

# Differential Equations

**Differential Equation:** An Differential equation containing the derivatives of one or more dependent variables with respect to one or more independent variables, is said to be a Differential Equation (DE)

For example

$$1. \frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = e^x$$

$$2. \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 + 3y = 0$$

$$3. \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{dy}{dt} = 2x + e^t$$

$$4. \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 5y$$

$$5. \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$$

**Ordinary Differential Equations:** If an equation contains only ordinary derivatives of one or more dependent variables with respect to a single independent variable, then it is called an ordinary

Differential Equations. In above examples 1, 2 and 3 are ordinary differential equations.

**Partial Differential Equations** An Equation involving partial derivatives of one or more dependent variables with respect to two or more independent variables is called partial Differential Equation.

For example.

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0$$

**Differential Operator D**

$$\frac{d^n y}{dx^n} = D^n y$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} = D, \quad \frac{d^2}{dx^2} = D^2, \dots, \quad \frac{d^n}{dx^n} = D^n$$

**Prime notation for differential operator**

$$y' = \frac{dy}{dx}, \quad y'' = \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}, \quad \dots$$

$$Dy = \frac{dy}{dx}, \quad D^2 y = \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}, \quad \dots$$

$$\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} + 2 \frac{dy}{dx} = e^y$$

$$D^3y + 2Dy = e^y$$

$$y''' + 2y' = e^y$$

Order of Differential Equation : The order of a differential equation is the order of the highest derivative in the equation.

Degree of Differential Equation : The degree of a differential equation is the power of the Highest Derivative

$$\bullet \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^3 + y^4 = \sin x \rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{Order 1} \\ \text{Degree 3} \end{cases}$$

$$\bullet \left(\frac{d^2u}{dt^2}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{du}{dt}\right)^4 = e^{\sin x} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{Degree 3} \\ \text{Order 2} \end{cases}$$

$$\bullet D^2y + (Dy)^4 + e^y = 7$$

$$\hookrightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^4 + e^y = 7 \quad \text{so degree 1, order 2}$$

$$\bullet y''' + 3y'' + (7y')^2 = 2$$

$$\hookrightarrow \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} + 3 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \left(7 \frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = 2 \quad \text{so degree 1, order 3}$$

$n$ -th order & first degree differential equation given as (General Equation)

$$a_n(x, y) \frac{d^n y}{dx^n} + a_{n-1}(x, y) \frac{d^{n-1} y}{dx^{n-1}} + a_{n-2}(x, y) \frac{d^{n-2} y}{dx^{n-2}} + \dots \dots \dots$$

$$\dots + a_1(x, y) \frac{dy}{dx} + a_0(x, y) y = Q(x) \quad (*)$$

Viz :  $y \frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} + \sin x \frac{dy}{dx} = e^y$  is a fourth order DE

### First Degree & First Order Differential Equation:

General form of first order and first degree Differential Equation.

$$a_1(x, y) \frac{dy}{dx} + a_0(x, y) y = Q(x)$$

For example

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

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

- $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

Linear Differential Equation: A DE is said to be linear if it satisfied the following

1) Dependent variable  $y$  and its derivatives  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ ,  $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}$ ,  $\frac{d^3 y}{dx^3}$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $\frac{d^n y}{dx^n}$  all are of first degree



2) No product of  $y$  and its derivatives  $\frac{dy}{dx}, \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}, \dots, \frac{d^ny}{dx^n}$ .

3) No non-linear function of  $y$  ( $\sin y, \cos y, \ln y, e^y, \dots$ ) are present.

For example :

$$1.) x \frac{d^4y}{dx^4} + 2 \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} + \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 + y' = 2$$

It is a DE of order 3 and degree 1 but not linear as  $\left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2$  that exists.

$$2.) x \frac{d^4y}{dx^4} + 2 \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} + \frac{dy}{dx} + \underline{y^2} = 0$$

not-linear as  $y^2$  exists.

$$3.) 2 \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} + y \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 5$$

not-linear as product of  $y$  and its derivatives exists.

$$4.) \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} - y \sin x = \underline{e^y}$$

not-linear as non-linear function of dependent variable exists.

$$5.) \frac{d^4y}{dx^4} + \sin x \frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 \text{ is a linear fourth order DE.}$$

## Homogeneous Linear DE

A linear DE is said to be homogeneous if  $g(x)=0$   
[Each term of the equation contains either  $y$  or its derivatives]. If  $g(x) \neq 0$  then it is non-homogeneous.

For example.

$$1.) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2y - 2x = 0$$

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

$\hookrightarrow$  non-homogeneous linear DE of order 2

$$2.) \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} + y \sin x = 0$$

$\hookrightarrow$  homogeneous linear DE of order 3.

$$3.) \frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy = 0$$

$\hookrightarrow$  Homogeneous linear DE of order 1.

$$4.) \frac{dy}{dx} = x$$

$\hookrightarrow$  Non-homogeneous linear DE of order 1

That is non-homogeneous if there exist a term containing only independent variable  $x$

## Solution of DE

A function  $y = f(x)$  that satisfies the differential equation when  $f$  and its derivatives are substituted into the equation. That is solution of a DE is a function.

