

A differential equation of the form $y'' + Py' + Q = 0$, is known as homogeneous equation of second order. Where, P and Q are constants or function of independent variables of the equation.

Note: If the differential equation is not homogeneous then it is called non-homogeneous.

Exact differential equation

A differential equation of the form, $M dx + N dy = 0$, is called differential equation if $\frac{dM}{dy} = \frac{dN}{dx}$, is satisfied.

Integrating factor:

If a differential equation is not exact, some time the equation may be exact if the equation is multiplied by a function. Such function is called an integrating factor (I. F.).

Linear differential equation:

A differential equation of the form, $y' + Py = Q$ where, P and Q are constant or function of independent variables of the equation, is called a linear differential equation of first order.

Note: If $Q = 0$ in above equation, then the equation is called a homogeneous linear differential equation.

A differential equation of the form $y'' + Py' + Qy = R$ where, P , Q and R are constant or function of independent variable of the equation is called homogeneous linear differential equation of second order.

Bernoulli's equations:

A differential equation of the form $y' + Py = Qy^n$, where, P and Q are constant or function of independent variable of the equation is called a Bernoulli's equation of first order.

Exercise 6.1

A. Find the general solution of the following:

(i) $y' - 2y + a = 0$

Solution: Given equation is

$$y' - 2y + a = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 2y - a$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2 dy}{2y - a} = 2 dx$$

Integrating both sides then,

$$\log(2y - a) = 2x + \log(c)$$

$$\Rightarrow \log\left(\frac{2y - a}{c}\right) = 2x \Rightarrow \frac{2y - a}{c} = e^{2x} \Rightarrow y = \frac{c}{2} e^{2x} + \frac{a}{2}$$

(ii) $(x \log x) y'$

Solution: Given equation is

$$(x \log x) y' = y \Rightarrow y' = \frac{y}{x \log x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{y} = \frac{dx}{x \log x}$$

Taking integration on both sides then,

$$\int \frac{dy}{y} = \int \frac{dx}{x \log x}$$

Put $\log(x) = t$ then $\frac{1}{x} dx = dt$. So,

$$\int \frac{dy}{y} = \int \frac{dt}{t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \log(y) = \log(t) + \log(c)$$

$$\Rightarrow \log(y) = \log(ct) \Rightarrow y = ct \Rightarrow y = c \log(x)$$

(iii) $(1+x)y dx + (1+y)x dy = 0$

Solution: Given equation is

$$(1+x)y dx + (1+y)x dy = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(1+x) dx}{x} + \frac{(1+y) dy}{y} = 0 \quad [\because \text{dividing both sides by } xy]$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{x} + 1\right) dx + \left(\frac{1}{y} + 1\right) dy = 0$$

Taking integration on both sides then,

$$\int \left(\frac{1}{x} + 1\right) dx + \int \left(\frac{1}{y} + 1\right) dy = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x + \log(x) + y + \log(y) = C$$

$$\Rightarrow x + y + \log(xy) = C.$$

(iv) $\tan x dx + \tan x dy = 0$

Solution: Given equation is

$$\tan x dx + \tan x dy = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{\tan x} + \frac{dy}{\tan y} = 0 \quad [\because \text{dividing both sides by } \tan x \tan y]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\cos x \, dx}{\sin x} + \frac{\cos y}{\sin y} \, dy = 0$$

Taking integration on both sides then,

$$\int \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} \, dx + \frac{\cos y}{\sin y} \, dy = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \log(\sin x) + \log(\sin y) = c_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \log(\sin x \cdot \sin y) = c_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin x \cdot \sin y = e^{c_1} = c \quad (\text{say})$$

(v) $y' = y \tanh x$

Solution: Given equation is

$$y' = y \tanh x \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = y \tanh x$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{y} = \tanh x \, dx = \frac{\sinh x}{\cosh x} \cdot dx$$

Taking integration on both sides then,

$$\int \frac{dy}{y} = \int \frac{\sinh x}{\cosh x} \, dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \log(y) = \log(\cosh x) + \log(c)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = c \cosh x$$

