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# First Lecture on Differential Equation

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# What will we learn in this class?

- Classification on differential equation
- Applications of differential equation
- Order and degree of ODE
- Definition of linear and non-linear ODE
- Notion of solutions to ODE

# Differential Equation

## ➤ Definition:

An equation involving **derivatives or differentials** of one or more dependent variables with respect to one or more independent variables is called a **Differential Equation**.

∅ Derivatives: If  $y = y(x)$ ,

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} y \rightarrow \text{dependent variable} \\ x \rightarrow \text{independent variable} \end{array} \right.$

$\Rightarrow$  If  $u = u(x, y)$ ,

Partial derivatives  $\Rightarrow$

i First order -  $\frac{du}{dx}, \frac{du}{dy}$ ,  
 ii Second order -  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}, \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y}$ ,

i First order -  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ ,  
 ii Second order -  $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}$ ,  
 iii nth order -  $\frac{d^n y}{dx^n}$

Ex.

1.  $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + y = e^x$
2.  $\frac{dy}{dx} = x + \sin x$
3.  $\frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} + 5 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 6 \frac{dy}{dx} = 7x^2$
4.  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = 0$

# Ordinary Differential Equation

## ➤ Definition:

A differential equation involving **derivatives** with respect to a single independent variable is called **Ordinary Differential Equation**.

Ex.

$$① \left( \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right)^3 + x \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)^5 + y = x^2$$

$$② \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + x^2 \cos y = 0$$

$$③ x dy - y dx + 2xy dy = 0$$

The general form of ' $n$ 'th order ordinary differential equation is

$$F(x, y(x), y'(x), \dots, y^{(n)}(x)) = 0$$

where,

$$y^{(n)} = \frac{d^n y}{dx^n}$$



# Application of ODE

- Q If we consider that a particle is moving with velocity 10 m/s, then find the distance moved by this particle at 10 sec.

Let  $y(t)$  be the distance moved by the particle at time  $t$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup>:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 10 \Rightarrow y(t) = 10t + C$$



# Application of ODE

Since the particle does not start to move at time  $t=0$ ,  $y(0)=0$ , which gives  $y(0)=0 = C \Rightarrow C=0$ .

$$\therefore \boxed{y(t) = 10t} \Rightarrow \boxed{y(10) = 100 \text{ m}}$$



# Application of ODE

- Newton's Second law of motion states that the acceleration  $a$  of the body with mass  $m$  is proportional to the total force  $F$  acting on it.

$$\therefore [F = ma] \Rightarrow m a = F$$
$$\Rightarrow m \frac{dy}{dt^2} = mg$$



# Application of ODE

a)

$$\frac{dy}{dt^2} = g$$

This is 2nd order ODE.

If we consider the air resisting force which is proportional to the velocity, then total force acting on the body

is  $mg - K \frac{dy}{dt}$ , where  $K$  is the proportionality constant.



# Application of ODE

then we have

$$m \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = mg - k \frac{dy}{dt}$$

this is second order linear  
ode.

# Application of ODE

## • A free sphere dropping in air:

Consider a free sphere dropping in the air from a static state. Let  $t$  denote the time,  $v(t)$  the velocity of the sphere,  $m$  the mass, and  $g$  the acceleration of gravity. Assume that the air resistance or the sphere is a  $v^2(t)$ , where  $a$  is constant. Now by Newton's second law of



motion, we have first order and  
first degree ODE —

$$m \frac{d v(t)}{dt} = mg - \alpha v^2(t)$$

with initial condition —

$$v(0) = 0.$$

= IVP  
Initial  
value  
problem  
we will  
discuss  
on it  
later

This is non-linear ODE.

Also there are many applications like Study of harmonic oscillation, the one dimensional fluid flow in the tube or channel, the population model, epidemic model (system of first order ODE), etc.

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# Partial Differential Equation

## ➤ Definition:

A differential equation involving **partial derivatives** with respect to more than one independent variables is called **Partial Differential Equation**.