For example,  $y = x^2 + 2$  is a solution of  $\frac{dy}{dx} - 2x = 0$

Verifying Solution:

$$\text{Given } y = x^2 + 2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x$$

Then Left side of DE

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

= Right side of DE

$\therefore y = x^2 + 2$  satisfy the DE  $y' - 2x = 0$  so  $y = x^2 + 2$  is a solution of that DE.

# Also,  $y = x^2 + 9$  is a solution of the DE (verify it)

Example: Show that  $y = e^x$  is a solution of

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

Solution: Given  $y = e^x \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = e^x, \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = e^x$

$$\text{LHS: } \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - \frac{dy}{dx} = e^x - e^x = 0 = \text{RHS (showed.)}$$



Example: Verify that, the function  $y = e^{3x} \cos 2x$  is a solution of the DE  $y'' - 6y' + 13y = 0$

Solution:

We have

$$y = e^{3x} \cos 2x$$

$$y' = -2e^{3x} \sin 2x + 3e^{3x} \cos 2x$$

$$y'' = 5e^{3x} \cos 2x - 12e^{3x} \sin 2x$$

$$\text{So, L.H.S} = y'' - 6y' + 13y$$

$$= (5e^{3x} \cos 2x - 12e^{3x} \sin 2x) - 6(-2e^{3x} \sin 2x + 3e^{3x} \cos 2x) + 13(e^{3x} \cos 2x)$$

$$= 0 = \text{RHS}$$

$\therefore y = e^{3x} \cos 2x$  is a solution of  $y'' - 6y' + 13y = 0$

Example: Show that  $y = c \ln x$  is a ~~constant~~ solution of  $\ln x \frac{dy}{dx} - y/x = 0$ .

Try by yourself.

# Solving Differential Equations (First Order)

- Separable variables
- Linear DE, Integrating factor
- Exact DE,
- A non-exact DE made exact

2.2 Separable Variables: A first order DE of the form

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = g(x) \cdot f(y)$$

is said to be separable.

For example:

$$\# \frac{dy}{dx} = x + \sin y$$

↳ not separable

$$\# \frac{dy}{dx} = e^x \sin x \cdot e^{x+y} y$$

↳ separable

$$\text{as } \frac{dy}{dx} = e^x \sin x \cdot e^x \cdot e^y y$$
$$= (e^{2x} \sin x) (ye^y)$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = g(x) f(y)$$

So. For solving a separable DE

$$\frac{1}{f(y)} dy = g(x) dx$$
$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{f(y)} dy = \int g(x) dx \quad [\text{integrating}]$$

## solving a separable DE

Example: solve  $(1+x) dy - y dx = 0$

Solution: Given

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

$$\Rightarrow (1+x) dy = y dx$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{y} dy = \int \frac{1}{1+x} dx \text{ [integrating]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln|y| = \ln|1+x| + \ln c \quad [\ln c \text{ arbitrary constant}]$$

~~$$\Rightarrow y = (1+x)c$$~~

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

Solution

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

$$\Rightarrow y dy = -x dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \int y dy = -\int x dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y^2}{2} = -\frac{x^2}{2} + c$$

$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 2c$   
which is required solution.

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

$$\Rightarrow e^{-y} dy = e^x dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \int e^{-y} dy = \int e^x dx$$

$$\Rightarrow -e^{-y} = e^x + c$$

$$\therefore \underline{e^x + e^{-y} + c = 0} \text{ is a general solution of} \quad (1)$$

given DE

Now from initial condition  $y(0) = 1$  that is  
when  $x=0$  then  $y=1$

From (1)

$$e^0 - e^{-1} + c = 0$$

$$\therefore c = \frac{1-e}{e}$$

Substituting this values of  $c$  in (1)

$$e^x + e^{-y} + \frac{1-e}{e} = 0 \text{ is the particular solution}$$

of given DE.

## Initial value problem (IVP)

An initial value problem (IVP) is an differential equation together with an initial condition which specifies the value of unknown function at a given point in the domain.

For example.

