

$$(i) \frac{1}{f(D)} e^{ax} = \frac{1}{f(a)} e^{ax}$$

$$\text{If } f(a) = 0 \text{ then } \frac{1}{f(D)} \cdot e^{ax} = x \cdot \frac{1}{f'(a)} \cdot e^{ax}$$

$$\text{If } f'(a) = 0 \text{ then } \frac{1}{f(D)} \cdot e^{ax} = x^2 \frac{1}{f''(a)} \cdot e^{ax}$$

$$(ii) \frac{1}{f(D)} x^n = [f(D)]^{-1} x^n$$

Expand $[f(D)]^{-1}$ and then operate.

$$(iii) \frac{1}{f(D^2)} \sin ax = \frac{1}{f(-a^2)} \sin ax \text{ and } \frac{1}{f(D^2)} \cos ax = \frac{1}{f(-a^2)} \cos ax$$

$$\text{If } f(-a^2) = 0 \text{ then } \frac{1}{f(D^2)} \sin ax = x \cdot \frac{1}{f'(-a^2)} \cdot \sin ax$$

$$(iv) \frac{1}{f(D)} e^{ax} \cdot \phi(x) = e^{ax} \cdot \frac{1}{f(D+a)} \phi(x)$$

$$(v) \frac{1}{D+a} \phi(x) = e^{-ax} \int e^{ax} \cdot \phi(x) dx$$

Solvable for p

Example 1. Solve : $\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{x}{y} - \frac{y}{x}$.

(P.T.)

Sol. $\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{x}{y} - \frac{y}{x}$

$$p - \frac{1}{p} = \frac{x^2 - y^2}{xy}, \text{ where } p = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$xyp^2 - (x^2 - y^2)p - xy = 0$$

$$p = \frac{(x^2 - y^2) \pm \sqrt{(x^2 - y^2)^2 + 4x^2y^2}}{2xy}$$

$$= \frac{(x^2 - y^2) \pm (x^2 + y^2)}{2xy}$$

\therefore

$$p = \frac{2x^2}{2xy} \quad ; \quad p = -\frac{2y^2}{2xy}$$

or

$$p = \frac{x}{y} \quad ; \quad p = -\frac{y}{x}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{y} \quad ; \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{y}{x}$$

$$ydy = xdx \quad ; \quad \frac{1}{y}dy = -\frac{1}{x}dx$$

Integrating both sides

$$\frac{y^2}{2} = \frac{x^2}{2} + c \quad ; \quad \log y = -\log x + c$$

or

$$y^2 - x^2 - 2c = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \log xy = c \quad \text{or} \quad xy = e^c$$

\therefore The general solution of given equation is $(y^2 - x^2 - 2c)(xy - e^c) = 0$.

Example 2. Solve: $p(p + y) = x(x + y)$.

Sol. $p^2 + py = x^2 + xy$

or

$p^2 + py - (x^2 + xy) = 0$, which is quadratic in p

$$\therefore p = \frac{-y \pm \sqrt{y^2 + 4(x^2 + xy)}}{2} = \frac{-y \pm \sqrt{(y+2x)^2}}{2}$$

$$\therefore p = \frac{-y + y + 2x}{2}$$

or $p = x$

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

Integrating both sides,

$$y = \frac{x^2}{2} + c$$

or $y - \frac{x^2}{2} - c = 0$... (2)

and $p = \frac{-y - y - 2x}{2}$

or $p = -y - x$

or $\frac{dy}{dx} = -y - x$

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

which is linear equation in y

Its I.F. = $e^{\int 1 \cdot dx} = e^x$

\therefore Its solution is

$$y e^x = \int e^x (-x) dx + c = - \int x e^x dx + c$$

or $y e^x = -(x-1) e^x + c$ [Integrating by parts]

or $y = -(x-1) + c e^{-x}$

or $y + x - 1 - c e^{-x} = 0$... (3)

Combining (2) and (3), general solution is

$$\left(y - \frac{x^2}{2} - c \right) (y + x - 1 - c e^{-x}) = 0.$$

Solvable for y

Example 1. Solve : $y + px = x^4 p^2$.

