

i) A differential equation is a relationship between an independent variable  $x$ , a dependent variable  $y$ , and one or more derivatives of  $y$  with respect to  $x$

Example: 
$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 3\frac{dy}{dx} - 9y = \sin 2x$$

ii) It is a second order equation

iii) It is because a function with 2 arbitrary constants gives a 2nd order equation.

iii.) 
$$y = Ae^{-4x} + Be^{-6x} \quad \text{--- (I)}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -4Ae^{-4x} + (-6)Be^{-6x} \quad \text{--- (II)}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 16Ae^{-4x} + 36Be^{-6x} \quad \text{--- (III)}$$

from eqn (I)

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -4Ae^{-4x} - 6Be^{-6x}$$

$$4Ae^{-4x} = -\frac{dy}{dx} - 6Be^{-6x}$$

$$A = \left( -\frac{dy}{dx} - 6Be^{-6x} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{4e^{-4x}} \quad \text{--- (IV)}$$

substitute eqn (IV) into eqn (III)

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 16Ae^{-4x} + 36Be^{-6x}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 16 \left( \frac{dy}{dx} - 6Be^{-6x} \right) e^{-4x} \cdot \frac{1}{4e^{-4x}} + 36Be^{-6x}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{-4dy}{dx} - 24Be^{-6x} + 36Be^{-6x}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{-4dy}{dx} + 12Be^{-6x}$$

~~$$B = \left( \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{4dy}{dx} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{12e^{-6x}}$$~~

$$B = \left( \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{4dy}{dx} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{12e^{-6x}} \quad \text{--- (v)}$$

$$A = \left( \frac{dy}{dx} - 8 \left( \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{4dy}{dx} \right) e^{-6x} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{4e^{-4x}}$$

$$A = \left( \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2 \frac{dy}{dx} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{4e^{-4x}}$$

$$A = \left( \frac{-3dy}{dx} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{4e^{-4x}} \quad \text{--- eqn (vi)}$$

Put eqn (vi) into eqn (v)

$$y = Ae^{-4x} + Be^{-6x}$$

$$y = \left( \frac{-3dy}{dx} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right) \frac{1}{4e^{-4x}} + \left( \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{4dy}{dx} \right) \frac{1}{12e^{-6x}}$$

$$y = \frac{-3}{4} \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{1}{8} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{1}{12} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$y = \frac{-5}{12} \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{1}{24} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$$

$$y = \left( \frac{-5 ds}{dx} - \frac{1 d^2y}{2 dx^2} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$