

# MA345 Differential Equations & Matrix Method

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## MODULE I - 1ST ORDER ODE

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### **Definition 1.1.1    Differential Equation**

An 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)**.

In order to talk about them, we will classify a differential equation by **type, order, and linearity**.

□ **Classification by Type**    If a differential equation contains only ordinary derivatives of one or more functions with respect to a *single* independent variable it is said to be an **ordinary differential equation (ODE)**. An equation involving only partial derivatives of one or more functions of two or more independent variables is called a **partial differential equation (PDE)**.

An example of a nonhomogeneous linear ODE is

$$y'' + 25y = e^{-x} \cos x,$$

and a homogeneous linear ODE is

$$xy'' + y' + xy = 0, \quad \text{written in standard form} \quad y'' + \frac{1}{x}y' + y = 0.$$

Finally, an example of a nonlinear ODE is

$$y''y + y'^2 = 0.$$

The functions  $p$  and  $q$  in (1) and (2) are called the **coefficients** of the ODEs.

**Solutions** are defined similarly as for first-order ODEs in Chap. 1. A function

$$y = h(x)$$

is called a *solution* of a (linear or nonlinear) second-order ODE on some open interval  $I$  if  $h$  is defined and twice differentiable throughout that interval and is such that the ODE becomes an identity if we replace the unknown  $y$  by  $h$ , the derivative  $y'$  by  $h'$ , and the second derivative  $y''$  by  $h''$ . Examples are given below.

**Example 1**

Show that  $\phi(x) = x^2 - x^{-1}$  is an explicit solution to the linear equation

(3)  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - \frac{2}{x^2}y = 0,$

but  $\psi(x) = x^3$  is not.

$$y = x^2 - x^{-1}$$

$$y' = 2x + x^{-2}$$

$$y'' = 2 - 2x^{-3}$$

$$y'' - \frac{2}{x^2}y = 0$$

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$$(2 - 2x^{-3}) - \left(\frac{2}{x^2}\right)(x^2 - x^{-1}) = 0$$

