

Methods of Solving First order, First Degree Differential Equations

In this section we shall discuss methods of solving first order first degree diff. eq.

1) - Differential equations with variables separable

A first order first degree diff. eq. is of the form

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = F(x, y) \quad \dots (1)$$

If $F(x, y)$ can be expressed as a product $g(x)h(y)$ where $g(x)$ is function of x and $h(y)$ is function of y , then the diff. eq (1) is said to be of variable separable type. The diff. eq (1) then has the form

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = g(x)h(y) \quad \dots (2)$$

If $h(y) \neq 0$, separating the variable, eq (2) can be rewritten as

$$\frac{1}{h(y)} dy = g(x) dx \quad \dots (3)$$

integrating both side of eq (3), we get

$$\int \frac{1}{h(y)} = \int g(x) dx \quad \dots (4)$$

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We get

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S} &= 9e^{-3x} + (-3e^{-3x}) - 6e^{-3x} \\ &= 9e^{-3x} - 9e^{-3x} = 0 = \text{R.H.S.} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the given function is a solution of the given diff. eq.

EX (3): Verify that the function $y = a \cos x + b \sin x$ where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ is a solution of the diff. eq.

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + y = 0 \quad \dots (*)$$

Solution

The given function is

$$y = a \cos x + b \sin x \quad \dots (1)$$

Differentiating both sides of eq (1) with respect to x

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -a \sin x + b \cos x \quad \dots (2)$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = -a \cos x - b \sin x \quad \dots (3)$$

Substituting the values y (eq (1)) and $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}$ (eq (3)) in given diff. eq. (*), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S} &= (-a \cos x - b \sin x) + (a \cos x + b \sin x) \\ &= 0 = \text{R.H.S.} \end{aligned}$$

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Thus, eq (1) provides the solutions of given diff. eq. in the form

$$H(y) = G(x) + C$$

Here, $H(y)$ and $G(x)$ are the anti derivatives of $\frac{1}{h(y)}$ and $g(x)$ respectively and C is the arbitrary constant.

Example 4: The general solution of diff. eq

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x+1}{2-y}, \quad (y \neq 2)$$

Solution: we have

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x+1}{2-y} \quad \dots (1)$$

separating the variable in eq (1), we get

$$(2-y) dy = (x+1) dx \quad \dots (2)$$

integrating both sides of eq (2), we get

$$\int (2-y) dy = \int (x+1) dx$$

$$\left[2y - \frac{y^2}{2} = \frac{x^2}{2} + x + C_1 \right] * 2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + 2x - 4y + 2C_1 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + 2x - 4y + C = 0$, where $C = 2C_1$, which is the general solution of eq (1)

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Example (5): Find the general solution of the \rightarrow
diff. eq. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1+y^2}{1+x^2}$

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$\because 1+y^2 \neq 0$, therefore separating the variable
the given diff. eq. can be written as

$$\frac{dy}{1+y^2} = \frac{dx}{1+x^2} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

integrating both sides of eq (1), we get

$$\int \frac{dy}{1+y^2} = \int \frac{dx}{1+x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^{-1} y = \tan^{-1} x + C$$

which is the general solution of eq (1)

Example (6) Find the particular solution of the
diff. eq. $\frac{dy}{dx} = -4xy^2$ given
 $y = 1$, when $x = 0$

Sol if $y \neq 0$, the given diff. eq. can be written as

$$\Rightarrow [-4xy^2 dx = dy] \div y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow -4x \cdot dx = \frac{dy}{y^2} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Integrating both sides of eq (1), we get

$$\int \frac{dy}{y^2} = -4 \int x dx$$

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$$\Rightarrow \int y^{-2} dy = -4 \int x dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y^{-1}}{-1} = -4 \frac{x^2}{2} + C$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(-\frac{1}{y} = -2x^2 + C \right) * -1$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[+1 = (2x^2 - C)y \right] \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{2x^2 - C} \dots (2)$$

Substituting $y=1$ and $x=0$ in eq (2), we get

$$1 = \frac{1}{2(0) - C} \Rightarrow -C = 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{C = -1}$$

Now substituting the value of C in eq (2) we get the particular solution of the given diff. eq as

$$y = \frac{1}{2x^2 + 1}$$

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