
Lecture notes

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Linear Differential equations with constant coefficients

Definition

An ordinary Differential Equation of order n is of the form

$$P_n \frac{d^n y}{dx^n} + P_{n-1} \frac{d^{n-1} y}{dx^{n-1}} + \dots + P_1 \frac{dy}{dx} + P_0 y = X$$

where P_0, P_1, \dots, P_n are Constant coefficients and X is a function of x only or constant is known as **Linear differential Equation with constant coefficients**.

For $X = 0$, equation is known as **Homogeneous equation** otherwise it is known as **non- homogeneous equation**

- The compact form of above equation is given by

$$f(D)y = X$$

where $f(D) = P_n D^n + P_{n-1} D^{n-1} \dots + P_0$ is polynomial (Differential Operator) of degree n and equation $f(D) = 0$ is called **characteristic equation** or **Auxiliary equation**

- The **general solution** of Non homogeneous linear differential equation with constant coefficient consist of **Complementary function (C.F)** and **Particular integral (P.I)**
- **Complimentary function** is defined using roots of auxiliary equation $f(D) = 0$ and **Particular integral** is defined as $y = \frac{1}{f(D)} X$ where $\frac{1}{f(D)}$ is an integral operator which is independent of arbitrary constants.

Rules to find complementary Function

Case 1: Roots of Auxiliary Equation are real and distinct

Let m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n be n distinct roots of $f(D) = 0$, then Complementary Function is given by

$$C.F. = y = c_1 e^{m_1 x} + c_2 e^{m_2 x} + \dots + c_n e^{m_n x}$$

where c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n are arbitrary constants

Concept

Given m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n be n distinct roots of $f(D) = 0 \therefore [(D - m_1)(D - m_2) \dots (D - m_n)]y = 0$ Consider

$$\begin{aligned}(D - m_1)y &= 0 \\ \therefore \frac{dy}{dx} - m_1 y &= 0 \\ \therefore \frac{dy}{y} &= m_1 dx \\ \therefore \log(y) &= m_1 x + c \quad (\text{integrating}) \\ \therefore y &= c_1 e^{m_1 x} \\ \text{where } c_1 &= e^c\end{aligned}$$

Similarly applying each operators one by one we have roots are of the form $y = c_i e^{m_i x}$
Hence

$$y = c_1 e^{m_1 x} + c_2 e^{m_2 x} + \dots + c_n e^{m_n x}$$

Case 2: Roots of Auxiliary Equation are real and repeated

Let m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n be n distinct roots of $f(D) = 0$, where m_1 and m_2 are repeated twice then Complementary Function is given by

$$C.F. = y = [c_1 + c_2 x]e^{m_1 x} + c_3 e^{m_3 x} + \dots + c_n e^{m_n x}$$

where c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n are arbitrary constants.

Concept

Let $m_1 = m_2$ be repeated roots of A.E. and remaining roots are real and distinct
 $\therefore [(D - m_1)^2(D - m_3)\dots(D - m_n)]y = 0$ Consider

$$\begin{aligned}(D - m_1)^2 y &= 0 \\ \therefore (D - m_1)(D - m_1)y &= 0 \\ \therefore \frac{dP}{dx} - m_1 P &= 0 \quad (\text{Let } (D - m_1)y = P) \\ \therefore P &= c_1 e^{m_1 x} \quad (\text{By Case(1)}) \\ \therefore (D - m_1)y &= c_1 e^{m_1 x} \\ \therefore \frac{dy}{dx} - m_1 y &= c_1 e^{m_1 x}\end{aligned}$$

which is linear Differential equation in x and y

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore y(e^{-m_1 x}) &= \int c_1 e^{m_1 x} e^{-m_1 x} dx + c_2 \\ \therefore y &= (c_1 x + c_2) e^{m_1 x}\end{aligned}$$

Considering all the roots

$$y = (c_1 x + c_2) e^{m_1 x} + c_3 e^{m_3 x} + \dots + c_n e^{m_n x}$$

Case 3: Roots of Auxiliary Equation are Complex conjugates of each other

Let m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n be n distinct roots of $f(D) = 0$, where $m_1 = \alpha + i\beta$ and $m_2 = \alpha - i\beta$
then Complementary Function is given by

$$C.F. = y = e^{\alpha x} [c_1 \cos \beta x + c_2 \sin \beta x] + c_3 e^{m_3 x} + \dots + c_n e^{m_n x}$$

where c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n are arbitrary constants.

