Introduction to Differential Equations

ordinary differential equations

Definition:

A differential equation is an equation containing an unknown function and its derivatives.

Examples:.

1. $$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x + 3$$

2. $$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 3\frac{dy}{dx} + ay = 0$$

3. $$\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^4 + 6y = 3$$

y is dependent variable and ***x*** is independent variable, and these are ordinary differential equations

Partial Differential Equation

Examples:

1. $$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

u is dependent variable and ***x and y*** are independent variables, and is partial differential equation.

2. $$\frac{\partial^4 u}{\partial x^4} + \frac{\partial^4 u}{\partial t^4} = 0$$

3. $$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$$

u is dependent variable and ***x and t*** are independent variables

Order of Differential Equation

The order of the differential equation is order of the highest derivative in the differential equation.

Differential Equation	**ORDER**
$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x + 3$	1
$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 3\frac{dy}{dx} + 9y = 0$	2
$\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^4 + 6y = 3$	3

Degree of Differential Equation

The degree of a differential equation is power of the highest order derivative term in the differential equation.

Differential Equation	Degree
$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 3\frac{dy}{dx} + ay = 0$	1
$\frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^4 + 6y = 3$	1
$\left(\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^5 + 3 = 0$	3

Linear Differential Equation

A differential equation is linear, if

1. dependent variable and its derivatives are of degree one,
2. coefficients of a term does not depend upon dependent variable.

Example: 1. $$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 3\frac{dy}{dx} + 9y = 0.$$

is linear.

Example: 2.

$$\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} \; [\text{illegible}] + 6y = 3$$

is non - linear because in 2nd term is not of degree one.

Example: 3. $$x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + y\frac{dy}{dx} = x^3$$

is non - linear because in 2nd term coefficient depends on *y*.

Example: 4. $$\frac{dy}{dx} = \sin y$$

is non - linear because $\sin y = y - \frac{y^3}{3!} + -$ is non – linear

9. Table 1. Classify each differential equation

No	Differential Equations	Ordinary or Partial	Linear or nonlinear	Order	Degree	Independent variables	Dependent variables
1.	$y' = x + 6y$						
2.	$y'' = 4y + y^3$						
3.	$\left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)^3 + \frac{dy}{dx} - 2y = x^3$						
4.	$y'' + 2xy' + 4y = \cos 2x$						
5.	$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^2 - 1}{y \ + 4}$						
6.	$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0.$						
7.	$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$						

It is Ordinary/partial Differential equation of order… and of degree…, it is linear / non linear, with independent variable…, and dependent variable….

1st – order differential equation

1. Derivative form:

$$a_1(x)\frac{dy}{dx} + a_0(x)y = g(x)$$

2. Differential form:

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

3. General form:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$$ or $$f(x, y, \frac{dy}{dx}) = 0.$$

First Order Ordinary Differential equation

$$f\left(x, y, \frac{dy}{dx}\right) = O.$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$$ Derivative form

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

Standard form

$$a_1(x)y' + a_0(x)y = g(x)$$ Standard form

First order linear differential equation form

Second order Ordinary Differential Equation

$$f(x, y, \frac{dy}{dx}, \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}) = O.$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = f(x, y, \frac{dy}{dx})$$

$$a_2(x)y\acute{} + a_1(x)y\acute{} + a_0(x)y = g(x)$$

nth – order linear differential equation

1. nth – order linear differential equation with constant coefficients.

$$a_n \frac{d^n y}{dx^n} + a_{n-1}\frac{d^{n-1}y}{dx^{n-1}} + \ldots. + a_2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + a_1 \frac{dy}{dx} + a_0 y = g(x)$$

2. nth – order linear differential equation with variable coefficients

$$a_n(x)\frac{dy}{dx} + a_{n-1}(x)\frac{d^{n-1}y}{dx^n} + \ldots\ldots + a_2(x)\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + a_1(x)\frac{dy}{dx} + a_0(x)y = g(x)$$

Solution of Differential Equation

Examples

$y=3x+c$, is solution of the 1st order differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx}=3$ c_1 is arbitrary constant.

As is solution of the differential equation for every value of c_1, hence it is known as <u>general solution.</u>

Examples

$$y' = \sin(x) \Rightarrow y = -\cos(x) + C$$

$$y'' = 6x + e^x \Rightarrow y' = 3x^2 + e^x + C_1 \Rightarrow y = x^3 + e^x + C_1 x + C_2$$

Observe that the set of solutions to the above 1st order equation has 1 parameter,

while the solutions to the above 2nd order equation depend on two parameters.

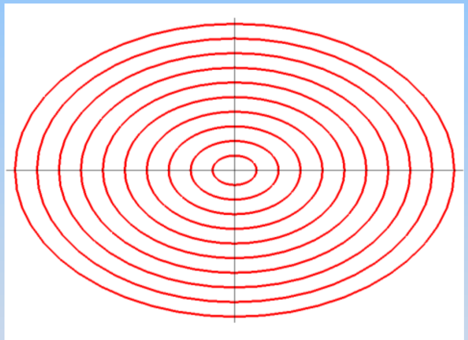
Families of Solutions

Example $9yy' + 4x = 0$

Solution $\int (9yy' + 4x)\,dx = C_1 \Rightarrow \int 9y(x)y'(x)dx + \int 4x\,dx = C_1$

$$\Rightarrow \int 9y\,dy + 2x^2 = C_1 \Rightarrow \frac{9y^2}{2} + 2x^2 = C_1 \Rightarrow 9y^2 + 4x^2 = 2C_1$$

This yields $\dfrac{y^2}{4} + \dfrac{x^2}{9} = C$ where $C = \dfrac{C_1}{18}$.



Observe that given any point (x_0, y_0), there is a unique solution curve of the above equation which curve goes through the given point.

The solution is a family of ellipses.

Origin of Differential Equations Solution

1.Geometric Origin

1. For the family of straight lines

$y = c_1 x + c_2$ the differential equation is

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = 0$$

2. For the family of curves

A. $y = ce^{\frac{x^2}{2}}$ the differential equation is $\frac{dy}{dx} = xy$

B. $y = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{-3x}$

the differential equation is $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \frac{dy}{dx} - 6y = 0$

Physical Origin

1. Free falling stone

$$\frac{d^2 s}{dt^2} = -g$$

where s is distance or height and
g is acceleration due to gravity.

2. Spring vertical displacement

$$m\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} = -ky$$

where y is displacement,
m is mass and
k is spring constant

3. RLC – circuit, Kirchoff 's Second Law

$$L\frac{d^2 q}{dt^2} + R\frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{1}{c}q = E$$

q is charge on capacitor,
L is inductance,
c is capacitance.
R is resistance and
E is voltage

Physical Origin

1.Newton's Low of Cooling

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = \kappa\left(T - T_s\right)$$

where $\frac{dT}{dt}$ is rate of cooling of the liquid,

$T - T_s$ is temperature difference between the liquid 'T' and its surrounding Ts

2. Growth and Decay

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \kappa\ y$$

y is the quantity present at any time