

Linear differential equations

A differential equation of the form

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + P y = Q$$

where P and Q are constant or functions of x only, is known as a first order linear differential eq.

Another form of first order linear diff. eq. is

$$\frac{dx}{dy} + P_1 x = Q_1$$

where, P_1 and Q_1 are constants or functions of y only.

To solve the first order linear diff. eq. of the type

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + P y = Q \quad \text{--- (*)}$$

Multiply both sides of eq (*) by a function of x say $g(x)$ to get

$$g(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + P (g(x) y) = Q \cdot g(x) \quad \text{--- (2*)}$$

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derivative of R.H.S of $(y - g(x))$

$$\text{i.e. } g(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + P \cdot g(x) \cdot y = \frac{d}{dx} [y - g(x)]$$

$$\text{or } g(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + P \cdot g(x) \cdot y = g(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + y g'(x)$$

$$P \cdot g(x) = g'(x)$$

$$\text{or } P = \frac{g'(x)}{g(x)}$$

Integrating both sides with respect to x , we get

$$\int P dx = \int \frac{g'(x)}{g(x)} dx$$

$$\text{or } \int P dx = \log(g(x))$$

$$g(x) = e^{\int P(x) dx}$$

on multiplying the eq (1) by $g(x) = e^{\int P(x) dx}$, the

L.H.S becomes the derivative of some function of x and y . This fun. $g(x) = e^{\int P(x) dx}$ is called **Integrating Factor (I.F)** of given diff. eq.

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Substituting the value of $g(x)$ in eq (2) we get

$$e^{\int p dx} \frac{dy}{dx} + P e^{\int p dx} y = Q \cdot e^{\int p dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (y e^{\int p dx}) = Q e^{\int p dx}$$

Integrating both sides with respect to x , we get

$$\left[y \cdot e^{\int p dx} = \int (Q \cdot e^{\int p dx}) dx \right] \div e^{\int p dx}$$

$$y = e^{-\int p dx} \cdot \int (Q \cdot e^{\int p dx}) dx + C$$

which is the general solution of the diff. eq.

Steps involved to solve first order linear diff. equation:

(i) write the given diff. eq in the form $\frac{dy}{dx} + Py = Q$ where P, Q are constant or fun. of x only.

(ii) Find the Integrating Factor (I.F) = $e^{\int p dx}$

(iii) write the solution of the given diff. eq as

$$y (I.F) = \int (Q \times I.F) dx + C$$

In case the first order linear diff. eq is in the form $\frac{dx}{dy} + P_1 x = Q_1$

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where, P_1 and Q_1 are constants or function

of y only. Then I.F. = $e^{\int P dy}$ and the solution of the diff. eq is given by

$$x \cdot (I.F) = \int (Q_1 \times I.F) dy + C$$

Example:- Find the general solution of diff. eq.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - y = \cos x \quad \text{--- (*)}$$

solution: Given diff. eq is of the form

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + Py = Q, \text{ where } P = -1 \text{ \& } Q = \cos x$$

$$\text{Therefore I.F.} = e^{\int P dx} = e^{\int -1 dx} = e^{-x} \quad \text{--- (**)}$$

Multiplying both sides of eq(*) by I.F. (e^{-x}) we get

$$e^{-x} \frac{dy}{dx} - e^{-x} y = e^{-x} \cos x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} (y e^{-x}) = e^{-x} \cos x$$

on integrating both sides with respect to x , we get

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$$y e^{-x} = \int e^{-x} \cos x dx + C \quad \text{--- (***)}$$

$$\text{Let } I = \int e^{-x} \cos x dx \quad \text{عمل بجزء$$

$$\text{let } u = \cos x \quad dv = e^{-x}$$

$$du = -\sin x \quad v = -e^{-x}$$

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$$

$$\cos x \left(\frac{e^{-x}}{-1} \right) - \int -\sin x (e^{-x}) dx$$



$$\begin{aligned} \downarrow \\ u = \sin x \quad dv = e^{-x} \\ du = \cos x dx \quad v = \frac{e^{-x}}{-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du = -x e^x - \int -e^x \cos x dx$$

$$= -\cos x e^{-x} + \sin x e^{-x} - \int \cos x e^{-x} dx$$

$$I = -\cos x e^{-x} + \sin x e^{-x} - I$$

$$2I = -\cos x e^{-x} + \sin x e^{-x}$$

$$I = \frac{-\cos x e^{-x} + \sin x e^{-x}}{2}$$

$$I = \left(\frac{\sin x - \cos x}{2} \right) e^{-x}$$

substituting the value of I in eq (1)

$$y e^{-x} = \left(\frac{\sin x - \cos x}{2} \right) e^{-x} + C$$

$$y = \left(\frac{\sin x - \cos x}{2} \right) + C e^x$$

which is general solution of the given diff. eq.