Concept

Let m_1 and m_2 be complex conjugates of each other and remaining roots are real and distinct

$$\text{Let } m_1 = \alpha + i\beta \quad ; \quad m_2 = \alpha - i\beta$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
y &= a_1 e^{m_1 x} + a_2 e^{m_2 x} + a_3 e^{m_3 x} + \dots + a_n e^{m_n x} \\
&= a_1 e^{\alpha+i\beta} + a_2 e^{\alpha-i\beta} + a_3 e^{m_3 x} + \dots + a_n e^{m_n x} \\
&= a_1 \{e^\alpha e^{i\beta}\} + a_2 \{e^\alpha e^{-i\beta}\} + a_3 e^{m_3 x} + \dots + a_n e^{m_n x} \\
&= a_1 \{e^\alpha (\cos\beta + i\sin\beta)\} + a_2 \{e^\alpha (\cos\beta - i\sin\beta)\} + a_3 e^{m_3 x} + \dots + a_n e^{m_n x} \\
&= e^\alpha \{(a_1 + a_2)\cos\beta + i(a_1 - a_2)\sin\beta\} + a_3 e^{m_3 x} + \dots + a_n e^{m_n x}
\end{aligned}$$

Considering all the roots

$$e^{\alpha x} [c_1 \cos\beta x + c_2 \sin\beta x] + c_3 e^{m_3 x} + \dots + c_n e^{m_n x}$$

Case 4: Roots of Auxiliary Equation are Complex and repeated

Let m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n be n distinct roots of $f(D) = 0$, where $m_1 = \alpha + i\beta$ and $m_2 = \alpha - i\beta$ are repeated twice then Complementary Function is given by

$$C.F. = y = e^{\alpha x} [(c_1 + c_2 x) \cos\beta x + (c_3 + c_4 x) \sin\beta x] + c_5 e^{m_5 x} + \dots + c_n e^{m_n x}$$

where c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n are arbitrary constants.

Rules to find Particular Integral

Particular integral is defined as

$$y = \frac{1}{f(D)}X$$

where $\frac{1}{f(D)}$ is an integral operator independent of arbitrary constants.

The general solution of Homogeneous linear Differential equation with constant coefficients ($f(D)y = 0$) is given by

$$G.S. = C.F.$$

and

The general solution of Non-homogeneous linear Differential equation with constant coefficients ($f(D)y = X$) is given by

$$G.S. = C.F. + P.I.$$

Example: Homogeneous case

Solve

$$1) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 3\frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = 0$$

$$2) \frac{d^4y}{dx^4} - 5\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 12\frac{dy}{dx} + 28y = 0$$

Solution (1)

The Compact form of given equation is

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

A.E.

$$f(D) = 0$$

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

$$D = 1, D = 2$$

Roots are real and distinct for given homogeneous equation

$$G.S. = C.F. + P.I.$$

$$y = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{2x}$$

Solution (1)

The Compact form of given equation is

$$(D^4 - 5D^2 + 12D + 28)y = 0$$

A.E.

$$f(D) = 0$$

$$(D^4 - 5D^2 + 12D + 28) = 0$$

since $f(-2) = 0$; $D = -2$ is one of the factor, by synthetic division

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} -2 & 1 & 0 & -5 & 12 & 28 \\ & & -2 & 4 & 2 & -28 \\ \hline & 1 & -2 & -1 & 14 & 0 \\ & & & & & \\ & 1 & -2 & -1 & 14 & \\ -2 & & -2 & 8 & -14 & \\ \hline & 1 & -4 & 7 & 0 & \end{array}$$

Hence,

$$(D^4 - 5D^2 + 12D + 28) = (D + 2)^2(D^2 - 4D + 7) = 0$$

Now .

