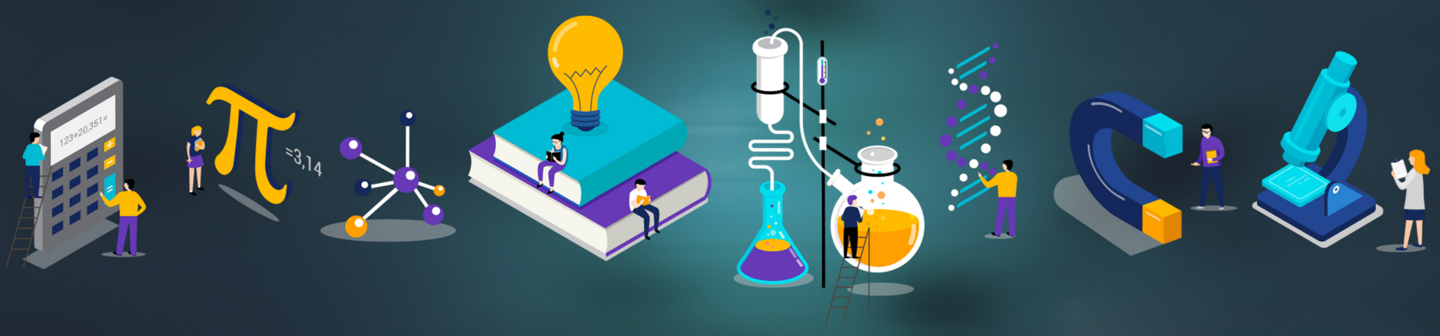

1. Differential Equations

In physics we encounter differential equations all the time. In fact the whole programme of classical mechanics is to develop a second order differential equation using Newton's laws of motion and then solving it. Sometimes these are ordinary differential equations in one variable (abbreviated ODEs). More often the equations are partial differential equations (PDEs) in two or more variables. Simply we can say , differential equations is a relation between a function and its derivatives.

Definition 1.0.1 A differential equation is an equation which involves independent and dependent variables and their derivatives or differentials.

Example 1.1

- $\frac{dy}{dx} = 4x - 2$
- $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 5\frac{dy}{dx} + 10$
- $(1 + \frac{dy}{dx})^3 = k\frac{dy}{dx}$
- $\frac{dy}{dx} + xy = x^3y^3$
- $\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial^2 x} = \frac{1}{c^2}\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial^2 x}$
- $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$

■

1.1 Types of differential equation

There are mainly two types of differential equations,

- **Ordinary differential equations.**

  A differentnial equation involving derivatives with respect to a single variable is called an ordinary differential equation.

  General form: $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x,y) = -\frac{P(x,y)}{Q(x,y)}$

Example 1.2

$$F = m\frac{dv}{dt}$$
$$\frac{dy}{dx} + x = 1$$

- **Partial differential equations.**
  A differential equation involving partial derivatives with respect to more than one independent variable is called a partial differential equation.

  Example 1.3

  Poisson's equation:

  $$\nabla^2 \psi = \frac{\rho}{\varepsilon_0}$$
  $$\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}\right)\psi = \frac{\rho}{\varepsilon_0} \qquad \text{(In cartesian coordinate system.)}$$

  Schrodinger Equation:

  $$\left(-\frac{h^2}{2m}\nabla^2 + V\right)\psi = i\hbar\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t}$$

1.2 Order and Degree of a differential equation

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

Degree:
The degree of a differential equation is the power of the highest differential in the equation.

Example 1.4

- $\left(\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial x}\right) - \left(\frac{\partial^3 y}{\partial x^3}\right) = xy$ Order=2 ,Degree=2
- $L\frac{d^2q}{dt^2} + R\frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{q}{c} = E\sin\omega t$ Order=2 ,Degree=1
- $\frac{dy}{dx} + xy = x^3y^3$ Order=1 ,Degree=1
- $\left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)^3 = \left[1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^4\right]^5$ Order=2 ,Degree =3
- $\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} - \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 0$ Order=3 ,Degree=2

Exercise 1.1 Find the order and degree of the given differential equations,

1. $\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} - \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 0$
2. $\left[1 + \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right]^{\frac{3}{2}} = a\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$

Solution:

1. Here we need to eliminate the radical sign. For this write the equation as

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

Squaring both sides, we get

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

$$\therefore \quad \text{Order} = 3, \text{degree} = 2$$

2. Here we eliminate the radical sign. For this write the equation as

$$\left[1+\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right]^{\frac{3}{2}} = a\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$$

Squaring both sides, we get

$$\left[1+\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right]^3 = a^2\left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)^2$$

$$\therefore \quad \text{Order} = 2, \text{degree} = 3$$

Note The direction of a curve at a particular point is given by the tangent line at that point and the slope of the tangent is given by $\frac{dy}{dx}$ at that point.

1.3 First order differential equation

An equation of the general form

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

Is said to be a first order differential equation.The equation contains first and no higher derivatives. The only derivative here $\frac{dy}{dx}$ is a total or ordinarry derivative not a partial one.

1.4 Geometrical meaning of First order First degree differential equations

The solution of every first order first degree differential equations represent a family of curves.

Let, $f\left(x, y, \frac{dy}{dx}\right) = 0$ represents a differential equation of first order and first degree.

Taking $A(x_0, y_0)$ as an initial point,we can find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ at $A(x_0, y_0)$. And with the help of that we can draw the tangent at the point A.

On the tangent line take a neighbouring point $B(x_1, y_1)$. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ at the point $B(x_1, y_1)$and draw the

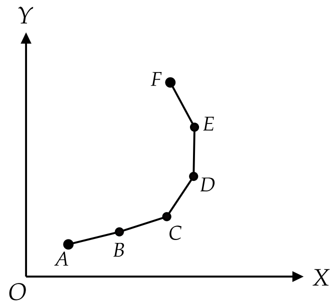

Figure 1.1: Geometrical meaning of Differential equation

tangent at B. And in this way draw another tangent at the point C on the tangent line B . Similarly draw, some more tangents by taking the neighbouring points on them. Again we take another starting point $A'\,(x_0', y_0')$. We can draw another curve starting from A'. In this way we can draw a number of curves. They form a smooth curve.
That is the given difrential equation represents a family of curves.

1.5 Solution of a differential equation

A solution of a differential equation is any relation between variables which is free of derivatives and which satisfies the differential equation.

General solution:
A general solution is the solution in which the number of arbitrary constants and the order of the differential equation are same.

Particular solution:
A particular solution is the solution which can be obtained by giving particular values to arbitrary constants of general solution.

1.6 Solution of First order differential equations

The solutions of first order differential equations are obtained by various methods,

1.7 Method of seperation of variables

If all functions of x and dx can be arranged on one side and y and dy on the other side, then the variables are separable. The solution of this equation is found by integrating the functions of x and y.

$$f(x)dx = g(y)dy \Longrightarrow \int f(x)dx = \int g(y)dy + C$$

Method of solving:

1. Separate the variables as $f(x)dx = g(y)dy$.
2. Integrate both sides as $\int f(x)dx = \int g(y)dy$.
3. Add an arbitrary constant C on R.H.S.

