

Chapter 1 Section 1 Basic Terminology and Definitions - Solutions
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State whether the given differential equation is linear or nonlinear. Give the order of the equation.

1. $(1 - x)y'' - 4xy' + 5y = \cos x$

Solution:

Condition 1: All derivatives are raised to a power of one (including the zeroth derivative)

Condition 2: Every coefficient is a function of x only

Condition 3: All the right hand terms are purely a function of x

Thus the equation is **linear**, and since the highest derivative is 2nd order, the order of the DE is 2.

2. $x \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} - 2 \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^4 + y = 0$

Solution:

Condition 1: **The first derivative is raised to a power of $4 \neq 1$**

Thus the equation is **nonlinear**, and since the highest derivative is 3rd order, the order of the DE is 3.

3. $yy' + 2y = 1 + x^2$

Solution:

Condition 1: All derivatives are raised to a power of one (including the zeroth derivative)

Condition 2: **Coefficient of y' is a function of y**

Condition 3: All the right hand terms are purely a function of x

Thus the equation is **nonlinear**, and since the highest derivative is 1st order, the order of the DE is 1.

4. $x^2 dy + (y - xy - xe^x) dx = 0$

Solution:

$$x^2 dy + (y - xy - xe^x) dx = 0$$

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

Condition 1: All derivatives are raised to a power of one (including the zeroth derivative)

Condition 2: Every coefficient is a function of x only

Condition 3: All the right hand terms are purely a function of x

Thus the equation is **linear**, and since the highest derivative is 1st order, the order of the DE is 1.

5. $x^3 y^{(4)} - x^2 y'' + 4xy' - 3y = 0$

Solution:

Condition 1: All derivatives are raised to a power of one (including the zeroth derivative)

Condition 2: Every coefficient is a function of x only

Condition 3: All the right hand terms are purely a function of x

Thus the equation is **linear**, and since the highest derivative is 4th order, the order of the DE is 4.

6. $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 9y = \sin y$

Solution:

Condition 1: All derivatives are raised to a power of one (including the zeroth derivative)

Condition 2: Every coefficient is a function of x only

Condition 3: **The right hand terms are NOT purely a function of x , and when 'moved' to the other side, we have a $\sin y$ on the left, rendering the DE nonlinear**

Thus the equation is **nonlinear**, and since the highest derivative is 2nd order, the order of the DE is 2.

7. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)^2}$

Solution:

Condition 1: **The second derivative is raised to a power of $2 \neq 1$** (Note: $\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \neq a + b$)

Thus the equation is **nonlinear**, and since the highest derivative is 2nd order, the order of the DE is 2.

8. $\frac{d^2r}{dt^2} = -\frac{k}{r^2} = -kr^{-2}$

Solution:

Condition 1: **The zeroth derivative is raised to a power of $-2 \neq 1$** Thus the equation is **non-linear**, and since the highest derivative is 2nd order, the order of the DE is 2.

9. $(\sin x)y''' - (\cos x)y' = 2$

Solution:

Condition 1: All derivatives are raised to a power of one (including the zeroth derivative)

Condition 2: Every coefficient is a function of x only

Condition 3: All the right hand terms are purely a function of x

Thus the equation is **linear**, and since the highest derivative is 3rd order, the order of the DE is 3.

10. $(1 - y^2) dx + x dy = 0$

Solution:

$$(1 - y^2) dx + x dy = 0 \Rightarrow x \frac{dy}{dx} - y^2 = -1 \text{ (nonlinear in } y\text{)}.$$

$$\text{However, } (1 - y^2) dx + x dy = 0 \Rightarrow (1 - y^2) \frac{dx}{dy} + x = 0$$

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Thus the equation is **linear in x** , and since the highest derivative is 1st order, the order of the DE is 1.

In the following problems verify that the indicated function is a solution of the given differential equation. Where appropriate, c_1 and c_2 denote constants.

