



FIRST-ORDER DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

Method –I : Separation of Variables method This method is used when the equation is in the simplest first-order form of equation e.g. $dy/dx = g(x)/h(y)$ (Basic form)

1. Separate the variables y from x , i.e., by collecting on one side all terms involving y together with dy , while all terms involving x together with dx are put on the other side.
2. Integrate both sides.
3. If the solution can be defined explicitly, i.e., it can be solved for y as a function of x , then do it. If not, the solution can be defined implicitly, i.e., it cannot be solved for y as a function of x .

METHOD-II: HOMOGENEOUS ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

A homogeneous ordinary differential equation is an equation of the form $P(x,y)dx+Q(x,y)dy=0$ where P and Q are homogeneous of the same order.

Put $y = vx$ and $dy/dx = v + x dv/dx$ in the given equation, and use separation of variable method.

METHOD-III : LINEAR EQUATION

This method is used when the equation is in the form of $\frac{dy}{dx} + p(x)y = q(x)$ (Basic form)

where $p(x)$ and $q(x)$ – continuous functions may or may not be constants.

Solution: Find Integral Factor, I.F. = $e^{\int p(x)dx}$ Then Solution : $y \cdot I.F. = \int I.F. \cdot Q(x)dx + C$

SECOND AND HIGHER ORDER LINEAR HOMOGENEOUS ODE WITH CONSTANT COEFFICIENTS:

SECOND-ORDER DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + p \frac{dy}{dx} + qy = r(x)$, where $p(x)$, $q(x)$, and $r(x)$ are continuous functions.

If $r(x) = 0$ for all x , then, the equation is said to be **homogeneous**.

If $r(x) \neq 0$ for all x , then, the equation is said to be **nonhomogeneous**.

Solving Second-Order Linear Homogeneous Differential Equations With Constant Coefficients (When $r(x) = 0$):

Two continuous functions f and g are said to be **linearly dependent** if one is a constant multiple of the other. If neither is a constant multiple of the other, then they are called **linearly independent**.

Find “auxiliary equation” by Replacing $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ with m^2 , $\frac{dy}{dx}$ with m , and y with 1.

Case- I : If auxiliary equation has **real and distinct** roots m_1 and m_2 then

$$\text{Complementary Function, C.F.} = y = y_c(x) = c_1 e^{m_1 x} + c_2 e^{m_2 x}$$

Case-II : If auxiliary equation has real and equal root $m_1 = m_2 = m$ then

$$\text{C.F.} = y = y_c(x) = c_1 e^{mx} + c_2 x e^{mx} = (c_1 + c_2 x) e^{mx}$$

Case –III : If auxiliary equation has complex roots $m = \alpha \pm \beta i$ (i.e. $m_1 = \alpha + \beta i$ and $m_2 = \alpha - \beta i$) then

$$\text{C.F.} = y = y_c(x) = e^{\alpha x} (c_1 \cos \beta x + c_2 \sin \beta x)$$

Solution of Second-Order Linear Nonhomogeneous Differential Equations With Constant Coefficients (When $r(x) \neq 0$)

The **General solution** of $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + p \frac{dy}{dx} + qy = r(x)$ is $y(x) = y_c(x) + y_p(x) = C.F. + P.I.$



2. Method –II : Removal of First Derivative [or Change of Dependent Variable]

Steps for solution:

1. Change the given equation in standard form $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + P(x)\frac{dy}{dx} + Q(x)y = R(x)$, and find $P(x)$, $Q(x)$ and $R(x)$.
2. Let $u = e^{-\int P dx}$
3. Let $y = u.v$ is complete solution, where u is the one part of the solution, finding in step-2
4. Substitute the value of y , y' and y'' in given equation, We get Normal equation

$$\frac{d^2v}{dx^2} + Iv = R/u, \text{ Where } I = Q - \frac{1}{2} \frac{dP}{dx} - \frac{1}{4} P^2$$

Method-III : Change of Independent Variable:

1. Change the given equation in standard form $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + P(x)\frac{dy}{dx} + Q(x)y = R(x)$, and find $P(x)$, $Q(x)$ and $R(x)$.

2. Choose z such that $Q_1 = \frac{Q}{\left(\frac{dz}{dx}\right)^2} = c^2 = 1$

3. Find $P_1 = \frac{\left[\frac{d^2z}{dx^2} + P \frac{dz}{dx}\right]}{\left(\frac{dz}{dx}\right)^2}$ and $R_1 = \frac{R}{\left(\frac{dz}{dx}\right)^2}$

4. Substitute these values in Transformed equation $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + P_1(x)\frac{dy}{dx} + Q_1(x)y = R_1(x)$

5. Solve this transformed equation by previous methods.

3. Method of variation of Parameters: This method is used to find the complete solution, without finding the particular solution.

1. Find the C.F. of the equation
2. Let Complete solution is $y = A u(x) + B v(x)$, where $u(x)$ and $v(x)$ are the parts of C.F.

Where A and B can be determined by $A = \int \frac{R u}{|u' v'|} dx + c_1$ and $A = - \int \frac{R v}{|u' v'|} dx + c_2$

Series Solution of Differential equations:

1. When $x=0$ is an ordinary point (i.e. at $x=0$ function is analytic)

Step-I let Series solution is $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n + \dots$

Step-II find y , dy/dx , d^2y/dx^2 and put in question

Step-III Equate to 0, the coefficient of x^0, x^1, x^2, \dots and solve these relations, and get the values of constants a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n , and then find the general solution by equation of step 1.

2. When $x=0$ is a Regular singular point i.e. not an ordinary point (i.e. at $x=0$ function is not analytic)[Frobenius Method]

Step-I let Series solution is $y = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} a_r x^{m+r} = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n + \dots$

Step-II find y , dy/dx , d^2y/dx^2 and put in question.

Step-III Put the lowest power of $x = 0$ and find the *indicial equation*, and find the roots of indicial equation (i.e. different values of m)

Step-IV If

(i) Roots of indicial equation are *distinct and not differ by an integer* then Complete solution

$$y = c_1(y)_{m=m_1} + c_2(y)_{m=m_2}$$



(ii) Roots of indicial equation are equal (i.e. $m_1=m_2$) then Complete solution

$$y = c_1(y)_{m=m_1} + c_2\left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial m}\right)_{m=m_1}$$

(iii) Roots of indicial equation are **distinct and differ by an integer** (i.e. $m_1-m_2=$ an integer)

Then there arises two cases :

(a) If $m_1 < m_2$ and some of the coefficient of y series becomes infinite at $m = m_1$. Then replace a_0 by $(m-m_1)A_0$, where $A_0 \neq 0$ is a constant

Then Complete solution is given by $y = A_0(y)_{m=m_1} + c_2\left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial m}\right)_{m=m_2}$

(b) If $m_1 < m_2$ and some of the coefficient of y series becomes indeterminate when $m = m_1$. The complete solution is given by on putting $m = m_1$ in y which contains two arbitrary constants. If we put $m = m_2$ in y then we obtain a series which is a constant multiple of one of the two series contained in the first solution.

Classification of Differential Equations for finding their solutions:

