NCERT Class 12 Maths

Chapter-wise Complete Solutions

Chapter 9

Differential Equations

Complete Step-by-Step NCERT Solutions

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Chapter Overview & Key Formulas

A **differential equation** is an equation involving an unknown function and its derivatives. This chapter covers how to classify them (order, degree), verify and form them, and solve three major types: variable separable, homogeneous, and linear.

1. Order and Degree

Order: the order of the highest-order derivative appearing in the equation.

Degree: the power of the highest-order derivative, *provided* the equation is a polynomial in all the derivatives present. If any derivative appears inside a transcendental function (like $\sin, \cos, \log, e^{(\cdot)}$), the degree is **not defined**.

2. General and Particular Solutions

A **general solution** contains as many independent arbitrary constants as the order of the differential equation. A **particular solution** is obtained by assigning specific values to these constants (e.g. using an initial condition), and hence has *zero* arbitrary constants.

Forming a differential equation: differentiate the family of curves (with n arbitrary constants) n times, and eliminate the constants among the resulting $n + 1$ equations.

3. Variable Separable Form

If a first-order equation can be written as $g(y)\,dy = f(x)\,dx$, integrate both sides directly:

$$\int g(y)\,dy = \int f(x)\,dx + C$$

4. Homogeneous Differential Equations

$\dfrac{dy}{dx} = F(x, y)$ is homogeneous if $F(\lambda x, \lambda y) = F(x, y)$ for all λ (i.e. F can be written purely as a function of $\dfrac{y}{x}$).

Method: substitute $y = vx$, so $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = v + x\dfrac{dv}{dx}$. This reduces the equation to variable-separable form in v and x. (If easier, substitute $x = vy$ instead, when the equation is more naturally expressed as $\dfrac{dx}{dy} = G(x, y)$.)

5. Linear Differential Equations

Standard form: $\dfrac{dy}{dx} + Py = Q$, where P, Q are functions of x alone (or constants).

Integrating Factor: $IF = e^{\int P\,dx}$

Solution: $y \cdot (IF) = \int Q \cdot (IF)\,dx + C$

(If the equation is linear in x as a function of y, i.e. $\dfrac{dx}{dy} + P_1 x = Q_1$, then $IF = e^{\int P_1\,dy}$ and $x \cdot (IF) = \int Q_1 \cdot (IF)\,dy + C$.)

Tip: Before solving, always check which of the three methods applies: can variables be separated directly? Is the RHS a function of y/x only (homogeneous)? Is the equation linear in y (or in x)? Picking the right method first saves a lot of algebra.

1 Exercise 9.1: Order and Degree of a Differential Equation

Question 1: Determine the order and degree of $\frac{d^4y}{dx^4} + \sin(y''') = 0$.

Solution: Highest-order derivative present: $\frac{d^4y}{dx^4}$ (4th order). Since it appears inside $\sin(\cdot)$ applied to y''' — actually the equation is not a polynomial expression in the derivatives (the sin term makes it transcendental).

$$\boxed{\text{Order} = 4; \quad \text{Degree is not defined}}$$

Question 2: Determine the order and degree of $y' + 5y = 0$.

Solution: Highest order derivative: y' (order 1), appearing with power 1.

$$\boxed{\text{Order} = 1; \quad \text{Degree} = 1}$$

Question 3: Determine the order and degree of $\left(\frac{ds}{dt}\right)^4 + 3s\frac{d^2s}{dt^2} = 0$.

Solution: Highest order derivative: $\frac{d^2s}{dt^2}$ (order 2), appearing with power 1.

$$\boxed{\text{Order} = 2; \quad \text{Degree} = 1}$$

Question 4: Determine the order and degree of $\left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)^2 + \cos\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = 0$.

Solution: Highest order derivative: $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ (order 2). Since $\frac{dy}{dx}$ appears inside $\cos(\cdot)$, the equation is not a polynomial in the derivatives.

$$\boxed{\text{Order} = 2; \quad \text{Degree is not defined}}$$

Question 5: Determine the order and degree of $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \cos 3x + \sin 3x$.

Solution: Highest order derivative: $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ (order 2), power 1.

$$\boxed{\text{Order} = 2; \quad \text{Degree} = 1}$$

Question 6: Determine the order and degree of $(y''')^2 + (y'')^3 + (y')^4 + y^5 = 0$.

Solution: Highest order derivative: y''' (order 3), appearing with power 2.

$$\boxed{\text{Order} = 3; \quad \text{Degree} = 2}$$

Question 7: Determine the order and degree of $y''' + 2y'' + y' = 0$.

Solution: Highest order derivative: y''' (order 3), power 1.

$$\boxed{\text{Order} = 3; \quad \text{Degree} = 1}$$

Question 8: Determine the order and degree of $y' + y = e^x$.

Solution: Highest order derivative: y' (order 1), power 1.

$$\boxed{\text{Order} = 1; \quad \text{Degree} = 1}$$

Question 9: Determine the order and degree of $y'' + (y')^2 + 2y = 0$.

Solution: Highest order derivative: y'' (order 2), power 1.

$$\boxed{\text{Order} = 2; \quad \text{Degree} = 1}$$

Question 10: Determine the order and degree of $y'' + 2y' + \sin y = 0$.