11. $2y' + y = 0$; $y = e^{-x/2}$

Solution: $y = e^{-x/2} \Rightarrow y' = \frac{-1}{2} e^{-x/2}$

Plugging into the DE we get,

$$LHS = 2y' + y = 2 \left[\frac{-1}{2} e^{-x/2} \right] + e^{-x/2} = 0 = RHS$$

12. $y' + 4y = 32; \quad y = 8$

Solution: $y = 8 \Rightarrow y' = 0$

Plugging into the DE we get,

$$LHS = y' + 4y = 0 + 4(8) = 32 = RHS$$

13. $y' - 2y = e^{3x}; \quad y = e^{3x} + 10e^{2x}$

Solution: $y = e^{3x} + 10e^{2x} \Rightarrow y' = 3e^{3x} + 20e^{2x}$

Plugging into the DE we get,

$$LHS = y' - 2y = [3e^{3x} + 20e^{2x}] - 2[e^{3x} + 10e^{2x}] = 3e^{3x} + 20e^{2x} - 2e^{3x} - 20e^{2x} = e^{3x} = RHS$$

14. $y' + 20y = 24; \quad y = \frac{6}{5} - \frac{6}{5}e^{-20x}$

Solution: $y = \frac{6}{5} - \frac{6}{5}e^{-20x} \Rightarrow y' = -\frac{6}{5} \cdot (-20e^{-20x}) = 24e^{-20x}$

Plugging into the DE we get,

$$LHS = y' + 20y = [24e^{-20x}] + 20\left[\frac{6}{5} - \frac{6}{5}e^{-20x}\right] = 24e^{-20x} + 24 - 24e^{-20x} = 24 = RHS$$

15. $y' = 25 + y^2; \quad y = 5 \tan(5x)$

Solution: $y = 5 \tan(5x) \Rightarrow y' = 25 \sec^2(5x)$

Plugging into the DE we get,

$$\begin{aligned} RHS &= 25 + y^2 = 25 + [5 \tan(5x)]^2 = 25 + 25 \tan^2(5x) = 25 [1 + \tan^2(5x)] \\ &= 25 \sec^2(5x) = y' = LHS \end{aligned}$$

16. $y' = \sqrt{\frac{y}{x}}; \quad y = (\sqrt{x} + c_1)^2, \quad x > 0, \quad c_1 > 0$

Solution: $y = (\sqrt{x} + c_1)^2 \Rightarrow y' = 2(\sqrt{x} + c_1) \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} = \frac{\sqrt{x} + c_1}{\sqrt{x}}$

Plugging into the DE we get,

$$RHS = \sqrt{\frac{y}{x}} = \sqrt{\frac{(\sqrt{x} + c_1)^2}{x}} = \left| \frac{\sqrt{x} + c_1}{\sqrt{x}} \right| = \frac{\sqrt{x} + c_1}{\sqrt{x}}, \quad (\text{since } x > 0, c_1 > 0) = y' = LHS$$

17. $y' + y = \sin x; \quad y = \frac{1}{2} \sin x - \frac{1}{2} \cos x + 10e^{-x}$

Solution: $y = \frac{1}{2} \sin x - \frac{1}{2} \cos x + 10e^{-x} \Rightarrow y' = \frac{1}{2} \cos x + \frac{1}{2} \sin x - 10e^{-x}$

Plugging into the DE we get,

$$LHS = y' + y = \left[\frac{1}{2} \cos x + \frac{1}{2} \sin x - 10e^{-x} \right] + \left[\frac{1}{2} \sin x - \frac{1}{2} \cos x + 10e^{-x} \right] = \sin x = RHS$$

18. $2xy \, dx + (x^2 + 2y) \, dy = 0; \quad x^2y + y^2 = c_1$

Solution: $x^2y + y^2 = c_1 \Rightarrow x^2 y' + y(2x) + 2yy' = 0$

or we could say in terms of differentials

$$\Rightarrow x^2 \, dy + y(2x) \, dx + 2y \, dy = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2xy \, dx + (x^2 + 2y) \, dy = 0$$

Since this is the same as the DE, we can conclude that the given implicit function is, indeed, a solution of the DE.

19. $x^2 \, dy + 2xy \, dx = 0; \quad y = -\frac{1}{x^2}$

Solution: $y = -\frac{1}{x^2} \Rightarrow x^2y + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 y' + y(2x) + 0 = 0$

or we could say in terms of differentials

$$\Rightarrow x^2 \, dy + y(2x) \, dx + 0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 \, dy + 2xy \, dx = 0$$

Since this is the same as the DE, we can conclude that the given implicit function is, indeed, a solution of the DE.

