

(5) A differential equation is a relationship between an independent variable (x) and dependent variable and one or more derivatives of y with respect to x .

Examples (i) $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2 + y/x$

(ii) $\frac{dy}{dx} = y + y/x$

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

(ii) A second order differential equation

(iii) A second order differential equation can be formed because it contains 2 constants in the general equation.

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Soln:
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = -4Ae^{-4x} - 6Be^{-6x} \dots (1)$

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

Solving equ (1) & (2) simultaneously.

Multiply equ (1) by (2)

$6 \frac{dy}{dx} = -24Ae^{-4x} - 36Be^{-6x} \dots (3)$

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

$6 \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -8Ae^{-4x}$

$$2 \left(6 \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right) \quad (5) \div -8e^{-4x} \dots (5)$$

eqn (5) into (1)

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

$$2 \left(\frac{6 \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}}{2} \right) = 6Be^{-6x}$$

Multiply through by 2

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

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

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

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

Substitute A and B into degenerate eqn

$$\frac{y_2 \left(6 \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right) \times \cancel{e^{-4x}}}{\cancel{-8e^{-4x}}} + \frac{4 \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}}{12e^{-4x}} \times \cancel{e^{-4x}}$$

$$\frac{y_2 \left(6 \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right)}{-8} + \frac{4 \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}}{12}$$

$$y_2 \left(-40 \frac{dy}{dx} - 4 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right)$$

$$96y_2 = 40 \frac{dy}{dx} - 4 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 24y_2 &= 10 \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \\ \therefore \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 10 \frac{dy}{dx} + 24y_2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$