(vi) $y' = 2x^{-1} \sqrt{y-1}$

Solution: Given equation is

$$y' = 2x^{-1} \sqrt{y-1} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2\sqrt{y-1}}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{2\sqrt{y-1}} = \frac{dx}{x}$$

Taking integration on both sides then

$$\int \frac{dy}{2\sqrt{y-1}} = \int \frac{dx}{x}$$

Put $y-1 = t^2$ then $dy = 2t \, dt$. Therefore,

$$\int \frac{2t \, dt}{2\sqrt{t^2}} = \int \frac{dx}{x} \Rightarrow \int dt = \int \frac{dx}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \log(x) + c$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{y-1} = \log(x) + c$$

$$\Rightarrow y-1 = (\log(x) + c)^2$$

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

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(vii) $e^{x-y} \, dx + e^{y-x} \, dy = 0$.

Solution: Given equation is

$$e^{x-y} \, dx + e^{y-x} \, dy = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{e^x}{e^y} \, dx + \frac{e^y}{e^x} \, dy = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{2x} \, dx + e^{2y} \, dy = 0$$

Taking integration on both sides then,

$$\int e^{2x} \, dx + \int e^{2y} \, dy = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{e^{2x}}{2} + \frac{e^{2y}}{2} = c_1 \Rightarrow e^{2x} + e^{2y} = 2c_1 = c \quad (\text{say})$$

(viii) $x \cos y \, dy = (x e^x \log(x) + e^x) \, dx$

Solution: Given equation is

$$x \cos y \, dy = (x e^x \log(x) + e^x) \, dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos y \, dy = \frac{x e^x \log(x) + e^x}{x} \, dx$$

$$= \left[e^x \log(x) + \frac{e^x}{x} \right] dx$$

Taking integration on both sides then,

$$\int \cos y \, dy = \int e^x \left[\log(x) + \frac{1}{x} \right] dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin y = e^x \log(x) + c$$

$$\left[\int e^x [f(x) + f'(x)] \, dx = e^x f(x) + c \right]$$

(ix) $y \, dx = (1 + e^x) \, dy$

Solution: Given equation is

$$y \, dx = (1 + e^x) \, dy$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{1 + e^x} = \frac{dy}{y}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{e^{-x}}{(e^{-x} + 1)} \, dx = \frac{dy}{y}$$

Taking integration on both sides then,

$$\int \frac{e^{-x}}{(e^{-x} + 1)} \, dx = \int \frac{dy}{y}$$

11. A particle is moving in a plane with position vector

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = (t^2 - 1)\mathbf{i} + (t^3 - t^2)\mathbf{j} \quad \text{for } t \geq 0.$$

$$= \int_1^2 \frac{dx}{x} + \int_1^2 \frac{dy}{y}$$

$$= (\log 2) + (\log 2) = \log 4$$

$$= \log(2) + \log(2) = \log(4)$$

$$= \log(4) = \log(2^2) = 2 \log 2 \Rightarrow (1 + \sqrt{2})^2 = 2$$

$$\text{Let } (1-x^2)(1-y^2)dx = (1+xy)dy$$

Solution: Given equation is

$$(1-x^2)(1-y^2)dx = (1+xy)dy$$

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

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

Take integration on both sides

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

$$\Rightarrow \log(x) - \frac{y^2}{2} = \frac{y^2}{2} + 2y + \frac{1}{2} \log(1-y^2)$$

$$= \log(x) - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + 2y + 2 \log(1-y^2) = 0$$

$$\text{Let } (x^2 + y^2)dx + (y^2 - x^2)dy = 0$$

Solution: Given equation is

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^2 dx}{x^2 + y^2} + \frac{y^2 dy}{y^2 - x^2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2x dx}{x^2 + y^2} - \frac{2y dy}{y^2 - x^2} = 0 \quad [\text{multiplying by } 2 \text{ on both sides}]$$