Exercise 1.2 Solve $\cos(x+y)dy = dx$ ■

Solution:

$$\cos(x+y)dy = dx$$

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

Let, $x+y=z$

$$\text{Then, } 1+\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dz}{dx} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dz}{dx} - 1$$

$$\frac{dz}{dx} - 1 = \sec z \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{dz}{dx} = 1 + \sec z$$

Separating the variables, we get,

$$\frac{dz}{1+\sec z} = dx$$

On integrating,

$$\int \frac{\cos z}{\cos z+1}dz = \int dx$$
$$\int \left[1-\frac{1}{\cos z+1}\right]dz = x+C$$
$$\int \left[1-\frac{1}{2\cos^2\frac{z}{2}-1+1}\right]dz = x+C$$
$$\int \left(1-\frac{1}{2}\sec^2\frac{z}{2}\right)dz = x+C$$
$$\int \left(1-\frac{1}{2}\sec^2\frac{z}{2}\right)dz = x+C$$
$$z-\tan\frac{z}{2} = x+C$$
$$x+y-\tan\frac{x+y}{2} = x+C$$
$$y-\tan\frac{x+y}{2} = C$$

Exercise 1.3 Solve $e^{dy/dx} = (x+1)$; given $y=3$ at $x=0$ ■

Solution: Taking log of both sides we get,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \ln(x+1) \quad \Rightarrow \quad dy = \ln(x+1)dx$$

on integration ,

$$\int dy = \int 1\cdot\ln(x+1)dx \quad \Rightarrow \quad y = x\ln(x+1) - \int \frac{x}{(x+1)}dx + C$$
$$y = x\ln(x+1) - \int \frac{(x+1)-1}{(x+1)}dx + C$$
$$y = x\ln(x+1) - \int \frac{(x+1)}{(x+1)}dx + \int \frac{1}{(x+1)}dx + C$$
$$= x\ln(x+1) - x + \ln(x+1) + C$$
$$y = (x+1)\ln(x+1) - x + C$$

Given: at, $x=0 \quad y=3 \Rightarrow \quad C=3$

Therefore, $y = (x+1)\ln(x+1) - x + 3$

1.8 Solution of Homogeneous differential equation

Homogeneous equations are of the form,

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

Where $f(x,y)$ and $g(x,y)$ are homogeneous functions of the same degree in x and y. Homogeneous functions are those in which all the terms are of n^{th} degree.

Method of solving

1. Put, $y = vx$, then $\frac{dy}{dx} = v + x\frac{dy}{dx}$.

2. Separate v and x and then integrate.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{dy}{dx}=f(y/x) \\
\Rightarrow \quad & y/x=v \\
\Rightarrow \quad & \frac{dv}{f(v)-v}=\frac{dx}{x} \\
\Rightarrow \int & \frac{dv}{f(v)-v}=\log x+C
\end{aligned}$$

Exercise 1.4 Solve the differential equation $\left(x^2-y^2\right) dx+2xy\, dy=0$, given that $y=1$ when $x=1$ ■

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(x^2-y^2\right) dx+2xydy &= 0 \\
\left(x^2-y^2\right) dx &= -2xydy \\
\frac{dy}{dx}=-\frac{x^2-y^2}{2xy} &= \frac{y^2-x^2}{2xy} \\
\text{Putting } y=vx \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} &= v+x\frac{dv}{dx} \\
\text{We get} \quad v+x\frac{dv}{dx} &= \frac{v^2x^2-x^2}{2x\cdot vx} \\
\Rightarrow \qquad v+x\frac{dv}{dx} &= \frac{v^2-1}{2v} \\
\Rightarrow \qquad x\cdot\frac{dv}{dx} &= \frac{v^2-1}{2v}-v \\
&= \frac{v^2-1-2v^2}{2v} \\
&= -\left[\frac{v^2+1}{2v}\right] \\
\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{2v}{v^2+1}\cdot dv &= -\frac{dx}{x}, \quad x\neq 0 \\
\Rightarrow \qquad \int\frac{2v}{v^2+1}\cdot dv &= -\int\frac{dx}{x} \\
\Rightarrow \qquad \log\left(v^2+1\right) &= -\log|x|+c \\
\Rightarrow \qquad \log\left(v^2+1\right)+\log|x| &= \log c \\
\Rightarrow \qquad \left(v^2+1\right)|x| &= c \\
\text{Now, putting } v &= y/x \\
\left(y^2/x^2+1\right)|x| &= c \\
\Rightarrow \left(x^2+y^2\right) &= c|x| \\
\text{Which is similar to } x=1 \quad \text{and} \quad y &= 1, \text{we get}, c=2 \\
\text{Putting value of} \quad c &= 2, \text{We get} \\
x^2+y^2 &= 2x \text{ or } x^2+y^2=2(-x) \\
x=1 \quad \text{and} \quad y &= 1 \\
\text{Do not satisfy} \quad x^2+y^2 &= 2(-x) \\
\text{Hence,} \quad x^2+y^2 &= 2x \quad \text{is the required solution.}
\end{aligned}$$

1.8.1 Equations reducible to homogeneuos form

Let a differential equation be,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{ax+by+c}{Ax+By+C}$$

Type-1

$$\text{If, in the above equation,} \quad \frac{a}{A} \neq \frac{b}{B}$$

$$\text{Then we can substitute} \quad x = X+h \quad , \quad y = Y+k, (h,k \text{ being constants})$$

The given differential equation reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dY}{dX} &= \frac{a(X+h)+b(Y+k)+c}{A(X+h)+B(Y+k)+C} \\ &= \frac{aX+bY+ah+bk+c}{AX+BY+Ah+Bk+C} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Choose } h,k \text{ so that} \quad ah+bk+c = 0$$

$$Ah+Kk+C = 0$$

Then the given equation becomes homogeneous

$$\frac{dY}{dX} = \frac{aX+bY}{AX+BY}$$

Type-2

$$\text{If } \frac{a}{A} = \frac{b}{B},$$

Then the value of h,k will not be finite.

$$\frac{a}{A} = \frac{b}{B} = \frac{1}{m}$$

$$A = am \quad , \quad B = b\,\mathrm{m}$$

$$\text{The given equation becomes} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{ax+by+c}{m(ax+by)+C}$$

Now put $ax+by = z$ and apply the method of variables separable.

Exercise 1.5 Solve $(x+2y)(dx-dy) = dx+dy$ ■

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} (x+2y)(dx-dy) &= dx+dy \\ \Rightarrow (x+2y-1)dx-(x+2y+1)dy &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{x+2y-1}{x+2y+1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } x+2y = z$$

$$1+2\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dz}{dx}$$

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{3z-1}{z+1} \quad (\text{Since, } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x+2y-1}{x+2y+1})$$

$$\int \frac{z+1}{3z-1}dz = \int dx$$

$$\text{L.H.L} = \int \frac{z+1}{3z-1}dz$$

multiply numerator and denominator by 3, we get,

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{L.H.L} &= \int \frac{1}{3}\frac{(3z+3)}{(3z-1)}dz \\
&= \int \frac{1}{3}\frac{(3z-1+4)}{(3z-1)}dz \\
&= \int \frac{1}{3}\frac{(3z-1)+4}{(3z-1)}dz \\
&= \int \frac{1}{3}\left\{\frac{(3z-1)}{(3z-1)} + \frac{4}{(3z-1)}\right\}dz \\
&= \int \left\{\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3}\frac{4}{(3z-1)}\right\}dz \\
&= \int \left\{\frac{1}{3} + \frac{4}{9}\frac{1}{(3z-1)}\right\}dz \\
&= \frac{1}{3}z + \frac{4}{9}\ln(3z-1) + c
\end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
\int \frac{z+1}{3z-1}dz = \int dx \Rightarrow \quad & \frac{1}{3}(x+2y) + \frac{4}{9}\ln(3x+6y-1) = 2x+c \\
& 3x-3y+a = 2\ln(3x+6y-1) \\
& 4\ln(3x+6y-1) = (6x-6y)+c \\
& 2\ln(3x+6y-1) = (3x-3y)+c
\end{aligned}$$

1.9 Linear equation of first order

If a differential equation has its dependent variables and its derivatives occur in the first degree and are not multiplied together, then the equation is said to be linear. The standard equation of a linear equation of first order is given as

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + Py = Q$$

Where P and Q are functions of x.

