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- **complementary function:** The solution to the related homogenous equation for a non-homogenous equation
- **differential equation:** An equation with one or more derivatives in it.
- **domain:** a solution of differential equation is a function $y=f(x)$ which, when substituted along with its derivative among the differential equation satisfies the equation from all x in some specified interval.
- **first order equation:** Any equation with a first derivative in it, but no higher derivatives.
- **non homogenous equation:** Any equation that is not equal to 0. In differential equations, its an equation $y''+p(x)y'+q(x)y=f(x)$, where $f(x)$ is not 0.
- **ordinary differential equation:** The *ordinary differential equations* are those having only one independent variable and its derivatives.
- **partial differential equation:** Any differential equation that has partial derivatives in it
- **particular solution:** A solution to a differential equation with all constants evaluated
- **second order equation:** Any equation with a second derivative in it, but no higher derivatives.
- **separable equation:** An equation where the x and y terms are multiplied and not added.
- **substitution method:** A method of turning a non-separable equation into a separable one.