

➤ Chapter 10: Differential Equations➤ Topic 48: Differential Equations

- Differential Equations are equations that contain a derivative ($\frac{dy}{dx}$) in them.
E.g. $4x \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 5y$
- A **1st order** differential equation has a **1st derivative** as its highest derivative, whereas a **2nd order** differential equation has a **2nd derivative** as its highest derivative.
- The differential equations on our course fall into 3 categories:
 - Type 1: 1st Order Differential Equations: General Solutions
 - Type 2: 1st Order Differential Equations with Definite Values
 - Type 3: 2nd Order Separable Differential Equations
- We will look at each of them in turn now.

• a) Type 1: 1st Order Differential Equations: General Solutions

- **Example 1:** Find the general solution to the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = 5x^2y$.

Solution:

- Firstly, we multiply both sides by dx to eliminate the fractions in the original equation:
 $dy = 5x^2y \cdot dx$
- We now try and gather all the terms with a 'y' to one side and the 'x' terms to the other side:

$$\frac{1}{y} \cdot dy = 5x^2 \cdot dx \quad (\text{dividing both sides by } y)$$

- We now integrate both sides of the equation using the rules from the last topic.
- It's standard practice to simply put in one constant of integration, and it's normally put on the right hand side of the equation:

$$\int \frac{1}{y} \cdot dy = \int 5x^2 \cdot dx \quad (\text{integrating both sides})$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_e y = \frac{5x^3}{3} + c \quad (\text{using } \int \frac{1}{x} \cdot dx = \ln x + c \text{ from tables})$$

- The final step is to get 'y' on its own:

$$\log_e y = \frac{5x^3}{3} + c$$

$$\Rightarrow y = e^{\frac{5x^3}{3} + c} \quad (\text{taking } e \text{ of both sides})$$

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- b) Type 2: 1st Order Differential Equations with Definite Values

- **Example 2:** Find a function $y = f(x)$ such that $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3y^2$ and $y = 2$ when $x = 0$.

Solution:

- We start in a similar way to the last type and isolate all the y terms on one side, and the x terms on the other side:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3y^2$$

$$dy = 3y^2 \cdot dx \quad (\text{multiplying both sides by } dx)$$

$$\frac{1}{y^2} dy = 3 \cdot dx \quad (\text{dividing both sides by } y^2)$$

- We now integrate both sides again:

$$\int \frac{1}{y^2} dy = \int 3 \cdot dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \int y^{-2} dy = \int 3 \cdot dx \quad (\text{rewriting } \frac{1}{y^2} \text{ first as } y^{-2})$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y^{-1}}{-1} = 3x + c$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{y} = 3x + c \quad (\text{rewriting } y^{-1} \text{ as } \frac{1}{y})$$

- We can now apply the other information we were given to evaluate the constant of integration:

When $y = 2$, $x = 0$:

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} = 3(0) + c$$

$$\Rightarrow c = -\frac{1}{2}$$

- We can now write down our solution with the value of 'c' filled in:

$$-\frac{1}{y} = 3x - \frac{1}{2}$$

- And finally, we rearrange to get 'y' on its own:

$$-\frac{1}{y} = \frac{6x - 1}{2} \quad (\text{tidying up the RHS into a single fraction})$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{y} = \frac{-6x + 1}{2} \quad (\text{multiply both sides by } -1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y}{1} = \frac{2}{-6x + 1} \quad (\text{invert the fractions on both sides})$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{2}{(1 - 6x)}$$

- **Example 3:** Given the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2xy^2 + 32x$ and given that $y = 4$ when $x = 0$, find the value of y when $x = 3$. Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place.