20. $(y')^3 + xy' = y; \quad y = x + 1$

Solution: $y = x + 1 \Rightarrow y' = 1$

Plugging into the DE we get,

$$LHS = (y')^3 + xy' = [(1)^3 + x(1)] = 1 + x = y = RHS$$

21. $y = 2xy' + y(y')^2; \quad y^2 = c_1 \left(x + \frac{1}{4}c_1 \right)$

Solution: $y^2 = c_1 \left(x + \frac{1}{4}c_1 \right) \Rightarrow 2yy' = c_1 \Rightarrow y' = \frac{c_1}{2y}$

Plugging into the DE we get,

$$RHS = 2xy' + y(y')^2 = 2x \cdot \frac{c_1}{2y} + y \left(\frac{c_1}{2y} \right)^2 = x \frac{c_1}{y} + \frac{c_1^2}{4y} = \frac{1}{y} \cdot c_1 \left(x + \frac{1}{4}c_1 \right) = \frac{1}{y} \cdot y^2 = y = LHS$$

22. $y' = 2\sqrt{|y|}; \quad y = x |x|$

Solution: $y = x |x| = x \begin{cases} x; & x \geq 0 \\ -x; & x < 0 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} x^2; & x \geq 0 \\ -x^2; & x < 0 \end{cases}$

$$\Rightarrow y' = \begin{cases} 2x; & x \geq 0 \\ -2x; & x < 0 \end{cases} = 2 \begin{cases} x; & x \geq 0 \\ -x; & x < 0 \end{cases} = 2 |x|$$

Observe that $|y| = |x| |x| = \begin{cases} |x^2|; & x \geq 0 \\ | -x^2|; & x < 0 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} x^2; & x \geq 0 \\ x^2; & x < 0 \end{cases}$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{|y|} = \begin{cases} \sqrt{x^2}; & x \geq 0 \\ \sqrt{x^2}; & x < 0 \end{cases} = \sqrt{x^2} = |x|$$

Plugging into the DE we get,

$$LHS = y' = 2|x|; \quad RHS = 2\sqrt{|y|} = 2|x|$$

23. $y' - \frac{1}{x}y = 1; \quad y = x \ln x, \quad x > 0$

Solution: $y = x \ln x \Rightarrow y' = x \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \ln x (1) = 1 + \ln x$

$$LHS = y' - \frac{1}{x}y = 1 + \ln x - \frac{1}{x} \cdot x \ln x = 1 + \ln x - \ln x = 1 = RHS$$

24. $\frac{dP}{dt} = P(a - bP); \quad P = \frac{ac_1 e^{at}}{1 + bc_1 e^{at}}$

Solution: $P = \frac{ac_1 e^{at}}{1 + bc_1 e^{at}}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{(1 + bc_1 e^{at}) a^2 c_1 e^{at} - ac_1 e^{at} \cdot bc_1 \cdot a e^{at}}{(1 + bc_1 e^{at})^2} = \frac{a^2 c_1 e^{at} + a^2 bc_1^2 e^{2at} - a^2 bc_1^2 e^{2at}}{(1 + bc_1 e^{at})^2} = \frac{a^2 c_1 e^{at}}{(1 + bc_1 e^{at})^2}$$

$$P(a - bP) = \frac{ac_1 e^{at}}{1 + bc_1 e^{at}} \left(a - b \cdot \frac{ac_1 e^{at}}{1 + bc_1 e^{at}} \right) = \frac{ac_1 e^{at}}{1 + bc_1 e^{at}} \left(\frac{a + abc_1 e^{at} - abc_1 e^{at}}{1 + bc_1 e^{at}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{ac_1 e^{at}}{1 + bc_1 e^{at}} \left(\frac{a}{1 + bc_1 e^{at}} \right) = \frac{a^2 c_1 e^{at}}{(1 + bc_1 e^{at})^2} \Rightarrow LHS = RHS$$

25. $\frac{dX}{dt} = (2 - X)(1 - X); \quad \ln \frac{2 - X}{1 - X} = t$

Solution: $\ln \frac{2 - X}{1 - X} = t \Rightarrow \ln(2 - X) - \ln(1 - X) = t$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2 - X} \frac{dX}{dt} \cdot (-1) - \frac{1}{1 - X} \frac{dX}{dt} \cdot (-1) = 1 \Rightarrow \left[\frac{1}{1 - X} - \frac{1}{2 - X} \right] \frac{dX}{dt} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\frac{2 - X - 1 + X}{(1 - X)(2 - X)} \right] \frac{dX}{dt} = 1 \Rightarrow \left[\frac{1}{(1 - X)(2 - X)} \right] \frac{dX}{dt} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{dX}{dt} = (1 - X)(2 - X)$$