Take integration on both sides

$$\int \frac{2x dx}{x^2 + y^2} - \int \frac{2y dy}{y^2 - x^2} = 0$$

$$\text{Put } x^2 = u \Rightarrow 2x dx = du \text{ and } y^2 = v \Rightarrow 2y dy = dv \text{ then we get } \int \frac{du}{u + y^2} - \int \frac{dv}{v - x^2} = 0$$

$$\int \frac{du}{u + y^2} - \int \frac{dv}{v - x^2} = 0$$

$$= \log(u + y^2) - \log(v - x^2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \log(u + y^2) = \log(v - x^2) \Rightarrow u + y^2 = v - x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (x^2 + y^2) + y^2 = (y^2 - x^2) + x^2$$

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1. Solve the following initial value problem.

$$\text{Let } y'' + 2y' - 3y = 0, \quad y(0) = 0$$

Solution: Given equation is

$$y'' + 2y' - 3y = 0 \quad \text{with } y(0) = 0$$

Here

$$\text{Let } y = e^{mx} \Rightarrow y' = me^{mx} \Rightarrow y'' = m^2 e^{mx}$$

1. Take integration on both sides

$$\int x^2 dx = \int x^2 dx = \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + C$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{4}x^4 + C = \frac{1}{3}(1) - \frac{1}{4}(1) + C = \frac{1}{12} + C$$

Since $y(0) = 0$, $y(1) = 0$

$$\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + C = 0 \Rightarrow C = -\frac{1}{12} \Rightarrow y = 0$$

Then $y(1) = 0$

$$\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + C = 0$$

$$\text{Let } y = y(x) \text{ and } y(0) = 2$$

Solution: Given equation is

$$y' = y^2 + 1 \quad \text{with } y(0) = 2$$

Let

$$y' = y^2 + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{y^2 + 1} = dx$$

Integrating on both sides

$$\log(y) = \frac{\log(1+y^2)}{2} + \log(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \log(y^2) = \log(y^2 + 1) + \log(x) \quad \text{or } \log(y) = \log(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 = x^2 + 1 \quad \text{or } y = \sqrt{x^2 + 1}$$

Since $y(0) = 2$, $y(1) = 0$

$$y^2 = x^2 + 1 \Rightarrow y = 2$$

Since $y(1) = 0$

$$y^2 = x^2 + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}} \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}}$$

$$\text{21. Let } y = y(x) \text{ and } y(0) = 1$$

Solution: Given equation is

$$y' = y^2 + 1 \quad \text{with } y(0) = 1$$

Here,

$$2xy' = 3y \Rightarrow 2 \frac{dy}{y} = \frac{3}{x} dx$$

Integrating we get,

$$2 \log(y) = 3 \log(x) + \log c$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 = x^3 \cdot c \quad \dots\dots(1)$$

Since $y(1) = 4$, Then (1) gives,

$$(4)^2 = (1)^3 \cdot c \Rightarrow c = 16.$$

Therefore, (1) becomes,

$$y^2 = 16x^3$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 4x^{3/2}$$

(iv) $xy \cdot y' = y + 2, y(2) = 0$

Solution: Given equation is

$$xy \cdot y' = y + 2 \text{ with } y(2) = 0$$

Here, $xy \cdot y' = y + 2 \Rightarrow \left(\frac{y}{y+2}\right) dy = \frac{dx}{x}$

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

Integrating we get,

$$y - 2 \log(y+2) = \log(x) + \log c$$

$$= \log(cx) \quad \dots\dots(1)$$

Since we have, $y(2) = 0$. Then (1) gives

$$0 - 2 \log(2) = \log(2c)$$

$$\Rightarrow \log(4)^{-1} = \log(2c) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} = 2c \Rightarrow c = \frac{1}{8}$$

Therefore (1) becomes,

$$y - 2 \log(y+2) = \log\left(\frac{x}{8}\right).$$

(v) $Li + Ri = 0, I(0) = I_0$ where $i = \frac{dI}{dt}$, (L & R are constants)

Solution: Given equation is

$$Li + Ri = 0 \quad \text{with } I(0) = I_0 \text{ where } i = \frac{dI}{dt}, \quad (L \text{ & } R \text{ are constants})$$

Here, $Li + Ri = 0 \Rightarrow L \frac{dI}{dt} + Ri = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{L dI}{I} + R dt = 0$$