Sol. Given equation is $y = -px + x^4 p^2$

...(1)

Differentiating both sides w.r.t. x ,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = p = -p - x \frac{dp}{dx} + 4x^3 p^2 + 2x^4 p \frac{dp}{dx}$$

or $2p + x \frac{dp}{dx} - 2px^3 \left(2p + x \frac{dp}{dx} \right) = 0$ or $\left(2p + x \frac{dp}{dx} \right) (1 - 2px^3) = 0$

Discarding the factor $(1 - 2px^3)$, we have $2p + x \frac{dp}{dx} = 0$ or $\frac{dp}{p} + 2 \frac{dx}{x} = 0$

Integrating $\log p + 2 \log x = \log c$ or $\log px^2 = \log c$ or $px^2 = c$

or $p = \frac{c}{x^2}$.

Putting this value of p in (1), we have $y = -\frac{c}{x} + c^2$, which is the required solution.

Example 2. Solve : $y = 2px - p^2$.

Sol. The given equation is $y = 2px - p^2$

...(1)

Differentiating both sides w.r.t. x , $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2p + 2x \frac{dp}{dx} - 2p \frac{dp}{dx}$

or $p = 2p + 2x \frac{dp}{dx} - 2p \frac{dp}{dx}$

or $p + (2x - 2p) \frac{dp}{dx} = 0$ or $p \frac{dx}{dp} + 2x - 2p = 0$

or $\frac{dx}{dp} + \frac{2}{p} x = 2$...(2)

which is a linear equation.

$$\text{I.F.} = e^{\int \frac{2}{p} dp} = e^{2 \log p} = p^2$$

\therefore The solution of (2) is $x (\text{I.F.}) = \int 2 (\text{I.F.}) dp + c$ or $x p^2 = \int 2 p^2 dp + c$

or $x p^2 = \frac{2}{3} p^3 + c$ or $x = \frac{2}{3} p + c p^{-2}$...(3)

p cannot be easily eliminated from (1) and (3)

\therefore Putting the value of x in (1), we have $y = 2p \left(\frac{2}{3} p + c p^{-2} \right) - p^2$

Solvable for x

Example 1. Solve: $y = 2px + p^2y$

Sol. Given differential equation is

$$y = 2px + p^2y$$

Solving for x, we have

$$x = \frac{y}{2p} - \frac{py}{2}$$

Differentiate w.r.t., y $\frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{p \cdot 1 - y \frac{dp}{dy}}{p^2} - \frac{1}{2} \left(p \cdot 1 + y \frac{dp}{dy} \right)$

$$\frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{2p} - \frac{y}{2p^2} \frac{dp}{dy} - \frac{p}{2} - \frac{y}{2} \frac{dp}{dy}$$

$$\frac{1}{2p} + \frac{p}{2} + \frac{y}{2p^2} \frac{dp}{dy} + \frac{y}{2} \frac{dp}{dy} = 0$$

$$\frac{1+p^2}{p} + \left(\frac{1}{p^2} + 1 \right) y \frac{dp}{dy} = 0$$

$$\frac{1+p^2}{p} + \frac{1+p^2}{p^2} y \frac{dp}{dy} = 0$$

or $\frac{1+p^2}{p} \left\{ 1 + \frac{y}{p} \frac{dp}{dy} \right\} = 0$

Discarding the factor $\frac{1+p^2}{p}$, we have

$$1 + \frac{y}{p} \frac{dp}{dy} = 0$$

or $\frac{dp}{p} = -\frac{dy}{y}$

Integrating both sides

$$\log p = -\log y + \log c$$

or $py = c$

Eliminate p from (1) and (2)

$$y = 2x \cdot \frac{c}{y} + \frac{c^2}{y^2} y$$

or $y = \frac{2cx}{y} + \frac{c^2}{y}$

or $y^2 = 2cx + c^2$; required solution.