26. $y' + 2xy = 1; \quad y = e^{-x^2} \int_0^x e^{t^2} dt + c_1 e^{-x^2}$

Solution: Recall the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_{g(x)}^{h(x)} f(t) dt = f(h(x)) h'(x) - f(g(x)) g'(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} \int_0^x e^{t^2} dt = e^{x^2}(1) - e^0 \cdot 0 = e^{x^2}$$

$$\text{Thus, } y = e^{-x^2} \int_0^x e^{t^2} dt + c_1 e^{-x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = e^{-x^2} (e^{x^2}) + \left[\int_0^x e^{t^2} dt \right] \cdot e^{-x^2}(-2x) + c_1 e^{-x^2}(-2x)$$

$$= 1 - 2x \left[e^{-x^2} \int_0^x e^{t^2} dt + c_1 e^{-x^2} \right] = 1 - 2xy \quad \Rightarrow y' + 2xy = 1$$

$$(x^2 + y^2)dx + (x^2 - xy)dy = 0; \quad c_1(x + y)^2 = x e^{y/x}$$

First consider the derivative

$$\frac{d}{dx} (e^{y/x}) = x (e^{y/x}) \left[\frac{xy' - y}{x^2} \right] + (e^{y/x})$$

Now differentiate both sides of the solution with respect to x .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} [c_1(x + y)^2] &= \frac{d}{dx} (x e^{y/x}) \\ \Rightarrow 2c_1(x + y)(1 + y') &= x (e^{y/x}) \left[\frac{xy' - y}{x^2} \right] + (e^{y/x}) \\ &= (e^{y/x}) \left[\frac{xy' - y}{x} \right] + (e^{y/x}) \\ &= (e^{y/x}) \left[y' - \frac{y}{x} \right] + (e^{y/x}) \\ &= (e^{y/x}) y' + (e^{y/x}) \left[1 - \frac{y}{x} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Separate the terms that do have a y' from those that do not have a y' . This gives

$$y' [e^{y/x} - 2c_1(x + y)] = 2c_1(x + y) - e^{y/x} \left(1 - \frac{y}{x} \right)$$

From the solution, note that

$$e^{y/x} = \frac{c_1(x + y)^2}{x}$$

Substitute this in the above equation to get

$$y' \left[\frac{c_1(x + y)^2}{x} - 2c_1(x + y) \right] = 2c_1(x + y) - \frac{c_1(x + y)^2}{x} \left(1 - \frac{y}{x} \right)$$

Divide both sides by $c_1(x + y)$ to get

$$\begin{aligned} y' \left[\frac{(x + y)}{x} - 2 \right] &= 2 - \frac{(x + y)}{x} \left(1 - \frac{y}{x} \right) \\ \Rightarrow y' \left[\frac{x + y - 2x}{x} \right] &= 2 - \left(1 + \frac{y}{x} \right) \left(1 - \frac{y}{x} \right) \\ \Rightarrow y' \left[\frac{y - x}{x} \right] &= 2 - \left[1 - \frac{y^2}{x^2} \right] = 1 + \frac{y^2}{x^2} = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{x^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$y' = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{x(y - x)}$$

The differential equation when written in terms of derivatives instead of differentials gives the same as above.

$$(x^2 + y^2)dx + (x^2 - xy)dy = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{x(y - x)}$$

28. $y'' + y' - 12y = 0; \quad y = c_1 e^{3x} + c_2 e^{-4x}$

Solution: $y = c_1 e^{3x} + c_2 e^{-4x} \Rightarrow y' = 3c_1 e^{3x} - 4c_2 e^{-4x} \Rightarrow y'' = 9c_1 e^{3x} + 16c_2 e^{-4x}$

$$LHS = y'' + y' - 12y$$

$$= [9c_1e^{3x} + 16c_2e^{-4x}] + [3c_1e^{3x} - 4c_2e^{-4x}] - 12[c_1e^{3x} + c_2e^{-4x}] = 0 = RHS$$

$$29. y'' - 6y' + 13y = 0; \quad y = e^{3x} \cos 2x$$

$$\textbf{Solution: } y = e^{3x} \cos 2x \Rightarrow y' = e^{3x} [-2 \sin 2x] + \cos 2x [3e^{3x}] = -2e^{3x} \sin 2x + 3e^{3x} \cos 2x$$

$$\Rightarrow y'' = -2[e^{3x}(2 \cos 2x) + 3e^{3x} \sin 2x] + 3[e^{3x}(-2 \sin 2x) + 3e^{3x} \cos 2x] = 5e^{3x} \cos 2x - 12e^{3x} \sin 2x$$

$$LHS = y'' - 6y' + 13y$$

$$= [5e^{3x} \cos 2x - 12e^{3x} \sin 2x] - 6[-2e^{3x} \sin 2x + 3e^{3x} \cos 2x] + 13[e^{3x} \cos 2x] = 0 = RHS$$