Solution:

- As before, we start by eliminating the fractions initially, and then isolating x 's and y 's:

$$dy = (2xy^2 + 32x). dx$$

$$\Rightarrow dy = 2x(y^2 + 16). dx \quad (\text{factorising out } 2x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{y^2+16}. dy = 2x. dx \quad (\text{dividing both sides by } y^2 + 16)$$

- Integrating both sides gives:

$$\int \frac{1}{y^2+16}. dy = \int 2x. dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{y^2+4^2}. dy = \int 2x. dx \quad (\text{rewriting } 16 \text{ as } 4^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{4} = \frac{2x^2}{2} + c \quad (\text{using } \int \frac{1}{x^2+a^2}. dx = \frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1} \frac{x}{a} \text{ from tables})$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{4} = x^2 + c \quad (\text{simplifying } \frac{2x^2}{2})$$

- We now fill in the conditions we were given to find 'c':

When $y = 4$, $x = 0$:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} \tan^{-1} \frac{4}{4} = (0)^2 + c$$

$$\Rightarrow c = \frac{1}{4} \tan^{-1} \frac{4}{4} = \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{\pi}{4} \right) \quad (\text{as } \tan^{-1} \frac{4}{4} = \tan^{-1} 1 = 45^\circ = \frac{\pi}{4} \text{ rads})$$

$$\Rightarrow c = \frac{\pi}{16}$$

- We can now write the solution above with 'c' filled in:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{4} = x^2 + \frac{\pi}{16}$$

- We now have to rearrange to get 'y' on its own:

$$\Rightarrow \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{4} = 4x^2 + \frac{\pi}{4} \quad (\text{multiplying across by } 4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y}{4} = \tan(16x^2 + \pi) \quad (\text{taking tan of both sides})$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 4 \tan(16x^2 + \pi)$$

- This is the solution to the differential equation but in this example, we are being asked to find the value of y at a particular value of x , so we need to go a few steps further and fill in x :

$$\text{When } x = 3 \Rightarrow y = 4 \tan(16(3)^2 + \pi)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 4 \tan(144 + \pi)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 4(-0.5636) \quad (\text{making sure calc is in rad mode})$$

$$\Rightarrow y = -2.3$$

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- c) Type 3: 2nd Order Separable Differential Equations

- Example 4:** Solve $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 6 \frac{dy}{dx}$ given that $y = 1$ when $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1$ and $x = 0$.

Solution:

- We start by letting some variable represent $\frac{dy}{dx}$, so in this example we will use 'v':

$$\text{Let } v = \frac{dy}{dx} \Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$$

- We now rewrite the first equation we were asked to solve:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 6 \frac{dy}{dx} \text{ becomes } \frac{dv}{dx} = 6v$$

- We now proceed as we did in Type 1 and solve this differential equation:

$$\frac{dv}{dx} = 6v$$

$$\Rightarrow dv = 6v \cdot dx \quad (\text{multiplying both sides by } dx)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{v} \cdot dv = 6 \cdot dx \quad (\text{dividing both sides by } v)$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{v} \cdot dv = \int 6 \cdot dx \quad (\text{integrating both sides})$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_e v = 6x + c$$

$$\text{When } \frac{dy}{dx} = v = 1, x = 0 \quad (\text{applying the given conditions})$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_e 1 = 6(0) + c$$

$$\Rightarrow c = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_e v = 6x + 0 \quad (\text{filling in 'c' into solution})$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_e v = 6x$$

$$\Rightarrow v = e^{6x} \quad (\text{taking } e \text{ of both sides})$$

- We now have to work back from this solution and solve for y, using a similar procedure as before:

$$v = e^{6x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = e^{6x}$$

$$\Rightarrow dy = e^{6x} \cdot dx \quad (\text{multiplying both sides by } dx)$$

$$\Rightarrow \int dy = \int e^{6x} \cdot dx \quad (\text{integrating both sides})$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{6} e^{6x} + c$$

$$\text{When } y = 1, x = 0 \quad (\text{applying the given conditions})$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \frac{1}{6} e^{6(0)} + c$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \frac{1}{6}(1) + c \quad (\text{as } e^0 = 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow c = 1 - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{5}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{6} e^{6x} + \frac{5}{6} \text{ Or } \frac{1}{6}(e^{6x} + 5) \quad (\text{filling in the value of } c)$$

➤ Topic 49: Solving Real-Life Problems Using Differential Equations

a) Acceleration:

- Recall from before:

s = distance/displacement (m)

v = velocity (m/s)

a = acceleration (m/s²)

- As acceleration is the rate of change of velocity:

$$Acc = \frac{dv}{dt} \quad \text{Used to link } v \text{ and } t$$

- Using the Chain Rule, we can derive an alternative equation for acceleration:

$$Acc = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{dv}{ds} \times \frac{ds}{dt}$$

- Ans as $v = \frac{ds}{dt}$, then:

$$Acc = v \cdot \frac{dv}{ds} \quad \text{Used to link } v \text{ and } s$$

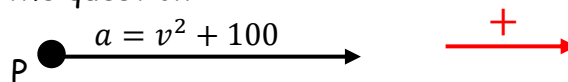
Note: If we want to link s and t , we can use either of the results above i.e. get v in terms of t , or get v in terms of s , and then sub in $\frac{ds}{dt}$ for v .

