

# Equations of First Order And First Degree

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

(i)  $dy/dx = f(x, y)$

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

## Separation of variables

If in an equation, it is possible to get all the functions of  $x$  and  $dx$  to one side and all the functions of  $y$  and  $dy$  to the other, the variables are said to be separable.

(a) Solve  $dy/dx = e^{x-y} + x^2 e^{-y}$

(b) Solve  $dy/dx = e^{x+y} + x^2 e^y$

$$e^y dy = (x^2 + e^x) dx.$$

$$e^y = x^3/3 + e^x + c, c \text{ being an arbitrary constant.}$$

2. Find the curves passing through (0, 1) and satisfying  $\sin (dy/dx) = c$ .

$$dy/dx = \sin^{-1} c \quad \text{or} \quad dy = (\sin^{-1} c) dx.$$

Integrating,  $y = x \sin^{-1} c + c', c' \text{ being arbitrary constant.} \quad \dots (1)$

Since, (1) must pass through (0, 1), we put  $x = 0$  and  $y = 1$  in (1) and obtain  $c' = 1$ . Hence, (1)

$$y = x \sin^{-1} c + 1 \quad \text{or} \quad (y - 1)/x = \sin^{-1} c$$

$\sin \{(y - 1)/x\} = c$ , which gives the desired curves.

Solve  $(dy/dx) \tan y = \sin (x + y) + \sin (x - y)$ .

$$(\tan y) (dy/dx) = 2 \sin x \cos y \quad \sin C + \sin D = 2 \sin \{(C + D)/2\} \cos \{(C - D)/2\}$$

$$\sec y \tan y dy = 2 \sin x dx.$$

$\sec y = -2 \cos x + c$ ,  $c$  being an arbitrary constant.

$$(i) \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\sin x + x \cos x}{y (2 \log y + 1)} \quad (ii) \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x (2 \log x + 1)}{\sin y + y \cos y}.$$

Solve  $y - x (dy/dx) = a (y^2 + dy/dx)$ .

The given equation can be re-written as

$$(a + x) \frac{dy}{dx} = y - ay$$

$$\frac{dx}{x + a} = \frac{dy}{y(1 - ay)}$$

$$\frac{dx}{x + a} = \left[ \frac{a}{1 - ay} + \frac{1}{y} \right] dy,$$

$$x + a = \frac{cy}{1 - ay} \quad \text{or}$$

$(x + a)(1 - ay) = cy$ , which is the required solution.

Solve  $\sqrt{(1+x^2+y^2+x^2y^2)} + xy (dy/dx) = 0.$

$$\sqrt{[(1+x^2)(1+y^2)]} + xy (dy/dx) = 0$$

$$\sqrt{(1+x^2)} \sqrt{(1+y^2)} + xy (dy/dx) = 0$$

$$\frac{(1+x^2) dx}{x\sqrt{(1+x^2)}} + \frac{y dy}{\sqrt{(1+y^2)}} = 0.$$

$$\int \frac{dx}{x(1+x^2)^{1/2}} + \int \frac{x dx}{(1+x^2)^{1/2}} + \int \frac{y dy}{(1+y^2)^{1/2}} = C.$$

$$\int \frac{dx}{x(1+x^2)^{1/2}} = \int \frac{(-1/t^2) dt}{(1/t) \sqrt{1+(1/t)^2}}, \text{ putting } x = \frac{1}{t}$$

Solve  $dy/dx = e^{x+y} + x^2 e^{x^3+y}.$

$$e^{-y} dy = (e^x + x^2 e^{x^3}) dx.$$

## Transformation of some equations in the form in which variables are separable Equations of the form

$$dy/dx = f(ax + by + c) \quad \text{substitution } ax + by + c = v$$

**Ex. 1.** (a) Solve  $dy/dx = (4x + y + 1)^2$ .

(b)  $dy/dx = (4x + y + 1)^2$  if  $y(0) = 1$ .

Let  $4x + y + 1 = v$ .

Differentiating (1) with respect to  $x$ ,

$$4 + (dy/dx) = dv/dx$$

Now,

$$dy/dx = (dv/dx) - 4$$

$$(dv/dx) - 4 = v^2$$

$$dx = (dv) / (4 + v^2)$$

$$4x + y + 1 = 2 \tan(2x + c),$$

(b) Putting  $x = 0, y = 1$  in (2), we get  $\tan c = 1$ , so that  $c = \pi/4$ .

$\therefore$  Required solution is

$$4x + y + 1 = 2 \tan(2x + \pi/4).$$

**Ex. 2.** Solve  $(x + y)^2 (dy/dx) = a^2$ .

Let  $x + y = v$ .

**Ex. 3.** Solve  $dy/dx = \sec (x + y)$

**Ex. 4.** Solve  $dy/dx = \sin (x + y) + \cos (x + y)$ .

**Ex. 5.** Solve  $(x + y) (dx - dy) = dx + dy$ .

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

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

$$\frac{dv}{dx} - 1 = \frac{v - 1}{v + 1}$$

$$2dx = \left(1 + \frac{1}{v}\right) dv.$$

$$x + y = v.$$

$$1 + dy/dx = dv/dx$$

$$dy/dx = (dv/dx) - 1.$$

Solve  $dy/dx = (4x + 6y + 5) / (3y + 2x + 4)$

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

**Homogeneous equation Definition.** A differential equation of first order and first degree is said to be homogeneous if it can be put in the form  $dy/dx = f(y/x)$

**Working rule**  $dy/dx = f(y/x).$

$$y = vx. \quad dy/dx = v + x (dv/dx).$$

$$v + x \frac{dv}{dx} = f(v)$$

$$\frac{dx}{x} = \frac{dv}{f(v) - v}$$

1. Solve  $(x^3 + 3xy^2) dx + (y^3 + 3x^2y) dy = 0$ .

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x^3 + 3xy^2}{y^3 + 3x^2y} = -\frac{1 + 3(y/x)^2}{(y/x)^3 + 3(y/x)}$$

Take  $y/x = v$ ,  $y = vx$ .  $dy/dx = v + x (dv/dx)$ .

$$v + x \frac{dv}{dx} = -\frac{1 + 3v^2}{v^3 + 3v}$$

$$4 \frac{dx}{x} = -\frac{4v^3 + 12v}{v^4 + 6v^2 + 1} dv$$

Solve:  $x dy - y dx = (x^2 + y^2)^{1/2} dx$

$$\text{Solve } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{x} + \tan \frac{y}{x}.$$