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Integrating factor } &= (\text{ I.F. }) = e^{\int P\cdot dx} \\
\Rightarrow y\cdot e^{\int P\cdot dx} &= \int Q\cdot e^{\int P\cdot dx}dx + C \\
\Rightarrow \quad y(\text{I.F.}) &= \int Q(\text{I.F.})dx + C
\end{aligned}$$

Exercise 1.6 Solve the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{y}{x} = 2x^2, x > 0$. ■

Solution: we know,

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + Py = Q, \text{ where } P = -\frac{1}{x} \text{ and } Q = 2x^2$$

$$I.F = e^{\int P \cdot dx} = e^{\int -1/x \cdot dx}$$

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

Multiplying both sides with $I.F$, we get

$$\frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{1}{x^2} \cdot y = 2x$$

Integrating both sides w.r.t. x, we get

$$y \cdot \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \int 2x \cdot dx + C$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad y \cdot \frac{1}{x} = x^2 + C$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad y = x^3 + Cx, x > 0 \quad \text{is the required solution.}$$

1.9.1 Equations reducible to linear form

The differential equation of the form,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + p(x)y = f(x)y^n$$

is called the Bernoulli's equation or equation reducible to linear form. It can be done by dividing by y^n and substituting $\frac{1}{y^{n-1}} = z$

$$\frac{1}{y^n}\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{1}{y^{n-1}}P = Q$$

$$\text{Put} \quad \frac{1}{y^{n-1}} = z$$

$$\frac{(1-n)}{y^n}\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dz}{dx}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{y^n}\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dz}{1-n}$$

$$\frac{1}{1-n}\frac{dz}{dx} + Pz = Q \quad \text{or}$$

$$\frac{dz}{dx} + P(1-n)z = Q(1-n)$$

Which is a linear equation and can be solved easily.

Exercise 1.7 Solve $\frac{dy}{dx} + xy = x^3y^3$ ■

Solution: We have,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + xy = x^3y^3$$

$$\frac{1}{y^3}\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{x}{y^2} = x^3$$

$$\text{putting} \quad \frac{1}{y^2} = z$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \frac{-2}{y^3}\frac{dy}{dx}=\frac{dz}{dx} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{y^3}\frac{dy}{dx}=\frac{-1}{2}\frac{dz}{dx}$$

$$\therefore \quad -\frac{1}{2}\frac{dz}{dx}+xz=x^3 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{dz}{dx}-2xz=-2x^3$$

$$\therefore \text{I.F.}=e^{-\int 2xdx}=e^{-x^2}$$

$$ze^{-x^2}=-2\int x^3e^{-x^2}dx$$

$$\text{Let} \quad -x^2=t \Rightarrow -2xdx=dt$$

$$ze^{-x^2}=\int te^t dt=te^t-e^t+c$$

$$\text{put} \quad z=y^{-2}\text{and} \quad t=-x^2$$

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

$$\frac{1}{y^2}=-x^2-1+Ce^{x^2}$$

1.10 Exact differential equations

A differential equation of the form , $Mdx+Ndy=0$ is said to be exact if it satisfy the following condition,

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y}=\frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$$

$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y}$ – Differential co-efficient of M with respect to y keeping x constant

$\frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$ – Differential co-efficient of N with respect to x, keeping y constant.

Method of solving:

Step 1: Integrate M w.r.t. x keeping y constant

Step 2: Integrate w.r.t. y, only those terms of N which do not contain x.

Step 3: Result of 1 + Result of 2 = Constant.

Exercise 1.8 Solve $\left(x^2+2xy\right)dx+\left(x^2+y^2\right)dy=0$ ■

Solution:

$$\text{Here,} \quad M=\left(x^2+2xy\right) \quad \text{and} \quad N=\left(x^2+y^2\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial M}{\partial y}=2x$$

$$\text{and} \quad \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}=2x$$

Hence, the given equation is exact

$$\int \left(x^2+2xy\right)dx+\int y^2dy=c$$

$$\frac{x^3}{3}+x^2y+\frac{y^3}{3}=C$$

The solution is:

$$\int \left(x^2+2xy\right)dx+\int y^2dy=c=\frac{x^3}{43}+x^2y+\frac{y^3}{3}=6$$

1.10.1 Equations reducible to Exact form

A differential equation which is not exact can be reduced to exact form by multiplying it by a constant , here the integrating factor.

Type 1: If $\frac{\frac{\partial M}{\partial y}-\frac{\partial N}{\partial x}}{N}$ is a function of x alone, say $f(x)$, then I.F $= e^{\int f(x)dx}$

Type 2: If $\frac{\frac{\partial N}{\partial x}-\frac{\partial M}{\partial y}}{M}$ is a function of y alone, say $f(y)$, then I.F $= e^{\int f(y)dy}$

Exercise 1.9 Solve $(2x\log x - xy)dy + 2ydx = 0$ ■

Solution:

$$M = 2y, \quad N = 2x\log x - xy$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 2, \quad \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = 2(1+\log x) - y$$

Here,

$$\frac{\frac{\partial M}{\partial y}-\frac{\partial N}{\partial x}}{N} = \frac{2-2-2\log x + y}{2x\log x - xy}$$

$$= \frac{-(2\log x - y)}{x(2\log x - y)} = -\frac{1}{x} = f(x)$$

$$\text{I.F.} = e^{\int f(x)dx} = e^{\int -\frac{1}{x}dx}$$

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

On multiplying the given differential equation by $\frac{1}{x}$, we get

$$\frac{2y}{x}dx + (2\log x - y)dy = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \int \frac{2y}{x}dx + \int -ydy = c$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad 2y\log x - \frac{1}{2}y^2 = c$$

1.11 Orthogonal trajectories and Family of curves

Given a one-parameter family of plane curves, it's orthogonal trajectories are another one-parameter family of curves, each one of which is perpendicular to all the curves in the original family. For instance, if the original family consisted of all circles having center at the origin, it's orthogonal trajectories would be all rays (half-lines) starting at the origin.

Definition 1.11.1 Two families of curves are such that every curve of either family cuts each curve of the other family at right angles. They are called orthogonal trajectories of each other.

Orthogonal trajectories arise in different contexts in applications. If the original family represents the lines of force in a gravitational or electrostatic field, its orthogonal trajectories represent the equipotentials, the curves along which the gravitational or electrostatic potential is constant.

■ **Example 1.5**

1. The path of an electric field is perpendicular to equipotential curves.
2. In fluid flow, the stream lines and equipotential lines are orthogonal trajectories.
3. The lines of heat flow is perpendicular to isothermal curves.

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1.11.1 Finding orthogonal trajectories to the curve

Let a family of curves be given by the equation

$$g(x,y) = C$$

Where C is a constant. For the given family of curves, we can draw the orthogonal trajectories, that is another family of curves $f(x,y)=C$ that cross the given curves at right angles.

Method of solving

Family of curves given ,then to find orthogonal trajectories.

1. By differentiating the equation of curves find the differential equations in the form $f\left(x,y,\frac{dy}{dx}\right)=0$
2. Replace $\frac{dy}{dx}$ by $-\frac{dx}{dy}$
   ($m_1m_2=-1$, where,m_1=given family,m_2=orthogonal family)
3. Solve the differential equation of the orthogonal trajectories i.e., $f\left(x,y,-\frac{dx}{dy}\right)=0$

Orthogonal trajectories given , then to find Family of curves .

1. Solve the differential equation of the orthogonal trajectory $f\left(x,y,\frac{dx}{dy}\right)=0$ using appropriate method.

Note **Self-orthogonal:**. If the family of orthogonal trajectory is the same as the given family of curves,then it's called self orthogonal.

