

# CHAPTER 8. DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS



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- Differential equations are used extensively in engineering and science to represent physical phenomena of a problem (problems).
- A differential equation is any equation containing one or more derivative terms.
- An ordinary differential equation is that involves a single independent variable.



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- Differential equations involving two or more independent variables are referred to as partial differential equations.
- The analytical solutions of both ordinary and partial differential equations is called "closed-form solution".
- This solution requires the constant of integration be evaluated by using prescribed values of the independent variable(s).



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## ■ Classification of Differential Equations

### – Ordinary Differential Equations

- First-order
- Higher-order
- Linear
- Nonlinear

### – Partial Differential Equations

- These equations are usually classified according to their mathematical form.





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## ■ Ordinary Differential Equations

- The general forms of an ordinary differential equation is given by one of the following expression:

$$C_0(x) + \sum_{i=1}^n C_i(x) \frac{d^i}{dx^i} = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$C_0(x) + \sum_{i=1}^n C_i(x) \left( \frac{d^i}{dx^i} \right)^m = 0 \quad (m \neq 0) \quad (2)$$



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## ■ Ordinary Differential Equations

- Note that Eq. 1 is a linear ordinary differential equation, while Eq. 2 is a nonlinear differential equation.
- Furthermore, if the coefficient  $C_0(x)$  is zero, the equation is called homogenous, otherwise nonhomogenous.
- ODE's of all types have many applications in engineering and science.



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## ■ Examples Ordinary Differential Equations

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 5x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - x + y = 0$$



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## ■ Partial Differential Equations

- Differential equations involving two or more independent variables are called partial differential equations.
- These equations may have only boundary conditions, in which they are referred to as Boundary Value Problems (BVP) or steady-state equations.



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## ■ Partial Differential Equations

- In some applications both boundary and initial conditions are specified.
- In these cases, they are called transient problems.
- In practice, very few partial differential equations have closed-form analytical solution. Therefore, numerical techniques are required in most cases.



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## ■ Examples Partial Differential Equations

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

$$C_1 \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + C_2 \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x \partial y} + C_3 \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} + C_4 = 0$$

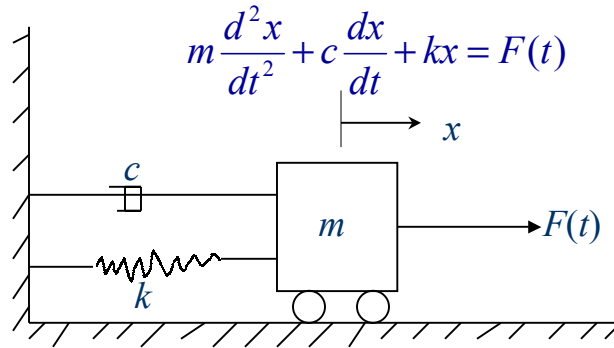
$$\frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^4} + 2 \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^2 \partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial y^4} = \frac{F_z}{D} - \frac{k}{D} w$$



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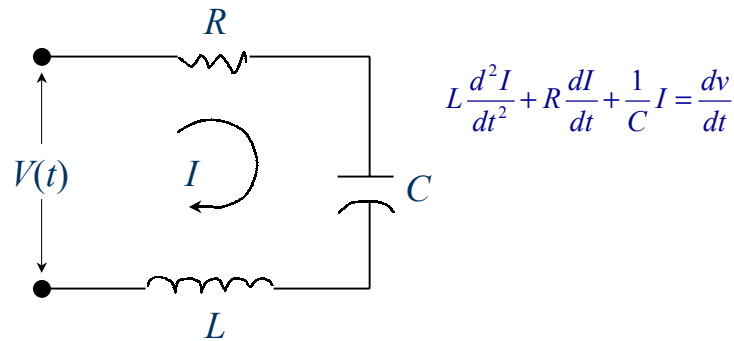
## Engineering Examples – Mechanical System



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## Engineering Examples – Electrical Circuit