$$D^2 - 4D + 7 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow D = \frac{-(-4) \pm \sqrt{16 - 28}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow D = \frac{4 \pm 2i\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow D = 2 \pm \sqrt{3}i$$

Hence roots of A.E. $f(D)y = 0$ are

$$D = -2, -2, 2 \pm \sqrt{3}i$$

Two roots are real and repeatatives and two roots are complex conjugates of each other for given homogeneous equation

$$\therefore G.S. = C.F. + P.I.$$

$$\therefore y = (c_1 + c_2x)e^{-2x} + e^{2x}[c_3 \cos\sqrt{3}x + c_4 \sin\sqrt{3}x]$$

Examples

Solve

$$(1) \quad \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} - 13\frac{dy}{dx} + 12y = 0$$

$$(2) \quad \frac{d^4x}{dt^4} = m^4x$$

$$(3) \quad \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 6\frac{dy}{dx} + 9y = 0$$

$$(4) \quad \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} - 5\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 8\frac{dy}{dx} - 4y = 0$$

$$(5) \quad \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4\frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = 0$$

Answers

$$(1) \quad y = c_1e^{-4x} + c_2e^x + c_3e^{3x}$$

$$(2) \quad x = c_1e^{-mt} + c_2e^{mt} + c_3 \cos mt + c_4 \sin mt$$

$$(3) \quad y = [c_1 + c_2x]e^{3x}$$

$$(4) \quad y = c_1e^x + [c_2 + c_3x]e^{2x}$$

$$(5) \quad y = e^{-2x}[c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x]$$

Non-homogeneous equation

In this case ,Particular integral is defined as

$$y = \frac{1}{f(D)}X$$

where $\frac{1}{f(D)}$ is an integral operator is that function of x when acted upon by the differential operator $f(D)$ gives X and it is independent of arbitrary constants.

Thus by this definition

$$f(D) \left\{ \frac{1}{f(D)}X \right\} = X$$

hence satisfies the equation $f(D)y = X$

Thus particular integral is symbolically given by

$$P.I. = y = \frac{1}{f(D)}X$$

Thus considering both cases

The general solution of Homogeneous linear Differential equation with constant coefficients ($f(D)y = 0$) is given by

$$G.S. = C.F.$$

and

The general solution of Non-homogeneous linear Differential equation with constant coefficients ($f(D)y = X$) is given by

$$G.S. = C.F. + P.I.$$

Methods to find Particular Integral

There are three methods to find Particular Integral $P.I. = y = \frac{1}{f(D)}X$

- 1) General Method
- 2) Shortcut Methods
- 3) Methods of variation of parameters

Method 1: General Method

- This methods are useful when shortcut methods are not applicable to find particular Integral

- (I) $\frac{1}{(D-m)}X$

By definition, $P.I. = y = \frac{1}{(D-m)}X$ is the solution of equation $(D-m)y = X$

- Now $(D-m)y = X$ is linear D.E. whose I.F is given by $I.F = e^{-mx}$ and G.S. is given by

$$y(I.F) = \int X e^{-mx} dx + c_1$$

$$\therefore y = (c_1 e^{mx}) + \left(e^{mx} \int X e^{-mx} dx \right)$$

- Since first term contains arbitrary constant it is the C.F. and second term which is independent of arbitrary constant must be P.I.

Hence

$$P.I. = y = \frac{1}{D-m} X = e^{mx} \int X e^{-mx} dx$$

Similarly

$$P.I. = y = \frac{1}{D+m} X = e^{-mx} \int X e^{mx} dx$$

For $m = 0$

$$P.I. = y = \frac{1}{D} X = \int X dx$$

Also

$$P.I. = y = \frac{1}{D^2} X = \frac{1}{D} \left[\frac{1}{D} X \right]$$

$$P.I. = y = \frac{1}{D^2} X = \int \left[\int X dx \right] dx$$

$$(II) \frac{1}{(D - m_1)(D - m_2)} X$$

By above formula

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{(D - m_1)(D - m_2)} X &= \frac{1}{(D - m_1)} \left[\frac{1}{(D - m_2)} X \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{(D - m_1)} \left[e^{m_2 x} \int X e^{-m_2 x} dx \right] \\ &= e^{m_1 x} \int e^{-m_1 x} \left[e^{m_2 x} \int X e^{-m_2 x} dx \right] dx \end{aligned}$$

OR we can factorize $\frac{1}{(D - m_1)(D - m_2)}$ using partial fraction and apply the formula simultaneously.