Integrating we get,

$$L \log(I) + Rt = c \quad \dots\dots(1)$$

Since we have,

$I(0) = I_0$. Then (1) gives

$$L \log(I_0) + R \cdot 0 = c$$

$$\Rightarrow c = L \log(I_0)$$

Therefore, (1) becomes,

$$L \log(I) + Rt = L \log(I_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \log(I) + \frac{R}{L}t = \log(I_0) \Rightarrow \log(I) - \log(I_0) = -\frac{R}{L}t$$

$$\Rightarrow \log\left(\frac{I}{I_0}\right) = -\frac{R}{L}t$$

$$\Rightarrow I = I_0 e^{-Rt/L}$$

(vi) $dr \sin \theta = 2r \cos \theta d\theta, r\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 2$

Solution: Given equation is

$$dr \sin \theta = 2r \cos \theta d\theta \quad \text{with } r\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 2$$

Here, $dr \sin \theta = 2r \cos \theta d\theta$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dr}{r} = 2 \cdot \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} d\theta$$

Integrating we get,

$$\log(r) = 2 \log(\sin \theta) + \log(c)$$

$$= \log(\sin^2 \theta) + \log(c)$$

$$\Rightarrow r = c \sin^2 \theta \quad \dots\dots(1)$$

Since we have, $r\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 2$. So, (1) gives

$$2 = c \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 2 \Rightarrow c = 2$$

Thus, (1) becomes,

$$r = 2 \sin^2 \theta.$$

C. Show that the given function is a solution of given differential equation. (Here a, b, c are arbitrary constants).

(1) $y = c e^{-x} + x^2 - 2x$

Solution: Given equation is

$$y = c e^{-x} + x^2 - 2x \quad \dots\dots(1)$$

Then we have to show (1) is solution of

$$y' + y = x^2 - 2 \quad \dots\dots(2)$$

Here, by (1),

$$y = ce^{-x} + x^2 - 2x$$

$$\text{So, } y' = -ce^{-x} + 2x - 2$$

Then,

$$y' + y = -ce^{-x} + 2x - 2 + ce^{-x} + x^2 - 2x = x^2 - 2$$

$$\Rightarrow y' + y = x^2 - 2. \text{ Thus, (2) is satisfied.}$$

This shows, (1) is solution of (2).

2. $y = e^x + ax^2 + bx + c$

Solution: Given equation is

$$y = e^x + ax^2 + bx + c \quad \dots\dots(1)$$

$$\text{So, } y' = e^x + 2ax + b$$

$$\text{And, } y'' = e^x + 2a$$

$$\text{Also, } y''' = e^x \quad \dots\dots(2)$$

Thus, (2) shows that (1) is the solution of (2).

3. $x^2 + y^2 = 1$

Solution: Given equation is

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1 \quad \dots\dots(1)$$

Then we shall show that (1) satisfies the equation

$$x + y y' = 0 \quad \dots\dots(2)$$

Here

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

Differentiating w. r. t. x , then

$$2x + 2y y' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x + y y' = 0$$

This shows that (1) satisfies (2). So, (1) is the solution of (2).

4. $y = ce^{-2x} + 14$

Solution: Given equation is

$$y = ce^{-2x} + 14 \quad \dots\dots(1)$$

Then we have to show (1) is the solution of

$$y' + 2y = 2.8 \quad \dots\dots(2)$$

$$\text{Here, } y = ce^{-2x} + 14$$

$$\text{So, } y' = -2ce^{-2x}$$

Then,

$$y' + 2y = -2ce^{-2x} + 2ce^{-2x} + 2.8$$

$$\Rightarrow y' + 2y = 2.8$$

This proves that y is the solution of equation (2)

5. $y = cx^3$

Solution: Given equation is

$$y = cx^3 \quad \dots\dots(1)$$

Then we have to show (1) is the solution of

$$xy' = 3y \quad \dots\dots(2)$$

$$\text{Here, } y = cx^3$$

$$\text{So, } y' = 3cx^2$$

$$\text{Then, } xy' = 3cx \cdot x^2 = 3cx^3 = 3y$$

$$\Rightarrow xy' = 3y$$

This shows that (1) is the solution of (2).

