



DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION



Introductory Topics



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OBJECTIVES

At the end of the lesson, students must be able to:

1. Determine the type, order, degree and linearity of a differential equation by identification of each features in a given differential equation correctly.

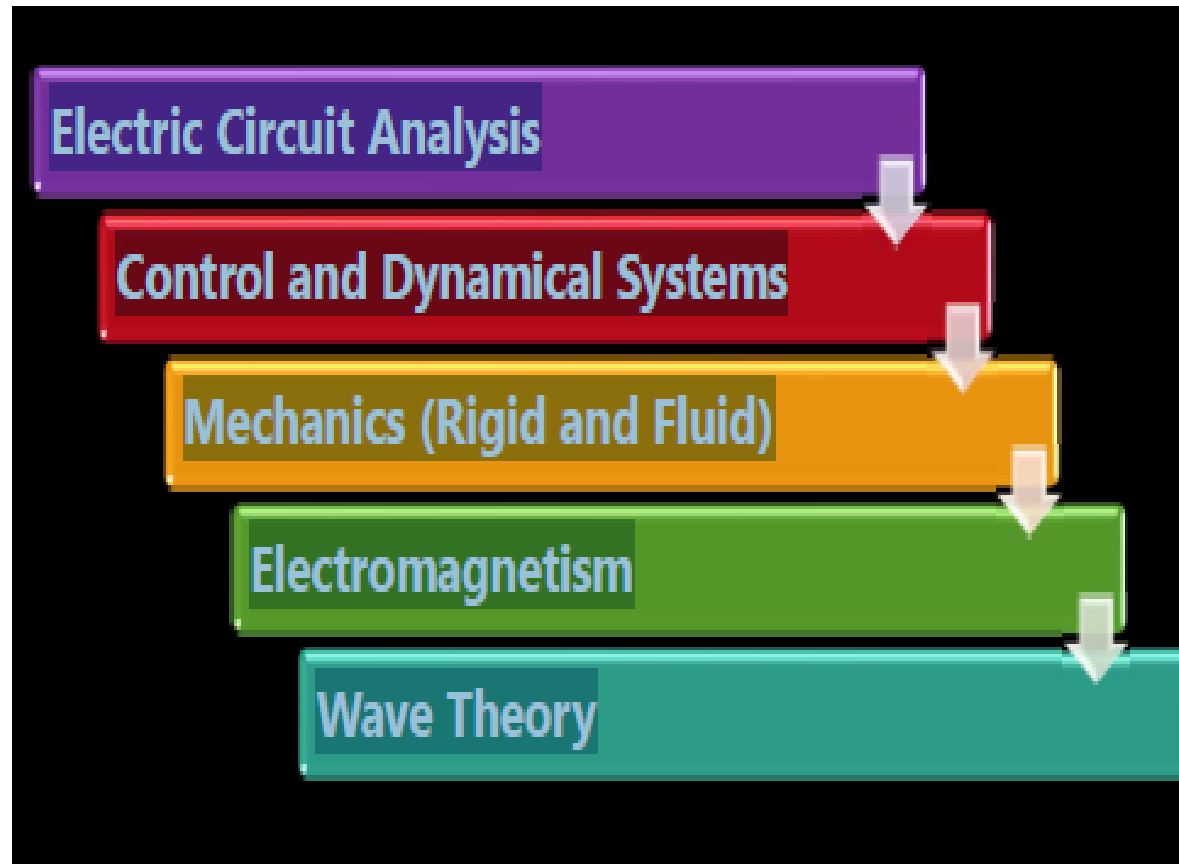
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- Scientists and engineers develop mathematical models for physical processes as an aid to understanding and predicting the behavior of the processes.
- we discuss mathematical models that help us understand, among other things, decay of radioactive substances, electrical networks, population dynamics, dispersion of pollutants, and trajectories of moving objects.
- Modeling a physical process often leads to equations that involve not only the physical quantity of interest but also some of its derivatives.

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Differential equations is a powerful tool in solving many real-world problems in engineering, physical sciences, natural sciences, business and economics.



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The study of differential equations has three principal goals:

1. To discover the differential equation that describes a specified physical situation.
2. To find—either exactly or approximately—the appropriate solution of that equation.
3. To interpret the solution that is found.

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An equation relating an unknown function and one or more of its derivatives is called a differential equation.

