

Solution (#1607) Consider the DE

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x + y - 1}{2x + 2y - 1}.$$

If we substitute $x = X + a$, $y = Y + b$ then the RHS becomes

$$\frac{X + Y + a + b - 1}{2X + 2Y + 2a + 2b - 1}.$$

For this function to be homogeneous polar we need that

$$a + b = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad 2a + 2b = 1$$

which clearly are contradictory equations.

Alternatively if we set $z = x + y$ then the DE becomes

$$\frac{dz}{dx} - 1 = \frac{z - 1}{2z - 1}.$$

We can rearrange this into a separable DE

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{3z - 2}{2z - 1};$$

separating the variables and integrating we find

$$x + c = \int dx = \int \frac{2z - 1}{3z - 2} dz = \int \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1/3}{3z - 2} dz = \frac{2}{3}z + \frac{1}{9} \ln |3z - 2|$$

where c is a constant. Recalling that $z = x + y$, we find

$$x + c = \frac{2}{3}x + \frac{2}{3}y + \frac{1}{9} \ln |3x + 3y - 2|$$

which rearranges to

$$\ln |3x + 3y - 2| + 6y - 3x = \text{const..}$$