

§1.2: Basic Ideas and Terminology:

أفكار أساسية ومصطلحات

Def'n: A Differential Equation is an equation involving derivatives of an unknown function.

Ex: (a)  $\frac{dy}{dx} + y = x^2$  ✓

$y'' + y = x$  ✓

$y''' + x y' + y = 0$  ✓

(b)  $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = -k^2 y \rightarrow y'' = -k^2 y$  ✓

(c)  $\frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} + \left(\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}\right)^5 + \cos x = 0 \rightarrow y''' + (y'')^5 + \cos x = 0$  ✓

(d)  $\sin\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) + \arctan y = 1$

$\sin y' + \tan^{-1} y = 1$

(e)  $F_{xx} + F_{yy} - F_x = e^x + x \sin y$   $\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2}$

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In (a), (b), (c), and (d) the unknown fn. is  $y$  and there is only one independent variable  $x$ .  
 $\Rightarrow$  We call these DE, Ordinary Differential Equations.

(e) is a Partial Diff. Eq. (or PDE), because the unknown fn.  $F$  is differentiated w.r.t. two indep. variables  $x$  and  $y$ .

\* In this course, DE means Ordinary Diff. Eqn.

Def'n: The order of the highest derivative is called the ORDER of the DE.

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Ex: (previous)

- (a) Order is 1
- (b) Order is 2
- (c) Third order
- (d) First Order
- (e) Second Order.

$$y''' + y'' + x^2 + 1 = 0$$

What is the order?

3

$$x + 3 = 4$$

$$x = 2$$

3

Ex:  $y''' + y'' - y' - y = 0$

is a DE of order 3.

→ Show that  $y = e^{-x}$  is a solution?

If  $y = e^{-x}$ , then

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \rightarrow y' &= -e^{-x} \\ \rightarrow y'' &= e^{-x} \\ \rightarrow y''' &= -e^{-x} \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} y' &= e^{-x}(-1) = -e^{-x} \\ y'' &= -e^{-x}(-1) = e^{-x} \\ y''' &= -e^{-x} \end{aligned}$$

and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{y'''} + \underline{y''} - \underline{y'} - \underline{y} &= \\ &= e^{-x} + (-e^{-x}) - (e^{-x}) - (-e^{-x}) \\ &= 0 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$y = e^u \rightarrow y = e \cdot u$   
 $y = e^{x^2} \rightarrow y = e \cdot 2x$

Therefore,  $y = e^{-x}$  is a solution.

Actually,  $y = C_1 \cdot e^{-x} + C_2 \cdot x e^{-x} + C_3 \cdot e^x$   
 is a solution for any  $C_1, C_2, C_3$ .  
 [check!]

$y' = 5$  → Particular sol  
 $y = 5x$   
 $y = 5x + 2$   
 $y = 5x + 1$   
 $y = 5x + C$  §1.2 | p.03  
 General sol

Def'n: Given a Differential Equation of order  $n$   
 (The highest derivative in the DE is  $y^{(n)}$ )

- Any fn.  $y = f(x)$  that satisfies the DE is called a Particular Solution.

- If a solution containing  $n$  constants  $C_1, \dots, C_n$   
 $y = g(x)$  is and if every solution of the DE can be obtained by assigning values to  $C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n$ ,

then  $y = g(x)$  is called the General Solution.

$y'' + 1 = 5 \Rightarrow y = \{C_1, C_2\}$

Ex  $y'' = -g$

Order = 2  
 contains two constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ .

$y''' + y = 1$

General solution:  $y = \frac{-1}{2} g \cdot t^2 + C_1 t + C_2$

A (particular) sol'n:  $y = \frac{-1}{2} g t^2 + 20t + 100$

Another sol'n:  $y = -\frac{1}{2} g t^2$

$y = \frac{1}{2} g t^2 + 5t + 10$

$y = \{C_1, C_2, C_3\}$

Ex:  $y''' + y'' - y' - y = 0$

General Solution:  $y = C_1 e^x + C_2 x e^x + C_3 e^{-x}$

A (particular) sol'n:  $y = e^{-x}$

Another sol'n:  $y = 2 \cdot e^x - 3x \cdot e^x - 7 \cdot e^{-x}$

$y = 2e^x + 5xe^x + 3e^{-x}$

$C_1 = 2, C_2 = 5, C_3 = 3$

\* Some DE don't have general solutions.

Ex:  $(y')^2 + (y-1)^2 = 0$ .

$\Rightarrow y' = 0$  and  $y-1 = 0$   
 $y = 1$ .

Similar to  $a^2 + b^2 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow a = 0$   
 $b = 0$ .

So, the only sol'n is the constant fn.  $y = 1$ .

The order is 1, but there is no C in the only sol'n.

$\Rightarrow$  No Gen. Sol'n.

Def'n: ~~Given~~ A DE of order  $n$ , with  $n$  conditions:

$y(x_0) = y_0, y'(x_0) = y_1, y''(x_0) = y_2, \dots, y^{(n-1)}(x_0) = y_{n-1}$   
 is called an Initial Value Problem (IVP).  
 Initial Conditions.

Ex:  $y'' = -g, y(0) = 100, y'(0) = -20$ .  
 is an IVP

Ex:  $y''' + y'' - y' = y = 0$ ;  $y(2) = 5, y'(2) = -1, y''(2) = 0$ .

(How many Initial Conditions do we need?)  
 $A = 3$

$y' = 5, y(1) = 7$   
 $y = 5x + C$

Q: How do we solve an IVP?

A: First find all solutions of the DE:  $5 + C = 7 \Rightarrow C = 2$   
 $y = C_1 \cdot e^x + C_2 \cdot x \cdot e^x + C_3 \cdot e^{-x} \Rightarrow y = x + 2$

then find the sol'n that satisfies the Initial Conditions.

For example  $y(2) = 5 \Rightarrow C_1 \cdot e^2 + C_2 \cdot 2e^2 + C_3 \cdot e^{-2} = 5$   
 $y'(2) = -1 \Rightarrow C_1 \cdot e^2 + 3 \cdot C_2 \cdot e^2 - C_3 \cdot e^{-2} = -1$

Find  $C_1, C_2, C_3$ .