



Handwritten Notes
On
Differential Equations

* Differential Equation: An equation involving independent variable, dependent and the differential coefficients of the dependent variable.

* Order & Degree of Differential Equⁿ:

The order of the highest differential coefficient appearing in the differential equⁿ is called order of differential equⁿ.

The exponent of the highest differential coefficient, when the differential equⁿ is a polynomial in all the differential coefficients, is known as the degree of the differential equation.

* Formation of Differential Equations:

a) Differentiate the given equⁿ w.r.t. the independent variable as many times as the number of arbitrary constants in it.

b) Eliminate the arbitrary constants.

* The order of the differential equⁿ will be equal to number of independent parameters and is not equal to the number of all the parameters in the family of curves.

* Solution of a differential equⁿ:

a) A general solⁿ or an integral: A relation between the variables (not involving the derivatives) which contains the same number of arbitrary constants as the order of equation.

b) Particular solution or particular integral:
Obtained from the general solution by assigning particular values to the arbitrary constant in the general solution.

* Diff. equⁿ of 1st Order - 1st Degree: $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$.

- Equations in which the variables are separable: If $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$ can be expressed in the form $f(x) dx = g(y) dy$. By integrating this, solution -

$$\int f(x) dx = \int g(y) dy + c.$$

- Reducible to the separable variable type:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(ax + by + c) \text{ is solved by putting } ax + by + c = t.$$

- Homogeneous diff. equⁿ:

i) $P(x, y) dx + Q(x, y) dy = 0$ is called homogeneous, if P & Q are homogeneous functions of the same degree in x & y . Reducible to $y' = f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$, substitute $y = xu$, u is unknown function. The equⁿ is transformed to an equⁿ with variable separables.

$$\text{ii) } \frac{dy}{dx} = f\left(\frac{a_1x + b_1y + c_1}{a_2x + b_2y + c_2}\right), \quad a_1b_2 - a_2b_1 \neq 0.$$

then substitute $x = u + h, y = v + k$

if $a_1b_2 - a_2b_1 = 0$, $u = a_1x + b_1y$. transforms into a variable separable form.

* $P(x, y)$ function is homogeneous of degree n , if for any real t $P(tx, ty) = t^n (P(x, y))$.

* A diff. equⁿ of the form $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$ is homogeneous, if $f(x, y)$ is a homogeneous function of degree zero i.e.,
 $f(-tx, -ty) = t^0 \cdot f(x, y)$

* Exact differential equⁿ:

$M(x, y) dx + N(x, y) dy = 0$ is exact if its

LH expression is the exact differential of some function $u(x, y)$.

$$du = M dx + N dy.$$

Then solⁿ is $u(x, y) = c$.

• The sufficient condition for the diff. equⁿ $M dx + N dy = 0$ to be exact

is $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$.

The solution of $M dx + N dy = 0$ is

$$\int_{y-\text{constant}} M dx + \int (\text{Terms of } N \text{ not containing } x) dy = c$$

provided $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$.

* Solution by inspection:

$$1) d(xy) = x dy + y dx \quad 6) d\left(\frac{x^2}{y^2}\right) = \frac{2xy^2 dx - 2x^2 y dy}{y^4}$$

$$2) d\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \frac{y dx - x dy}{y^2} \quad 7) d\left(\frac{y^2}{x^2}\right) = \frac{2x^2 y dy - 2xy^2 dx}{x^4}$$

$$3) d\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) = \frac{x dy - y dx}{x^2} \quad 8) d\left(-\tan^{-1}\frac{x}{y}\right) = \frac{y dx - x dy}{x^2 + y^2} =$$

$$4) d\left(\frac{x^2}{y}\right) = \frac{2xy dx - x^2 dy}{y^2} \quad \frac{d\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)}{1 + \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^2}$$

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

$$9) d\left(\tan^{-1}\frac{y}{x}\right) = \frac{xdy - ydx}{x^2 + y^2} = \frac{\frac{xdy - ydx}{x^2}}{1 + \frac{y^2}{x^2}} = \frac{d\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)}{1 + \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2}$$

$$10) d[\ln(xy)] = \frac{xdy + ydx}{xy} \quad 11. d\left[\ln\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)\right] = \frac{ydx - xdy}{xy}$$

$$12) d\left[\ln\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)\right] = \frac{xdy - ydx}{xy} \quad 13. d\left[\frac{1}{2}\ln(x^2 + y^2)\right] = \frac{xdx + ydy}{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$14) d\left(-\frac{1}{xy}\right) = \frac{xdy + ydx}{x^2y^2} \quad 15) d\left(\frac{e^x}{y}\right) = \frac{ye^x dx - e^x dy}{y^2}$$

$$16) d\left(\frac{e^y}{x}\right) = \frac{xe^y dy - e^y dx}{x^2} \quad 17) d(x^m y^n) = x^{m-1} y^{n-1} (m dx + n dy)$$

$$18) \frac{d[f(x,y)]^{1-n}}{1-n} = \frac{f'(x,y)}{(f(x,y))^n}$$

$$19) \text{ If } x = r \cos \theta, \quad y = r \sin \theta,$$

$$i) xdx + ydy = r dr \quad ii) xdy - ydx = r^2 d\theta$$

$$iii) dx^2 + dy^2 = dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2$$

* 1st Order Linear diff. equⁿ: $\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x) \cdot y = Q(x)$

$$\text{Solution: } y e^{\int P dx} = \int Q e^{\int P dx} dx + C$$

$$e^{\int P dx} = \text{IF} = \text{Integrating factor.}$$

* Bernoulli's equⁿ: $\frac{dy}{dx} + Py = Qy^n$

$$\text{dividing } y^n \rightarrow y^{-n} \frac{dy}{dx} + Py^{1-n} = Q. \quad \text{---(1)}$$

$$y^{1-n} = z \Rightarrow (1-n) y^{-n} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dz}{dx}$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow \frac{dz}{dx} + (1-n)Pz = (1-n)Q.$$

$$\text{IF} = e^{\int (1-n)P dx}$$

Solution is

$$z e^{\int (1-n)P dx} = \int \{(1-n)Q \cdot e^{\int (1-n)P dx}\} dx.$$

* **Orthogonal Trajectory:** Any curve, which cuts every member of a given family of curves at right angles, is called an orthogonal trajectory of the family.

• Procedure for finding OT:

i) Let $f(x, y, c) = 0$ be the equation of family.

ii) Differentiate $f = 0$, wrt x . & eliminate c .

iii) Substitute $-\frac{dy}{dx}$ for $\frac{dy}{dx}$. That is the diff. eqnⁿ of OT. Now, solve it to get OT.



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