Example: Direct Method

Solve

$$1) \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 3 \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = e^{e^x}$$

Solution

The Compact form of given equation is

$$f(D)y = X$$

$$(D^2 + 3D + 2)y = e^{e^x}$$

Now for Complimentary function(C.F.)

A.E.

$$f(D) = 0$$

$$D^2 + 3D + 2 = 0$$

$$D = -1, D = -2$$

Roots of auxillary equation are real and distinct

$$C.F. = y_c = c_1 e^{-2x} + c_2 e^{-x}$$

Now for Particular integral (P.I.)

$$\begin{aligned} P.I. = y_p &= \frac{1}{f(D)} X = \frac{1}{D^2 + 3D + 2} X \\ &= \frac{1}{(D+2)(D+1)} (e^{e^x}) \\ &= \frac{1}{(D+2)} \left[\frac{1}{(D+1)} (e^{e^x}) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{(D+2)} \left[e^{-x} \int e^x e^{e^x} dx \right] \end{aligned}$$

Put $e^x = t \implies e^x dx = dt$

Substituting in above integral we have

Now for Particular integral (P.I.)

$$\begin{aligned} P.I. = y_p &= \frac{1}{f(D)} X = \frac{1}{(D+2)} \left[e^{-x} \int e^x e^{e^x} dx \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{(D+2)} \left[e^{-x} \int e^t dt \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{(D+2)} [e^{-x} e^{e^x}] \\ &= e^{-2x} \int e^{2x} e^{-x} e^{e^x} dx \\ &= e^{-2x} \int e^x e^{e^x} dx \\ P.I. = y_p &= e^{-2x} e^{e^x} \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$G.S. = C.F. + P.I. = c_1 e^{-2x} + c_2 e^{-x} + e^{-2x} e^{e^x}$$

Method 2: Shortcut Methods

Case I: $f(x) = e^{ax}$

If $f(x) = e^{ax}$, a is any constant then

$$\frac{1}{f(D)}e^{ax} = \frac{1}{f(a)}e^{ax}; \text{ provided } f(a) \neq 0$$

If $f(a) = 0$

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

In general

$$\frac{1}{f(D)}e^{ax} = x^n \frac{1}{f^{(n)}(a)}e^{ax}; \text{ provided } f^{(n)}(a) \neq 0$$

Case I: Proof

Given

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= e^{ax} \\ \implies D(e^{ax}) &= ae^{ax} \\ D^2(e^{ax}) &= a^2e^{ax} \\ \text{Hence } D^n(e^{ax}) &= a^n e^{ax} \\ \text{i.e. } f(D)(e^{ax}) &= f(a)(e^{ax}) \end{aligned}$$

Operating $\frac{1}{f(D)}$ on both sides

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{f(D)} [f(D)(e^{ax})] &= \frac{1}{f(D)} [f(a)(e^{ax})] \\ e^{ax} &= f(a) \left[\frac{1}{f(D)}(e^{ax}) \right] \end{aligned}$$

dividing by $f(a)$

$$\frac{1}{f(D)}e^{ax} = \frac{1}{f(a)}e^{ax}; \text{ provided } f(a) \neq 0$$

If $f(a) = 0$ then $(D - a)$ must be a factor of $f(D)$

Let $f(D) = (D - a)\phi(D)$ where $\phi(a) \neq 0$, Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{f(D)}e^{ax} &= \frac{1}{(D - a)\phi(D)}e^{ax} \\
&= \frac{1}{(D - a)} \frac{e^{ax}}{\phi(D)} \\
&= \frac{1}{\phi(a)} \frac{1}{(D - a)}e^{ax} \\
&= \frac{1}{\phi(a)}e^{ax} \int e^{-ax} e^{ax} dx \\
&= x \cdot \frac{1}{\phi(a)}e^{ax} \\
\frac{1}{f(D)}e^{ax} &= x \cdot \frac{1}{f'(a)}e^{ax} \\
&\text{provided } f'(a) \neq 0
\end{aligned}$$

