

We also observe that

$$F_1(x, y) = x^2 \left(\frac{y^2}{x^2} + \frac{2y}{x} \right) = x^2 h_1 \left(\frac{y}{x} \right)$$

or
$$F_1(x, y) = y^2 \left(1 + \frac{2x}{y} \right) = y^2 h_2 \left(\frac{x}{y} \right)$$

$$F_2(x, y) = x^1 \left(2 - \frac{3y}{x} \right) = x^1 h_3 \left(\frac{y}{x} \right)$$

or
$$F_2(x, y) = y^1 \left(2 \frac{x}{y} - 3 \right) = y^1 h_4 \left(\frac{x}{y} \right)$$

$$F_3(x, y) = x^0 \cos \left(\frac{y}{x} \right) = x^0 h_5 \left(\frac{y}{x} \right)$$

$$F_4(x, y) \neq x^n h_6 \left(\frac{y}{x} \right), \text{ for any } n \in \mathbf{N}$$

or
$$F_4(x, y) \neq y^n h_7 \left(\frac{x}{y} \right), \text{ for any } n \in \mathbf{N}$$

Therefore, a function $F(x, y)$ is a homogeneous function of degree n if

$$F(x, y) = x^n g \left(\frac{y}{x} \right) \quad \text{or} \quad y^n h \left(\frac{x}{y} \right)$$

A differential equation of the form $\frac{dy}{dx} = F(x, y)$ is said to be *homogenous* if

$F(x, y)$ is a homogenous function of degree zero.

To solve a homogeneous differential equation of the type

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = F(x, y) = g \left(\frac{y}{x} \right) \quad \dots (1)$$

We make the substitution $y = v \cdot x$... (2)

Differentiating equation (2) with respect to x , we get

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = v + x \frac{dv}{dx} \quad \dots (3)$$

Substituting the value of $\frac{dy}{dx}$ from equation (3) in equation (1), we get

$$v + x \frac{dv}{dx} = g(v)$$

or
$$x \frac{dv}{dx} = g(v) - v \quad \dots (4)$$

Separating the variables in equation (4), we get

$$\frac{dv}{g(v) - v} = \frac{dx}{x} \quad \dots (5)$$

Integrating both sides of equation (5), we get

$$\int \frac{dv}{g(v) - v} = \int \frac{1}{x} dx + C \quad \dots (6)$$

Equation (6) gives general solution (primitive) of the differential equation (1) when we replace v by $\frac{y}{x}$.

Note If the homogeneous differential equation is in the form $\frac{dx}{dy} = F(x, y)$

where, $F(x, y)$ is homogenous function of degree zero, then we make substitution

$\frac{x}{y} = v$ i.e., $x = vy$ and we proceed further to find the general solution as discussed

above by writing $\frac{dx}{dy} = F(x, y) = h\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)$.

Example 15 Show that the differential equation $(x - y) \frac{dy}{dx} = x + 2y$ is homogeneous and solve it.

Solution The given differential equation can be expressed as

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x + 2y}{x - y} \quad \dots (1)$$

Let
$$F(x, y) = \frac{x + 2y}{x - y}$$

Now
$$F(\lambda x, \lambda y) = \frac{\lambda(x + 2y)}{\lambda(x - y)} = \lambda^0 \cdot f(x, y)$$

Therefore, $F(x, y)$ is a homogenous function of degree zero. So, the given differential equation is a homogenous differential equation.

Alternatively,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \left(\frac{1 + \frac{2y}{x}}{1 - \frac{y}{x}} \right) = g\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \quad \dots (2)$$

R.H.S. of differential equation (2) is of the form $g\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$ and so it is a homogeneous function of degree zero. Therefore, equation (1) is a homogeneous differential equation. To solve it we make the substitution

$$y = vx \quad \dots (3)$$

Differentiating equation (3) with respect to, x we get

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = v + x \frac{dv}{dx} \quad \dots (4)$$

Substituting the value of y and $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in equation (1) we get

$$v + x \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{1 + 2v}{1 - v}$$

or

$$x \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{1 + 2v}{1 - v} - v$$

or

$$x \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{v^2 + v + 1}{1 - v}$$

or

$$\frac{v - 1}{v^2 + v + 1} dv = \frac{-dx}{x}$$

Integrating both sides of equation (5), we get

$$\int \frac{v - 1}{v^2 + v + 1} dv = -\int \frac{dx}{x}$$

or

$$\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{2v + 1 - 3}{v^2 + v + 1} dv = -\log |x| + C_1$$

or
$$\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{2v+1}{v^2+v+1} dv - \frac{3}{2} \int \frac{1}{v^2+v+1} dv = -\log|x| + C_1$$

or
$$\frac{1}{2} \log|v^2+v+1| - \frac{3}{2} \int \frac{1}{\left(v+\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2} dv = -\log|x| + C_1$$

or
$$\frac{1}{2} \log|v^2+v+1| - \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2v+1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = -\log|x| + C_1$$

or
$$\frac{1}{2} \log|v^2+v+1| + \frac{1}{2} \log x^2 = \sqrt{3} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2v+1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + C_1 \quad (\text{Why?})$$

Replacing v by $\frac{y}{x}$, we get

or
$$\frac{1}{2} \log\left|\frac{y^2}{x^2} + \frac{y}{x} + 1\right| + \frac{1}{2} \log x^2 = \sqrt{3} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2y+x}{\sqrt{3}x}\right) + C_1$$

or
$$\frac{1}{2} \log\left|\left(\frac{y^2}{x^2} + \frac{y}{x} + 1\right)x^2\right| = \sqrt{3} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2y+x}{\sqrt{3}x}\right) + C_1$$

or
$$\log|(y^2 + xy + x^2)| = 2\sqrt{3} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2y+x}{\sqrt{3}x}\right) + 2C_1$$

or
$$\log|(x^2 + xy + y^2)| = 2\sqrt{3} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x+2y}{\sqrt{3}x}\right) + C$$

which is the general solution of the differential equation (1)

Example 16 Show that the differential equation $x \cos\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \frac{dy}{dx} = y \cos\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + x$ is homogeneous and solve it.