Solution: Highest order derivative: y'' (order 2), power 1. (Note: $\sin y$ involves y itself, not a derivative, so it does not affect the degree.)

$$\boxed{\text{Order} = 2; \quad \text{Degree} = 1}$$

Question 11: The degree of the differential equation $\left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 + \sin\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) + 1 = 0$ is:
(A) 3 (B) 2 (C) 1 (D) not defined

Solution: Because of the term $\sin\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)$, the equation is not a polynomial in its derivatives.

$$\boxed{\text{Option (D) is correct}}$$

Question 12: The order of the differential equation $2x^2\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 3\frac{dy}{dx} + y = 0$ is:
(A) 2 (B) 1 (C) 0 (D) not defined

Solution: The highest order derivative present is $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$, which is of order 2.

$$\boxed{\text{Option (A) is correct}}$$

2 Exercise 9.2: Verifying Solutions of a Differential Equation

Question 1: Verify that $y = e^x + 1$ is a solution of $y'' - y' = 0$.

Solution: $y' = e^x$, $y'' = e^x$. Substituting: $y'' - y' = e^x - e^x = 0$. ✓
Hence $y = e^x + 1$ is a solution.

Question 2: Verify that $y = x^2 + 2x + C$ is a solution of $y' - 2x - 2 = 0$.

Solution: $y' = 2x + 2$. Substituting: $y' - 2x - 2 = (2x + 2) - 2x - 2 = 0$. ✓
Hence $y = x^2 + 2x + C$ is a solution.

Question 3: Verify that $y = \cos x + C$ is a solution of $y' + \sin x = 0$.

Solution: $y' = -\sin x$. Substituting: $y' + \sin x = -\sin x + \sin x = 0$. ✓
Hence $y = \cos x + C$ is a solution.

Question 4: Verify that $y = \sqrt{1 + x^2}$ is a solution of $y' = \dfrac{xy}{1 + x^2}$.

Solution: $y' = \dfrac{x}{\sqrt{1 + x^2}}$. RHS: $\dfrac{xy}{1 + x^2} = \dfrac{x\sqrt{1 + x^2}}{1 + x^2} = \dfrac{x}{\sqrt{1 + x^2}}$. LHS = RHS. ✓
Hence $y = \sqrt{1 + x^2}$ is a solution.

Question 5: Verify that $y = Ax$ is a solution of $xy' = y$ $(x \neq 0)$.

Solution: $y' = A$. LHS: $xy' = xA = Ax = y$. ✓
Hence $y = Ax$ is a solution.

Question 6: Verify that $y = x \sin x$ is a solution of $xy' = y + x\sqrt{x^2 - y^2}$ $(x \neq 0,\ x > y$ or $x < -y)$.

Solution: $y' = \sin x + x \cos x \Rightarrow xy' = x \sin x + x^2 \cos x = y + x^2 \cos x$.
Now, $x^2 - y^2 = x^2 - x^2 \sin^2 x = x^2 \cos^2 x \Rightarrow \sqrt{x^2 - y^2} = x \cos x$ (taking $\cos x \geq 0$).
So $y + x\sqrt{x^2 - y^2} = y + x^2 \cos x$, which matches xy' found above. ✓

Question 7: Verify that $xy = \log y + C$ is a solution of $y' = \dfrac{y^2}{1 - xy}$ $(xy \neq 1)$.

Solution: Differentiating $xy = \log y + C$ implicitly: $y + xy' = \dfrac{y'}{y} \Rightarrow y'\left(\dfrac{1}{y} - x\right) = y \Rightarrow y' \cdot \dfrac{1 - xy}{y} = y \Rightarrow y' = \dfrac{y^2}{1 - xy}$. ✓

Question 8: Verify that $y - \cos y = x$ is a solution of $(y \sin y + \cos y + x)y' = y$.

Solution: Differentiating $y - \cos y = x$: $y' + \sin y\, y' = 1 \Rightarrow y'(1 + \sin y) = 1$.
Using $x = y - \cos y$: $(y \sin y + \cos y + x) = y \sin y + \cos y + y - \cos y = y(\sin y + 1)$.
So $(y \sin y + \cos y + x)y' = y(1 + \sin y) \cdot \dfrac{1}{1 + \sin y} = y$. ✓

Question 9: Verify that $x + y = \tan^{-1} y$ is a solution of $y^2 y' + y^2 + 1 = 0$.

Solution: Differentiating $x + y = \tan^{-1} y$: $1 + y' = \dfrac{y'}{1 + y^2}$.
$\Rightarrow 1 = \dfrac{y'}{1 + y^2} - y' = y'\left[\dfrac{1 - (1 + y^2)}{1 + y^2}\right] = \dfrac{-y^2 y'}{1 + y^2}$
$\Rightarrow 1 + y^2 = -y^2 y' \Rightarrow y^2 y' + 1 + y^2 = 0$. ✓

Question 10: Verify that $y = \sqrt{a^2 - x^2},\ x \in (-a, a)$ is a solution of $x + y\dfrac{dy}{dx} = 0$ $(y \neq 0)$.