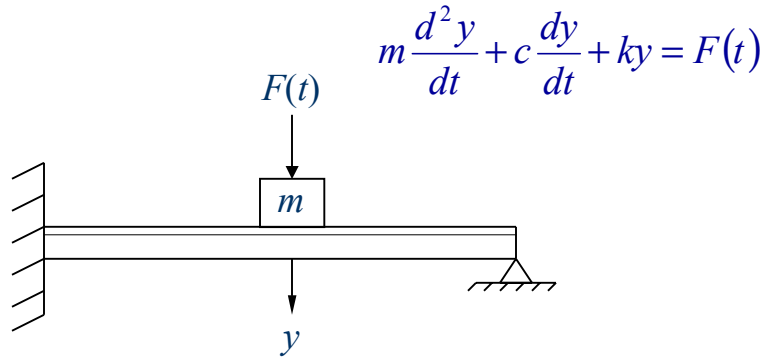


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## Engineering Examples

### – Vibrating Beam

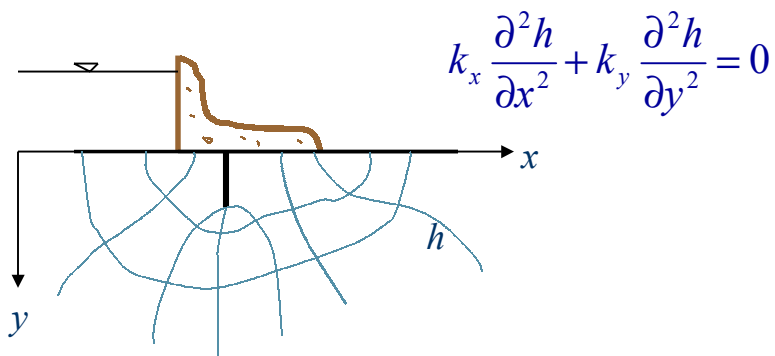


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## Engineering Examples

### – Steady-state Fluid Flow under Dams

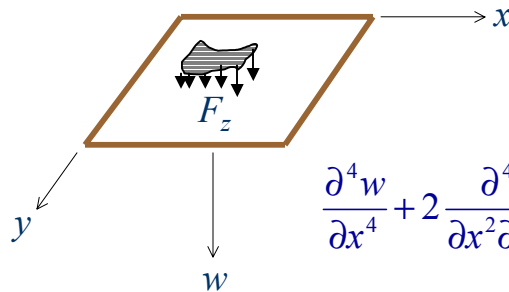




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## ■ Engineering Examples – Plate on Elastic Foundation



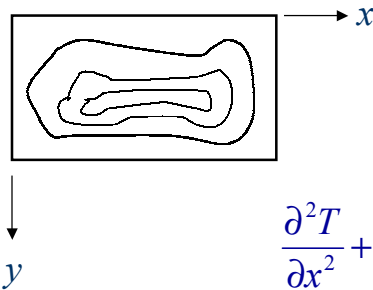
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## ■ Engineering Examples – Transient Temperature Distribution



$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} = C \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$





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## General Expressions for Differential Equations

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

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

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3 - \frac{1}{x}$$

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = e^y - 2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = C$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -4$$



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## General Expressions for Differential Equations

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = f\left(x, y, \frac{dy}{dx}\right)$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 1 - x + 2y - \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = f\left(x, \frac{dy}{dx}\right)$$

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

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = f\left(y, \frac{dy}{dx}\right)$$

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

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = f(x, y)$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = f(x, y) = 2x + \frac{2}{y}$$



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## ■ General Expressions for Differential Equations

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x_1, x_2, y)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x_1^2 - x_2^{-1} - 2y^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x_1, x_2) \implies$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{x_1} - x_2^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x_1, y)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x_1, y) = 3x_1 + 3y^2 - 1$$



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## ■ Origin of Differential Equations

- They can originate from either geometric or physical problems.
- For geometric case, consider the slope of a function, which is usually a relationship between  $y$  and  $x$ .
- This slope illustrates the geometric case, and is given by

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = c(y - x) \quad (3)$$



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### ■ Origin of Differential Equations

- The solution of Eq. 3 would a relationship of the form

$$y = g(x) \quad (4)$$

- Equation 4 may be subject to one or more boundary conditions.
- Physical problems can also be defined by differential equations.



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### ■ Origin of Differential Equations

- As we saw earlier, simple problems in electrical circuits and heat transfer involve differential equations.
- Simple problems motions can also be expressed by differential equations. For example the gravitational equation is

$$F = ma = m \frac{dV}{dt}$$