Exercise 1.10 Find the orthogonal trajectories of the family of straight lines $y=Cx$, where C is a parameter. ■

Solution:

we have, $y=Cx$

differentiating the given equation we get

$$dy=cdx$$
$$dy=\frac{y}{x}dx \quad (\because c=\frac{y}{x})$$
$$\frac{dy}{dx}=\frac{y}{x}$$
$$\frac{dy}{dx}_{(ortho)}=\frac{-x}{y}$$

using variable separable method

$$(-xdx=ydy)$$
$$\int -xdx=\int ydy$$
$$-\frac{x^2}{2}=\frac{y^2}{2}+C$$
$$\frac{x^2}{2}+\frac{y^2}{2}=C$$
$$x^2+y^2=2C \Longrightarrow \text{Represents the family of circles}$$

Exercise 1.11 Find the family of curves of the given trajectory, $\frac{dy}{dx}=\frac{x}{y}$ ■

Solution:

$$\text{given, } \frac{dy}{dx}=\frac{x}{y}$$

using variable seperable method, we get

$$\int xdx = \int ydy$$
$$\frac{x^2}{2} = \frac{y^2}{2} + C$$
$$\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{y^2}{2} = C$$
$$x^2 - y^2 = 2C \implies \text{family of hyperbolas}$$

1.12 Second order differential equations

1.12.1 Linear differential equation

If the degree of the dependent variable and all derivatives is one, such differential equations are called linear differential equations.

Example 1.6

1. $2\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 3\frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = x^2 + x + 1$
2. $\frac{d^2x}{dx^2} - \frac{dy}{dx} - 3y = x$
3. $2\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} - \frac{dx}{dt} - 3x = f(t)$

■

1.12.2 Non-Linear differential equation

If the degree of the dependent variable and / or its derivatives are of greater than 1 such differential equations are called non-linear differential equations.

Example 1.7

1. $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{dy}{dx} + y^2 = \sin x$
2. $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 + y^2 = e^x$
3. $\left(\frac{d^2x}{dt^2}\right)^2 + \frac{dx}{dt} + x = f(t)$

■

1.12.3 Homogeneous differential equation

A differential equation of the form $y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = F(x)$, is said to be homogeneous if $F(x) = 0$

Example 1.8

1. $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 6\frac{dy}{dx} + 13y = 0$
2. $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 + y^2 = 0$

■

1.12.4 Nonhomogeneous differential eqaution

A differential equation of the form $y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = F(x)$, is said to be non-homogeneous if $F(x) \neq 0$

Example 1.9

1. $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 6\frac{dy}{dx} + y = x^2 + 2$
2. $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 + y^2 = e^x$

■

1.13 Linear independance and dependance of solutions

Two solutions of a differential equation, $y_1(x)$ and $y_2(x)$ are said to be linearly independant if

$$Ay_1(x) + By_2(x) \neq 0$$

given, $A \neq 0$ and $B \neq 0$

1.13.1 Wronskian

A first-order homogeneous ODE has only one linearly independent solution. This is meant in the following sense. "If two solutions are linearly dependent, by definition they satisfy $ay_1(x) + by_2(x) = 0$ with nonzero constants a, b for all values of x". If the only solution of this linear relation is $a = 0 = b$, then our solutions y_1 and y_2 are said to be linearly independent.
To prove this theorem, suppose y_1, y_2 both solve the homogeneous ODE. Then,

$$\frac{y_1'}{y_1} = -p(x) = \frac{y_2'}{y_2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad W(x) \equiv y_1'y_2 - y_1y_2' \equiv 0$$

The functional determinant W is called the **Wronskian of the pair** y_1, y_2. We now show that $W \equiv 0$ is the condition for them to be linearly dependent. Assuming linear dependence, that is.

$$ay_1(x) + by_2(x) = 0$$

In matrix form, the Wronskian of two functions $y_1(x)$ and $y_2(x)$ is given by,

$$W(y_1, y_2, x) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1(x) & y_2(x) \\ y_1'(x) & y_2'(x) \end{vmatrix} = y_1(x)y_2'(x) - y_1'(x)y_2(x) \tag{1.1}$$

1. If $W(y_1, y_2, x) = 0$, then $y_1(x)$ and $y_2(x)$ are linearly dependent.
2. If $W(y_1, y_2, x) \neq 0$, then $y_1(x), y_2(x)$ are linearly independent.

Note The wronskian of a differential equation can also be written as,

$$W(t) = e^{-\int p(x)dx}$$

Exercise 1.12 Consider two solutions $x_1(t)$ and $x_2(t)$ of the differential equation $\frac{d^2x(t)}{dt^2} + x(t) = 0, t > 0$, such that $x_1(0) = 1$, $\left.\frac{dx_1(t)}{dt}\right|_{t=0} = 0, x_2(0) = 0$, $\left.\frac{dx_2(t)}{dt}\right|_{t=0} = 1$. The Wronskian $W(t) = \begin{vmatrix} x_1(t) & x_2(t) \\ \frac{dx_1(t)}{dt} & \frac{dx_2(t)}{dt} \end{vmatrix}$ at $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$ is, ■

Solution: The wronskian of a differential equation can also be written as,

$$W(t) = e^{-\int p(x)dx}$$

$$\text{But here,} \quad p(x) = 0$$

$$\text{Then,} \quad W(t) = e^{0\,dx} = 1$$

$$\text{So,} \quad W(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 1$$

1.14 Linear Second Order Differential Equations With Constant Coefficients

The general form of the linear differential equation of second order is

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + P\frac{dy}{dx} + Qy = R$$

Where P and Q are constants and R is a function of x or constant.

Note **Differential operator:**
A differential operator can be represented as, $D = \frac{d}{dx}$
Then a differential equation can be written in terms of differntial operators as,

$$D^2y + PDy + Qy = R$$
$$\left(D^2 + PD + Q\right) y = R$$
$$\text{Where,} \quad Dy = \frac{dy}{dx}, \text{ and } D^2y = \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$$

$\frac{1}{D}$ stands for the operation of integration.

1.15 Solution of Second order homogeneous differential equation.

1.15.1 Method of solving

1. Let $y = C_1e^{mx}$ be the trial solution

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + P\frac{dy}{dx} + Qy = 0 \tag{1.2}$$

Putting the values of y, $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ in 1.2 then,
$C_1e^{mx}\left(m^2 + Pm + Q\right) = 0 \Rightarrow m^2 + Pm + Q = 0$. It is called Auxiliary equation.

2. Solve the auxiliary equation.

Case 1:

Roots are real and distinct
If m_1 and m_2 are the roots, then the C.F. is

$$y = C_1e^{m_1x} + C_2e^{m_2x}$$

Case 2:

Roots are real and equal
If both the roots are m, m then the C.F. is

$$y = (C_1 + C_2x)\,e^{mx}$$

Case 3:

Roots are Imaginary
If the roots are $\alpha \pm i\beta$, then the solution will be

$$\begin{aligned} y &= C_1e^{(\alpha+i\beta)x} + C_2e^{(\alpha-i\beta)x} = e^{\alpha x}\cdot\left[C_1e^{i\beta x} + C_2e^{-i\beta x}\right] \\ &= e^{\alpha x}\left[C_1(\cos\beta x + i\sin\beta x) + C_2(\cos\beta x - i\sin\beta x)\right] \\ &= e^{\alpha x}\left[(C_1 + C_2)\cos\beta x + i\,(C_1 - C_2)\sin\beta x\right] \\ &= e^{\alpha x}[A\cos\beta x + B\sin\beta x] \end{aligned}$$

Roots	Basis of solution	General solution
Real and equal(repeated root m)	e^{mx} and xe^{mx}	$y = (C_1 + C_2x)\,e^{mx}$
Real and distinct(m_1 , m_2)	e^{m_1x} , e^{m_2x}	$y = C_1e^{m_1x} + C_2e^{m_2x}$
Imaginary roots ($\alpha \pm i\beta$)	$e^{(\alpha+i\beta)x}, e^{(\alpha-i\beta)x}$	$e^{\alpha x}[A\cos\beta x + B\sin\beta x]$

Table 1.1: Roots of homogeneous second order DE

Exercise 1.13 Solve $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 8\frac{dy}{dx} + 15y = 0$.

