

PROJECTED WRITTEN NOTES FROM THE M408D LECTURE  
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 Sec 9.1: AN Introduction to Differential Equations,  
 INITIAL VALUE PROBLEMS (IVPs), and  
 SEC. 9.3: SEPERABLE D.E.S

CLASS # 15

AN INTRODUCTION TO DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS  
 (Ch, 9)

Definition: A Differential Equation (D.E.)

is an equation that contains an unknown function and one or more of its derivatives.

For example,  $y = y(t)$  represents an unknown function such that

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 3\frac{dy}{dt} - 2y = t + \cos(t).$$

This is a second-order D.E.

<u>Function</u>	<u>EQUATION</u>	<u>Type</u>
For $y = f(x)$	$y'' - y' = 0$	2 <sup>nd</sup> -order ordinary D.E. (ODE)
For $z = f(x, y)$	$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = 0$	Second-order Partial D.E.

The classification of DE's

$y''' + 4y = 2$  is a 3<sup>rd</sup>-order Ordinary D.E.

$(y')^2 - 3y = e^x$  is a 1<sup>st</sup> order O.D.E.

A solution to a Differential Equation is a known function  $y = f(x)$  such that, when that function and its derivatives are substituted for the unknown function and its derivatives, the EQUATION BECOMES a True Statement.

Ex: Consider the Ordinary DE

$$y'' + 4y = 0 \leftarrow \text{The zero function}$$

Problem: Show that  $y = 7 \sin(2x)$  is a solution of this D.E.

Sol'n:  $4y = 4(7 \sin(2x)) = 28 \sin(2x) \equiv 4y$

$$y' = 7(\cos(2x)) \cdot 2 = 14 \cos(2x) = y'$$
$$y'' = 28(-\sin(2x)) = -28 \sin(2x)$$

$$y'' + 4y = -28 \sin(2x) + 28 \sin(2x) = 0$$

$\therefore y = 7 \sin(2x)$  is a particular solution of the D.E.

A General Solution of a Differential Eqn is a parameterized family of functions, all of which are solutions and describes all the solutions of the D.E. (except for a few singular solutions)

EXAMPLE: For  $y'' + 4y = 0$ ,

The General Solution of this D.E. is

$$y = C_1 \cos(2x) + C_2 \sin(2x) \text{ where}$$

$C_1$  and  $C_2$  are real number constants.

Using  $C_1 = 0$  and  $C_2 = 7$  give us

$$y = 7 \sin(2x).$$

FINDING the general solution for a Differential Equation that is in the class of Differential called Separable D.E.

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Separable (First-Order) Differential Eq's

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = g(x) f(y)$$

$$\text{Ex: } y' = (3x^2 + 1)(y^2 + 3)$$

$$y' = \frac{2x + 1}{y + 1} = (2x + 1) \left( \frac{1}{y + 1} \right)$$

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$$y' = \frac{1}{\cos(xy)} \text{ is not a separable D.E.}$$

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# How to find the General Solution for a Separable D.E.

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$$\text{For } y' = g(x) f(y),$$

Rewrite it as  $\frac{dy}{dx} = g(x) f(y)$

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$$g(x) dx = \frac{1}{f(y)} dy = h(y) dy$$

$$h(y) dy = g(x) dx$$

$$\int h(y) dy = \int g(x) dx$$

$$H(y) = G(x) + C$$

and then we solve for  $y$ , if possible.

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Ex: Solve the D.E.  $\frac{dy}{dx} = -6xy$ .  $\left(\frac{1}{y} dy = -6x dx\right)$

Sol'n: First determine if " $y=0$ " is a solution of the D.E.

For  $y=0$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$  and  $(-6x)y = (-6x)(0) = 0$

$\rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$  and  $-6xy = 0$ , " $y=0$ " is a solution to the D.E.

Assume  $y \neq 0$ .  $\frac{dy}{dx} = -6xy$

$\frac{1}{y} dy = -6x dx$

$\int \frac{1}{y} dy = \int (-6x) dx = -3x^2 + C$  where  $C$  is any real number

$\ln |y| = -3x^2 + C \rightarrow$

$e^{\ln |y|} = e^{(-3x^2 + C)} = e^{-3x^2} \cdot e^C$ , write  $C = e^C$

$|y| = C_1 e^{-3x^2}$  where  $C_1 > 0$ , since  $C_1 = e^C$ .

$y = \pm C_1 e^{-3x^2} = A e^{-3x^2}$ , where  $A \neq 0$ .

Since  $y=0$  is also a solution, we allow  $A=0$ .

The General Solution of the D.E  $\frac{dy}{dx} = -6xy$  is

$y = A e^{-3x^2}$  where  $A$  is any real number constant

this = that  
 $\Rightarrow$  that  
 $e^{\text{this}} = e^{\text{that}}$   


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 $|x| = 5$   
 $\Rightarrow$   
 $x = \pm 5$

## An Initial VALUE PROBLEM, (IVP),

consists of a D.E. and particular values that the solution of interest must have.

These values are called "Initial Conditions".

Example of an IVP: Find a solution of the D.E.

$$y'' + 4y = 0 \text{ such that}$$
$$y\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 3 \text{ and } y'\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 10.$$

Soln: Recall the general solution of this D.E is

$$y = C_1 \cos(2x) + C_2 \sin(2x).$$

$$y' = -2C_1 \sin(2x) + 2C_2 \cos(2x).$$

Set  $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$  and solve for  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ :

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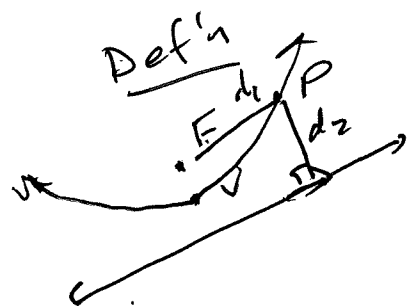
$$3 = y\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = C_1 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + C_2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$
$$= C_1 \times 0 + C_2 \times 1 = \underline{\underline{C_2 = 3}}$$

$$10 = y'\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -2C_1 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + 2C_2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$
$$= -2C_1 \times 1 + 0 = -2C_1 = 10$$
$$C_1 = -5$$

The solution of this IVP is

$$y = -5 \cos(2x) + 3 \sin 2x.$$

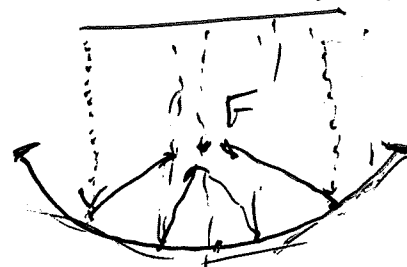
# The Reflective Properties of Conics



FOR PARABOLAS

$$d_1 = d_2$$

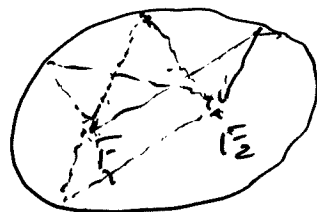
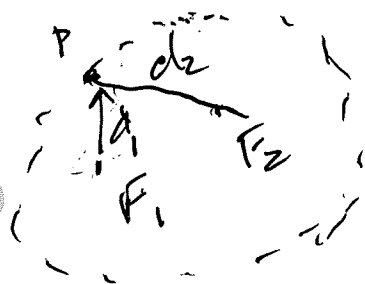
Reflective property



For Ellipses

$$L = 2a$$

$$d_1 + d_2 = L$$



For Hyperbolas

$$L = 2a$$

$$|d_1 - d_2| = L$$