Case II: $f(x) = \sin(ax + b)$ or $\cos(ax + b)$

If $f(x) = \sin(ax + b)$ or $\cos(ax + b)$ then

$$\frac{1}{f(D^2)}[\sin(ax + b)] = \frac{1}{f(-a^2)}(\sin(ax + b)); \text{ provided } f(-a^2) \neq 0$$

OR

$$\frac{1}{f(D^2)}[\cos(ax + b)] = \frac{1}{f(-a^2)}(\cos(ax + b)); \text{ provided } f(-a^2) \neq 0$$

If $f(-a^2) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{f(D^2)}[\sin(ax + b)] &= x \frac{1}{f'(-a^2)}[\sin(ax + b)] \\
\left\{ \frac{1}{f(D^2)}[\cos(ax + b)] \right. &= x \frac{1}{f'(-a^2)}[\cos(ax + b)] \left. \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

provided $f'(-a^2) \neq 0$

In general If $f^{(n)}(-a^2) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{f(D^2)}[\sin(ax + b)] &= x^n \frac{1}{f^{(n)}(-a^2)}[\sin(ax + b)] \\
\left\{ \frac{1}{f(D^2)}[\cos(ax + b)] \right. &= x^n \frac{1}{f^{(n)}(-a^2)}[\cos(ax + b)] \left. \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

provided $f^{(n)}(-a^2) \neq 0$

Case II: Proof

Given

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \sin(ax + b) \\ \implies D[\sin(ax + b)] &= a \cos(ax + b) \\ \implies D^2[\sin(ax + b)] &= -a^2 \sin(ax + b) \\ \text{Hence } f(D^2)[\sin(ax + b)] &= f(-a^2)[\sin(ax + b)] \end{aligned}$$

Operating $\frac{1}{f(D^2)}$ on both sides

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{f(D^2)} \{f(D^2)[\sin(ax + b)]\} &= \frac{1}{f(D^2)} \{f(-a^2)[\sin(ax + b)]\} \\ [\sin(ax + b)] &= f(-a^2) \left\{ \frac{1}{f(D^2)} [\sin(ax + b)] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

dividing by $f(-a^2)$

$$\frac{1}{f(D^2)} [\sin(ax + b)] = \frac{1}{f(-a^2)} [\sin(ax + b)]; \text{ provided } f(-a^2) \neq 0$$

If $f(-a^2) = 0$ then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{f(D^2)} [\sin(ax + b)] &= I.P. \text{ of } \frac{1}{f(D^2)} [e^{i(ax+b)}] \\ &= x \text{ I.P. of } \frac{1}{f'(-a^2)} [e^{i(ax+b)}] \\ \therefore \frac{1}{f(D^2)} [\sin(ax + b)] &= x \frac{1}{f'(-a^2)} [\sin(ax + b)] \\ \text{provided } f'(-a^2) &\neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

