



Chapter One Differential Equations

* Definition of Differential Equations :-

Is any equation which contains one derivative or more. The derivative may be either ordinary derivative or partial derivative, such as :-

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \cos x \quad , \quad y'' + y' - \ln x = 0$$

* Classification of differential equations :-

- By Types :-

- Ordinary differential equation (ODE) :- in which all derivatives are with respect to a single independent variable, (Independent variable = 1), such as :-

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + \ln x = x \quad , \quad \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{dz}{dx} = 0$$

- partial differential equation (PDE) :-

In which at least one derivative is with respect to two or more independent variables, (Independent variable > 1,



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such as:-

$$z = x^2 + y^2$$

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = 2x, \quad \frac{dz}{dy} = 2y$$

$$z' = 2x, \quad z' = 2y$$

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 $z = f(x, y)$
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dependent variable. independent variable.

— By order :-

The order of the differential equation is the order of the highest derivative appears in that equation, for example :-

$\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 + \sin x = 0$ is a first-order ordinary differential equation (1st order ODE)

$\left(\frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x^3}\right) + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$ is a third-order partial differential equation (3rd order PDE).

— By Degree :-

The highest power which is raised to the highest-order derivative existed in differential equation, for example :-

$\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 + \sin x = 0$ is a 2nd degree, 1st order ODE.

$y'' + y' - y^2 = e^x$ is a 1st degree, 2nd order ODE.

$(y''')^2 + 2(y')^4 = 2x$ is a 2nd degree, 3rd order ODE.



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Note :- If highest - order derivative found inside the root or any form of fraction , the degree of this differential equation cannot be determine (undefined degree)

For example :-

$$\sqrt{y''} , \sin y'' , yy''$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}} + \frac{dy}{dx} = x . \quad (\text{undefined degree}).$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \cos\left(\frac{d^3y}{dx^3}\right) = 5x \quad (\text{undefined degree}).$$

— By Linearity :-

A differential equation is said to be "linear DE" if and only if each term of the equation which contains a dependent variable and/or its derivative is of linear form. In another words a differential equation is said to be "linear DE" if :-

- 1- The dependent variable and all its derivatives appear in a linear form.
- 2- There is no production of a dependent variable with one of its derivatives , or one of its derivatives with another derivative,

For example :-

$$y''' + 2y' + y = x^2 \quad \text{is a linear, } 1^{\text{st}} \text{ degree, } 3^{\text{rd}} \text{ order ODE.}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + y^2 = 1 \quad \text{is a non linear, } 1^{\text{st}} \text{ degree, } 1^{\text{st}} \text{ order ODE.}$$



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$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \sin y = 0 \quad \text{is a non-linear, 1}^{\text{st}} \text{ degree, 2}^{\text{nd}} \text{ order ODE.}$$

$$y^{iv} + (y')^2 = x \quad \text{is a non-linear, 1}^{\text{st}} \text{ degree, 4}^{\text{th}} \text{ order ODE.}$$

$$\frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x^3} = 4 \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \quad \text{is a non-linear, 1}^{\text{st}} \text{ degree, 3}^{\text{rd}} \text{ order PDE.}$$

$$\frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} + \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \quad \text{is a non-linear, 1}^{\text{st}} \text{ degree, 4}^{\text{th}} \text{ order ODE.}$$

First - Order Ordinary Differential Equations

A differential equation of the first order and first degree may be written in one of the following two forms:

$$* \frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y) \quad (\text{The slope form}).$$

$$* M(x, y) dx + N(x, y) dy = 0 \quad (\text{The exact form}).$$

For example, the following DE

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x - y}{y - 3x} \quad \text{may be rewritten as}$$
$$(2x - y) dx - (y - 3x) dy = 0,$$

$$\text{where } f(x, y) = \frac{2x - y}{y - 3x}, \quad M(x, y) = 2x - y,$$
$$\text{and } N(x, y) = -(y - 3x).$$

→ Separable variable differential equations

IF we can separate the dependent variable and its differential



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in a DE, then this DE is called "separable variables DE". For example, if a given first-order DE can be reduced to

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{h(y)} dy = g(x) dx.$$

$$\text{or } M(x, y) dx + N(x, y) dy = 0$$
$$g_1(x) h_1(y) dx + g_2(x) h_2(y) dy = 0$$

$$\frac{g_1(x)}{g_2(x)} \cdot dx + \frac{h_2(y)}{h_1(y)} \cdot dy = 0,$$

then such equation is called "separable variable DE" which can be solved by integrating both sides.

Ex(1) & Solve the following first-order differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{y}$.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{y} \quad (\text{separable variable DE})$$

$$\Rightarrow y \cdot dy = -x dx \quad \Leftrightarrow \int y dy = -\int x dx$$

$$\frac{y^2}{2} = -\frac{x^2}{2} + C_1, \text{ or } \Rightarrow y^2 = -x^2 + 2C_1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 2C_1 \Rightarrow \boxed{2C_1 = C} \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = C$$

(General solution G.S)



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As a check , we try to find dy/dx by differentiating the general solution ,

$$x^2 + y^2 = c \Rightarrow 2x dx + 2y dy = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{y}$$

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Ex(2) & Solve $(1+x^3) \cdot dy - x^2 y dx = 0$