Other definition

- an equation containing *derivatives* or *differentials*
- expresses a relation between an *unknown function* and its *derivatives*.
- may contain one or more derivatives
- one or more independent variables

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Notation for Derivatives

Leibniz notation $\frac{d(\)}{d(\)}$,

$$\frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\frac{df}{dx}(x) \text{ or } \frac{df(x)}{dx} \text{ or } \frac{d}{dx}f(x).$$

Higher derivatives are written as

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}, \frac{d^3y}{dx^3}, \frac{d^4y}{dx^4}, \dots, \frac{d^ny}{dx^n}.$$

Lagrange's notation (prime marks),

$$y'$$

$$f^{(4)}(x), f^{(5)}(x), f^{(6)}(x), \dots$$

$$f'(x).$$

$$f^{\text{iv}}(x), f^{\text{v}}(x), f^{\text{vi}}(x), \dots,$$

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Euler's notation (D operator)

$$(Df)(x) = \frac{df(x)}{dx}.$$

$$Dy \quad D^2y$$

Higher derivatives are notated as "powers" of D (where the superscripts denote iterated composition of D),

$D^2 f$ for the second derivative,

$D^3 f$ for the third derivative, and

$D^n f$ for the n th derivative.

Newton's notation

- also called the dot notation, fluxions, or sometimes, crudely, the flyspeck notation

if y is a function of t , then \dot{y}

Higher derivatives are represented using multiple dots, as in

$$\ddot{y}, \dddot{y}$$

$$\dot{x} \quad \ddot{x}$$

The first and second derivatives of x , Newton's notation.

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Partial derivatives notation

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$$

A function f differentiated against x .

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = u_{xx}$$

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Examples of Differential Equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \cos x, \quad (1)$$

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

$$(x^2 + y^2) dx - 2xy dy = 0, \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = h^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right), \quad (4)$$

$$L \frac{d^2i}{dt^2} + R \frac{di}{dt} + \frac{1}{C} i = E \omega \cos \omega t, \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2} = 0, \quad (6)$$

$$\left(\frac{d^2w}{dx^2} \right)^3 - xy \frac{dw}{dx} + w = 0, \quad (7)$$

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$$\frac{d^3x}{dy^3} + x \frac{dx}{dy} - 4xy = 0, \quad (8)$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 7 \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^3 - 8y = 0, \quad (9)$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = x, \quad (10)$$

$$x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = nf. \quad (11)$$

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- When an equation involves one or more derivatives with respect to a particular variable, that variable is called an **independent variable**. A variable is called **dependent** if a derivative of that variable occurs.

$$L \frac{d^2 i}{dt^2} + R \frac{di}{dt} + \frac{1}{C} i = E \omega \cos \omega t \quad (5)$$

i is the dependent variable, t the independent variable, and L , R , C , E , and ω are called parameters.

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In the equation

$$y = 3x^2 + 1$$

$y \rightarrow$ *dependent variable*

$x \rightarrow$ *independent variable*

In the equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2} = 0 \quad (6)$$

It has one dependent variable V and two independent variables.

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Classifications of DE in terms of

- Type
- Order
- Linearity
- Homogeneity
- Autonomy

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Classifications by Type

1. Ordinary Differential Equation (ODE)

-If an equation contains only ordinary derivatives of one or more dependent variables with respect to a single independent variable.

2. Partial Differential Equation (PDE)

- An equation containing partial derivatives of one or more dependent variables of two or more independent variables.

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Example 1.1.1 An Ordinary Differential Equation

Here's a typical elementary ODE, with some of its components indicated:

unknown function, y ↓

$$3 \frac{dy}{dt} = y$$

independent variable, t ↑

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Other examples (ODE)

$$\frac{di}{dt} + 10i = 2 \cos 4t$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy = e^{-x^2}$$

$$x''(t) - 5x'(t) + 6x(t) = 0$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{3t^2 + 4t + 2}{2(x - 1)}$$

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Partial differential equations

- If we are dealing with functions of *several* variables and the derivatives involved are *partial* derivatives, then we have a **partial differential equation (PDE)**

Examples of partial differential equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 2xy$$

$$u_x + yu_y = u$$

$$u_{xx} + u_{yy} = \sin t$$

$$u_x = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$$

$$u_{xx} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

$$u_{xy} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)$$

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Examples of partial differential equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = h^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right) \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2} = 0 \quad (6)$$

$$x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = n f \quad (11)$$

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Classifications by Order

- The order of a differential equation (either ODE or PDE) is the order of the highest derivative in the equation.

For example, equation (1) is a 1st-order equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \cos x$$

while equation (2) is a second-order equation

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

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The equations

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy = e^{-x^2}$$

$$(w')^2 + 2t^3 w' - 4t^2 w = 0$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{3t^2 + 4t + 2}{2(x - 1)}$$

are all first-order differential equations because the highest derivative in **each equation is the first derivative.**

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First-order differential equations are written in the form $M(x; y)dx + N(x; y)dy = 0$ for convenience.