- Ex.
- ①  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = 0$  (Laplace equation) → Elliptic PDE
  - ②  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$  (Wave equation) → Hyperbolic PDE
  - ③  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$  (Heat equation) → Parabolic PDE.
- The general form of PDE is
- $$F(x, y, u(x, y), \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}, \dots) = 0$$



# Applications of PDE

- ⑩ In the real life situation, most of the problems consist of PDE. There are many applications in different areas in science and engineering like wave motion, heat transfer, drugs and oxygen transport in the human body, i.e., convective-diffusion models, etc.

# Order of Differential Equation

## ➤ Definition:

The order of the **highest order derivative** involved in a differential equation is called the **Order of Differential Equation**.

Ex. ①  $y = x \frac{dy}{dx} - c \frac{dx}{dy}$

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

This is First order and Second degree ODE.

# Degree of Differential Equation

## ➤ Definition:

The power of the **highest order derivative** involved in a differential equation is called the **Degree of Differential Equation**.

Ex. ②  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + x \cos y = 0 \Rightarrow$  2nd order and 1st degree.

$$\textcircled{3} \quad y = x \frac{dy}{dx} + a \left\{ 1 + \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right\}^{1/2}$$

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

$\Rightarrow$  2nd order and 1st degree



# Examples

④  $\left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)^3 + x \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^5 + y = x^3 \rightarrow \text{Degree} - 3 \text{ & order} - 2$

⑤  $\left\{y + x \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2\right\}^{1/3} = x \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) \Rightarrow \text{order} - 2 \text{ & degree} - 3$

⑥  $\left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)^3 = \left(y + \frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 \Rightarrow \text{order} - 2 \text{ & degree} - 2$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)^{1/3} = \left(y + \frac{dy}{dx}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)^2 = \left(y + \frac{dy}{dx}\right)^3$$

# Linear Differential Equation

## ➤ Definition:

A differential equation is called **linear** if

- (i) every dependent variable and every derivative occurs in the **first degree** only
  - and
- (ii) **no products** of dependent variables and/or derivatives occur.

For linearity: only  $y$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  occurs but not in product form  
no  $y^2$ ,  $\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2$ ,  $y \frac{dy}{dx}$ ,  $y^2 \frac{dy}{dx}$ ,  $y^2 \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2$  occurs

Nonlinear: If the differential equation is not linear, then it is called nonlinear differential equation.



# Examples

Ex: 1.  $y = \sqrt{x} \frac{dy}{dx} + K \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$   $\Rightarrow$  order - 1  
 $\Rightarrow y = \sqrt{x} \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{K}{\frac{dy}{dx}}$  degree - 2  
 $\Rightarrow y \frac{dy}{dx} = \sqrt{x} \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 + K$  It is nonlinear eq<sup>n</sup>  
Since the first order derivative has second degree.

②  $y = x \frac{dy}{dx} + a \left( 1 + \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \Rightarrow$  This is nonlinear

③  $\left( \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = \left( y + \frac{dy}{dx} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \Rightarrow$  nonlinear



# Examples

④

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

⑤

$$\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial t^2} = K \left( \frac{\partial^3 v}{\partial x^3} \right)^2 \Rightarrow \text{nonlinear, order-3, degree-2}$$

Note: Every linear equation is of first degree but every first degree equation may not be linear.

$$\boxed{\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + y \frac{dy}{dx} + y = 0} \Rightarrow \text{It is first degree but nonlinear.}$$

# Solution of Differential Equation

## ➤ Definition:

Any relation between the dependent and independent variables (no derivative terms) which **satisfies the differential equation** is called a **Solution or Integral of Differential Equation**

Ex. i)  $y = ce^{2x}$  is the solution of  $\frac{dy}{dx} - 2y = 0 \quad \textcircled{1}$

$$\Rightarrow y = ce^{2x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 2ce^{2x}$$

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

So, the solution of  $\textcircled{1}$  satisfies the differential equation  $\textcircled{1}$

ii)  $y = Ax + B$  is a solution of  $\frac{dy}{dx} + \left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ .

# Family of Curves

## ➤ Definition:

An  $n$  parameter family of curves is a set of relations of the form

$$\{(x, y) : f(x, y, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n) = 0\}$$

Ex: ① Set of Concentric Circles defined by —

$x^2 + y^2 = c$  — one parameter family of circles if  $c$  takes all non-negative real values.