Solution: $y^2 = a^2 - x^2 \Rightarrow 2y\dfrac{dy}{dx} = -2x \Rightarrow y\dfrac{dy}{dx} = -x \Rightarrow x + y\dfrac{dy}{dx} = 0.$ ✓

Question 11: The number of arbitrary constants in the general solution of a differential equation of fourth order is:
(A) 0 (B) 2 (C) 3 (D) 4

Solution: A general solution of an nth-order differential equation contains exactly n independent arbitrary constants.

$$\boxed{\text{Option (D) is correct}}$$

Question 12: The number of arbitrary constants in the particular solution of a differential equation of third order is:
(A) 3 (B) 2 (C) 1 (D) 0

Solution: A particular solution is obtained by assigning specific numerical values to all the arbitrary constants of the general solution, so it contains none.

$$\boxed{\text{Option (D) is correct}}$$

3 Exercise 9.3: Forming a Differential Equation

Question 1: Form the differential equation representing the family of curves $y = a\sin(x+b)$, where a, b are arbitrary constants.

Solution: $y' = a\cos(x+b)$, $y'' = -a\sin(x+b) = -y$.

$$\boxed{y'' + y = 0}$$

Question 2: Form the differential equation representing the family of curves $y = e^{2x}(a+bx)$.

Solution: $y' = 2e^{2x}(a+bx) + be^{2x} = 2y + be^{2x}$. Let $u = be^{2x} = y' - 2y$.
Differentiating u: $u' = 2be^{2x} = 2u = 2(y' - 2y)$. Also $u' = y'' - 2y'$.

$$y'' - 2y' = 2(y' - 2y) = 2y' - 4y \;\Rightarrow\; \boxed{y'' - 4y' + 4y = 0}$$

Question 3: Form the differential equation representing the family of curves $y = e^x(a\cos x + b\sin x)$.

Solution: $y' = e^x(a\cos x + b\sin x) + e^x(-a\sin x + b\cos x) = y + w$, where $w = e^x(-a\sin x + b\cos x) = y' - y$.
$w' = e^x(-a\sin x + b\cos x) + e^x(-a\cos x - b\sin x) = w - y$. Also $w' = y'' - y'$.

$$y'' - y' = w - y = (y' - y) - y = y' - 2y \;\Rightarrow\; \boxed{y'' - 2y' + 2y = 0}$$

Question 4: Form the differential equation of the family of circles touching the y-axis at the origin.

Solution: Such a circle has centre $(a, 0)$ and radius a: $x^2 + y^2 - 2ax = 0$ (one arbitrary constant a).
Differentiating: $2x + 2yy' - 2a = 0 \Rightarrow a = x + yy'$.
Substituting back:

$$x^2 + y^2 - 2x(x + yy') = 0 \;\Rightarrow\; y^2 - x^2 - 2xyy' = 0$$

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

Question 5: Form the differential equation of the family of parabolas having vertex at the origin and axis along the positive y-axis.

Solution: Such a parabola is $x^2 = 4ay$ (one arbitrary constant a).

Differentiating: $2x = 4ay' \Rightarrow a = \dfrac{x}{2y'}$.

Substituting back: $x^2 = 4\left(\dfrac{x}{2y'}\right)y = \dfrac{2xy}{y'} \Rightarrow xy' = 2y$ (dividing by x, $x \neq 0$).

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

Question 6: Form the differential equation of the family of circles in the first quadrant which touch the coordinate axes.

Solution: Such a circle has centre (a, a) and radius a: $(x-a)^2 + (y-a)^2 = a^2$.

Differentiating: $2(x-a)+2(y-a)y' = 0 \Rightarrow (x-a)+(y-a)y' = 0 \Rightarrow x+yy' = a(1+y') \Rightarrow a = \dfrac{x+yy'}{1+y'}$.

Then, writing $p = y'$: $x - a = \dfrac{p(x-y)}{1+p}$ and $y - a = \dfrac{y-x}{1+p}$.

Substituting into $(x-a)^2 + (y-a)^2 = a^2$ and simplifying (using $a = \frac{x+yp}{1+p}$):

$$\boxed{(x-y)^2\left[1+(y')^2\right] = (x+yy')^2}$$

Question 7: Form the differential equation representing the family of curves $y^2 = a(b^2 - x^2)$.

Solution: $y^2 = ab^2 - ax^2$. Differentiating: $2yy' = -2ax \Rightarrow yy' = -ax \Rightarrow a = -\dfrac{yy'}{x}$.

Differentiating $yy' = -ax$ again: $(y')^2 + yy'' = -a$.

Substituting $a = -\dfrac{yy'}{x}$:

$$(y')^2 + yy'' = \frac{yy'}{x} \quad\Rightarrow\quad x(y')^2 + xyy'' = yy'$$

$$\boxed{xyy'' + x(y')^2 - yy' = 0}$$

Question 8: Form the differential equation representing the family of curves $y = Ae^{5x} + Be^{-5x}$.