$$(2 - 2x^{-3}) - (2 - 2x^{-3}) = 0$$

$$0 = 0$$

$$y = x^3$$
$$y' = 3x^2$$
$$y'' = 6x$$

$$y'' - \frac{2}{x^2}y = 0$$

$$6x - \frac{2}{x^2}x^3 = 0$$

$$6x - 2x \neq 0$$

$$y' - 2x = 0$$

$$y = x^2 + c$$

$$y - x^2 + c = 0$$

$$y' = 2x$$

$$y = x^2$$

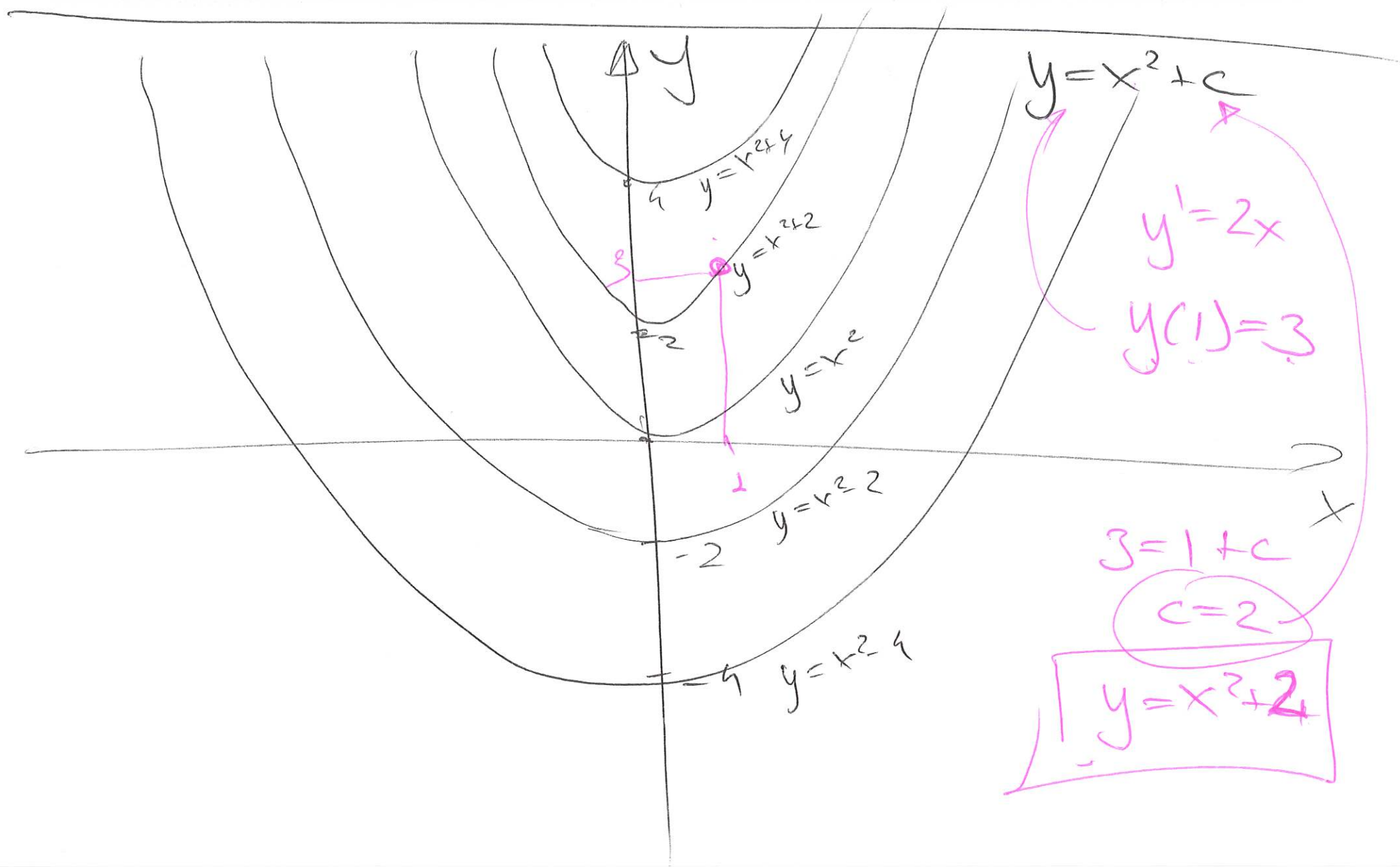
$$y = x^2 + 10$$

$$y = x^2 + 23$$



## Implicit Solution

**Definition 2.** A relation  $G(x, y) = 0$  is said to be an **implicit solution** to equation (1) on the interval  $I$  if it defines one or more explicit solutions on  $I$ .



IVP - Initial value problem

IC: initial conditions

$$y(x_0) = y_0$$

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General solution:  $\rightarrow y = \dots + C$

