

Section 1.1

**Definition 1.1.1 Differential Equation**

An equation containing the derivatives of one or more unknown functions (or dependent variables), with respect to one or more independent variables, is said to be a **differential equation (DE)**.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0.2xy. \tag{1}$$

(a) The equations

$\swarrow$  *x is independent*  $\searrow$ 
an ODE can contain more than one unknown function
 $\swarrow$  *t is independent*  $\searrow$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = e^x, \quad \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - \frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{dy}{dt} = 2x + y \tag{2}$$

are examples of ordinary differential equations.

(b) The following equations are partial differential equations:\*

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - 2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \tag{3}$$

$\swarrow$  *x and y are independent.*
 $\swarrow$  *x and y are independent*

$\uparrow$  *x and t are independent*

Liebniz:  $\frac{dy}{dx}, \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}, \frac{d^3y}{dx^3}, \dots$  ;  $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = -32$

Lagrange:  $y', y'', y'''$  ;  $y'' = -32, y''(t) = -32$

$\ddot{s} = -32$  (Newton)

$$\left. \begin{aligned} y'' + 3y' + 2y &= 0 \\ \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 3\frac{dy}{dx} + 2y &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{2nd-order}$$

$y' = 2$  1<sup>st</sup>-order

$y''' = 2$  3<sup>rd</sup>-order

Other representations

$M(x,y) dx + N(x,y) dy = 0$ , e.g.:

$(y-x) dx + 4x dy = 0 \implies$

$y-x + 4x \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \implies 4x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = x$   
 $4xy' + y = x$

An  $n$ th-order ordinary (one independent variable) differential equation in one dependent variable may be expressed in the following form:

$F(x, y, y', \dots, y^{(n)}) = 0$ , e.g.,

$4xy' + y = x \implies 4xy' + y - x = 0 \implies$   
 $F(x, y, y') = 0$ , o.t.h.3

**EQU**  
**(4) in text**

can be written as

$y' = f(x, y)$ , e.g.,  $y' = \frac{x-y}{4x} = f(x, y)$

In general,  $F(x, y, y', \dots, y^{(n)}) = 0 \implies$

$y^{(n)} = f(x, y, y', \dots, y^{(n-1)})$  **NORMAL FORM**

$y' = f(x, y)$  1<sup>st</sup> ORDER or  $y'' = f(x, y, y')$  2<sup>nd</sup> ORDER OR  $y^{(5)} = f(x, y, y', y'', y''', y^{(4)})$  5<sup>th</sup> ORDER

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**Linear ODEs:** All of the dependent variables in the equation are to the first power, and all the coefficients are functions of the independent variable (including constant coefficients).

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

We'll spend most of our time on linear 1st- and 2nd-order ODEs, basically because they're the easiest to solve!

All other ODEs are nonlinear ODEs.

$$(y - x) dx + 4x dy = 0, \quad y'' - 2y + y = 0, \quad x^3 \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} + x \frac{dy}{dx} - 5y = e^x$$

nonlinear term:  
coefficient depends on y

$$(1 - y)y' + 2y = e^x,$$

nonlinear term:  
nonlinear function of y

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

and

nonlinear term:  
power not 1

$$\frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} + y^2 = 0$$

**Special:** A Nonlinear ODE that can be transformed into two nonlinear equations in Normal Form:

$$(y')^2 + 2xy' - y = 0$$

$$(y')^2 + 2xy' + x^2 = y + x^2$$

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

$$\sqrt{(y')^2} = \sqrt{x^2 + y}$$

$$|y'| = \sqrt{x^2 + y}$$

$$y' = \pm \sqrt{x^2 + y}$$

$$y' = \sqrt{x^2 + y}$$

OR

$$y' = -\sqrt{x^2 + y}$$

NOT "AND"  
(Book flubbed.)

### Definition 1.1.2 Solution of an ODE

Any function  $\phi$ , defined on an interval  $I$  and possessing at least  $n$  derivatives that are continuous on  $I$ , which when substituted into an  $n$ th-order ordinary differential equation reduces the equation to an identity, is said to be a **solution** of the equation on the interval.

$$F(x, \phi(x), \dots, \phi^{(n)}(x)) = 0$$

" $\phi$  satisfies the eq<sup>n</sup>."

$$\boxed{\epsilon} \quad y = e^{2x} \text{ solves}$$

$$y' - 2y = 0$$

$\boxed{\text{pf}}$

$$2e^{2x} - 2e^{2x} = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$I = (-\infty, \infty) = \text{Interval on which this holds.}$

Since we're talking about functions that solve these equations on AN INTERVAL, be careful about solution functions with holes or gaps in their domain, for example,

$$y = \frac{1}{x} \text{ solves } xy' + y = 0, \text{ since}$$

$$x \frac{dy}{dx} = -y$$

$$x dy = -y dx$$

$$\frac{dy}{y} = -\frac{dx}{x} = \frac{dx}{-x}$$

$$\ln y = -\ln(x) = \ln\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$$

$$y = \frac{1}{x}, \text{ which has domain } \begin{matrix} (-\infty, 0) \\ \cup \\ (0, \infty) \end{matrix}$$

so we have to PICK an interval on which  $y$  is differentiable, either  $(0, \infty)$  or  $(-\infty, 0)$

Note  
 $y=0$  is an explicit  
 soln to  
 all of these.  
 We'll be looking for  
 nontrivial solns.

$$F(x, y, y', \dots, y^{(n)}) = 0, \quad (4)$$

### Definition 1.1.3 Implicit Solution of an ODE

A relation  $G(x, y) = 0$  is said to be an **implicit solution** of an ordinary differential equation (4) on an interval  $I$ , provided that there exists at least one function  $\phi$  that satisfies the relation as well as the differential equation on  $I$ .