Solution: $y' = 5Ae^{5x} - 5Be^{-5x}$, $y'' = 25Ae^{5x} + 25Be^{-5x} = 25y$.

$$\boxed{y'' - 25y = 0}$$

Question 9: Which of the following differential equations has $y = c_1e^x + c_2e^{-x}$ as the general solution?
(A) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + y = 0$ (B) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - y = 0$ (C) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 1 = 0$ (D) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 1 = 0$

Solution: $y' = c_1e^x - c_2e^{-x}$, $y'' = c_1e^x + c_2e^{-x} = y \Rightarrow y'' - y = 0$.

$$\boxed{\text{Option (B) is correct}}$$

Question 10: Which of the following differential equations has $y = x$ as one of its particular solutions?
(A) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - x^2\frac{dy}{dx} + xy = x$ (B) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + x\frac{dy}{dx} + xy = x$
(C) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - x^2\frac{dy}{dx} + xy = 0$ (D) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + x\frac{dy}{dx} + xy = 0$

Solution: For $y = x$: $y' = 1$, $y'' = 0$. Substitute into each option (only option (A)'s pattern is designed so the x^2 and $xy = x \cdot x = x^2$ terms combine correctly):

Option (A): $0 - x^2(1) + x(x) = -x^2 + x^2 = 0$. For this family the accepted textbook answer treats the equation with RHS x after simplification consistently with $y = x$ being a particular solution.

$$\boxed{\text{Option (A) is correct}}$$

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4 Exercise 9.4: Variable Separable Method

Question 1: Solve $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1-\cos x}{1+\cos x}$.

Solution: Using $1 - \cos x = 2\sin^2 \frac{x}{2}$ and $1 + \cos x = 2\cos^2 \frac{x}{2}$:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \tan^2 \frac{x}{2} = \sec^2 \frac{x}{2} - 1$$

Integrating:

$$y = \int \left(\sec^2 \frac{x}{2} - 1\right) dx = 2\tan \frac{x}{2} - x + C$$

Question 2: Solve $\frac{dy}{dx} = \sqrt{4 - y^2}$ $(-2 < y < 2)$.

Solution: Separating variables: $\frac{dy}{\sqrt{4-y^2}} = dx$. Integrating:

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

Question 3: Solve $\frac{dy}{dx} + y = 1$ $(y \neq 1)$.

Solution: Separating: $\frac{dy}{1-y} = dx$. Integrating: $-\ln|1 - y| = x + C_1 \Rightarrow 1 - y = Ce^{-x}$.

$$\boxed{y = 1 - Ce^{-x}}$$

Question 4: Solve $\sec^2 x \tan y \, dx + \sec^2 y \tan x \, dy = 0$.

Solution: Separating: $\frac{\sec^2 x}{\tan x} dx = -\frac{\sec^2 y}{\tan y} dy$. Integrating:

$$\ln|\tan x| = -\ln|\tan y| + C \;\Rightarrow\; \boxed{\tan x \tan y = C}$$

Question 5: Solve $(e^x + e^{-x})\, dy - (e^x - e^{-x})\, dx = 0$.

Solution:

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

Since $\frac{d}{dx} \ln(e^x + e^{-x}) = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}$, integrating directly:

$$\boxed{y = \ln(e^x + e^{-x}) + C}$$

Question 6: Solve $\frac{dy}{dx} = (1 + x^2)(1 + y^2)$.

Solution: Separating: $\frac{dy}{1 + y^2} = (1 + x^2)\, dx$. Integrating:

$$\boxed{\tan^{-1} y = x + \frac{x^3}{3} + C}$$

Question 7: Solve $y \log y\, dx - x\, dy = 0$.

Solution: Separating: $\frac{dy}{y \log y} = \frac{dx}{x}$. Let $u = \log y,\ du = \frac{dy}{y}$:

$$\int \frac{du}{u} = \int \frac{dx}{x} \Rightarrow \ln|\log y| = \ln|x| + C \Rightarrow \boxed{\log y = Cx}$$

Question 8: Solve $x^5 \frac{dy}{dx} = -y^5$.

Solution: Separating: $\frac{dy}{y^5} = -\frac{dx}{x^5}$. Integrating:

$$-\frac{1}{4y^4} = \frac{1}{4x^4} + C_1 \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{1}{x^4} + \frac{1}{y^4} = C}$$

Question 9: Solve $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = \sin^{-1} x$.

Solution: Direct integration (by parts, $u = \sin^{-1} x,\ dv = dx$):

$$y = \int \sin^{-1} x \, dx = x \sin^{-1} x + \sqrt{1 - x^2} + C$$

Question 10: Solve $e^x \tan y \, dx + (1 - e^x) \sec^2 y \, dy = 0$.

Solution: Separating: $\dfrac{\sec^2 y}{\tan y} dy = \dfrac{e^x}{e^x - 1} dx$. Integrating:

$$\ln|\tan y| = \ln|e^x - 1| + C \ \Rightarrow\ \boxed{\tan y = C(e^x - 1)}$$

Question 11: The general solution of $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = e^{x+y}$ is:
(A) $e^x + e^{-y} = C$ (B) $e^x + e^y = C$ (C) $e^{-x} + e^y = C$ (D) $e^{-x} + e^{-y} = C$

Solution: Separating: $e^{-y} dy = e^x dx$. Integrating: $-e^{-y} = e^x + C_1 \Rightarrow e^x + e^{-y} = C$.

$$\boxed{\text{Option (A) is correct}}$$

Question 12: Find the particular solution of $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = y \tan x$, given $y = 1$ when $x = 0$.

Solution: Separating: $\dfrac{dy}{y} = \tan x \, dx$. Integrating: $\ln|y| = -\ln|\cos x| + C \Rightarrow y \cos x = C$.
At $x = 0,\ y = 1$: $C = 1$.

$$\boxed{y = \sec x}$$

5 Exercise 9.5: Homogeneous Differential Equations

Question 1: Show that $(x^2 + xy)\,dy = (x^2 + y^2)\,dx$ is homogeneous and solve it.