Particular Solution IC  $\rightarrow$

## Existence and Uniqueness of Solution

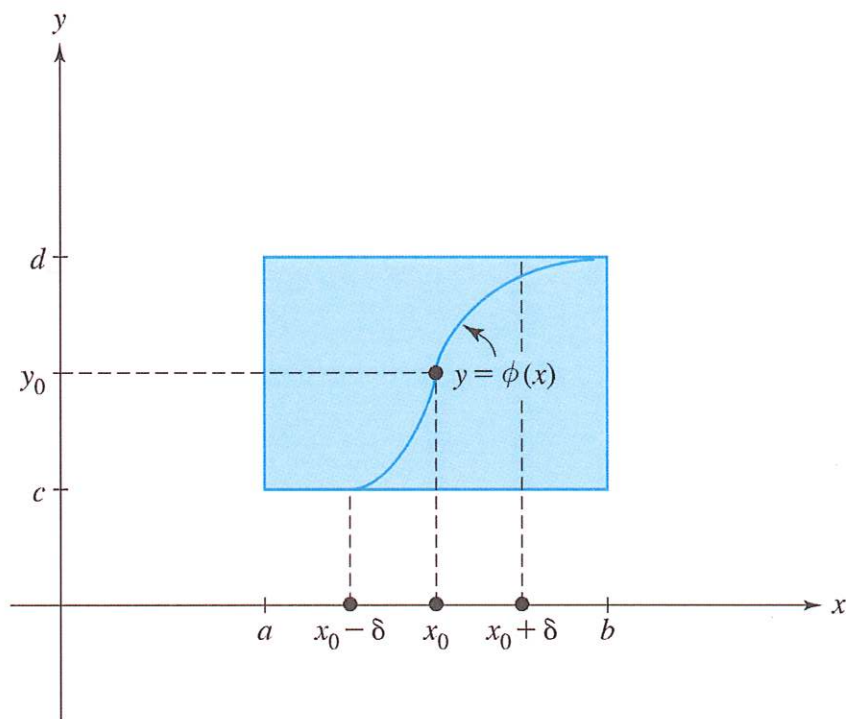
**Theorem 1.** Consider the initial value problem

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y) \quad , \quad y(x_0) = y_0 \quad .$$

If  $f$  and  $\partial f / \partial y$  are continuous functions in some rectangle

$$R = \{ (x, y) : a < x < b, c < y < d \}$$

that contains the point  $(x_0, y_0)$ , then the initial value problem has a unique solution  $\phi(x)$  in some interval  $x_0 - \delta < x < x_0 + \delta$ , where  $\delta$  is a positive number.<sup>†</sup>





### DEFINITION 2.2.1 Separable Equation

A first-order differential equation of the form

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

is said to be **separable** or to have **separable variables**.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= g(x) \\ \int dy &= \int g(x) dx \\ y &= G(x) + C\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= g(x)h(y) \\ \int \frac{dy}{h(y)} &= \int g(x) dx\end{aligned}$$

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

$$\int dy = \int (1 + e^{2x}) dx$$

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

Any constant

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2 x e^{3x+4y}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2 x e^{3x} \cdot e^{4y}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (y^2 e^{4y}) (x e^{3x})$$

$$\int \frac{dy}{y^2 e^{4y}} = \int (x e^{3x}) dx$$

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

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

non separable

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$$a^{r+s} = a^r \cdot a^s$$

## Method for Solving Separable Equations

To solve the equation

$$(2) \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = g(x)p(y)$$

multiply by  $dx$  and by  $h(y) := 1/p(y)$  to obtain

$$h(y) dy = g(x) dx .$$

Then integrate both sides:

$$\int h(y) dy = \int g(x) dx ,$$

$$(3) \quad H(y) = G(x) + C ,$$

where we have merged the two constants of integration into a single symbol  $C$ . The last equation gives an implicit solution to the differential equation.

**Example 1** Solve the nonlinear equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x-5}{y^2}.$$

$$\int y^2 dy = \int (x-5) dx$$

$$\frac{y^3}{3} = \frac{x^2}{2} - 5x + C$$

$$y^3 = \frac{3}{2}x^2 - 15x + 3C$$

$$y = \sqrt[3]{\frac{3}{2}x^2 - 15x + k}$$



### EXAMPLE 1 Solving a Separable DE

Solve  $(1+x)dy - ydx = 0$ .

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

$$e^{\ln x} = x$$

$$\ln|y| = \ln|1+x| + C$$

$$e^{\ln|y|} = e^{\ln|1+x| + C} \rightarrow$$

$$e^{\ln|1+x|} \cdot e^C$$

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$$|1+x| \cdot k$$

still any  
constant

$$y = k|1+x|$$

$$\begin{cases} |1+x| = 1+x & x > -1 \\ |1+x| = -(1+x) & x < -1 \end{cases}$$

$$y = \pm k(1+x)$$

$$y = A(1+x)$$