In general If $f^{(n)}(-a^2) = 0$

$$\frac{1}{f(D^2)} [\sin(ax + b)] = x^n \frac{1}{f^{(n)}(-a^2)} [\sin(ax + b)]$$

provided $f^{(n)}(-a^2) \neq 0$

Examples

Solve

$$(D-1)^3 y = e^x + 2^x - \frac{3}{2} + \sin x$$

Solution

$$\text{Given } (D-1)^3 y = e^x + 2^x - \frac{3}{2} + \sin x$$

$$\text{A.E. } f(D) = 0 \implies (D-1)^3 = 0$$

$$D = 1 (\text{Repeated thrice})$$

$$\therefore C.F. = y_c = (c_1 x^2 + c_2 x + c_3) e^x$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} P.I. &= \frac{1}{(D-1)^3} [e^x + 2^x - \frac{3}{2} + \sin x] \\ &= \frac{1}{(D-1)^3} (e^x) + \frac{1}{(D-1)^3} (2^x) - \frac{1}{(D-1)^3} (\frac{3}{2}) + \frac{1}{(D-1)^3} (\sin x) \\ &= \frac{1}{(D-1)^3} (e^x) + \frac{1}{(D-1)^3} (e^{x \log 2}) - \frac{1}{(D-1)^3} (\frac{3}{2} e^{0x}) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{(D-1)^3} (\sin x) \\ &= (P.I.)_1 + (P.I.)_2 + (P.I.)_3 + (P.I.)_4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (P.I.)_1 &= \frac{1}{(D-1)^3} (e^x) \\ &= x \frac{1}{3(D-1)^2} (e^x) \\ &= x^2 \frac{1}{6(D-1)} (e^x) \\ &= x^3 \frac{1}{6} (e^x) \\ (P.I.)_1 &= \frac{x^3}{3!} (e^x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(P.I.)_2 &= \frac{1}{(D-1)^3} (2^x) \\
&= \frac{1}{(D-1)^3} (e^x \log 2) \\
&= \frac{1}{(D-1)^3} e^{(x \log 2)} \\
&= \frac{1}{(\log 2 - 1)^3} e^{(x \log 2)} \\
(P.I.)_2 &= \frac{1}{(\log 2 - 1)^3} 2^x
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(P.I.)_3 &= \frac{1}{(D-1)^3} \left(\frac{3}{2} e^{0x} \right) \\
&= \frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{(D-1)^3} (e^{0x}) \\
&= \frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{(0-1)^3} (e^{0x}) \\
&= -\frac{3}{2} \\
(P.I.)_3 &= -\frac{3}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(P.I.)_4 &= \frac{1}{(D-1)^3}(\sin x) \\
&= \frac{1}{D^3 - 1 - 3D^2 + 3D}(\sin x) \\
&= \frac{1}{D^2.D - 1 - 3D^2 + 3D}(\sin x) \\
&= \frac{1}{-1.D - 1 - 3(-1) + 3D}(\sin x) \\
&= \frac{1}{2D + 2}(\sin x) \\
&= \frac{2 - 2D}{4 - 4D^2}(\sin x) \\
&= \frac{1}{8}[2\sin x - 2D(\sin x)] \\
(P.I.)_4 &= \frac{1}{4}[\sin x - \cos x]
\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
P.I. &= (P.I.)_1 + (P.I.)_2 + (P.I.)_3 + (P.I.)_4 \\
P.I. &= \frac{x^3}{3!}(e^x) + \frac{1}{(\log 2 - 1)^3}2^x - \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{4}[\sin x - \cos x]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore G.S. = C.F + P.I.$$

$$G.S. = (c_1x^2 + c_2x + c_3)e^x + \frac{x^3}{3!}(e^x) + \frac{1}{(\log 2 - 1)^3}2^x - \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{4}[\sin x - \cos x]$$

Case III: $f(x) = x^m$ or $P_m(x)$ a polynomial in x

- If $f(x) = x^m$ or $P_m(x)$ then

$$\frac{1}{f(D)}[x^m \text{ or } P_m(x)] = [1 + \phi(D)]^{-1}x^m \text{ or } P_m(x)$$

- where $[1 + \phi(D)]$ is obtained by considering lowest power of D common in denominator
- Then expand $[1 + \phi(D)]^{-1}$ using binomial expansion in ascending Powers of D

- P.I. is obtained by applying Powers of D one by one on X .

