$

> **deq1:=diff(y(x),x\$2)+3*diff(y(x),x)+2*y(x)=1+x^2;**

$$deq1 := \left(\frac{d^2}{dx^2} y(x) \right) + 3 \left(\frac{d}{dx} y(x) \right) + 2 y(x) = 1 + x^2$$

To obtain the general solution we use the dsolve command

> **dsolve(deq1,y(x));**

$$y(x) = \frac{9}{4} + \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{3x}{2} - e^{(-2x)} _C1 + e^{(-x)} _C2$$

If we want to study the solution we can use the same technique as in the previous section in order to draw the solution graph.

> **sol:=dsolve(deq1,y(x));**

$$sol := y(x) = \frac{9}{4} + \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{3x}{2} - e^{(-2x)} _C1 + e^{(-x)} _C2$$

> **right_hand:=rhs(sol);**

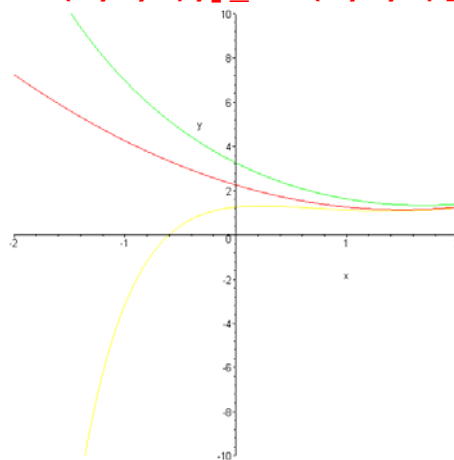
$$right_hand := \frac{9}{4} + \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{3x}{2} - e^{(-2x)} _C1 + e^{(-x)} _C2$$

> **y_sol:=unapply(right_hand,x,_C1,_C2);**

$$y_sol := (x, _C1, _C2) \rightarrow \frac{9}{4} + \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{3}{2}x - e^{(-2x)} _C1 + e^{(-x)} _C2$$

Now we are able to one ore more than one solution graphs using the **plot** command.

> **plot([y_sol(x,0,0),y_sol(x,0,1),y_sol(x,1,0)],x=-2..2,y=-10..10);**



In the case of initial value problem we have two initial conditions, for example lets take $y(0) = 1$ and $y'(0) = 0$.

> **in_cond:=y(0)=1,D(y)(0)=0;**

$$in_cond := y(0) = 1, D(y)(0) = 0$$

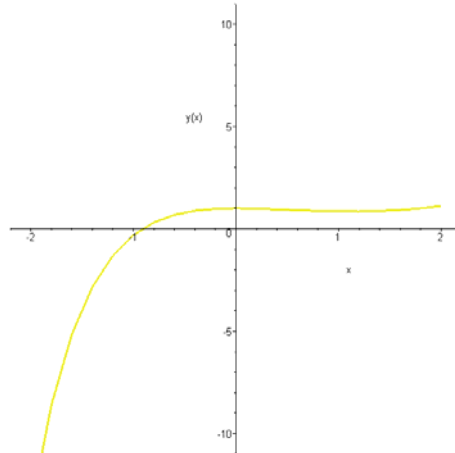
To obtain the corresponding solution we use **dsolve** command in the following form:

> **dsolve({deq1, in_cond}, y(x));**

$$y(x) = \frac{9}{4} + \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{3x}{2} - \frac{1}{4} e^{(-2x)} - e^{(-x)}$$

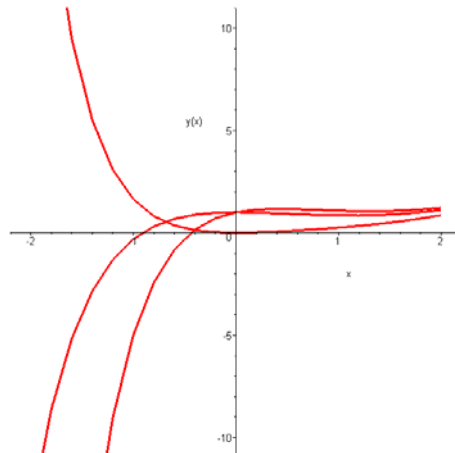
Now we can use the previous technique (**rhs** and **unapply** commands) to construct the solution as a function and after that to represent its graph or we can obtain this graph directly using **DEplot** command.

> **DEplot(deq1, y(x), x=-2..2, y=-10..10, [[in_cond]]);**



If we need to draw more than one solution corresponding to different initial value problem we can use the same **DEplot** command specifying the list of initial conditions:

> **DEplot(deq1, y(x), x=-2..2, [[y(0)=1, D(y)(0)=0], [y(0)=1, D(y)(0)=1], [y(0)=0, D(y)(0)=0]], y=-10..10, linecolor=red);**



The general second order linear DE, $y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = f(x)$:

Note: Maple is unable to solve most second-order DE's explicitly. For information on numerically solving DE's, see Numerical Solutions with dsolve.

Consider the differential equation $y'' + x y'(x) + y(x) = \sin(x)$. Try to use the **dsolve** command.

> **deq2:=diff(y(x), x\$2)+x*diff(y(x), x)+y(x)=sin(x);**

$$deq2 := \left(\frac{d^2}{dx^2} y(x) \right) + x \left(\frac{d}{dx} y(x) \right) + y(x) = \sin(x)$$

```
> dsolve(deq2, y(x));
```

$$y(x) = e^{\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right)} {}_0C1 \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{1}{2} I \sqrt{2} x\right) + e^{\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right)} {}_0C2 \\ + \frac{1}{4} I \sqrt{2} \sqrt{\pi} e^{(1/2)} \left(\operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{1}{2} I \sqrt{2} x - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) + \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{1}{2} I \sqrt{2} x + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) \right) e^{\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right)}$$

```
> in_cond2:=y(0)=1,D(y)(0)=1;
      in_cond2 := y(0) = 1, D(y)(0) = 1
```

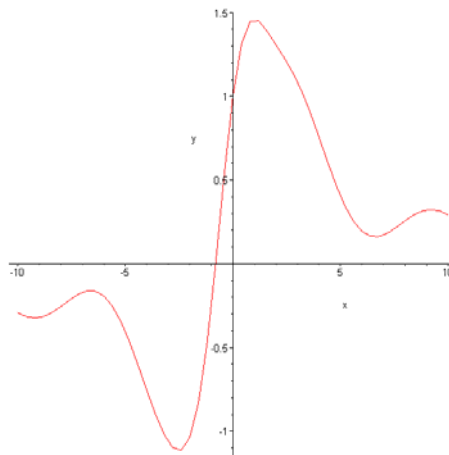
```
> dsolve({deq2,in_cond2}, y(x));
```

$$y(x) = -e^{\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right)} \sqrt{\pi} \sqrt{2} \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{1}{2} I \sqrt{2} x\right) I + e^{\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right)} \\ + \frac{1}{4} I \sqrt{2} \sqrt{\pi} e^{(1/2)} \left(\operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{1}{2} I \sqrt{2} x - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) + \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{1}{2} I \sqrt{2} x + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) \right) e^{\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right)}$$

Maple expresses the solution in terms of a modified Bessel function I and the error function **erf**. We can obtain the numerical solution using in the dsolve command the option '**type=numeric**' and the **odeplot** comand to draw the corresponding graph.

```
> n_sol:=dsolve({deq2,in_cond2}, y(x), type=numeric):
```

```
> odeplot(n_sol);
```



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>
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