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## 1 Introduction

**Definition 1** *An equation involving derivatives or differentials of one or more dependent variables with respect to one or more independent variables is called a differential equations.*

For examples of differential equations we list the following

$$dy = (x + \sin x)dx \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{d^4x}{dt^4} + \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^5 = e^t \quad (2)$$

$$y = \sqrt{x} \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{k}{\frac{dy}{dx}} \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = 0 \quad (4)$$

### 1.1 Ordinary Differential Equation

A differential equation involving derivatives with respect to a single independent variable is called an ordinary differential equation (see equations (??),(??) and (??) ).

### 1.2 Partial Differential Equation

A differential equation involving partial derivatives with respect to more than one independent variables is called a partial differential equation (see equations (??)).

### 1.3 Order of a Differential Equation

The order of the highest order derivative involved in a differential equation is called the order of the differential equation. e.g equation (??) is of the fourth order and equation (??) is of the first order.

### 1.4 Degree of a Differential Equation

The degree of a differential equation is the degree of the highest derivative which occurs in it, after the differential equation has been made free from radicals and fractions as far as the derivative are concerned.

Note that the above definition of degree does not require variables  $x, t, u, \dots$  etc to be free from radicals and fractions.

## 1.5 Linear and Non-linear Differential Equations

A differential equation is called linear if

- i. Every dependent variable and every derivative involved occurs in the first degree only, and
- ii. No products of dependent variables and/or derivatives occur.

A differential equation which is not linear is called a non-linear differential equation. e.g equation (??) is linear and equations (??), (??) are non-linear.

## 1.6 Solution of a Differential Equation

Any relation between the dependent and independent variables, when substituted in the differential equation reduces it to an identity is called a solution or integral of the differential equation. It should be noted that a solution of a differential equation does not involve the derivatives of the dependent variable with respect to the independent variable or variables.

For example,  $y = ce^{2x}$  is a solution of  $y' = 2y$  because by putting  $y = ce^{2x}$  and  $y' = 2y$ , the given differential equation reduces to the identity  $2ce^{2x} = 2ce^{2x}$ .

## 2 Equations of First Order and First Degree

There are two standard forms of differential equations of first order and first degree, namely

(i)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$

(ii)  $M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy = 0$

In what follows we shall see that an equation in one of these forms may readily be written in the other form. It will be assumed that the necessary conditions for the existence of solutions are satisfied. We now discuss various methods to solve such equations.

### 2.1 Separation of Variables

If a differential equation of the first order and first degree is of the form

$$f_1(x)dx = f_2(y)dy \quad (5)$$

where  $f_1(x)$  is a function of  $x$  only and  $f_2(y)$  is a function of  $y$  only, then we say that the variables are separable in the given differential equation. Such equations are solved by integrating both sides of (5) and adding an arbitrary constant of integration to any one of the two sides. Thus the solution of (5) is

$$\int f_1(x)dx = \int f_2(y)dy + C \quad (6)$$

**Remark.** To simplify the solution (6), the constant of integration  $C$  can be selected in any suitable form. For example,  $C$  can be replaced by  $\frac{C}{3}$ ,  $\log C$ ,  $\tan C$ ,  $\tan^{-1} C$ ,  $e^C$ ,  $\dots$  etc

### 2.1.1 Example

Solve

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

Solution

### 2.1.2 Example

Solve

$$\ln\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = ax + by$$

Solution

### 2.1.3 Example

Solve

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

Solution

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