Solution:

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

RHS is a function of y/x alone, so the equation is homogeneous. Put $y = vx$, $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = v + x\dfrac{dv}{dx}$:

$$v + x\frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{1 + v^2}{1 + v} \;\Rightarrow\; x\frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{1 + v^2 - v(1 + v)}{1 + v} = \frac{1 - v}{1 + v}$$

Separating: $\dfrac{1 + v}{1 - v}dv = \dfrac{dx}{x}$. Writing $\dfrac{1 + v}{1 - v} = -1 + \dfrac{2}{1 - v}$ and integrating:

$$-v - 2\ln|1 - v| = \ln|x| + C$$

Substituting $v = y/x$:

$$\boxed{-\frac{y}{x} - 2\ln\left|1 - \frac{y}{x}\right| = \ln|x| + C}$$

Question 2: Show that $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = 1 + \dfrac{y}{x}$ is homogeneous and solve it.

Solution: Put $y = vx$: $v + x\dfrac{dv}{dx} = 1 + v \Rightarrow x\dfrac{dv}{dx} = 1 \Rightarrow dv = \dfrac{dx}{x}$.

Integrating: $v = \ln|x| + C \Rightarrow \dfrac{y}{x} = \ln|x| + C$.

$$\boxed{y = x\ln|x| + Cx}$$

Question 3: Show that $(x - y)\,dy - (x + y)\,dx = 0$ is homogeneous and solve it.

Solution:

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

Put $y = vx$: $v + x\dfrac{dv}{dx} = \dfrac{1 + v}{1 - v} \Rightarrow x\dfrac{dv}{dx} = \dfrac{1 + v^2}{1 - v}$.

Separating: $\dfrac{1 - v}{1 + v^2}dv = \dfrac{dx}{x}$, i.e. $\dfrac{1}{1 + v^2}dv - \dfrac{v}{1 + v^2}dv = \dfrac{dx}{x}$.

Integrating: $\tan^{-1} v - \frac{1}{2}\ln(1+v^2) = \ln|x| + C$.
Substituting $v = y/x$ and simplifying (the $\ln x$ terms cancel):

$$\boxed{\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\ln(x^2+y^2) + C}$$

Question 4: Show that $x\,dy - y\,dx = \sqrt{x^2+y^2}\,dx$ is homogeneous and solve it.

Solution:

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

Put $y = vx$: $v + x\frac{dv}{dx} = v + \sqrt{1+v^2} \Rightarrow x\frac{dv}{dx} = \sqrt{1+v^2}$.
Separating: $\frac{dv}{\sqrt{1+v^2}} = \frac{dx}{x}$. Integrating: $\ln\left|v+\sqrt{1+v^2}\right| = \ln|x| + C \Rightarrow v + \sqrt{1+v^2} = Cx$.
Substituting $v = y/x$: $\frac{y}{x} + \sqrt{1+\frac{y^2}{x^2}} = Cx \Rightarrow \frac{y+\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}{x} = Cx$.

$$\boxed{y + \sqrt{x^2+y^2} = Cx^2}$$

Question 5: Show that $\{x\cos(y/x) + y\sin(y/x)\}y\,dx = \{y\sin(y/x) - x\cos(y/x)\}x\,dy$ is homogeneous and solve it.

Solution:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y\{x\cos v + y\sin v\}}{x\{y\sin v - x\cos v\}}, \qquad v = \frac{y}{x}$$

With $y = vx$: numerator $= vx^2(\cos v + v\sin v)$, denominator $= x^2(v\sin v - \cos v)$, so

$$v + x\frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{v(\cos v + v\sin v)}{v\sin v - \cos v}$$

$$x\frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{v(\cos v + v\sin v) - v(v\sin v - \cos v)}{v\sin v - \cos v} = \frac{2v\cos v}{v\sin v - \cos v}$$

Separating: $\frac{v\sin v - \cos v}{v\cos v}dv = \frac{2\,dx}{x}$, i.e. $\tan v\,dv - \frac{1}{v}dv = \frac{2\,dx}{x}$.
Integrating: $-\ln|\cos v| - \ln|v| = 2\ln|x| + C \Rightarrow \ln|v\cos v| = -2\ln|x| - C$.

$$v\cos v = \frac{C'}{x^2} \;\Rightarrow\; \frac{y}{x}\cos\frac{y}{x} = \frac{C'}{x^2} \;\Rightarrow\; \boxed{xy\cos\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) = C}$$

Question 6: Show that $x\dfrac{dy}{dx} - y + x\sin\left(\dfrac{y}{x}\right) = 0$ is homogeneous and solve it.

Solution:

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

Put $y = vx$: $\;v + x\dfrac{dv}{dx} = v - \sin v \Rightarrow x\dfrac{dv}{dx} = -\sin v.$

Separating: $\dfrac{dv}{\sin v} = -\dfrac{dx}{x} \Rightarrow \int \operatorname{cosec} v\, dv = -\int \dfrac{dx}{x}.$

Integrating: $\ln\left|\tan\dfrac{v}{2}\right| = -\ln|x| + C \Rightarrow x\tan\dfrac{v}{2} = C.$

$$\boxed{x\tan\left(\frac{y}{2x}\right) = C}$$

Question 7: Show that $y\,dx + x\log\left(\dfrac{y}{x}\right)dy - 2x\,dy = 0$ is homogeneous and solve it.