Solution:

Given equation can be written as,

$$\left(D^2 - 8D + 15\right)y = 0$$

Here auxiliary equation is,

$$m^2 - 8m + 15 = 0$$

$$(m-3)(m-5) = 0 \quad \therefore m = 3,5$$

Hence, the required solution is,

$$y = C_1 e^{3x} + C_2 e^{5x}$$

Exercise 1.14 Solve the differential equation: $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 6\frac{dy}{dx} + 9y = 0$

Solution: We have

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 6\frac{dy}{dx} + 9y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(D^2 + 6D + 9\right)y = 0$$

Auxiliary equation is $\quad D^2 + 6D + 9 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \quad (D+3)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow D = -3, -3$$

the solution, y $= (c_1 + c_2 x)\, e^{-3x}$

Exercise 1.15 Solve $\left(D^3 - 1\right)y = 0$

Solution:

we have, $\left(D^3 - 1\right)y = 0$

The characteristic equation is,

$$m^3 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow m = 1, \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{3}i}{2}$$

$$\text{y} = Ae^x + e^{-x/2} \cdot \left[B\cos\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x + C\sin\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x\right]$$

1.16 Solution of Second order nonhomogeneous differential equation.

The solution of a differential equation of the form,

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + P\frac{dy}{dx} + Qy = R$$

consists of two parts,a complementary function and a particular integral.
Complete Solution = Complementary Function + Particular Integral

$$\boxed{\text{y} \ = \ \text{C.F} \ + \ \text{P.I}}$$

Finding complementary function

Complementary function is the solution obtained by solving the equation replacing R.H.S by 0.Same as that explained in finding solution to homogeneous differential equations.

Finding Particular solution

Particular integral (P.I) depends on the form of $R(x)$
If the differential equation is of the form,

$$\left(D^n+k_1D^{n-1}+k_2D^{n-2}+\cdots+k_n\right)y=R(x)$$

Then the particular integral of the equation is given by,

$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{1}{D^n+k_1D^{n-1}+k_2D^{n-2}+\cdots+k_n}R(x)$$

The following cases arise for particular integrals:

1. When $X=e^{ax}$, then
$$\begin{aligned}\text{P.I.} &= \frac{1}{f(D)}e^{ax}\\ &= \frac{1}{f(a)}e^{ax}, \quad \text{If } f(a)\neq 0\end{aligned}$$
If $f(a)=0$, then
$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{x}{f'(a)}e^{ax}, \quad \text{If } f'(a)\neq 0$$
If $f'(a)=0$, then
$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{x^2}{f''(a)}e^{ax}, \quad \text{If } f''(a)\neq 0$$

2. When $X=\sin ax$, then
$$\begin{aligned}\text{P.I.} &= \tfrac{1}{f(D^2)}\sin ax\\ &= \tfrac{1}{f(-a^2)}\sin ax, \text{ if } f\left(-a^2\right)\neq 0\end{aligned}$$

3. When $X=\cos ax$, then
$$\begin{aligned}\text{P.I.} &= \frac{1}{f(D^2)}\cos ax\\ &= \frac{1}{f(-a^2)}\cos ax, \text{ if } f\left(-a^2\right)\neq 0\end{aligned}$$

4. When $X=x^m$, then
$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{1}{f(D)}x^m=[f(D)]^{-1}x^m$$
Expansion of $[f(D)]^{-1}$ is to be carried up to the term D^m because $(m+1)^{\text{th}}$ and higher derivatives of x^m are zero.

5. When $X=e^{ax}v(x)$, then
$$\text{P.I.} = \tfrac{1}{f(D)}e^{ax}v(x)$$
$$\text{P.I.} = e^{ax}\tfrac{1}{f(D+a)}v(x)$$

6. When $X=xv(x)$, then
$$\begin{aligned}\text{P.I.} &= \frac{1}{f(D)}xv(x)\\ &= \left[x-\frac{f'(D)}{f(D)}\right]\cdot\frac{1}{f(D)}v(x)\end{aligned}$$

Exercise 1.16 Solve the differential equation:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}+6\frac{dy}{dx}+9y=5e^{3x}$$

Solution: We have

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}+6\frac{dy}{dx}+9y&=5e^{3x}\\
\left(D^2+6D+9\right)y&=5e^{3x}\\
\text{Auxiliary equation is}\quad D^2+6D+9&=0\\
(D+3)^2&=0\Rightarrow D=-3,-3\\
\text{The solution, y}&=(c_1+c_2x)\,e^{-3x}\\
\text{Particular integral }&=\frac{1}{D^2+6D+9}\cdot 5e^{3x}\\
&=\frac{5e^{3x}}{(3)^2+6(3)+9}=\frac{5e^{3x}}{36}\\
\text{The complete solution is given by} y&=\text{C.F.}+\text{P.I}\\
y&=(c_1+c_2x)\,e^{-3x}+\frac{5e^{3x}}{36}
\end{aligned}$$

Exercise 1.17 Find the particular integral of the differential equation, $(D^3+8)=x^4-2x+1$

Solution: We have,

$$\begin{aligned}
(D^3+8)&=x^4-2x+1\\
\text{P.I}&=\frac{1}{(D^3+8)}(x^4-2x+1)\\
&=\frac{1}{8(1+\frac{D^3}{8})}(x^4-2x+1)\\
&=\frac{[1+\frac{D^3}{8}]^{-1}}{8}(x^4-2x+1)
\end{aligned}$$

Using Binomial expansion on $[1+\frac{D^3}{8}]^{-1}$ we get,

$$[1+\frac{D^3}{8}]^{-1}=[1-\frac{D^3}{8}+\cdots]$$

Higher terms in the expansion can be ommitted since , here the highest power of x is 4 ($R(x)=x^4-2x+1$).

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Then, P.I}&=\frac{1}{8}[1-\frac{D^3}{8}](x^4-2x+1)\\
&=\frac{1}{8}\left[(x^4-2x+1)-\frac{D^3(x^4-2x+1)}{8}\right]\\
&=\frac{1}{8}\left[(x^4-2x+1)-\frac{24x}{8}\right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{8}\left[(x^4 - 2x + 1) - 3x\right]$$
$$= \frac{1}{8}\left[(x^4 - x + 1)\right]$$

1.17 Euler - Cauchy Differential equation

Although second-order linear equations with constant coefficients are the ones used most frequently in applications, there are a few other kinds of second-order equations and methods of solving them which are also important. one of them is the Euler-Cauchy equation. An equation of the form,

$$a_n x^n \frac{d^n y}{dx^n} + a_{(n-1)} x^{(n-1)} \frac{d^{(n-1)} y}{dx^{(n-1)}} + \cdots\cdots + a_2 x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + a_1 x \frac{dy}{dx} + a_0 y = \mathrm{Q(x)} \tag{1.3}$$

Where, $a_0, a_1, a_2 \cdots a_n$ are constants is called an Euler or Cauchy equation. It can be reduced to a linear equation with constant coefficients by changing the independent variable from x to z where,

$$x = e^z.$$

$x\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dz}$ and $x^2\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d^2y}{dz^2} - \frac{dy}{dz}$.