In symbols, one can express an n th-order differential equation in one variable by the general form

$$F(x, y, y', \dots, y^{(n)}) = 0 \quad (12)$$

where F is a real-valued function of $n + 2$ variables: $x, y, y', \dots, y^{(n)}$. For both practical and theoretical reasons it is assumed that it is possible to solve an ordinary differential equation in the form (12) uniquely for the highest derivative of $y^{(n)}$ in terms of the remaining $n + 1$ variables. The differential equation:

$$\frac{d^n y}{dx^n} = f(x, y, y', \dots, y^{(n)}) \quad (13)$$

where f is a real-valued continuous function, is referred to as the *normal form* of equation (12).

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General Form for a Second-Order ODE

If y is an unknown function of x , then the second-order ordinary differential equation $2\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} +$

$e^x \frac{dy}{dx} = y + \sin x$ can be written as $2\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + e^x \frac{dy}{dx} - y - \sin x = 0$ or as

$$\underbrace{2y'' + e^x y' - y - \sin x}_{F(x,y,y',y'')} = 0.$$

$$F(x,y,y',y'')$$

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The equations

$$x''(t) - 5x'(t) + 6x(t) = 0$$

$$\ddot{x} + 3t \dot{x} + 2x = \sin(\omega t)$$

are second-order equations.

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Classifications by Linearity

- ***Linear and nonlinear ordinary differential equations***
 - Another important way to categorize differential equations is in terms of whether they are *linear* or *nonlinear*

Linear

An n th-order differential equation is said to be linear if F is linear in $y, y', \dots, y^{(n)}$. This means that an n th-order differential equation is linear when it is in the form

$$a_n(x)y^{(n)} + a_{n-1}(x)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_1(x)y' + a_0(x)y - g(x) = 0$$

or

$$a_n(x)\frac{d^n y}{dx^n} + a_{n-1}(x)\frac{d^{(n-1)}y}{dx^{(n-1)}} + \dots + a_1(x)\frac{dy}{dx} + a_0(x)y = g(x) \quad (14)$$

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Two important cases of (14) are:

1st-order differential equation ($n=1$)

$$a_1(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + a_0(x)y = g(x)$$

and second-order differential equation ($n=2$):

$$a_2(x) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + a_1(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + a_0(x)y = g(x)$$

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A differential equation is *linear* if

- The *dependent* variable and its *derivatives* are of *first degree* (linear)
- All *coefficients* are *constants* or functions of the *independent* variable

Examples:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + y = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + x^2 = 0$$

$$x^2 y'' - (x - 1)y' + 8y = \sin 3x$$

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

$$y'' + 2y' + y = 0$$

$$\frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} + x \frac{dy}{dx} - 5y = e^x$$

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Non-Linear

- A non-linear ordinary differential equation is simply one that is not linear. Non-linear functions of the dependent variable, or its derivatives, such as $\sin y$ or e^y , cannot appear in a linear equation.

Examples:

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

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

$$(3) \quad \frac{d^4y}{dx^4} + y^2 = 0$$

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To determine if this differential equation is linear or non-linear, let's rewrite it in standard form:

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

This equation can be expanded and written as:

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

We can see that the equation involves a term $y \frac{dy}{dx}$, which is the product of the dependent variable y and its derivative $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

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Criteria for Linearity:

A differential equation is linear if:

1. The dependent variable y and its derivatives $\frac{dy}{dx}$, $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$, \dots appear to the first power.
2. There are no products of y and its derivatives.
3. The coefficients of y and its derivatives depend only on the independent variable x , not on y .

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Classifications by Homogeneity

1. Homogeneous Differential Equations

Definition:

A differential equation is homogeneous if it can be written such that all terms involve the dependent variable and its derivatives, with no term that is a function of the independent variable alone.

- The general form is:

$$a_n(x) \frac{d^n y}{dx^n} + a_{n-1}(x) \frac{d^{n-1} y}{dx^{n-1}} + \cdots + a_1(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + a_0(x) y = 0$$


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Classifications by Homogeneity

2. Non-Homogeneous Differential Equations:

A non-homogeneous differential equation has terms that include functions of the independent variable alone (or constants), and the equation is not equal to zero.

The general form is:

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


where $g(x)$ is a non-zero function of the independent variable x , or a constant term.