Explicit:

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

Implicit:

$$2xy - 5y + x^2y^2 = 0$$

In Problems 21 and 22 verify that the indicated expression is an implicit solution of the given first-order differential equation. Find at least one explicit solution  $y = \phi(x)$  in each case. Use a graphing utility to obtain the graph of an explicit solution. Give an interval  $I$  of definition of each solution  $\phi$ .

21.  $\frac{dX}{dt} = (X-1)(1-2X); \quad \ln\left(\frac{2X-1}{X-1}\right) = t$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = (x-1)(1-2x)$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{2x-1}{x-1}\right) = t \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{(x-1) \cdot \frac{(2x') (x-1) - (2x-1) x'}{(x-1)^2}}{(x-1) \cdot \frac{2x-1}{x-1}} = 1$$

Not the best technique.

$$\frac{2x'x - 2x' - 2xx' + x'}{(x-1)(2x-1)} = \frac{x'(2x-2-2x+1)}{(x-1)(2x-1)} = \frac{-1}{(x-1)(2x-1)} \quad x' = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x' = -\frac{(x-1)(2x-1)}{(x-1)(2x-1)} = (x-1)(1-2x) \quad \checkmark$$

$$\textcircled{E7} \quad x^2 + y^2 = 25$$

solves  $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{y}$ .

Families of Solutions:

Recall:

Explicit:

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

Solves

$$y'' - y = 0$$

But so does any function of the form

$$y = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{-x} \quad \text{one way to express this is}$$

$$\{ c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{-x} \mid c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

A solim of an  $n^{\text{th}}$  order ODE

$$F(x, y, y', \dots, y^{(n)}) = 0$$

is an  $n$ -parameter family

$$G(x, y, c_1, \dots, c_n) = 0$$

where  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$  are constants.

$y = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{-x}$  is how I'll try to write it,

but formally,  $G(x, y, c_1, c_2) = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{-x} - y = 0$

General Solution - Before the  $c$ 's are defined.

Particular Solution - Specific values of the constant  $c$  are selected or found.

(E10)

$$xy' - 4y = 0$$

$$x dy = 4y dx$$

$$\frac{dy}{y} = \frac{4 dx}{x}$$

$$\ln y = +\ln(x) + \ln c$$

$$= \ln(x^4) + \ln c$$

$$= \ln(cx^4)$$

$y = cx^4$  is soln on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ ,  
even though the soln method

says  $x > 0, y > 0$ , or @ least  $y, x \neq 0$ .

But we're not bound by that restriction (an artifact of my solution method), when looking at the equation and asking "Is this a solution?" Note that there's yet another solution that works, namely,

$$y = \begin{cases} -x^4 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ x^4 & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

A single choice of ' $c$ ' traps you on one or the other

### Singular Solution

A solution that is not a member of the one-parameter family of solutions of the equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = xy^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (\text{we will solve in (2)})$$

$$y = \left(\frac{1}{4}x^2 + c\right)^2, \quad c \geq 0$$

But  $y = 0$  is a solim, but not in  $\left\{\left(\frac{1}{4}x^2 + c\right)^2 \mid c \geq 0\right\}$ .

↳ singular solim.

### System of ODEs:

A system of two first-order differential equations is given by:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(t, x, y)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = g(t, x, y)$$

or

$$x_1' = f(t, x_1, x_2)$$

$$x_2' = g(t, x_1, x_2)$$

A Solution of such a system is a pair of dif. functions  $x = \Phi_1(t)$ ,  $y = \Phi_2(t)$  defined on a common interval  $I$ .



## Remarks, Pg 11

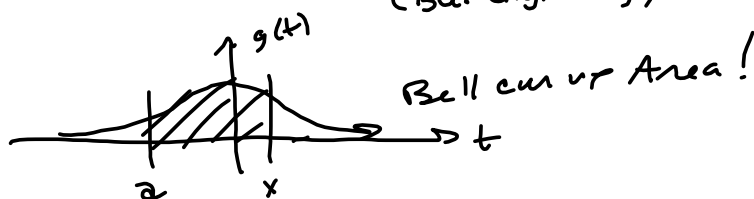
(i)  $M(x,y)dx + N(x,y)dy = 0$   
 may or may not be linear, depending on which  
 variable is independent.

(ii)  $f'(x) = g(x) \Rightarrow$   
 $f(x) = \int_a^x g(t) dt + C$  may not be elementary  
 (Not closed-form),

eg.  $f'(x) = 3e^{x^2}$ , as

$$f(x) = \int_a^x 3e^{t^2} dt + C$$

can't evaluate analytically.  
 (But digitally, we can)



Elementary Functions: constant, polynomial, rational, exponential, logarithmic, trigonometric, and inverse trigonometric, plus all algebraic and transcendental functions of these functions.

(iii) Not all DE's have solutions See #51

(v) Can't always solve

$F(x, y, y', y'', \dots, y^{(n)}) = 0$  for  $y^{(n)}$ , that is,  
we may not be able to find  
NORMAL FORM.

Trig: Solve  $\cos(x) - 1 = 0$   
 $\cos(x) = 1 \Rightarrow$



$$x = 2n\pi$$

$$\{x \mid x = 2n\pi, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$\{2n\pi \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$D(\sec(x))$$

$$= D\left(\frac{1}{\cos(x)}\right) = \{x \mid \cos(x) \neq 0\}$$

$$= \{x \mid x \neq 2n\pi, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$