

4.2 Ordinary Differential Equation (ODE)

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A differential equation is an equation that contains one or more derivatives of a differentiable function. An equation with partial derivatives is called a Partial Differential Equation. While, an equation with ordinary derivatives, which is derivatives of a function of a single variable, is called an Ordinary Differential Equation.

The order of a differential equation is the order of the equation's highest order derivative. A differential equation is linear if it can be put in the form

$$a_n(x) \frac{d^n y}{dx^n} + a_{n-1}(x) \frac{d^{n-1} y}{dx^{n-1}} + \dots + a_1(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + a_0(x)y = F(x)$$

The degree of a differential equation is the power (exponent) of the equation's highest order derivative.

Example

First order, first degree, linear

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 5y, \quad 3\frac{dy}{dx} - \sin x = 0$$

Third order, second degree, nonlinear

$$\left(\frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \right)^5 - \frac{dy}{dx} = e^x$$

If $F(x)$ in the equation above equal to zero the differential equation is called homogeneous, otherwise it is called nonhomogeneous differential equation.

Example

First order, first degree linear, non-Homogenous $\frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy = \sin x$

Second order, first degree, linear, Homogenous $(1 - x^2) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = 0$

4.3 Methods and techniques for solving differential equations and systems of differential equations, for first order

Solution of First Order First degree Ordinary Differential Equations.

$$a_0 + a_1 \frac{dy}{dx} = Q(x) \quad [\text{where } a_0, a_1 \text{ are function of } x]$$

To solve this type of O.D.E is $y(x)$ we divide into four types

1. variable separable.

2. Homogenous.

3. Exact

4. linear.

1) variable separable Equations.

A first order differential equations is separable if it can be put in the form:

$$M(x)dx + N(y)dy = 0$$

To solve these equations, integrate M with respect to x and N with respect to y to obtain an equation that relates y and x .

Example// Solve $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 + y^2$

Solution /

$$\frac{dy}{1+y^2} = dx \rightarrow \int \frac{dy}{1+y^2} = \int dx$$

$$\tan^{-1} y = x + c$$

Example // Solve $(x+1)dy - (y^2 + 1)dx = 0$

Solution/

$$(x+1)dy - (y^2 + 1)dx = 0 \quad \div (x+1)(y^2 + 1)$$

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

$$\tan^{-1} y = \ln|x+1| + c$$

Example//Solve $\frac{dy}{dx} = (1 + y^2)e^x$

Solution/

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

$$\tan^{-1} y = e^x + c$$

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

Solution/

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

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

$$-e^{-y} = xe^x - \int e^x dx + c \rightarrow$$

$$-e^{-y} = xe^x - e^x + c$$