

**CBSE Class-12 Mathematics**  
**NCERT solution**  
**Chapter - 9**  
**Differential Equations - Exercise 9.1**

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**Determine order and degree (if defined) of differential equations given in Questions 1 to 10:**

1.  $\frac{d^4y}{dx^4} + \sin(y''') = 0$

**Ans.** Given:  $\frac{d^4y}{dx^4} + \sin(y''') = 0$

The highest order derivative present in the differential equation is  $\frac{d^4y}{dx^4}$  and its order is 4.

The given differential equation is not a polynomial equation in derivatives as the term  $\sin(y''')$  is a T-function of derivative  $y'''$ . Therefore the degree is not defined.

Hence, order is 4 and degree is not defined.

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2.  $y' + 5y = 0$

**Ans.** Given:  $y' + 5y = 0$

The highest order derivative present in the differential equation is  $y' = \frac{dy}{dx}$  and its order is 1.

The given differential equation is a polynomial equation in derivative  $y'$  and the highest power raised to highest order derivative  $y'$  is one, so its degree is 1.

Hence, order is 1 and degree is 1.

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3.  $\left(\frac{ds}{dt}\right)^4 + 3s \frac{d^2s}{dt^2} = 0$

**Ans.** Given:  $\left(\frac{ds}{dt}\right)^4 + 3s \frac{d^2s}{dt^2} = 0$

The highest order derivative present in the differential equation is  $\frac{d^2s}{dt^2}$  and its order is 2.

The given differential equation is a polynomial equation in derivatives and the highest power raised to highest order derivative  $\frac{d^2s}{dt^2}$  is one, so its degree is 1.

Hence, order is 2 and degree is 1.

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4.  $\left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)^2 + \cos \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

**Ans.** Given:  $\left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)^2 + \cos \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

The highest order derivative present in the differential equation is  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  and its order is 2.

The given differential equation is not a polynomial equation in derivatives as the term  $\cos \frac{dy}{dx}$  is a T-function of derivative  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ . Therefore the degree is not defined.

Hence, order is 2 and degree is not defined.

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5.  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \cos 3x + \sin 3x$

**Ans.** Given:  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \cos 3x + \sin 3x$

The highest order derivative present in the differential equation is  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  and its order is 2.

The given differential equation is a polynomial equation in derivatives and the highest power raised to highest order  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)^1$  is one, so its degree is 1.

Hence, order is 2 and degree is 1.

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6.  $(y''')^2 + (y'')^3 + (y')^4 + y^5 = 0$

**Ans.** Given:  $(y''')^2 + (y'')^3 + (y')^4 + y^5 = 0$

The highest order derivative present in the differential equation is  $y'''$  and its order is 3.

The given differential equation is a polynomial equation in derivatives and the highest power raised to highest order  $y'''$  is two, so its degree is 2.

Hence, order is 3 and degree is 2.

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7.  $y''' + 2y'' + y' = 0$

**Ans.** Given:  $y''' + 2y'' + y' = 0$

The highest order derivative present in the differential equation is  $y'''$  and its order is 3.

The given differential equation is a polynomial equation in derivatives  $y'''$ ,  $y''$  and  $y'$  and the highest power raised to highest order  $y'''$  is one, so its degree is 1.

Hence, order is 3 and degree is 1.

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8.  $y' + y = e^x$

**Ans.** Given:  $y' + y = e^x$

The highest order derivative present in the differential equation is  $y'$  and its order is 1.

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The given differential equation is a polynomial equation in derivative  $y'$ . It may be noted that  $e^x$  is an exponential function and not a polynomial function but is not an exponential function of derivatives and the highest power raised to highest order derivative  $y'$  is one so its degree is one.

Hence, order is 1 and degree is 1.

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9.  $y'' + (y')^2 + 2y = 0$

**Ans.** Given:  $y'' + (y')^2 + 2y = 0$

The highest order derivative present in the differential equation is  $y''$  and its order is 2.

The given differential equation is a polynomial equation in derivatives  $y''$  and  $y'$  and the highest power raised to highest order  $y''$  is one, so its degree is 1.

Hence, order is 2 and degree is 1.

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10.  $y'' + 2y' + \sin y = 0$

**Ans.** Given:  $y'' + 2y' + \sin y = 0$

The highest order derivative present in the differential equation is  $y''$  and its order is 2.

The given differential equation is a polynomial equation in derivative  $y''$  and  $y'$ . It may be noted that  $\sin y$  is not a polynomial function of  $y$ , it is a T-function of  $y$  but is not a T-function of derivatives and the highest power raised to highest order derivative  $y''$  is one so its degree is one.

Hence, order is 2 and degree is 1.

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11. The degree of the differential equation  $\left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 + \sin\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) + 1 = 0$  is:

(A) 3

(B) 2

(C) 1

(D) Not defined

**Ans.** Given:  $\left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 + \sin\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) + 1 = 0$  .....(i)

This equation is not a polynomial in derivatives as  $\sin\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)$  is a T-function of derivative  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .

Therefore, degree of given equation is not defined.

Hence, option (D) is correct.

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**12. The order of the differential equation  $2x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 3\frac{dy}{dx} + y = 0$  is:**

(A) 2

(B) 1

(C) 0

(D) Not defined

**Ans.** Given:  $2x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 3\frac{dy}{dx} + y = 0$

The highest order derivative present in the differential equation is  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  and its order is 2.

Therefore, option (A) is correct.

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