$$\text{Put, x} = \mathrm{e}^z \Rightarrow \log \mathrm{x} = \mathrm{z} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} = \frac{dz}{dx}$$
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dx} \cdot \frac{dz}{dx}$$
$$= \frac{1}{x}\frac{dy}{dz}$$
$$\mathrm{x}\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dz}$$
$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)$$
$$= -\frac{1}{x^2}\frac{dy}{dz} + \frac{1}{x}\frac{d^2y}{dz^2}\left(\frac{dz}{dx}\right)$$
$$= -\frac{1}{x^2}\frac{dy}{dz} + \frac{1}{x^2}\frac{d^2y}{dz^2}$$
$$x^2\frac{dy}{dx^2} = -\frac{dy}{dz} + \frac{d^2y}{dz^2}$$

Then neglecting the higher orders , the given equation becomes,

$$a_2\frac{d^2y}{dz^2} + (a_1 - a_2)\frac{dy}{dz} + a_0 y = \mathrm{Q}$$

Exercise 1.18 $x^2\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2x\frac{dy}{dx} - 20y = (x+1)^2$ ■

Solution:

$$x = e^z$$
$$\log x = z \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} = \frac{dz}{dx}$$
$$\text{Let, } x\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dz}$$
$$\text{and,} x^2\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d^2y}{dz^2} - \frac{dy}{dz}$$

$$\text{Then we get,} \frac{d^2y}{dz^2} + \frac{dy}{dz} - 20y = (e^z+1)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{C.F.} &= c_1e^{4z} + c_2e^{-5z} \\
&= c_1x^4 + c_2x^{-5} \\
\text{P.I.} &= \frac{1}{D^2+D-20}(e^z+1)^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{D^2+D-20}\left(e^{2z}+2e^z+1\right) \\
&= -\frac{1}{14}e^{2z} - \frac{1}{9}e^z - \frac{1}{20} \\
\text{Total solution } y &= c_1x^4 + c_2x^{-5} - \frac{1}{14}x^2 - \frac{1}{9}x - \frac{1}{20}
\end{aligned}$$

Practice Set -1

1. Let $x_1(t)$ and $x_2(t)$ be two linearly independent solutions of the differential equation $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2}+2\frac{dx}{dt}+f(t)x=0$ and let $w(t)=x_1(t)\frac{dx_2(t)}{dt}-x_2(t)\frac{dx_1(t)}{dt}$. If $w(0)=1$, then $w(1)$ is given by

[NET/JRF(DEC-2011)]

A. 1 **B.** e^2 **C.** $1/e$ **D.** $1/e^2$

2. Let $y(x)$ be a continuous real function in the range 0 and 2π, satisfying the inhomogeneous differential equation: $\sin x\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}+\cos x\frac{dy}{dx}=\delta\left(x-\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ The value of $dyldx$ at the point $x=\pi/2$

[NET/JRF (JUNE-2012)]

A. Is continuous **B.** Has a discontinuity of 3

C. Has a discontinuity of $1/3$ **D.** Has a discontinuity of 1

3. The solution of the partial differential equation

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2}u(x,t)-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}u(x,t)=0$$

satisfying the boundary conditions $u(0,t)=0=u(L,t)$ and initial conditions $u(x,0)=\sin(\pi x/L)$ and $\left.\frac{\partial}{\partial t}u(x,t)\right|_{t=0}=\sin(2\pi x/L)$ is

[NET/JRF(JUNE-2013)]

A. $\sin(\pi x/L)\cos(\pi t/L)+\frac{L}{2\pi}\sin(2\pi x/L)\cos(2\pi t/L)$

B. $2\sin(\pi x/L)\cos(\pi t/L)-\sin(\pi x/L)\cos(2\pi t/L)$

C. $\sin(\pi x/L)\cos(2\pi t/L)+\frac{L}{\pi}\sin(2\pi x/L)\sin(\pi t/L)$

D. $\sin(\pi x/L)\cos(\pi t/L)+\frac{L}{2\pi}\sin(2\pi x/L)\sin(2\pi t/L)$

4. The solution of the differential equation

$$\frac{dx}{dt}=x^2$$

with the initial condition $x(0)=1$ will blow up as t tends to

[NET/JRF(JUNE-2013)]

A. 1 **B.** 2 **C.** $\frac{1}{2}$ **D.** ∞

5. Consider the differential equation

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

with the initial conditions $x(0)=0$ and $\dot{x}(0)=1$. The solution $x(t)$ attains its maximum value when t is

[NET/JRF(JUNE-2014)]

A. $1/2$ **B.** 1 **C.** 2 **D.** ∞

6. Consider the differential equation $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2}-3\frac{dx}{dt}+2x=0$. If $x=0$ at $t=0$ and $x=1$ at $t=1$, the value of x at $t=2$ is

[NET/JRF(JUNE-2015)]

A. e^2+1 **B.** e^2+e **C.** $e+2$ **D.** $2e$

7. If $y=\frac{1}{\tanh(x)}$, then x is

[NET/JRF(DEC-2015)]

A. $\ln\left(\frac{y+1}{y-1}\right)$ **B.** $\ln\left(\frac{y-1}{y+1}\right)$ **C.** $\ln\sqrt{\frac{y-1}{y+1}}$ **D.** $\ln\sqrt{\frac{y+1}{y-1}}$

8. The solution of the differential equation $\frac{dx}{dt} = 2\sqrt{1-x^2}$, with initial condition $x = 0$ at $t = 0$ is

[NET/JRF(DEC-2015)]

A. $x = \begin{cases} \sin 2t, & 0 \le t < \frac{\pi}{4} \\ \sinh 2t, & t \ge \frac{\pi}{4} \end{cases}$ **B.** $x = \begin{cases} \sin 2t, & 0 \le t < \frac{\pi}{2} \\ 1, & t \ge \frac{\pi}{2} \end{cases}$

C. $x = \begin{cases} \sin 2t, & 0 \le t < \frac{\pi}{4} \\ 1, & t \ge \frac{\pi}{4} \end{cases}$ **D.** $x = 1 - \cos 2t, \quad t \ge 0$

9. The function $y(x)$ satisfies the differential equation $x\frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = \frac{\cos \pi x}{x}$. If $y(1) = 1$, the value of $y(2)$ is

[NET/JRF(JUNE-2017)]

A. π **B.** 1 **C.** $1/2$ **D.** $1/4$

10. Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dt} + ay = e^{-bt}$ with the initial condition $y(0) = 0$. Then the Laplace transform $Y(s)$ of the solution $y(t)$ is

[NET/JRF(DEC-2017)]

A. $\frac{1}{(s+a)(s+b)}$ **B.** $\frac{1}{b(s+a)}$ **C.** $\frac{1}{a(s+b)}$ **D.** $\frac{e^{-a}-e^{-b}}{b-a}$

11. The number of linearly independent power series solutions, around $x = 0$, of the second order linear differential equation $x\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{dy}{dx} + xy = 0$, is

[NET/JRF(DEC-2017)]

A. 0 (this equation does not have a power series solution)

B. 1

C. 2

D. 3

12. The differential equation $\frac{dy(x)}{dx} = \alpha x^2$, with the initial condition $y(0) = 0$, is solved using Euler's method. If $y_E(x)$ is the exact solution and $y_N(x)$ the numerical solution obtained using n steps of equal length, then the relative error $\left|\frac{(y_N(x) - y_E(x))}{y_E(x)}\right|$ is proportional to

[NET/JRF(DEC-2017)]

A. $\frac{1}{n^2}$ **B.** $\frac{1}{n^3}$ **C.** $\frac{1}{n^4}$ **D.** $\frac{1}{n}$

13. Consider the following ordinary differential equation

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \frac{1}{x}\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 - \frac{dx}{dt} = 0$$

with the boundary conditions $x(t=0) = 0$ and $x(t=1) = 1$. The value of $x(t)$ at $t = 2$ is

