

1. Transformation of dependent variable(Bernoulli equation) : nonlinear form to linear

$$\dot{y}(x) + a(x)y(x) = f(x)y^n(x)$$

Change of dependent variables: nonlinear transformation

$$z(x) = y^{1-n}(x)$$

Linear ODE : standard form

$$\dot{z}(x) + (1-n)a(x)z(x) = (1-n)f(x)$$

Special case : nonlinear form

$$\dot{y}(x) + a(x)y(x) = f(x) y \ln(y)$$

Change of independent variables: nonlinear transformation

$$z(x) = \ln(y)$$

Linear ODE : standard form

$$\dot{z}(x) + a(x) = f(x)z$$

2. Example: logistic population model

Bernoulli ODE :

$$y' - Ay = By^2$$

Separable ODE :

$$y' = Ay - By^2 = (y)(A - By)$$

Change of independent variable:

$$u = 1/y$$

ODE for u :

$$u' + Au = B$$

Solution:

$$u(x) = \frac{1}{(B/A) + ce^{-Ax}}$$