② Set of Circles defined by —

$(x - c_1)^2 + (y - c_2)^2 = c_3$ , is a three parameter family of circles if  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  takes all real values, and  $c_3$  takes all non-negative real values.



# Examples

Note:

Solution of a differential equation is a family of curves.

Ex,

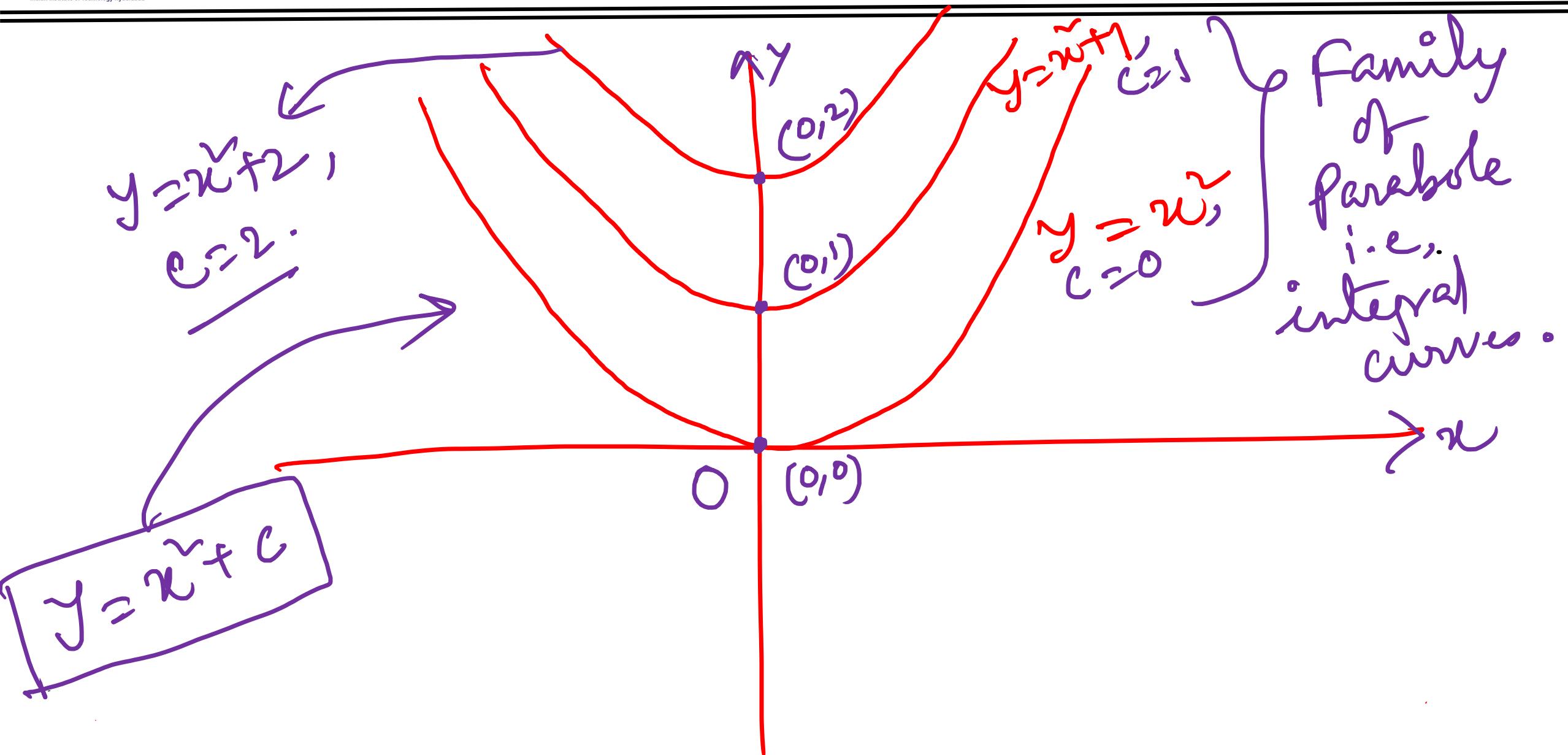
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x \quad a.i$$

$$y = x^2 + c$$

This solution represents the family of parabola.