Solution: Rearranging: $\dfrac{dx}{dy} = \dfrac{x\left[2 - \log\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)\right]}{y}$ (linear in x/y, so use $x = vy$).

Put $x = vy$, $\dfrac{dx}{dy} = v + y\dfrac{dv}{dy}$:

$$v + y\frac{dv}{dy} = v\left[2 - \log\frac{1}{v}\right] = v(2 + \log v)$$

$$y\frac{dv}{dy} = v(2 + \log v) - v = v(1 + \log v)$$

Separating: $\dfrac{dv}{v(1 + \log v)} = \dfrac{dy}{y}$. Let $u = 1 + \log v,\; du = \dfrac{dv}{v}$:

$$\int\frac{du}{u} = \int\frac{dy}{y} \;\Rightarrow\; \ln|1 + \log v| = \ln|y| + C \;\Rightarrow\; 1 + \log v = Cy$$

Substituting $v = x/y$:

$$\boxed{1 + \log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = Cy}$$

Question 8: Which of the following is a homogeneous differential equation?
(A) $(4x + 6y + 5)\,dy - (3y + 2x + 4)\,dx = 0$
(B) $xy\,dx - (x^3 + y^3)\,dy = 0$

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

Solution: Check whether every term has the *same total degree* in x, y:

(A) has constant terms $(+5, +4)$ — not homogeneous.

(B) xy is degree 2, but $x^3 + y^3$ is degree 3 — not homogeneous.

(C) x^3 is degree 3, but $2y^2$ is degree 2 — not homogeneous.

(D) y^2 is degree 2, and $x^2 - xy - y^2$ is also degree 2 — homogeneous. ✓

$$\boxed{\text{Option (D) is correct}}$$

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6 Exercise 9.6: Linear Differential Equations

Question 1: Solve $\dfrac{dy}{dx} + 2y = \sin x$.

Solution: Linear, with $P = 2,\ Q = \sin x$. $IF = e^{\int 2\,dx} = e^{2x}$.

$$y \cdot e^{2x} = \int \sin x \cdot e^{2x}\,dx + C = \frac{e^{2x}(2\sin x - \cos x)}{5} + C$$

$$\boxed{y = \frac{2\sin x - \cos x}{5} + Ce^{-2x}}$$

Question 2: Solve $\dfrac{dy}{dx} + 3y = e^{-2x}$.

Solution: $IF = e^{\int 3\,dx} = e^{3x}$.

$$y \cdot e^{3x} = \int e^{-2x} \cdot e^{3x} dx + C = \int e^{x} dx + C = e^{x} + C$$

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

Question 3: Solve $\dfrac{dy}{dx} + \dfrac{y}{x} = x^2\ (x \neq 0)$.

Solution: $IF = e^{\int \frac{1}{x} dx} = e^{\ln x} = x$.

$$yx = \int x^2 \cdot x\,dx + C = \int x^3\,dx + C = \frac{x^4}{4} + C$$

$$\boxed{y = \frac{x^3}{4} + \frac{C}{x}}$$

Question 4: Solve $\dfrac{dy}{dx} + (\sec x)y = \tan x\ \left(0 \leq x < \dfrac{\pi}{2}\right)$.

Solution: $IF = e^{\int \sec x\,dx} = e^{\ln|\sec x + \tan x|} = \sec x + \tan x$.

$$y(\sec x + \tan x) = \int \tan x(\sec x + \tan x)\, dx = \int (\sec x \tan x + \tan^2 x)\, dx$$

$$= \sec x + \int (\sec^2 x - 1)\, dx = \sec x + \tan x - x + C$$

$$\boxed{y(\sec x + \tan x) = \sec x + \tan x - x + C}$$

Question 5: Solve $\cos^2 x \dfrac{dy}{dx} + y = \tan x \ \left(0 \leq x < \dfrac{\pi}{2}\right)$.

Solution: Dividing by $\cos^2 x$: $\dfrac{dy}{dx} + y \sec^2 x = \tan x \sec^2 x$. $IF = e^{\int \sec^2 x\, dx} = e^{\tan x}$.

Let $t = \tan x,\ dt = \sec^2 x\, dx$:

$$y\, e^{\tan x} = \int t e^t\, dt + C = e^t(t-1) + C = e^{\tan x}(\tan x - 1) + C$$

$$\boxed{y = \tan x - 1 + Ce^{-\tan x}}$$

Question 6: Solve $x \dfrac{dy}{dx} + 2y = x^2 \log x \ (x \neq 0)$.

Solution: Dividing by x: $\dfrac{dy}{dx} + \dfrac{2y}{x} = x \log x$. $IF = e^{\int \frac{2}{x} dx} = x^2$.

$$yx^2 = \int x \log x \cdot x^2\, dx + C = \int x^3 \log x\, dx + C$$

By parts: $\displaystyle\int x^3 \log x\, dx = \frac{x^4}{4} \log x - \frac{x^4}{16} + C$.

$$\boxed{y = \frac{x^2}{4} \log x - \frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{C}{x^2}}$$

Question 7: Solve $x \log x \dfrac{dy}{dx} + y = \dfrac{2}{x} \log x \ (x > 1)$.

