

* Differential Equations of first order and higher degree:-

As $\frac{dy}{dx}$ will occur in higher degrees (or powers), it is denoted as $\frac{dy}{dx} = p$. Such equations are of the form $f(x, y, p) = 0$.

Three cases arise for discussion:-

Case-I Equation solvable for p: A differential equation of the first order but of the n th degree is the form -

$$p^n + p_1 p^{n-1} + p_2 p^{n-2} + \dots + p_n = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Hence - $f(x, y, p) = 0$
 where $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$ are functions of x and y .

Splitting up the left hand side of Eq(1) into n linear factors, we can write differential Eqn,

$$[p - f_1(x, y)][p - f_2(x, y)] \dots [p - f_n(x, y)] = 0$$

Equating each of the factors to zero

$$p - f_1(x, y) = 0 \Rightarrow p = f_1(x, y)$$

$$p - f_2(x, y) = 0 \Rightarrow p = f_2(x, y)$$

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$$p - f_n(x, y) = 0 \Rightarrow p = f_n(x, y)$$

Thus, $p = f_i(x, y)$, where $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, which is linear differential equation of the first order and first degree.

Suppose solution of $P - f_1(x, y) = 0$ is given by

$F_1(x, y, c_1) = 0$, where c_1 is an arbitrary constant. Instead of taking different c_1 's in the general solution of $P - f_1(x, y) = 0$, if we take only one c in all, then it makes no difference in general solution. Therefore general

Solution of $P - f_1(x, y) = 0$ is $F_1(x, y, c)$ then

$$F_1(x, y, c) = 0, F_2(x, y, c) = 0, \dots, F_n(x, y, c) = 0$$

These n solutions constitute the general solution of Eqn (1).

$$F_1(x, y, c) \cdot F_2(x, y, c) \cdot \dots \cdot F_n(x, y, c) = 0$$

Exp. Solve $\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{x}{y} - \frac{y}{x}$

Given solution is $P - \frac{1}{P} = \frac{x}{y} - \frac{y}{x}$ where $P = \frac{dy}{dx}$

or $P^2 - P\left(\frac{y}{x} - \frac{x}{y}\right) - 1 = 0$

Factorising $\left(P + \frac{y}{x}\right)\left(P - \frac{x}{y}\right) = 0$

Thus we have

$$P + \frac{y}{x} = 0 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$P - \frac{x}{y} = 0 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

From (i) $\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{y}{x} = 0$ or $x dy + y dx = 0$

$$d(xy) = 0$$

Integrating $xy = c \Rightarrow xy - c$

From (ii) $\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{x}{y} = 0$ $x dx - y dy \Rightarrow x^2 - y^2 = c$

Thus Required solution $(xy - c)(x^2 - y^2 - c) = 0$