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Example: Find The general solution of diff. eq.

$$x \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = x^3 \quad (x \neq 0)$$

Sol
The given diff. eq. is

$$\left[x \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = x^3 \right] \div x$$

We get

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

which is a linear diff. eq. of type

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + P y = Q, \text{ where } P = \frac{2}{x} \\ Q = x$$

$$\text{so I.F.} = \int e^{P dx} = \int e^{\frac{2}{x}} dx$$

Therefore, solution of The given eq is given by

$$y \cdot x^2 = \int (x)(x^2) dx + C = \int x^3 dx + C$$

$$\left[y \cdot x^2 = \frac{x^4}{4} + C \right] \div x^2$$

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

which is general solution of the given diff. eq.

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Example: Find the general solution of the diff. eq. $y dx - (x + 2y^2) dy = 0$ — (4)

Sol The given diff. eq. (*) can be written as

$$[y dx = (x + 2y^2) dy] \div y$$

$$~~y dx = x(1 + \frac{2y^2}{x}) dy \div y~~$$

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

$$[dx = (\frac{x}{y} + \frac{2y^2}{y}) dy] \div dy$$

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

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

This is linear diff. eq. of the type

$$\frac{dx}{dy} + P_1 x = Q_1 \quad \text{where } P_1 = -\frac{1}{y} \\ Q_1 = 2y$$

$$\text{Therefore } I.F = e^{\int P_1 dx} = e^{\int -\frac{1}{y} dx} = e^{-\log y}$$

$$= e^{\log y^{-1}} = y^{-1} = \frac{1}{y}$$

Hence, the solution of the given diff. eq. is

$$x \cdot \frac{1}{y} = \int (2y) \left(\frac{1}{y}\right) dy + c$$

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$$\frac{x}{y} = \int (2 dy) + c$$

$$\frac{x}{y} = 2y + c$$

$$x = 2y^2 + Cy$$

which is general solution of the given diff. eq.

Example: Find the particular solution of the diff. eq.

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) + y \cot x = 2x + x^2 \cot x \quad (x \neq 0)$$

given that $y=0$ when $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$.

sol The given eq is a Linear diff. eq of the type

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + P(y) = Q$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{where } P = \cot x \\ Q = 2x + x^2 \cot x \end{array} \right\}$$

$$I.F. = e^{\int \cot x dx} = e^{\log \sin x} = \sin x$$

Hence, The solution of the diff. eq is given by

$$y (I.F.) = \int (Q * I.f) dx + c$$

$$y \sin x = \int (2x + x^2 \cot x) * \sin x dx + c$$

$$y \cdot \sin x = \int 2x \cdot \sin x + x^2$$

$$\cot x = \left(\frac{\cos x}{\sin x}\right) * \sin x$$

$$y \sin x = \int 2x \sin x dx + \int x^2 \cos x dx + C$$

$$u = \sin x \quad du = \cos x dx$$

$$v = \frac{2x^2}{2} \quad dv = 2x dx$$

$$= uv - \int v du$$

$$\int 2x \sin x dx = \left(\frac{2x^2}{2}\right) \sin x - \int \frac{2x^2}{2} \cos x dx$$

\Rightarrow

$$y \sin x = \left(\frac{2x^2}{2}\right) \sin x - \int \cos x \left(\frac{2x^2}{2}\right) + \int x^2 \cos x dx$$

$$y \sin x = x^2 \sin x + C \quad \text{--- } (*)$$

substituting $y=0$ and $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ in eq (*) we get

$$0 = \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + C$$

$$C = -\frac{\pi^2}{4}$$

Substituting The value of C in eq (*), we get

$$y \sin x = x^2 \sin x - \frac{\pi^2}{4}$$

$$y = x^2 - \frac{\pi^2}{4 \sin x} \quad (\sin x \neq 0)$$

which is particular solution of given diff. eq.

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