

# Definition, Order and Degree

**SUBJECT : (Mathematics)**

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**CHAPTER NAME : Differential equation**

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## What we expect to learn?

- Students will study some basic concepts related to the differential equation.
- Students will be able to learn about the general and particular solution of a differential equation.
- Students will be able to learn how to form differential equations.
- Students will be able to know some methods to solve a first order-first degree differential equation.
- Students will be able to know some applications of differential equations in different areas.

# Introduction

## Definition

An equation involving differentials of the variables or differential coefficients of the independent variable is called a differential equation.

## Example:

- $y^2 dx + x dy = \sin x$
- $\frac{dy}{dx} + y \cos x = x$
- $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 3 \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 - 5y = 0$
- $\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} = e^{\frac{dy}{dx}}$
- $\left(\frac{d^3y}{dx^3}\right)^2 = \sqrt{1 + y \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2}$

# Order and Degree of the Differential Equation

## Order of a Differential Equation:

The order of the highest order derivative of the dependent variable w. r. t. the independent variable involved in the differential equation is called the order of the differential equation.

### EXP:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + y = c \text{ (its order is 1)}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{dy}{dx} + y = 0 \text{ (its order is 2)}$$

# Order and Degree of the Differential Equation

## Degree of a Differential Equation

When a differential equation is a polynomial equation in derivatives, the highest power (positive integral index) of the highest order derivative is known as the degree of the differential equation.

For example:

$\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 + \frac{dy}{dx} + y = c$ , the highest derivative is  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ , its positive integral power is 2. So its degree is 2.

## Example

Find the order and degree of the following differential equations

1.  $\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} + 3\left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)^4 + 4\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^7 + 3y = 0$

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

3.  $\left(\frac{d^3y}{dx^3}\right)^2 = \sqrt{5y + \left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)^6}$

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

5.  $\frac{dy}{dx} + \sin\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = 0$

## Example

i. Write the sum of the order and degree of the differential equation  $\frac{d}{dx} \left\{ \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)^3 \right\} = 0$ .

ii. Write the sum of the order and degree of the differential equation  $\left( \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)^3 + x^4 = 0$ .

## Example

Write the degree of the differential equation  $x \left( \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right)^3 + y \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)^4 + x^3 = 0$ .

Write the degree of the differential equation  $\left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)^4 + 3y \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0$ .

What is the degree of the following differential equation?  $5x \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 - \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 6y = \log x$ .



## Assignment

Choose the correct answer from the given options.

- The degree of the differential equation  $\left[1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2\right]^{\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$

a) 4                      b)  $\frac{3}{2}$                       c) 2                      d) not defined
- The order and degree of the differential equation  $y = x \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{2}{\frac{dy}{dx}}$  are

a) 1, 3                      b) 1, 2                      c) 2, 1                      d) 1, 1
- The degree of the differential equation  $\left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = x \sin\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)$  is

a) 1                      b) 2                      c) 3                      d) not defined
- Degree of the differential equation  $\left(\frac{d^3y}{dx^2}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} = x$  is

a) 1                      b) 2                      c) 3                      d) doesn't exist
- The order and degree of the differential equation  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} + x^{\frac{1}{5}} = 0$  respectively, are

a) 2 and not defined                      b) 2 and 2                      c) 2 and 3                      d) 3 and 3

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