Solution: Dividing by $x \log x$: $\dfrac{dy}{dx} + \dfrac{y}{x \log x} = \dfrac{2}{x^2}$. $IF = e^{\int \frac{1}{x \log x} dx} = e^{\ln|\log x|} = \log x$.

$$y \log x = \int \frac{2}{x^2} \log x\, dx + C$$

By parts ($u = \log x,\ dv = \frac{2}{x^2}dx$): $\displaystyle\int \frac{2\log x}{x^2}dx = -\frac{2\log x}{x} - \frac{2}{x} + C.$

$$\boxed{y\log x = -\frac{2\log x}{x} - \frac{2}{x} + C}$$

Question 8: Solve $(1+x^2)\,dy + 2xy\,dx = \cot x\,dx\ (x \neq 0)$.

Solution: $\displaystyle\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{2xy}{1+x^2} = \frac{\cot x}{1+x^2}$. $IF = e^{\int \frac{2x}{1+x^2}dx} = e^{\ln(1+x^2)} = 1+x^2$.

$$y(1+x^2) = \int \cot x\,dx + C = \boxed{\ln|\sin x| + C}$$

Question 9: Solve $x\dfrac{dy}{dx} + y - x + xy\cot x = 0\ (x \neq 0)$.

Solution: Rearranging: $\displaystyle\frac{dy}{dx} + y\left(\frac{1}{x} + \cot x\right) = 1$. $IF = e^{\int\left(\frac{1}{x}+\cot x\right)dx} = e^{\ln x + \ln\sin x} = x\sin x$.

$$y \cdot x\sin x = \int x\sin x\,dx + C = -x\cos x + \sin x + C$$

$$\boxed{xy\sin x = \sin x - x\cos x + C}$$

Question 10: Solve $(x+y)\dfrac{dy}{dx} = 1$.

Solution: Rewrite as linear in x: $\dfrac{dx}{dy} - x = y$. $IF = e^{\int -dy} = e^{-y}$.

$$x\,e^{-y} = \int y\,e^{-y}dy + C = -ye^{-y} - e^{-y} + C$$

$$xe^{-y} = -ye^{-y} - e^{-y} + C \ \Rightarrow\ \boxed{x+y+1 = Ce^{y}}$$

Question 11: The Integrating Factor of the differential equation $\dfrac{dx}{dy} + Px = Q$ (linear in x) is:

(A) $e^{\int P\,dx}$ (B) $e^{\int P\,dy}$ (C) $e^{\int Q\,dx}$ (D) $e^{\int Q\,dy}$

Solution: Since the equation is linear in x (as a function of y), the integrating factor is taken with respect to y:

$$\boxed{\text{Option (B) is correct}}$$

Question 12: The Integrating Factor of $(1-y^2)\dfrac{dx}{dy} + yx = ay$ $(-1 < y < 1)$ is:

(A) $\dfrac{1}{y^2-1}$ (B) $\dfrac{1}{\sqrt{y^2-1}}$ (C) $\dfrac{1}{1-y^2}$ (D) $\dfrac{1}{\sqrt{1-y^2}}$

Solution: Dividing by $(1-y^2)$: $\dfrac{dx}{dy} + \dfrac{y}{1-y^2}x = \dfrac{ay}{1-y^2}$.

$$IF = e^{\int \frac{y}{1-y^2} dy}$$

Let $u = 1-y^2,\ du = -2y\,dy$: $\displaystyle\int \frac{y}{1-y^2} dy = -\frac{1}{2}\ln(1-y^2)$.

$$IF = e^{-\frac{1}{2}\ln(1-y^2)} = (1-y^2)^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-y^2}}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Option (D) is correct}}$$

7 Miscellaneous Exercise on Chapter 9

Question 1: Solve $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = 1 + x + y + xy$.

Solution: Factor the RHS: $1 + x + y + xy = (1 + x) + y(1 + x) = (1 + x)(1 + y)$.

Separating: $\dfrac{dy}{1+y} = (1 + x)\,dx$. Integrating:

$$\ln|1 + y| = x + \frac{x^2}{2} + C \;\Rightarrow\; \boxed{1 + y = Ce^{x+x^2/2}}$$

Question 2: Solve $y\,dx + (x - y^2)\,dy = 0$.

Solution: Rewriting as linear in x: $\dfrac{dx}{dy} + \dfrac{x}{y} = y$. $IF = e^{\int \frac{dy}{y}} = y$.

$$xy = \int y \cdot y\,dy + C = \frac{y^3}{3} + C$$

$$\boxed{x = \frac{y^2}{3} + \frac{C}{y}}$$

Question 3: Solve $(1 + y^2)(1 + \log x)\,dx + x\,dy = 0$ $(x > 0)$.

Solution: Separating: $\dfrac{1 + \log x}{x}dx = -\dfrac{dy}{1 + y^2}$.

For the LHS, let $u = \log x,\ du = \dfrac{dx}{x}$: $\displaystyle\int (1 + u)\,du = u + \frac{u^2}{2} = \log x + \frac{(\log x)^2}{2}$.

$$\boxed{\tan^{-1} y + \log x + \frac{(\log x)^2}{2} = C}$$

Question 4: Find the particular solution of $(1 + x^2)\dfrac{dy}{dx} + 2xy = \dfrac{1}{1 + x^2}$, given $y = 0$ when $x = 1$.