Example 2. Solve : $p = \tan \left(x - \frac{p}{1+p^2} \right)$.

Sol. Solving for x, we have $x = \tan^{-1} p + \frac{p}{1+p^2}$

Differentiating both sides w.r.t. y, $\frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{1+p^2} \cdot \frac{dp}{dy} + \frac{(1+p^2) - 2p^2}{(1+p^2)^2} \cdot \frac{dp}{dy}$

or $\frac{1}{p} = \frac{2(1+p^2) - 2p^2}{(1+p^2)^2} \frac{dp}{dy}$ or $dy = \frac{2p}{(1+p^2)^2} dp$

Integrating $y = c - \frac{1}{1+p^2}$

Equations (1) and (2) together constitute the general solution.

Variation of parameters

Example 1. Find the general solution of the equation $y'' + 16y = 32 \sec 2x$; using method of variation of parameters. (P.T.U., May 2008, 2010)

Sol. Given equation in symbolic form is $(D^2 + 16)y = 32 \sec 2x$

A.E. is $D^2 + 16 = 0 \quad \therefore \quad D = \pm 4i$

C.F. is $y = c_1 \cos 4x + c_2 \sin 4x$

Here

$y_1 = \cos 4x, y_2 = \sin 4x, X = 32 \sec 2x$

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \cos 4x & \sin 4x \\ -4 \sin 4x & 4 \cos 4x \end{vmatrix} = 4$$

P.I. = $uy_1 + vy_2$ where $u = - \int \frac{y_2 X}{W} dx$ and $v = \int \frac{y_1 X}{W} dx$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{P.I.} &= -\cos 4x \int \frac{\sin 4x \cdot 32 \sec 2x}{4} dx + \sin 4x \int \frac{\cos 4x \cdot 32 \sec 2x}{4} dx \\ &= -8 \cos 4x \int 2 \sin 2x \cos 2x \cdot \frac{1}{\cos 2x} dx + 8 \sin 4x \int \frac{2 \cos^2 2x - 1}{\cos 2x} dx \\ &= -16 \cos 4x \int \sin 2x dx + 8 \sin 4x \int (2 \cos 2x - \sec 2x) dx \\ &= -16 \cos 4x \left[-\frac{\cos 2x}{2} \right] + 8 \sin 4x \left[\frac{2 \sin 2x}{2} - \frac{\log (\sec 2x + \tan 2x)}{2} \right] \\ &= 8 \cos 4x \cos 2x + 8 \sin 4x \sin 2x - 4 \sin 4x \log (\sec 2x + \tan 2x) \\ &= 8 \cos (4x - 2x) - 4 \sin 4x \log (\sec 2x + \tan 2x) \\ &= 8 \cos 2x - 4 \sin 4x \log (\sec 2x + \tan 2x) \end{aligned}$$

\therefore C.S. is $y = \text{C.F.} + \text{P.I.}$
 $= c_1 \cos 4x + c_2 \sin 4x + 8 \cos 2x - 4 \sin 4x \log (\sec 2x + \tan 2x).$

Example 2. Solve: $y'' - 6y' + 9y = \frac{e^{3x}}{x^2}$ by variation of parameter method.

(P.T.U., May 2010, 2012, Dec. 2012, 2013)

Sol. Equation in the symbolic form is

$$(D^2 - 6D + 9)y = \frac{e^{3x}}{x^2}$$

A.E. is $D^2 - 6D + 9 = 0$ i.e., $(D - 3)^2 = 0$ i.e., $D = 3, 3$

C.F. = $(c_1 + c_2 x) e^{3x} = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$, where $y_1 = e^{3x}, y_2 = x e^{3x}$

and

$$X = \frac{e^{3x}}{x^2}$$

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} e^{3x} & x e^{3x} \\ 3e^{3x} & (1 + 3x) e^{3x} \end{vmatrix} = e^{6x}$$