[NET/JRF(JUNE-2018)]

A. $\sqrt{e-1}$ **B.** $\sqrt{e^2+1}$ **C.** $\sqrt{e+1}$ **D.** $\sqrt{e^2-1}$

14. In terms of arbitrary constants A and B, the general solution to the differential equation $x^2\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 5x\frac{dy}{dx} + 3y = 0$ is

[NET/JRF(DEC-2018)]

A. $y = \frac{A}{x} + Bx^3$ **B.** $y = Ax + \frac{B}{x^3}$ **C.** $y = Ax + Bx^3$ **D.** $y = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x^3}$

15. The solution of the differential equation $x\frac{dy}{dx}+(1+x)y=e^{-x}$ with the boundary condition $y(x=1)=0$, is **[NET/JRF(JUNE-2019)]**

A. $\frac{(x-1)}{x}e^{-x}$ **B.** $\frac{(x-1)}{x^2}e^{-x}$ **C.** $\frac{(1-x)}{x^2}e^{-x}$ **D.** $(x-1)^2e^{-x}$

16. The solution of the differential equation $\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2-\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}=e^y$, with the boundary conditions $y(0)=0$ and $y'(0)=-1$, is

[NET/JRF(JUNE-2020)]

A. $-\ln\left(\frac{x^2}{2}+x+1\right)$ **B.** $-x\ln(e+x)$ **C.** $-xe^{-x^2}$ **D.** $-x(x+1)e^{-x}$

Answer key

Q.No.	Answer	Q.No.	Answer
1	**D**	2	**D**
3	**D**	4	**A**
5	**B**	6	**B**
7	**D**	8	**C**
9	**D**	10	**A**
11	**B**	12	**D**
13	**C**	14	**D**
15	**A**	16	**A**

Practice Set -2

1. The solution of the differential equation for $y(t)$: $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - y = 2\cosh(t)$, subject to the initial conditions $y(0) = 0$ and $\left.\frac{dy}{dt}\right|_{t=0} = 0$, is

[GATE 2010]

A. $\frac{1}{2}\cosh(t) + t\sinh(t)$ **B.** $-\sinh(t) + t\cosh(t)$

C. $t\cosh(t)$ **D.** $t\sinh(t)$

2. The solutions to the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{y+1}$ are a family of

[GATE 2011]

A. Circles with different radii

B. Circles with different centres

C. Straight lines with different slopes

D. Straight lines with different intercepts on the y-axis

3. The solution of the differential equation $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - y = 0$, subject to the boundary conditions $y(0) = 1$ and $y(\infty) = 0$ is

[GATE 2014]

A. $\cos t + \sin t$ **B.** $\cosh t + \sinh t$ **C.** $\cos t - \sin t$ **D.** $\cosh t - \sinh t$

4. A function $y(z)$ satisfies the ordinary differential equation $y'' + \frac{1}{z}y' - \frac{m^2}{z^2}y = 0$, where $m = 0, 1, 2, 3, \ldots$. Consider the four statements P, Q, R, S as given below.
P : z^m and z^{-m} are linearly independent solutions for all values of m
Q: z^m and z^{-m} are linearly independent solutions for all values of $m > 0$
R : $\ln z$ and 1 are linearly independent solutions for $m = 0$
S: z^m and $\ln z$ are linearly independent solutions for all values of m
The correct option for the combination of valid statements is

[GATE 2015]

A. P, R and S only **B.** P and R only **C.** Q and R only **D.** R and S only

5. Consider the linear differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = xy$. If $y = 2$ at $x = 0$, then the value of y at $x = 2$ is given by **[GATE 2016]**

A. e^{-2} **B.** $2e^{-2}$ **C.** e^2 **D.** $2e^2$

6. Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} + y\tan(x) = \cos(x)$. If $y(0) = 0, y\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$ is .... (up to two decimal places)

[GATE 2017]

7. Given

$$\frac{d^2f(x)}{dx^2} - 2\frac{df(x)}{dx} + f(x) = 0$$

and boundary conditions $f(0) = 1$ and $f(1) = 0$, the value of $f(0.5)$ is ——(up to two decimal places). **[GATE 2018]**

8. For the differential equation $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - n(n+1)\frac{y}{x^2} = 0$, where n is a constant, the product of its two independent solutions is

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A. $\frac{1}{x}$ **B.** x **C.** x^n **D.** $\frac{1}{x^{n+1}}$

Practice Set -3

1. The order and degree of the differential equation $y+\frac{dy}{dx}=\frac{1}{4}\int y\cdot dx$ are

a. order $=2$ and degree $=1$

b. order $=1$ and degree $=2$

c. order $=1$ and degree $=1$

d. order $=2$ and degree $=2$

Solution: We have

$$y+\frac{dy}{dx}=\frac{1}{4}\int y\cdot dx$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx}+\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}=\frac{1}{4}y \quad \text{[on differentiating w.r.t. } x\text{]}$$

Differential equation is of order 2 and degree 1.

Correct answer is **option(a)**

2. The following differential equation has

$$3\left(\frac{d^2y}{dt^2}\right)+4\left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^3+y^2+2=x$$

a. Degree $=2$, order $=1$

b. Degree $=1$, order $=2$

c. Degree $=4$, order $=3$

d. Degree $=2$, order $=3$

Solution: The highest derivative term of the equation is 2, hence order $=2$. The power of highest derivative term is 1 , hence degree $=1$

Correct answer is **option (b)**.

3. If $y(x)$ is the solution of the differential equation $-x\frac{dy}{dx}+y=y^2\log x$ with $y(1)=-1$ then

a. $y(x)$ is defined and finite in the range $-\infty<x<0$

b. $y(x)$ is defined and finite in the range $0<x<3$

c. $y(x)$ is defined and finite in the range $x\geq 3$

d. $y(x)$ blows up at $x=e$

Solution:

$$-x\frac{dy}{dx}+y=y^2\log x$$
$$\Rightarrow -\frac{dy}{dx}+\frac{y}{x}=y^2\frac{\log x}{x}$$
$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{y^2}\frac{dy}{dx}+\frac{1}{x}\times\frac{1}{y}=\frac{\log}{x}$$
$$\text{Let } \frac{1}{y}=z\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{y^2}\frac{dy}{dx}=\frac{dz}{dx}$$
$$\text{Therefore, } \frac{dz}{dx}+\frac{z}{x}=\frac{\log x}{x}\Rightarrow \frac{dz}{dx}+\frac{1}{x}z=\frac{\log x}{x}$$
$$\text{Here, I.F. }=e^{\int\frac{1}{x}dx}=e^{\log x}=x$$

Therefore, required solution will be

$$zx = \int \frac{\log x}{x} \times x dx + c \Rightarrow \frac{x}{y} = \int \log x + c \Rightarrow \frac{x}{y} = (x \log x - x) + c$$

Now, $y(1) = -1$, put $x = 1, y = -1 \quad \Rightarrow -1 = 0 - 1 + c \Rightarrow c = 0$

$$\text{Therefore, } \frac{x}{y} = x \log x - x \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{\log x - 1}$$

Therefore, for y to be defined $\log x$ must be defined i.e., $x > 0$

The solution will not be defined when $(\log x - 1) = 0 \Rightarrow \log x = 1 \Rightarrow x = e \simeq 2.73$

So in the range $0 < x < 3$ [option (b)], there will be a point $x = 2.73$ at which y is not defined.

Then Correct answers are **option (c)** and **option (d)**.