The families of curves which are the solutions of the ODE are called as integral curves of ODE.

# Examples



# Formation of Differential Equation

- From a given family of curves containing  $n$  arbitrary constants, we can obtain  $n$  th order differential equation.

Ex. ① Obtain the differential eq<sup>n</sup> satisfied by  $xy = ae^x + be^{-x} + x^2$ , where  $a$  &  $b$  are arbitrary constants.

$$\Rightarrow xy = ae^x + be^{-x} + x^2 \rightarrow \underline{ae^x + be^{-x} = xy - x^2}$$

Diff. w.r.t  $x$ , we have -

$$x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = ae^x - be^{-x} + 2x$$

$$\text{or, } x \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = ae^x + be^{-x} + 2 \quad [\text{diff. again w.r.t } x]$$

$$\text{or, } x \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} - xy + x^2 - 2 = 0$$

This is the required differential eq<sup>n</sup>.



# Examples

②

Show that  $Ax^2 + By^2 = 1$  is the solution of

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

③

Find the differential eqn of the family of curves

$$y = e^x (A \cos x + B \sin x), \text{ where } A \text{ and } B \text{ are arbitrary}$$

constants.

Ans:

$$\boxed{y'' - 2y' + 2y = 0}$$

# General and Particular Solution

*n<sup>th</sup> order differential equation  $\Rightarrow F(x, y, y', y'', y''', \dots, y^n) = 0$*  This is general form.

## ➤ Definition of General Solution:

A solution of (1) containing ***n* independent arbitrary constants** is called a **General Solution**.

## ➤ Definition of Particular Solution:

A solution of (1) obtained from a **general solution** of (1) by giving particular values to one or more of the ***n* independent arbitrary constants** is called a **Particular Solution**.

Remark: General solution of an *n<sup>th</sup>* order differential equation will contain *n* arbitrary constants.



# Examples

Example:

$$\begin{aligned} & y' + xy = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & y(x) = C e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}, \end{aligned}$$

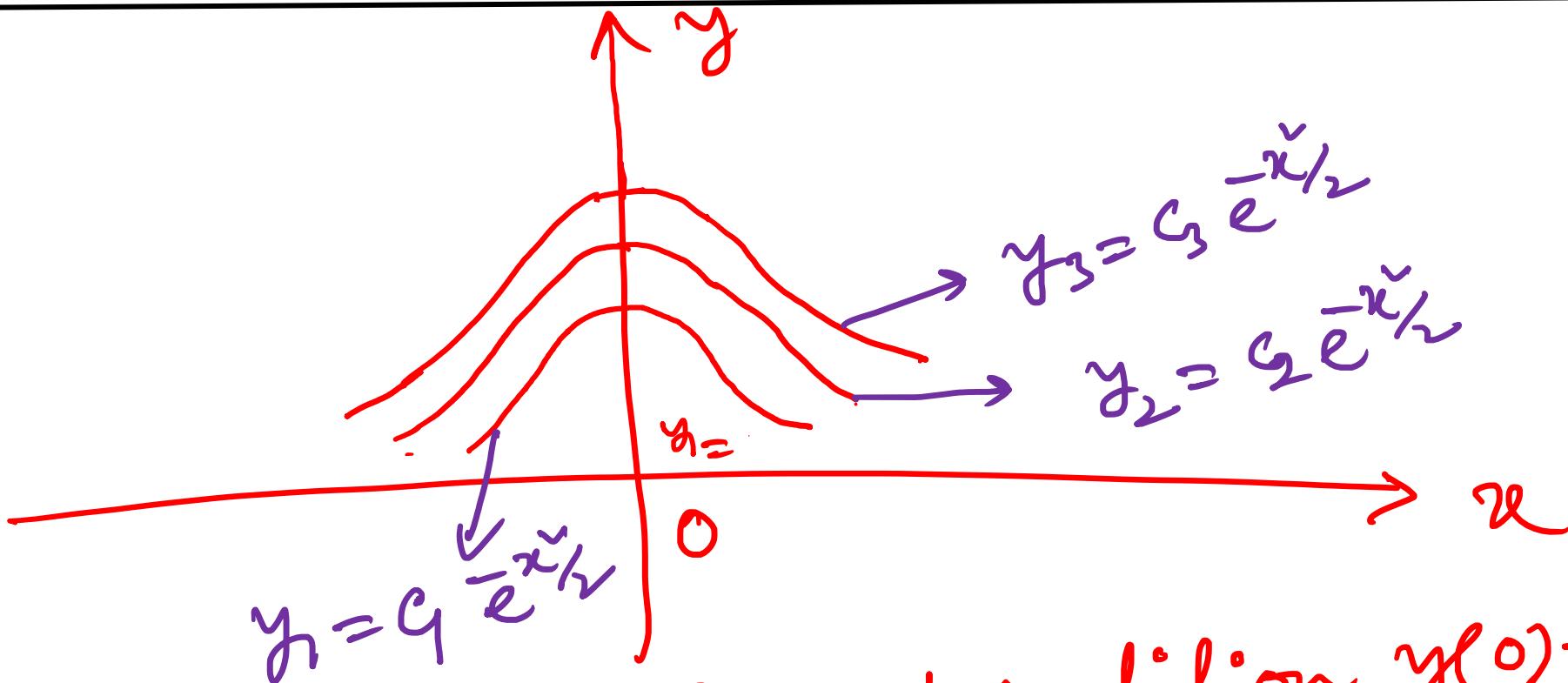
where  $C$  is an arbitrary constant.