• **Example 1:** pg 188 Q3

A particle starts from rest at a point P and moves in a straight line subject to an acceleration equal to $v^2 + 100$, where v is the particle's velocity. Find, correct to two decimal places, the time taken to reach 20 m/s. (Hint: Use radian measure, when calculating $\tan^{-1} 2$.)

Solution:

- Always sketch a quick diagram of the situation just to check direction of motion and direction of forces in the question:



- It's important to note that we always take the **direction of motion as positive**.
- In this question, we've been given the acceleration straight away, so we go straight for:

$$a = v^2 + 100 \Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dt} = v^2 + 100 \quad \text{Explain why we pick } dv/dt \text{ and not } v \cdot dv/ds$$

- Now get all terms with a 'v' to one side and terms with an 't' to the other:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{v^2+100} \cdot dv = dt \quad (\text{dividing both sides by } v^2 + 100 \text{ and multiply by } dt)$$

- We now integrate both sides:

$$\int \frac{1}{v^2+100} \cdot dv = \int 1 \cdot dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{10} \tan^{-1} \frac{v}{10} = t + C$$

- We now use the initial conditions to evaluate the constant of integration C:

$$@ t=0, v = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow C = 0$$

- Subbing C back into our integral above gives:

$$\frac{1}{10} \tan^{-1} \frac{v}{10} = t$$

- We now rearrange to get 'v' in terms of 't':

$$\tan^{-1} \frac{v}{10} = 10t \quad (\text{Multiplying both sides by } 10)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{v}{10} = \tan 10t \quad (\text{Taking Tan of both sides})$$

$$\Rightarrow v = 10 \tan 10t \quad (\text{Multiplying both sides by } 10)$$

- We are interested in where the speed is 20:

$$\Rightarrow 20 = 10 \tan 10t$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan 10t = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 10t = \tan^{-1} 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 10t = 1.1 \text{ rads}$$

$$\Rightarrow t = 0.11 \text{ secs}$$

N.B. Calculator in Radian Mode

Help to get started on this one i.e. to get expression for acc

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- Now let's look at a slightly trickier example.

Example 2: Pg 189 Q4

A particle moves in a straight line and undergoes a retardation of $\frac{v^3}{25}$, where v is the speed.

i) If the initial speed of the particle is 25 m/s, find its speed when it has travelled a distance of 99 m.

ii) Find the time for the particle to slow down from 10 m/s to 5 m/s.

Solution:

i) In this part, we need to link v and s, so we will start with:

- asd

$$a = -\frac{v^3}{25}$$

$$\Rightarrow v \cdot \frac{dv}{ds} = -\frac{v^3}{25}$$

Negative as it's deceleration.

- As before, we will get all terms with a 'v' to one side and terms with an 's' to the other:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{v^2} \cdot dv = -\frac{1}{25} \cdot ds \quad (\text{divide both sides by } v^3 \text{ and multiply by } ds)$$

- We now integrate both sides:

$$\int \frac{1}{v^2} \cdot dv = \int -\frac{1}{25} \cdot ds$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{v} = -\frac{1}{25}s + C$$

- We now use the initial conditions to evaluate the constant of integration C :

$$@ s=0, v = 25$$

$$\Rightarrow C = -\frac{1}{25}$$

- Subbing C back into our integral above gives:

$$-\frac{1}{v} = -\frac{1}{25}s - \frac{1}{25}$$

- We now rearrange to get 'v' in terms of 's':

$$\frac{1}{v} = \frac{1}{25}s + \frac{1}{25}$$

(Multiplying both sides by -1)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{v} = \frac{s+1}{25}$$

(Tidying up the RHS into a single fraction)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{v}{1} = \frac{25}{s+1}$$