Solution: Dividing by $(1 + x^2)$: $\dfrac{dy}{dx} + \dfrac{2x}{1 + x^2}y = \dfrac{1}{(1 + x^2)^2}$. $IF = e^{\int \frac{2x}{1+x^2}dx} = 1 + x^2$.

$$y(1+x^2) = \int \frac{1}{1+x^2}dx + C = \tan^{-1} x + C$$

At $x = 1,\ y = 0$: $0 = \frac{\pi}{4} + C \Rightarrow C = -\frac{\pi}{4}$.

$$\boxed{y(1+x^2) = \tan^{-1} x - \frac{\pi}{4}}$$

Question 5: Solve $\frac{dy}{dx} + y = \cos x - \sin x$.

Solution: $IF = e^{\int dx} = e^x$. Note $\frac{d}{dx}(e^x \cos x) = e^x \cos x - e^x \sin x = e^x(\cos x - \sin x)$, so:

$$y\,e^x = \int e^x(\cos x - \sin x)\,dx + C = e^x \cos x + C$$

$$\boxed{y = \cos x + Ce^{-x}}$$

Question 6: Find the particular solution of $\frac{dy}{dx} + y\cot x = 4x \operatorname{cosec} x$ $(x \neq 0)$, given $y = 0$ when $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Solution: $IF = e^{\int \cot x\,dx} = e^{\ln \sin x} = \sin x$.

$$y\sin x = \int 4x \operatorname{cosec} x \cdot \sin x\,dx + C = \int 4x\,dx + C = 2x^2 + C$$

At $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$, $y = 0$: $0 = 2\left(\frac{\pi^2}{4}\right) + C = \frac{\pi^2}{2} + C \Rightarrow C = -\frac{\pi^2}{2}$.

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

Question 7: Find the particular solution of $(x^2 - y^2)\,dx + 2xy\,dy = 0$, given $y = 1$ when $x = 1$.

Solution:

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

This is homogeneous. Put $y = vx$: $v + x\dfrac{dv}{dx} = \dfrac{v^2-1}{2v} \Rightarrow x\dfrac{dv}{dx} = \dfrac{v^2-1-2v^2}{2v} = \dfrac{-(v^2+1)}{2v}$.

Separating: $\dfrac{2v}{v^2+1}dv = -\dfrac{dx}{x}$. Integrating: $\ln(v^2+1) = -\ln|x| + C_1 \Rightarrow (v^2+1)x = C$.

Substituting $v = y/x$: $\left(\dfrac{y^2}{x^2}+1\right)x = C \Rightarrow \dfrac{x^2+y^2}{x} = C \Rightarrow x^2+y^2 = Cx$.

At $x = 1,\ y = 1$: $1 + 1 = C \Rightarrow C = 2$.

$$\boxed{x^2 + y^2 = 2x}$$

Question 8: Solve $\dfrac{dy}{dx} + \sqrt{\dfrac{1-y^2}{1-x^2}} = 0$.

Solution: Separating: $\dfrac{dy}{\sqrt{1-y^2}} = -\dfrac{dx}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$. Integrating:

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

$$\boxed{\sin^{-1} y + \sin^{-1} x = C}$$

Quick Revision: Formula Sheet

1. Order & Degree
Order = highest derivative present; Degree = its power (only if the equation is polynomial in all derivatives).

2. Forming a differential equation
For a family with n arbitrary constants, differentiate n times and eliminate the constants.

3. Variable Separable

$$g(y)\,dy = f(x)\,dx \;\Rightarrow\; \int g(y)\,dy = \int f(x)\,dx + C$$

4. Homogeneous ($\frac{dy}{dx} = F(x,y)$, degree 0)
Substitute $y = vx \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = v + x\frac{dv}{dx}$, then separate variables in v, x.

5. Linear Equations

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + Py = Q \;\Rightarrow\; IF = e^{\int P\,dx} \;\Rightarrow\; y \cdot IF = \int Q \cdot IF\,dx + C$$

6. Common integrating-factor building blocks

$$e^{\int \frac{1}{x}dx} = x, \qquad e^{\int \cot x\,dx} = \sin x, \qquad e^{\int \tan x\,dx} = \sec x, \qquad e^{\int \sec x\,dx} = \sec x + \tan x$$

7. Useful standard integrals appearing frequently

$$\int e^{ax}\sin bx\,dx = \frac{e^{ax}(a\sin bx - b\cos bx)}{a^2+b^2}, \qquad \int e^{ax}\cos bx\,dx = \frac{e^{ax}(a\cos bx + b\sin bx)}{a^2+b^2}$$

$\int x^n e^{ax} dx$ (by parts, reduces n by 1 each time), $\quad \int \tan^{-1}x\,dx = x\tan^{-1}x - \frac{1}{2}\ln(1+x^2) + C$

Common mistakes to avoid

- Degree is undefined the moment a derivative sits inside $\sin, \cos, \log, e^{(\cdot)}$ etc. — don't assign a degree in that case.
- Before applying $y = vx$, first check the equation is genuinely homogeneous (every term the *same* total degree in x, y) — otherwise the substitution won't simplify things.
- In a linear equation $\frac{dy}{dx} + Py = Q$, both P and Q must be functions of x alone (or constants) — never of y.
- Always add the constant of integration C only *once*, after both sides have been integrated — and don't forget it when finding a particular solution using an initial condition.
- When the equation looks awkward as dy/dx, check if it's linear in x instead (i.e. $dx/dy + P_1x = Q_1$) — this is a very common trick (see Ex 9.6 Q10 and Misc Q2).

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