$(1+x^3) \cdot dy - x^2 y dx$ (separable variables DE)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{y} - \frac{x^2}{1+x^3} dx = 0 \Rightarrow \int \frac{dy}{y} - \int \frac{x^2}{1+x^3} dx = 0$$

$$\ln y - \frac{1}{3} \ln(1+x^3) = c_1 \Rightarrow 3 \ln y - \ln(1+x^3) = 3c_1$$

$$\ln y^3 - \ln(1+x^3) = c_2 \Rightarrow \boxed{c_2 = 3c_1}$$

$$\ln \frac{y^3}{(1+x^3)} = c_2 \Rightarrow \frac{y^3}{1+x^3} = e^{c_2} \Rightarrow \frac{y^3}{1+x^3} = c_3$$

$\boxed{c_3 = e^{c_2}}$

$$\Rightarrow y^3 = c_3(1+x^3). \quad (G.S)$$

Ex(3) & solve $y' = xy - x \quad y(0) = 3.$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = xy - x \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = x(y-1)$$

separable variable DE



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$$\circ \frac{dy}{dx} = xy - x \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = x(y-1)$$

$$\circ \frac{dy}{y-1} = x dx \Rightarrow \int \frac{dy}{y-1} = \int x dx$$

$$\ln(y-1) = \frac{x^2}{2} + C_1 \quad \text{or} \quad y-1 = e^{\frac{x^2}{2} + C_1}$$

$$y-1 = e^{\frac{x^2}{2}} \cdot e^{C_1} \Rightarrow y-1 = C e^{\frac{x^2}{2}} \quad \boxed{C = e^{C_1}}$$

$$\circ y = 1 + C e^{\frac{x^2}{2}} \quad (G.S)$$

Apply the given condition, at $x=0, y=3$

$$\Rightarrow 3 = 1 + C e^{\frac{0^2}{2}} \Rightarrow C = 2$$

$$\circ y = 1 + 2 e^{\frac{x^2}{2}} \quad (P.S).$$

$$\text{Ex (4) :- solve } \frac{dy}{dx} = y^2 - 4.$$

We put the equation in the form $\frac{dy}{y^2-4} = dx$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{y^2-4} = \left(\frac{1/4}{y-2} - \frac{1/4}{y+2} \right)$$

$$\circ \left(\frac{1/4}{y-2} - \frac{1/4}{y+2} \right) dy = dx$$

Integrating and using laws of logarithm gives.



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$$\int \left(\frac{1/4}{y-2} - \frac{1/4}{y+2} \right) dy = \int dx$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \ln(y-2) - \frac{1}{4} \ln(y+2) = x + C_1 \quad] \times 4.$$

$$\ln \frac{y-2}{y+2} = 4x + C_2 \quad \boxed{C_2 = 4C_1}$$

$$\frac{y-2}{y+2} = e^{4x+C_2} \Rightarrow \frac{y-2}{y+2} = e^{4x} + C \quad \boxed{C = e^{C_2}}$$

$$y-2 = (y+2)(e^{4x} + C)$$
$$y-2 = ye^{4x} + yC + 2e^{4x} + 2C$$

$$y - ye^{4x} + yC = 2e^{4x} + 2C + 2$$

$$y(1 - e^{4x} + C) = 2(e^{4x} + C + 1)$$

$$y = 2 \left(\frac{1 + e^{4x} + C}{1 - e^{4x} + C} \right) \quad (G.S)$$

Ex(5) & Solve $\frac{dy}{dx} = -2 + e^{2x+y-1}$

$$\text{let } z = 2x + y - 1 \Rightarrow dz = 2dx + dy$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dz}{dx} - 2$$

$$\therefore \frac{dz}{dx} - 2 = e^z \Rightarrow \frac{dz}{dx} = e^z + 2$$

(separable variable DE)

$$\frac{dz}{e^z} = dx \Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{e^z} dz = \int dx$$

$$-e^{-z} = x + C_1 \quad \text{or} \quad x + e^{-z} = -C_1$$

$z = 2x + y - 1$



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Ex(6): Solve $x(2xy+1)dy + y(1+2xy-x^3y^3)dx = 0$

$$z = xy \Rightarrow dz = x dy + y dx \Rightarrow dy = \frac{dz - y dx}{x}$$

$$dy = \frac{dz - \frac{z}{x} dx}{x} \Rightarrow x(2z+1) \cdot \frac{dz - \frac{z}{x} dx}{x} + \frac{z}{x}(1+2z-z^3)dx = 0$$

$$(2z+1)dz - \frac{z^4}{x} dx = 0 \quad (\text{separable}).$$

$$\left(\frac{2z+1}{z^4}\right)dz - \frac{dx}{x} = 0 \Rightarrow \int \frac{2z+1}{z^4} dz = \frac{dx}{x}$$

$$\int \left[\frac{2}{z^3} + \frac{1}{z^4} \right] dz = \int \frac{dx}{x}$$

$$-\frac{1}{z^2} - \frac{1}{3z^3} - \ln x = C_1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{(xy)^2} + \frac{1}{3(xy)^3} + \ln x = C$$

$$\boxed{C=C_1} \cdot (G.S)$$

H.W: Find a general solution for:

(1) $y' = 3x^2(1+y)$

Ans. $y = k e^{x^3} - 1.$

(2) $(y^2-1)dx = xy dy$, if $x=2, y=0$

Ans. $x^2 + 4y^2 = 4.$

(3) $(y + x^2 \cdot y) dy = (x \cdot y^2 + x) dx$