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Glossary

- > If A *differential equation* is an equation that contains an unknown function and its derivatives.
- When the differential equation has several independent variables then the derivatives are partial derivatives and the differential equation is called *partial differential equation*.
- > The *order* of a differential equation is the order of the highest derivative that occurs in the equation.
- The *degree* of a differential equation is determined by the highest power of the derivatives when the equation is simplified.
- > An ordinary differential equation (ODE) is said to be *linear* if the dependent variable is of the first degree.
- A function y=f(x) is called a solution of a differential equation if the equation is satisfied when y=f(x) and its derivatives are substituted into the equation.