(Inverting both sides)

$$\Rightarrow v = \frac{25}{s+1}$$

- We are interested in where the distance is 99:

$$\Rightarrow v = \frac{25}{99+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow v = 0.25 \text{ m/s}$$

ii) In this part, we need to link v and t , so we will start with:

$$a = -\frac{v^3}{25}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dt} = -\frac{v^3}{25}$$

- As before, we will get all terms with a 'v' to one side and terms with an 's' to the other:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{v^3} \cdot dv = -\frac{1}{25} \cdot dt \quad (\text{divide both sides by } v^3 \text{ and multiply by } dt)$$

- We now integrate both sides:

$$\int \frac{1}{v^3} \cdot dv = \int -\frac{1}{25} \cdot dt$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2v^2} = -\frac{1}{25}t + C$$

- We now use the initial conditions to evaluate the constant of integration C :

$$@ t=0, v = 25$$

$$\Rightarrow C = -\frac{1}{1250}$$

- Subbing C back into our integral above gives:

$$-\frac{1}{2v^2} = -\frac{1}{25}t - \frac{1}{1250}$$

- We now rearrange to get 'v' in terms of 't':

$$\frac{1}{2v^2} = \frac{1}{25}t + \frac{1}{1250}$$

(Multiplying both sides by -1)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2v^2} = \frac{50t+1}{1250}$$

(Tidying up the RHS into a single fraction)

$$\Rightarrow 2v^2 = \frac{1250}{50t+1}$$

(Inverting both sides)

$$\Rightarrow v^2 = \frac{625}{50t+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow v = \frac{25}{\sqrt{50t+1}}$$

- We are interested in where the time taken to go between 10 m/s and 5 m/s:

<p>If $v = 10$:</p> $10 = \frac{25}{\sqrt{50t+1}}$ $\Rightarrow 10\sqrt{50t+1} = 25$ $\Rightarrow t = 0.105 \text{ secs}$	<p>If $v = 5$:</p> $5 = \frac{25}{\sqrt{50t+1}}$ $\Rightarrow 5\sqrt{50t+1} = 25$ $\Rightarrow t = 0.48 \text{ secs}$
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- We can now find the time taken to travel between those two speeds:
 $\Rightarrow 0.48 - 0.105 = 0.375 \text{ secs}$

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Day 2: Classwork Questions: Pg 189 Ex 10E Qs 6(i)(ii)/7(i)(ii)/8(i) (These need the new integration)

- Derivation of Equations of Motion:

- We saw above that acceleration is given by:

$$a = \frac{dv}{dt}$$

$$\Rightarrow dv = a \cdot dt$$

- We now integrate both sides:

$$\int dv = \int a \cdot dt$$

$$v = at + C$$

$$\underline{@t = 0, v = u}$$

$$\Rightarrow u = a(0) + C$$

$$\Rightarrow u = C$$

$$\Rightarrow v = u + at$$

- We know also that velocity is given by:

$$v = \frac{ds}{dt}$$

$$\Rightarrow ds = v \cdot dt$$

- Subbing in $v = u + at$ gives:

$$ds = (u + at) \cdot dt$$

- Integrating both sides gives:

$$\int ds = \int (u + at) \cdot dt$$

$$s = ut + a \left(\frac{t^2}{2} \right) + C$$

$$\underline{@t = 0, s = 0}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = u(0) + a \left(\frac{(0)^2}{2} \right) + C$$

$$\Rightarrow C = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

- Finally:

$$a = v \frac{dv}{ds}$$

$$\Rightarrow v \cdot dv = a \cdot ds$$

- Integrating both sides gives:

$$\int v \cdot dv = \int a \cdot ds$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{v^2}{2} = as + C$$

$$\underline{@s = 0, v = u}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(u)^2}{2} = a(0) + C$$

$$\Rightarrow C = \frac{u^2}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{v^2}{2} = as + \frac{u^2}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow v^2 = u^2 + 2as$$

b) Power:

- Recall from before:

$$Power = Tv$$

Where T = Tractive Force, v = velocity

- **Example:** A car of mass 1200kg starts at rest on a horizontal road. Engine of car is working at constant power of 1500W. Find an expression for the acceleration in terms of its velocity.