1)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2xy + 2$  with  $\underline{y(0) = 2} \rightarrow \begin{cases} x=0 \\ y=2 \end{cases}$

2)  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2\frac{dy}{dx} + e^y = 0$  with  $y(1) = 5$   
 $y'(1) = 3$

Example: Solve the initial value problem

General solution:

&

particular solution:

A solution having  
arbitrary constant

Have no any arbitra-  
ry constant

Example: Solve the initial value problem

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = e^{x+y} \text{ with } y(0)=1$$

Solution: We have

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



$$\Rightarrow (-1)(-1) = e^{-\frac{1}{-1}} e^c$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = e^1 \cdot e^c$$

$$\Rightarrow e^0 = e^{1+c}$$

$$\therefore 1+c=0$$

$$\therefore c = -1$$

Substituting  $c = -1$  in (1)

$$e^{\frac{1}{x}} xy = e^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{e^{-1}}{e^{\frac{1}{x}} \cdot x}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{x e^{(1+\frac{1}{x})}}$$

which is particular solution.

Example :

Solve  $\frac{dy}{dt} + 2y = 1$  ;  $y(0) = \frac{5}{2}$

Solution: Given

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + 2y = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow dy = (1 - 2y) dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{1-2y} dy = dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{1-2y} dy = \int dt$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{-2}{1-2y} dy = \int dt$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} \ln|1-2y| = t + c$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln|1-2y| = -2(t+c)$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln|1-2y| = -2t - 2c$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln|1-2y| = \ln e^{-2t} + \ln c_1 \quad [\ln c_1 = -2c]$$

$$\Rightarrow 1-2y = c_1 e^{-2t} \text{ ————— (1)}$$

From initial condition at  $t=0 \Rightarrow y = \frac{5}{2}$

$$1 - 2 \cdot \frac{5}{2} = c_1 e^0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = -4$$

Substituting this values in (1)

$$1-2y = -4e^{-2t}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 2e^{-2t} + \frac{1}{2}$$

which is the particular solution.

For Practice

Exercise 2.2 : 1-14 & 19-26

### 2.3 First Order Linear Equation

Standard form of first order linear equation is

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q(x)$$

Integrating Factor:  $I(x) = e^{\int P(x) dx}$

Example:  $dy - 3y dx = 0$

Solution: Given

$$dy - 3y dx = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} - 3y = 0 \quad \text{————— (1)}$$

$$\therefore P(x) = -3$$

So the integrating factor  $I(x) = e^{\int P(x) dx} = e^{\int -3 dx} = e^{-3x}$

$$\therefore I(x) = e^{-3x}$$

Multiply the equation (1) with  $I(x)$  we get

$$e^{-3x} \frac{dy}{dx} - 3e^{-3x} y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} (e^{-3x} \cdot y) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{d}{dx} (e^{-3x} y) dx = 0 \quad [\text{integrating on both sides}]$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{-3x} y = c$$

$\therefore y = e^{3x} c$  is the solution of given DE.

Solving a linear first order DE :

(i) Put the equation into the standard form

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q(x)$$

(ii) From standard form identify  $P(x)$  and then find the integrating factor  $I(x) = e^{\int P(x) dx}$

(iii) Multiply the standard form of the DE by the integrating factor. The left side of the resulting equation is automatically the derivative of the integrating factor and  $y$  (the dependent var.)

$$\frac{d}{dx} (e^{\int P(x) dx} \cdot y) = e^{\int P(x) dx} f(x)$$

(iv) Integrating both sides of this last equation

Example: solve  $x \frac{dy}{dx} - 4y = x^6 e^x$

Solution:

Given

$$x \frac{dy}{dx} - 4y = x^6 e^x$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{4}{x}y = x^5 e^x \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\therefore P(x) = -\frac{4}{x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{IF } I(x) &= e^{\int -\frac{4}{x} dx} = e^{-4 \int \frac{1}{x} dx} = e^{-4 \ln x} \\ &= e^{\ln x^{-4}} = x^{-4} = \frac{1}{x^4} \end{aligned}$$

Multiply (1) by  $\frac{1}{x^4}$

$$\left( \frac{1}{x^4} - \frac{4}{x}y \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{x^4} \left( \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{4}{x}y \right) = \frac{1}{x^4} \cdot x^5 e^x$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{x^4} \cdot y \right) = x e^x$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x^4} y = \int x e^x dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x^4} y = x e^x - e^x + c$$

$$\therefore y = x^5 e^x - x^4 e^x + x^4 c$$

Ans.



Example: Solve  $\frac{dy}{dx} + y = x$ ,  $y(0) = 4$

Solution:

Given

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + y = x \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Here  $P(x) = 1$

$$\text{Then IF } I(x) = e^{\int P(x) dx} = e^{\int dx} = e^x$$

Multiply (1) by  $I(x)$

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} (e^x \cdot y) = x e^x$$

$$\Rightarrow y e^x = \int x e^x dx$$

$$\Rightarrow y e^x = x e^x - e^x + C$$

From initial condition  $x=0, y=4$

$$4e^0 = 0 - e^0 + C$$

$$\Rightarrow C = 5$$

$$\therefore y e^x = x e^x - e^x + 5$$

$\therefore y = x - 1 + 5e^{-x}$  which is the particular sol<sup>n</sup>