6. $x^2 + 4y^2 = c$

Solution: Given equation is

$$x^2 + 4y^2 = c \quad \dots\dots(1)$$

Then we have to show (1) is the solution of

$$4yy' + x = 0 \quad \dots\dots(2)$$

Here,

$$x^2 + 4y^2 = c$$

$$\text{So, } 2x + 8y y' = 0 \Rightarrow x + 4yy' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4yy' + x = 0$$

This shows that (1) is the solution of (2).

7. Solve the following initial value problems.

1) $xy' + y = 0, y(2) = -2$

Solution: Given equation is

$$xy' + y = 0 \quad \text{with } y(2) = -2$$

Here,

$$xy' + y = 0 \Rightarrow x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{y} + \frac{dx}{x} = 0$$

Integrating we get,

$$\log(y) + \log(x) = \log(c)$$

$$\Rightarrow xy = c \quad \dots\dots(i)$$

Since we have $y(2) = -2$. So,

$$2(-2) = c \Rightarrow c = -4$$

Then (i) becomes,

$$xy = -4 \Rightarrow xy + 4 = 0$$

This is required solution.

2. $e^x y' = 2(x+1)y^2, y(0) = \frac{1}{6}$

Solution: Given equation is

$$e^x y' = 2(x+1)y^2 \quad \text{with } y(0) = \frac{1}{6}$$

Here,

$$\begin{aligned} e^x y' &= 2(x+1)y^2 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{y^2} = \frac{2(x+1)}{e^x} dx \\ &\Rightarrow y^{-2} dy = 2e^{-x} (1+x) dx \end{aligned}$$

Integrating we get,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{y^{-1}}{-1} &= 2 \int e^{-x} (x+1) dx \\ \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{y} &= 2 \left[(x+1) \frac{e^{-x}}{-1} - (1) \frac{e^{-x}}{(-1)^2} \right] + c \quad [\because \text{applying integrating parts}] \\ &= -2e^{-x}(x+1+1) + c \\ &= -2e^{-x}(x+2) + c \quad \dots\dots (1) \end{aligned}$$

Since we have $y(0) = \frac{1}{6}$ then (1) gives,

$$-6 = -2e^0(0+2) + c \Rightarrow -6 = -4 + c \Rightarrow c = -2$$

Therefore (i) becomes,

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{1}{y} &= -2e^{-x}(x+2) - 2 \\ \Rightarrow y &= \frac{1}{2e^{-x}(x+2) + 2} \end{aligned}$$

3. $y' \cosh^2 x - \sin^2 y = 0, y(0) = \frac{\pi}{2}$

Solution: Given equation is

$$y' \cosh^2 x - \sin^2 y = 0 \quad \text{with } y(0) = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Here,

$$\begin{aligned} y' \cosh^2 x - \sin^2 y &= 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{\sin^2 y} - \frac{dx}{\cosh^2 x} = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \operatorname{cosec}^2 y \, dy - \operatorname{sech}^2 x \, dx = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Integrating we get,

$$-\cot y - \tanh x = c \quad \dots\dots(1)$$

Since we have, $y(0) = \frac{\pi}{2}$. Then (i) gives,

$$-\cot\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) - \tanh(0) = c \Rightarrow 0 - 0 = c \Rightarrow c = 0$$

Thus (1) becomes,

$$\begin{aligned} -\cot y - \tanh x &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \cot y &= -\tanh x. \end{aligned}$$

4. $y' = -\frac{y}{x}, y(1) = 1$

Solution: Given equation is

$$y' = -\frac{y}{x} \quad \text{with } y(1) = 1$$

Here, $y' = -\frac{y}{x}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{y} = -\frac{dx}{x}$$

Integrating we get,

$$\log(y) = -\log(x) + \log(c)$$

$$\Rightarrow \log(xy) = \log(c)$$

$$\Rightarrow xy = c \quad \dots\dots(1)$$

Since we have $y(1) = 1$. So (1) gives,

$$1 \cdot 1 = c \Rightarrow c = 1$$

Then (1) becomes,

$$xy = 1 \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{x}$$