Solution The given differential equation can be written as

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y \cos\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + x}{x \cos\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)} \quad \dots (1)$$

It is a differential equation of the form $\frac{dy}{dx} = F(x, y)$.

Here
$$F(x, y) = \frac{y \cos\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + x}{x \cos\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)}$$

Replacing x by λx and y by λy , we get

$$F(\lambda x, \lambda y) = \frac{\lambda \left[y \cos\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + x \right]}{\lambda \left(x \cos\frac{y}{x} \right)} = \lambda^0 [F(x, y)]$$

Thus, $F(x, y)$ is a homogeneous function of degree zero.

Therefore, the given differential equation is a homogeneous differential equation. To solve it we make the substitution

$$y = vx \quad \dots (2)$$

Differentiating equation (2) with respect to x , we get

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = v + x \frac{dv}{dx} \quad \dots (3)$$

Substituting the value of y and $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in equation (1), we get

$$v + x \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{v \cos v + 1}{\cos v}$$

or
$$x \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{v \cos v + 1}{\cos v} - v$$

or
$$x \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{1}{\cos v}$$

or
$$\cos v \, dv = \frac{dx}{x}$$

Therefore
$$\int \cos v \, dv = \int \frac{1}{x} \, dx$$

or $\sin v = \log |x| + \log |C|$

or $\sin v = \log |Cx|$

Replacing v by $\frac{y}{x}$, we get

$$\sin\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) = \log |Cx|$$

which is the general solution of the differential equation (1).

Example 17 Show that the differential equation $2y e^{\frac{x}{y}} dx + \left(y - 2x e^{\frac{x}{y}}\right) dy = 0$ is homogeneous and find its particular solution, given that, $x = 0$ when $y = 1$.

Solution The given differential equation can be written as

$$\frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{2x e^{\frac{x}{y}} - y}{2y e^{\frac{x}{y}}} \quad \dots (1)$$

Let

$$F(x, y) = \frac{2x e^{\frac{x}{y}} - y}{2y e^{\frac{x}{y}}}$$

Then

$$F(\lambda x, \lambda y) = \frac{\lambda \left(2x e^{\frac{x}{y}} - y\right)}{\lambda \left(2y e^{\frac{x}{y}}\right)} = \lambda^0 [F(x, y)]$$

Thus, $F(x, y)$ is a homogeneous function of degree zero. Therefore, the given differential equation is a homogeneous differential equation.

To solve it, we make the substitution

$$x = vy \quad \dots (2)$$

Differentiating equation (2) with respect to y , we get

$$\frac{dx}{dy} = v + y \frac{dv}{dy}$$

Substituting the value of x and $\frac{dx}{dy}$ in equation (1), we get

$$v + y \frac{dv}{dy} = \frac{2v e^v - 1}{2e^v}$$

or
$$y \frac{dv}{dy} = \frac{2v e^v - 1}{2e^v} - v$$

or
$$y \frac{dv}{dy} = -\frac{1}{2e^v}$$

or
$$2e^v dv = \frac{-dy}{y}$$

or
$$\int 2e^v \cdot dv = -\int \frac{dy}{y}$$

or
$$2e^v = -\log |y| + C$$

and replacing v by $\frac{x}{y}$, we get

$$2e^{\frac{x}{y}} + \log |y| = C \quad \dots (3)$$

Substituting $x = 0$ and $y = 1$ in equation (3), we get

$$2e^0 + \log |1| = C \Rightarrow C = 2$$

Substituting the value of C in equation (3), we get

$$2e^{\frac{x}{y}} + \log |y| = 2$$

which is the particular solution of the given differential equation.

Example 18 Show that the family of curves for which the slope of the tangent at any

point (x, y) on it is $\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2xy}$, is given by $x^2 - y^2 = cx$.

Solution We know that the slope of the tangent at any point on a curve is $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

Therefore,
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{2xy}$$

or
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1 + \frac{y^2}{x^2}}{\frac{2y}{x}} \quad \dots (1)$$

Clearly, (1) is a homogenous differential equation. To solve it we make substitution

$$y = vx$$

Differentiating $y = vx$ with respect to x , we get

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = v + x \frac{dv}{dx}$$

or
$$v + x \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{1 + v^2}{2v}$$

or
$$x \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{1 - v^2}{2v}$$

$$\frac{2v}{1 - v^2} dv = \frac{dx}{x}$$

or
$$\frac{2v}{v^2 - 1} dv = -\frac{dx}{x}$$

Therefore
$$\int \frac{2v}{v^2 - 1} dv = -\int \frac{1}{x} dx$$

or
$$\log |v^2 - 1| = -\log |x| + \log |C_1|$$

or
$$\log |(v^2 - 1)(x)| = \log |C_1|$$

or
$$(v^2 - 1)x = \pm C_1$$

Replacing v by $\frac{y}{x}$, we get

$$\left(\frac{y^2}{x^2} - 1 \right) x = \pm C_1$$

or
$$(y^2 - x^2) = \pm C_1 x \text{ or } x^2 - y^2 = Cx$$