

1. Classify each of the following differential equations as (i) an ODE or PDE; (ii) linear or nonlinear; and (iii) homogeneous or nonhomogeneous. Also, clearly state the (iv) order and the (v) independent and dependent variables.

(a). $3\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 4\frac{dx}{dt} + 9x = 2\cos 3t$

(b). $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$

(c). $y \left[1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 \right] = C$

(d). $\frac{\partial N}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 N}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial N}{\partial r} + kN$

2. Solve the following first-order equations using the indicated method.

(a). $\frac{du}{dt} = u^2 \sin t$ [Separation of Variables]

(b). $\frac{du}{dt} = ku$ for constant k . [Separation of Variables]

(c). $\frac{du}{dt} = k(t)u$ for arbitrary function $k(t)$. (answer will contain an integral) [Separation of Variables]

(d). $\frac{du}{dt} + \frac{1}{t}u = 4t^2$ [Integrating Factor $\mu(t) = e^{\int p(t) dt}$]

3. Given the general second-order linear homogeneous equation with constant coefficients $\frac{d^2u}{dt^2} + k\frac{du}{dt} + pu = 0$

(a). Substitute the possible solution $u(t) = e^{mt}$ into the equation and simplify.

What is this new algebraic equation called?

(b). Solve this equation for m (i.e. find the roots m_1, m_2).

(c). For each case below, write down the general solution $u(t)$:

	Roots of the Characteristic Equation	General Solution to the Differential Equation
Case 1	Real, distinct roots: $m_1 \neq m_2$	
Case 2	Real, repeated roots: $m_1 = m_2$	
Case 3	Complex conjugate roots: $m_1 = \alpha + i\beta, m_2 = \alpha - i\beta$	
(subcase)	Purely imaginary when $\alpha = 0$: $m_1 = i\beta, m_2 = -i\beta$	

4. Find the general solution for the following differential equations. [Recall, that for higher-order equations with more than 2 roots, each root contributes the solution type above (multiply by an extra t each time it is repeated).]

(a). $u'' + 2u' + u = 0$

(b). $\frac{d^2u}{dt^2} - \frac{du}{dt} + 7u = 0$

(c). $\frac{d^4u}{dt^4} + 5\frac{d^2u}{dt^2} - 36u = 0$

(d). $D^3(D - 5)^2(D^2 + 1)[u] = 0$

$\left[D \equiv \frac{d}{dx} \right]$