General sol<sup>n</sup>

The graphs of this  $e^{f(x)}$  are called as Solution Curves, form a family of bell-shaped curves.



# Examples



If we consider the initial condition  $y(0)=3$ , we have  $C=3$ . therefore we will have the particular sol<sup>n</sup> as  $\boxed{y(x)=3 e^{-x/2}}$



# Examples

Ex. ① Consider  $\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 - 4y = 0$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = 4y$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{dy}{dx} = \pm 2\sqrt{y} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{2\sqrt{y}} = \pm dx$$

$$\Rightarrow y^{\frac{1}{2}} = \pm (x \pm c) \Rightarrow y = (x \pm c)^2$$

This is the general solution and it represents the one parameter family of Parabola.

Particular Solution: Let  $c = 0$ , then general sol<sup>n</sup> becomes —  
 $y = x^2$ ,  $\rightarrow$  Parabola

This is the particular sol<sup>n</sup>.

# Singular Solution

## ➤ Definition:

A solution of (1) which can not be obtained from **general solution of (1)** by any choice of the  **$n$  independent arbitrary constants** is called a **Singular Solution**.



# Examples

Ex. Consider  $yy' - xy'^2 = 1$

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

Let  $p = \frac{dy}{dx}$ , or,  $yp - xp^2 = 1$

$$\text{or, } y = xp + \frac{1}{p}$$

Diff. w.r.t  $x$ , we have

$$\text{or, } \frac{dy}{dx} = p + x \frac{dp}{dx} - \frac{1}{p^2} \frac{dp}{dx}$$

$$\text{or, } p = p + x \frac{dp}{dx} - \frac{1}{p} \frac{dp}{dx}$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{dp}{dx} \left( x - \frac{1}{p} \right) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dp}{dx} = 0 \quad \text{or, } x - \frac{1}{p} = 0$$

$$\text{or, } p = \text{constant} = C,$$

$$\text{or, } p^2 = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\text{or, } p = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{x}}$$

① This is the Clairaut's equation and its general form is  $y = xp + f(p)$



# Examples

Put  $P = C$  in equation ①, then we have

$y = Cx + \frac{1}{C}$ , which is the general solution, it is one parameter family of straight lines

This general sol<sup>n</sup> gives the particular sol<sup>n</sup>. by putting  $C = 1$ ,

particular sol<sup>n</sup>  $\rightarrow y = x + 1$ ,

Singular Sol<sup>n</sup>:  $b^2 = \frac{1}{x}$  and  $b = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$ , put in ①

$$yb = xp^2 + 1 \Rightarrow yb = x \cdot \frac{1}{x} + 1 \Rightarrow yb = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{2}{b} = \pm 2\sqrt{x} \Rightarrow y^2 = 4x, \text{ Parabola}$$

This is the Singular sol<sup>n</sup>.