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I. QUESTION 37

Solution of the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - y = \cos x \quad (1)$$

is

- (A) $y = \frac{\sin x - \cos x}{2} + ce^x$
 (B) $y = \frac{\sin x + \cos x}{2} + ce^x$
 (C) $y = \frac{\sin x - \cos x}{2} + ce^{-x}$
 (D) $y = \frac{\sin x + \cos x}{2} + ce^{-x}$

II. SOLUTION

This is a linear differential equation, where every dependent variable and every derivative occurs in the first degree. Let

The general form of this type of equation is:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - Py = Q \quad (2)$$

We will be solving this question using Laplace Transforms:

First take Laplace transform at both sides of the equation:

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{dy}{dx} - y\right\} = \mathcal{L}\{\cos x\} \quad (3)$$

$$sY(s) - y(0) - Y(s) = \frac{s}{s^2 + 1} \quad (4)$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{s}{(s^2 + 1)(s - 1)} + \frac{y(0)}{s - 1} \quad (5)$$

Now we compute the inverse Laplace transform at both sides of the equation:

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{Y(s)\} = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s}{(s^2 + 1)(s - 1)}\right\} + \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{y(0)}{s - 1}\right\} \quad (6)$$

Using results:

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{2}(\sin x - \cos x + e^x) + y(0)e^x \quad (7)$$

$$y(x) = \frac{\sin x - \cos x}{2} + e^x\left(y(0) + \frac{1}{2}\right) \quad (8)$$

$$\left(y(0) + \frac{1}{2}\right) = c \quad (9)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{\sin x - \cos x}{2} + ce^x \quad (10)$$

Hence the answer is (A)