Solution:

$$Power = Fv$$

$$\Rightarrow F = \frac{1500}{v} = ma$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1500}{v} = (1200)a$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{5}{4v}$$

- You now proceed as we did in the previous questions.

Classwork Questions: Pg 191 Ex 10F Qs 1/3/2/5

c) Populations, Finance and Cooling Problems:

- Let's look at some non-mechanics type problems.

Note on Proportionality:

- If one quantity is **proportional** to another, it means that one changes in a similar way to the other.
- For example, Voltage in a simple circuit is proportional to the Current flowing through the circuit and we can write that in symbols as $V \propto I$.
- The proportionality relationship means that if the voltage doubles, then the current doubles also, or if the current halves, then the voltage halves also.
- To make a more useful mathematical statement that we can work with, we can write this relationship instead as:

$$V = kI \quad , \text{ where } k \text{ is some constant}$$

- **Example:** Pg 194 Ex 10G Q5

Newton's Law of Warming states that 'the rate of warming of a body is proportional to the difference between the temperature of the body and the temperature of its surroundings.'

i) If θ is the difference between the temperature of a body and the temperature of its surroundings, show that $\frac{d\theta}{dt} = k\theta$.

ii) A body warms up from 2°C to 8°C in 6 minutes in a place where the temperature of the surroundings is a constant 25°C . Find the value of k to one significant figure.

iii) What will the temperature of the body be in a further 6 minutes? Give your answer to one decimal place.

Solution:

i) θ is the difference between the temperature of a body and the temperature of its surroundings and the rate of warming is given by $\frac{d\theta}{dt}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\theta}{dt} \propto \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\theta}{dt} = k\theta$$

ii) Let's rearrange this differential equation as we've done previously:

$$\frac{1}{\theta} \cdot d\theta = k \cdot dt$$

- We now integrate both sides:

$$\int \frac{1}{\theta} \cdot d\theta = \int k \cdot dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln \theta = kt + C$$

- We now use the initial conditions to evaluate the constant of integration C , but there are a few things to be cautious of here.

- Firstly, the temperature warms up from 2°C to 8°C in 6 minutes, so we take the time as zero at 2°C when our measurements started i.e. temperature is 2°C when $t = 0$.

- Secondly, θ is the difference between the temperature of a body and the temperature of its surroundings, so we have to be careful when subbing in values for θ .

- For example, when the temperature is 2°C , the value of θ will be $25^{\circ}\text{C} - 2^{\circ}\text{C} = 23^{\circ}\text{C}$, so:

$$\text{@ } t = 0, \theta = 23$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln 23 = k(0) + C$$

$$\Rightarrow C = \ln 23$$

- Subbing C back into our integral above gives:

$$\ln \theta = kt + \ln 23$$

- In this question, we have another set of initial conditions, which allows us to evaluate k :

$$\text{@ } t = 6, \theta = 25 - 8 = 17$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln 17 = k(6) + \ln 23$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln 17 - \ln 23 = k(6)$$

$$\Rightarrow 6k = \ln \frac{17}{23}$$

(Using Law 2 of Logs)

$$\Rightarrow 6k = -0.3$$

$$\Rightarrow k = -0.05$$

iii) We can now rearrange our solution above to tidy it up:

$$\ln \theta = kt + \ln 23$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln \theta - \ln 23 = (-0.05)t$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln \frac{\theta}{23} = -0.05t$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\theta}{23} = e^{-0.05t} \quad \text{(Taking } e \text{ of both sides)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 23e^{-0.05t}$$

- We are now asked about the temperature in a "further 6 minutes" i.e. when $t = 12$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 23e^{-0.05(12)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 12.62^\circ$$

- Finally, recall that θ is the difference between the temperature of a body and the temperature of its surroundings, so the temperature of the body has to be:

$$\text{Temp} = 25 - 12.62 = 12.4^\circ\text{C}$$

Answer at back says
12.6.

Day 1: Classwork Questions: Pg 193/194 Ex 10G Qs 2/3

Day 2: Classwork Questions: Pg 193/194 Ex 10G Qs 1/4/8 (They will need help starting these)

Revision Questions and Test