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Example:

Homogeneous DE: $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 3 \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = 0$

Non-homogeneous DE:

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 3 \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = e^x$$

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Classifications by Homogeneity

Example 1: Linear Homogeneous DE

Consider the second-order linear homogeneous differential equation:

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

Explanation:

- **Order:** Second-order (highest derivative is $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$).
- **Linearity:** Linear (the equation is a linear combination of y and its derivatives).
- **Homogeneity:** Homogeneous (right-hand side is zero).

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Example 2: Non-Linear Homogeneous DE

Consider the following non-linear differential equation:

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

Explanation:

- **Order:** First-order (highest derivative is $\frac{dy}{dx}$).
- **Linearity:** Non-linear (involves y^2).
- **Homogeneity:** Homogeneous (right-hand side depends only on y and not on x).

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Classifications by Homogeneity

Example 1: Linear Non-Homogeneous DE

Consider the second-order linear non-homogeneous differential equation:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 4\frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = e^x$$

Explanation:

- **Order:** Second-order.
- **Linearity:** Linear.
- **Homogeneity:** Non-homogeneous (right-hand side is e^x , which is a function of x).

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Example 2: Non-Linear Non-Homogeneous DE

Consider the first-order non-linear differential equation:

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

Explanation:

- **Order:** First-order.
- **Linearity:** Non-linear (involves y^2).
- **Homogeneity:** Non-homogeneous (right-hand side includes x , an external term).

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Other examples classify if linear, non linear, homogenous, non-homogenous

$$1. \quad \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4\frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = 0$$

$$2. \quad \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4\frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = e^x$$

$$3. \quad \frac{dy}{dx} + y^2 = 0$$

$$4. \quad \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - \frac{dy}{dx} + y = \sin(x)$$

$$5. \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 - y$$

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Classifications by Autonomy

Autonomy refers to whether a differential equation explicitly depends on the independent variable (often denoted as x or t).

Differential equations can be classified as **autonomous** or **non-autonomous** based on this dependency.

1. Autonomous Differential Equations

•**Definition:** A differential equation is **autonomous** if the independent variable (e.g., t or x) does not explicitly appear in the equation. In other words, the equation depends only on the dependent variable and its derivatives.

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Form: Autonomous differential equations can be written as:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f(y)$$

where $f(y)$ is a function of y only, and t (the independent variable) does not explicitly appear in the function.

Example:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = y^2 - 3y$$

This equation is autonomous because it depends only on the dependent variable y and not on the independent variable t .

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2. Non-Autonomous Differential Equations

•**Definition:** A differential equation is **non-autonomous** if the independent variable explicitly appears in the equation. This means the equation depends on both the dependent variable and the independent variable.

Form: Non-autonomous differential equations can be written as:

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

where $f(t, y)$ is a function of both t (the independent variable) and y (the dependent variable).

Example:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = t^2 + y^2$$

This equation is non-autonomous because it explicitly depends on the independent variable t .

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Other examples

$$1. \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} = -ky$$

$$2. \frac{dx}{dt} = \sin(x)$$

$$3. \frac{dy}{dx} = e^{-y}$$

$$4. \frac{dy}{dt} = y + t$$

$$5. \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = 3t + 5x$$

$$6. \frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 + \cos(y)$$

exercises

Exercises

State whether the equation is ordinary or partial, linear or nonlinear, and give its order.

1. $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + k^2x = 0.$

2. $(x^2 + y^2) dx + 2xy dy = 0.$

3. $y''' - 3y' + 2y = 0.$

4. $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = 0.$

5. $x \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - y \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = c_1.$

6. $(x + y) dx + (3x^2 - 1) dy = 0.$

7. $\left(\frac{d^3w}{dx^3}\right)^2 - 2\left(\frac{dw}{dx}\right)^4 + yw = 0.$

8. $y'' + 2y' - 8y = x^2 + \cos x.$

9. $\frac{d^3x}{dy^3} + x \frac{dx}{dy} - 4xy = 0$

10. $y' = ty^2$

ASSIGNMENT

For each of the following differential equations, determine whether the equation is
a) Ordinary or Partial, b) Linear or Nonlinear, c) Homogeneous or Nonhomogeneous,
and d) autonomous or non-autonomous and finally e) identify the Order of the differential equation.

6 $(x + y) dx + (3x^2 - 1) dy = 0.$

7 $\left(\frac{d^3 w}{dx^3}\right)^2 - 2\left(\frac{dw}{dx}\right)^4 + yw = 0.$

8 $y'' + 2y' - 8y = x^2 + \cos x.$

9. $\frac{d^3 x}{dy^3} + x \frac{dx}{dy} - 4xy = 0$

10. $y' = ty^2$

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