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DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS (MA 121)

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Problem Set 1

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■ **Notations :** ODE \equiv Ordinary Differential Equation, $y' \equiv \frac{dy}{dx}$, $y'' \equiv \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$, $y^{(i)} \equiv \frac{d^i y}{dx^i}$ for $i = 3, 4, 5, \dots$

■ Introduction of ODE, Solutions of First order and First degree ODE

1. Determine the order and degree of the following ODEs.

(a) $y' + 2x = 0$,

(b) $y'' + 7x = 0$,

(c) $(y'')^2 + 7x = 0$,

(d) $\sqrt{y + (y')^2} = 1 + x$,

(e) $y^{(4)} + 2k^2 y'' + k^4 y = 0$.

2. Show that every function f defined by

$$f(x) = (x^3 + c) e^{-3x},$$

where c is an arbitrary constant, is a solution of the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + 3y = 3x^2 e^{-3x}.$$

3. Show that $x^3 + 3xy^2 = 1$ is an implicit solution of the differential equation $2xy \frac{dy}{dx} + x^2 + y^2 = 0$ on the interval $0 < x < 1$.

4. Show that the differential equation $|\frac{dy}{dx}| + |y| + 1 = 0$ has no solution.

5. Obtain the differential equation of the family of conics

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2 + \lambda} + \frac{y^2}{b^2 + \lambda} = 1,$$

in which λ is the arbitrary parameter and a, b are given constants.

6. Show that all circles of radius r are represented by the ODE

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

7. Find the differential equation of all circles, which pass through the origin and whose centres are on the x -axis.
8. Show that the substitution $z = \sin x$ transforms the equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \tan x \frac{dy}{dx} + y \cos^2 x = 0$$

into

$$\frac{d^2y}{dz^2} + y = 0.$$

9. Consider the differential equation of the form

$$[y + x f(x^2 + y^2)] dx + [y f(x^2 + y^2) - x] dy = 0.$$

- (a) Show that an equation of this form is not exact.
- (b) Show that $\frac{1}{x^2+y^2}$ is an integrating factor of an equation of this form.
10. (a) Prove that if f and g are two different solutions of

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x) y = Q(x), \tag{1}$$

then $f - g$ is a solution of the equation $\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x) y = 0$.

- (b) Thus show that if f and g are two different solutions of equation (1) and c is an arbitrary constant, then

$$c(f - g) + f$$

is a one-parameter solutions of (1).

11. Solve the following ODEs.

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

(b) $\frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy = x^2 + y^2$

(c) $y^2 + x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} = xy \frac{dy}{dx}$

(d) $x^3 \frac{dy}{dx} = y^3 + y^2 \sqrt{y^2 - x^2}$

(e) $(5x + 4y - 4) dx + (4x + 5y - 5) dy = 0$

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

(g) $(a^2 - 2xy - y^2) dx - (x + y)^2 dy = 0$, where a is fixed constant.

(h) $x dy + (xy + y - 1) dy = 0$

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

(j) $(\cos^2 x - y \cos x) \, dx - (1 + \sin x) \, dy = 0$

(k) $dy + (4y - 8y^3) \, x \, dx = 0$

(l) $dy + (x \sin 2y - x^3 \cos^2 y) \, dx = 0$

(m) $\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{y}{x} \ln y = \frac{y}{x^2} (\ln y)^2.$

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