P.I. = $uy_1 + vy_2$, where $u = - \int \frac{y_2 X}{W} dx$ and $v = \int \frac{y_1 X}{W} dx$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{P.I.} &= -e^{3x} \int \frac{x e^{3x} \cdot e^{3x}}{e^{6x} \cdot x^2} dx + x e^{3x} \int \frac{e^{3x} \cdot e^{3x}}{e^{6x} \cdot x^2} dx = -e^{3x} \int \frac{1}{x} dx + x e^{3x} \int \frac{1}{x^2} dx \\ &= -e^{3x} \log x + x e^{3x} \left(-\frac{1}{x} \right) = -e^{3x} (1 + \log x) \end{aligned}$$

C.S. is $y = (c_1 + c_2 x) e^{3x} - e^{3x} (1 + \log x)$
 $= e^{3x} [c_1 + c_2 x - 1 - \log x] = e^{3x} [(c_1 - 1) + c_2 x - \log x]$
 $= e^{3x} [c_1' + c_2 x - \log x]$, where $c_1' = c_1 - 1$ is the required solution.

Cauchy Euler Equation

Example 1. Obtain the general solution of the equation $2x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy}{dx} - 6y = 0$. (P.T.U., Dec. 2013)

Sol. $2x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy}{dx} - 6y = 0$... (1)

It is Cauchy's homogeneous linear differential equation

Put $x = e^z \quad \therefore z = \log x$

$$x \frac{dy}{dx} = Dy; \quad x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = D(D-1)y, \text{ where } D = \frac{d}{dz}$$

Equation (1) becomes

$$2D(D-1)y + Dy - 6y = 0$$

or $(2D^2 - D - 6)y = 0$

$$\text{A.E. is } 2D^2 - D - 6 = 0$$

$$(D-2)(2D+3) = 0$$

i.e., $D = 2, D = -\frac{3}{2}$

Solution is $y = c_1 e^{2z} + c_2 e^{-\frac{3}{2}z} = c_1 x^2 + c_2 x^{-3/2}$.

Example 2. Solve $x^3 \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} + 2x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 2y = 10\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)$. (P.T.U., June 2003, May 2009, Dec. 2012)

Sol. Given equation is Cauchy's homogeneous linear equation

so that $x \frac{dy}{dx} = Dy, \quad x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = D(D-1)y$

$$x^3 \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} = D(D-1)(D-2)y, \text{ where } D = \frac{d}{dz}$$

Substituting these values in the given equation, it reduces to

$$[D(D-1)(D-2) + 2D(D-1) + 2]y = 10(e^z + e^{-z})$$

or $(D^3 - D^2 + 2)y = 10(e^z + e^{-z})$

which is a linear equation with constant coefficients.

Its A.E. is $D^3 - D^2 + 2 = 0$ or $(D+1)(D^2 - 2D + 2) = 0$

$\therefore D = -1, \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4-8}}{2} = -1, 1 \pm i$

\therefore C.F. $= c_1 e^{-z} + e^z (c_2 \cos z + c_3 \sin z) = \frac{c_1}{x} + x [c_2 \cos(\log x) + c_3 \sin(\log x)]$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{P.I.} &= 10 \frac{1}{D^3 - D^2 + 2} (e^z + e^{-z}) = 10 \left(\frac{1}{D^3 - D^2 + 2} e^z + \frac{1}{D^3 - D^2 + 2} e^{-z} \right) \\ &= 10 \left(\frac{1}{1^3 - 1^2 + 2} e^z + z \cdot \frac{1}{3D^2 - 2D} e^{-z} \right) = 10 \left(\frac{1}{2} e^z + z \cdot \frac{1}{3(-1)^2 - 2(-1)} e^{-z} \right) \\ &= 5e^z + 2ze^{-z} = 5x + \frac{2}{x} \log x \end{aligned}$$

Hence the C.S. is $y = \frac{c_1}{x} + x [c_2 \cos(\log x) + c_3 \sin(\log x)] + 5x + \frac{2}{x} \log x$.