$$30. y'' - 4y' + 4y = 0; \quad y = e^{2x}(1 + x)$$

$$\textbf{Solution: } y = e^{2x}(1 + x) \Rightarrow y' = e^{2x} + 2e^{2x}(1 + x) = e^{2x}(3 + 2x)$$

$$\Rightarrow y'' = e^{2x}(2) + (3 + 2x)(2e^{2x}) = e^{2x}(8 + 4x)$$

$$LHS = y'' - 4y' + 13y$$

$$= [e^{2x}(8 + 4x)] - 4[e^{2x}(3 + 2x)] + 4[e^{2x}(1 + x)] = 0 = RHS$$

$$32. y'' + 25y = 0; \quad y = c_1 \cos 5x$$

$$\textbf{Solution: } y = c_1 \cos 5x \Rightarrow y' = -5c_1 \sin 5x \Rightarrow y'' = -25c_1 \cos 5x$$

$$LHS = y'' + 25y = [-25c_1 \cos 5x] + 25[c_1 \cos 5x] = 0 = RHS$$

$$33. y'' + (y')^2 = 0; \quad y = \ln|x + c_1| + c_2$$

$$\textbf{Solution: } y = \ln|x + c_1| + c_2 \Rightarrow y' = \frac{1}{x + c_1} \Rightarrow y'' = \frac{-1}{(x + c_1)^2}$$

$$LHS = y'' + (y')^2 = \left[\frac{-1}{(x + c_1)^2} \right] + \left[\frac{1}{x + c_1} \right]^2 = 0 = RHS$$

$$34. y'' + y = \tan x; \quad y = -\cos x \ln(\sec x + \tan x)$$

$$\textbf{Solution: } \text{Recall that } \int \sec x \, dx = \ln(\sec x + \tan x) \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} \ln(\sec x + \tan x) = \sec x$$

$$y = -\cos x \ln(\sec x + \tan x)$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = -\cos x \cdot \sec x + \ln(\sec x + \tan x) (\sin x) = -1 + \sin x \ln(\sec x + \tan x)$$

$$\Rightarrow y'' = \sin x \sec x + \ln(\sec x + \tan x)(\cos x) = \tan x + \cos x \ln(\sec x + \tan x)$$

$$LHS = y'' + y = [\tan x + \cos x \ln(\sec x + \tan x)] + [-\cos x \ln(\sec x + \tan x)]^2 = \tan x = RHS$$

$$35. \quad xy'' + 2y' = 0; \quad y = c_1 + c_2x^{-1}$$

$$\textbf{Solution:} \quad y = c_1 + c_2x^{-1} \Rightarrow y' = -c_2x^{-2} \Rightarrow y'' = 2c_2x^{-3}$$

$$LHS = xy'' + 2y' = x [2c_2x^{-3}] + 2 [-c_2x^{-2}] = 0 = RHS$$

$$36. \quad x^2y'' - xy' + 2y = 0; \quad y = x \cos(\ln x), x > 0$$

$$\textbf{Solution:} \quad y = x \cos(\ln x) \Rightarrow y' = x [-\sin(\ln x)] \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \cos(\ln x) = -\sin(\ln x) + \cos(\ln x)$$

$$\Rightarrow y'' = -\cos(\ln x) \cdot \frac{1}{x} - \sin(\ln x) \cdot \frac{1}{x}$$

$$LHS = x^2y'' - xy' + 2y$$

$$= x^2 \left[-\cos(\ln x) \cdot \frac{1}{x} - \sin(\ln x) \cdot \frac{1}{x} \right] - x [-\sin(\ln x) + \cos(\ln x)] + 2 [x \cos(\ln x)]$$

$$= -x \cos(\ln x) - x \sin(\ln x) + x \sin(\ln x) - x \cos(\ln x) + 2x \cos(\ln x) = 0 = RHS$$

$$37. \quad x^2y'' - 3xy' + 4y = 0; \quad y = x^2 + x^2 \ln x, x > 0$$

$$\textbf{Solution:} \quad y = x^2 + x^2 \ln x \Rightarrow y' = 2x + x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \ln x (2x) = 3x + 2x \ln x$$

$$\Rightarrow y'' = 3 + 2 \left[x \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \ln x \right] = 5 + 2 \ln x$$

$$LHS = x^2y'' - 3xy' + 4y = x^2 [5 + 2 \ln x] - 3x [3x + 2x \ln x] + 4 [x^2 + x^2 \ln x]$$

$$= 5x^2 + 2x^2 \ln x - 9x^2 - 6x^2 \ln x + 4x^2 + 4x^2 \ln x = 0 = RHS$$