4. The initial velocity of an object is 40 m/s. The acceleration a of the object is given by the following expression:

$$a = -0.1v$$

where v is the instantaneous velocity of the object. The velocity of the object after 3 s will be

Solution: We are given the following expression:

$$ca = -0.1v$$
$$\frac{dv}{dt} = -0.1v$$
$$\frac{dv}{v} = -0.1dt$$

On integration we get,

$$\ln v = -0.1t + \ln k$$
$$v = ke^{-0.1t}$$
$$\text{at } t = 0; v = 40 \Rightarrow k = 40$$
$$v = 40e^{-0.1t}$$
$$\text{At } t = 3 \text{ s}, V = 40e^{-0.1\times 3} = 29.6327 \text{ m/s}$$

5. Solve $ydx - xdy + \left(1 + x^2\right) dx + x^2 \sin y dy = 0$

Solution:

Dividing each term of the given equation by x^2, we get

$$\frac{ydx - xdy}{x^2} + \frac{1 + x^2}{x^2} dx + \sin y dy = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow -\frac{xdy - ydx}{x^2} + \left(\frac{1}{x^2} + 1\right) dx + \sin y dy = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow -d\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + \left(1 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) dx + \sin y dy = 0$$

Integrating,

$$-\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)+x-\frac{1}{x}=\cos y+c$$
$$\Rightarrow -y+x^2-1-x\cos y=cx$$

6. One of the possible solutions of the differential equation $y\sqrt{(1+x^2)}dy+x\sqrt{(1+y^2)}dx=0$ (where c is some constant) is

a. $\left(\sqrt{1+y^2}\right)\left(\sqrt{1+x^2}\right)=c$

b. $\frac{\sqrt{1+y^2}}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}=c$

c. $\sqrt{1+y^2}+\sqrt{1+x^2}=c$

d. $\sqrt{1+y^2}-\sqrt{1+x^2}=c$

Solution:

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

Let, $1+y^2=t$ and $1+x^2=z$

$$\int\frac{1}{2}t^{-1/2}dt+\int\frac{1}{2}z^{-1/2}dz=c$$
$$\sqrt{t}+\sqrt{z}=c$$
$$\sqrt{1+y^2}+\sqrt{1+x^2}=c$$

Correct answer is **option (c)**.

7. The solution of the differential equation $(e^y+2)\sin x dx-e^y\cos x dy=0$ (where c is some constant) is

a. $(e^y+2)\sin x=c$

b. $(e^y+2)\cos x=c$

c. $(e^y+2)\operatorname{cosec} x=c$

d. $(e^y+2)\sec x=c$

Solution:

$$M=(e^y+2)\sin x \quad N=-e^y\cos x$$
$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y}=e^y\sin x \quad \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}=e^y\sin x$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial M}{\partial y}=\frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$$
$$\int(e^y+2)\sin x dx+0=c$$
$$(e^y+2)\cos x=-c=c$$
$$(e^y+2)\cos x=c$$

Correct answer is **option (b)**.

8. Solve $x(y-x)\frac{dy}{dx}=y(y+x)$

Solution:

$$\text{Let, } \mathrm{y=vx}; \quad \frac{dy}{dx}=\mathrm{v}+\mathrm{x}\frac{dv}{dx}$$

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

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

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

$$\int \frac{1}{2}dv - \int \frac{1}{2v}dv = \int \frac{1}{x}dx$$

$$\int \frac{1}{2}dv - \frac{1}{2}\int \frac{1}{v}dv = \int \frac{1}{x}dx$$

$$\frac{1}{2}v - \frac{1}{2}\log v = \log x + C$$

$$v - \log v = 2\log x + C$$

$$v = \frac{y}{x}$$

$$\text{Then, } \frac{y}{x} - \log \frac{y}{x}x^2 = C$$

$$\frac{y}{x} - \log xy = C$$

9. Determine the order and degree of

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

a. Order =1 and Degree = 2

b. Order =2 and Degree = 2

c. Order =2 and Degree = 1

d. Order =2 and Degree = 3

Solution: The given differential equation when written as a polynomial in derivatives becomes

$$K^2\left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)^2 = \left[1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2\right]^3$$

The highest order differential coefficient in this equation is $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ and its power is 2 .
The order is 2 and degree is 2 .

The correct answer is option **b** .

10. Consider a linear ordinary differential equation: $\frac{dy}{dx} + p(x)y = r(x)$. Functions $p(x)$ and $r(x)$ are defined and have a continuous first derivative. The integrating factor of this equation is non-zero. Multiplying this equation by its integrating factor converts this into a:

a. Homogeneous differential equation

b. Non-linear differential equation

c. Second-order differential equation

d. Exact differential equation

Solution: Linear differential equation

$$y' + p(x)y = r(x)$$

Multiplying above equation by integrating factor $e^{\int p(x)dx}$ makes the equation exact.

The correct answer is option **d** .

11. The particular integral of the differential equation $\left(D^2+D+1\right) y=\cos 2x$ is $\frac{1}{\alpha}(2\sin 2x-3\cos 2x)$. Then the value of α is.....

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
P.I. &= \frac{1}{D^2+D+1}\cdot\cos 2x \\
&= \frac{1}{-2^2+D+1}\cdot\cos 2x \\
&= \frac{1}{D-3}\cdot\cos 2x \\
\Rightarrow P.I. &= \frac{D+3}{D^2-9}\cdot\cos 2x \\
&= \frac{D+3}{-2^2-9}\cdot\cos 2x \\
&= \frac{1}{13}(2\sin 2x-3\cos 2x)
\end{aligned}$$

So the correct answer is 13

12. The particular integral of the differential equation $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}+2\frac{dy}{dx}+2y=\sin x$ is $\frac{1}{5}(\sin x-\alpha\cos x)$. Then the value of α is........

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
P\cdot I. &= \frac{1}{D^2+2D+2}\sin x \\
&= \frac{1}{-1+2D+2}\sin x \\
&= \frac{2D-1}{4D^2-1}\sin x \\
&= -\frac{1}{5}(2D-1)\sin x \\
\Rightarrow P\cdot I. &= -\frac{1}{5}(2\cos x-\sin x) \\
&= \frac{1}{5}(\sin x-2\cos x)
\end{aligned}$$

So the correct answer is 2

13. The particular integral of the differential equation $\left(D^2+5D+4\right) y=3-2x$ is $\frac{1}{8}[\alpha-4x]$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
P.I. &= \left[D^2+5D+4\right]^{-1}(3-2x) \\
&= \frac{1}{4}\left[1+\frac{5}{4}D+\frac{5}{4}D^2\right]^{-1}(3-2x) \\
\Rightarrow P.I. &= \frac{1}{4}\left[1-\frac{5}{4}D-\frac{5}{4}D^2\right](3-2x) \\
&= \frac{1}{4}\left[3-2x-\frac{5}{4}\times -2\right] \\
&= \frac{1}{8}[11-4x]
\end{aligned}$$

So the correct answer is 11

14. Find the Wronskian $W(t)$ of the given differential equation without solving the equation. $\left(1-x^2\right)y''-2xy'+\alpha(\alpha+1)y=0$.

Solution:

Writing the equation in standard form, we find that,

$$
\begin{aligned}
p(x) &= -2x/\left(1-x^2\right) \\
\text{The Wronskian is } W(t) &= c\cdot\exp\left(-\int\frac{-2x}{1-x^2}dx\right) \\
&= c\cdot\exp\left(-\ln\left|1-x^2\right|\right) \\
&= c\left|1-x^2\right|^{-1}
\end{aligned}
$$

where c is some constant.

15. Find whether the functions $1, x, \sin x$ are linearly independent.

Solution: We write and evaluate the Wronskian,

$$
W = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & \sin x \\ 0 & 1 & \cos x \\ 0 & 0 & -\sin x \end{vmatrix} = -\sin x
$$

Since $-\sin x$ is not identically equal to zero, the functions are linearly independent.