Case IV: $f(x) = e^{ax}.V$ where V is a function in x

If $f(x) = e^{ax}.V$ then

$$\frac{1}{f(D)}[e^{ax}.V] = e^{ax} \frac{1}{f(D+a)}V$$

Case IV: Proof

Given

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= e^{ax}U \\ \implies D[e^{ax}U] &= e^{ax}DU + ae^{ax}U \\ &= e^{ax}(D+a)U \\ D^2[e^{ax}U] &= e^{ax}D^2U + 2ae^{ax}U + a^2e^{ax}U \\ &= e^{ax}(D+a)^2U \end{aligned}$$

Generalizing

$$\begin{aligned} D^n[e^{ax}U] &= e^{ax}(D+a)^nU \\ \implies f(D)[e^{ax}.U] &= e^{ax}f(D+a)U \dots (1) \end{aligned}$$

Let $f(D+a)U = V \implies U = \frac{1}{f(D+a)}V$

substituting in (1) and applying $\frac{1}{f(D)}$ on both sides, we have

$$\frac{1}{f(D)}[e^{ax}.V] = e^{ax} \frac{1}{f(D+a)}V$$

Case V: $f(x) = x^m.V$ where V is $\sin(ax)$ or $\cos(ax)$

If $f(x) = x^m \sin(ax)$ then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{f(D)}[x^m \sin(ax)] &= \text{imaginary part of } \frac{1}{f(D)}[x^m.e^{iax}] \\ &= \text{imaginary part of } e^{iax} \frac{1}{f(D+ia)}[x^m] \end{aligned}$$

If $f(x) = x^m \cos(ax)$ then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{f(D)}[x^m \cos(ax)] &= \text{Real part of } \frac{1}{f(D)}[x^m.e^{iax}] \\ &= \text{Real part of } e^{iax} \frac{1}{f(D+ia)}[x^m] \end{aligned}$$

Examples**Solve**

$$(D^2 - 4D + 3)y = x^3 e^{2x} + 3x^2 - 1$$

Solution

$$\text{Given } (D^2 - 4D + 3)y = x^3 e^{2x} + 3x^2 - 1$$

$$\text{A.E. } f(D) = 0 \implies (D^2 - 4D + 3) = 0$$

$$D = 1, 3$$

$$\therefore C.F. = y_c = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{3x}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} P.I. &= \frac{1}{(D^2 - 4D + 3)} [x^3 e^{2x} + 3x^2 - 1] \\ &= \frac{1}{(D^2 - 4D + 3)} (x^3 e^{2x}) + \frac{1}{(D^2 - 4D + 3)} (3x^2 - 1) \\ &= (P.I.)_1 + (P.I.)_2 \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned}(P.I.)_1 &= \frac{1}{(D^2 - 4D + 3)}(x^3 e^{2x}) \\&= e^{2x} \frac{1}{(D + 2)^2 - 4(D + 2) + 3}(x^3) \\&= e^{2x} \frac{1}{D^2 + 4D + 4 - 4D - 8 + 3}(x^3) \\&= e^{2x} \frac{1}{D^2 - 1}(x^3) \\&= \frac{e^{2x}}{-1}[1 - D^2]^{-1}(x^3) \\&= \frac{e^{2x}}{-1}[1 + D^2 + D^4 + \dots](x^3) \\&= \frac{e^{2x}}{-1}[1 + D^2](x^3) \\&= \frac{e^{2x}}{-1}[x^3 + D^2(x^3)] \\&= -e^{2x}[x^3 + 6x] \\(P.I.)_1 &= -e^{2x}[x^3 + 6x]\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(P.I.)_2 &= \frac{1}{(D^2 - 4D + 3)}(3x^2 - 1) \\
&= \frac{1}{3}\left(1 + \frac{D^2}{3} - \frac{4D}{3}\right)(3x^2 - 1) \\
&= \frac{1}{3}\left[1 + \frac{1}{3}(D^2 - 4D)\right]^{-1}(3x^2 - 1) \\
&= \frac{1}{3}\left[1 - \frac{1}{3}(D^2 - 4D) + \frac{1}{9}(D^2 - 4D)^2 - \dots\right](3x^2 - 1) \\
&= \frac{1}{3}\left[1 - \frac{1}{3}(D^2 - 4D) + \frac{1}{9}(16D^2)\right](3x^2 - 1) \\
&= \frac{1}{3}\left[1 + \frac{4}{3}D + \frac{13}{9}(D^2)\right](3x^2 - 1) \\
&= \frac{1}{3}[3x^2 + 8x + 25] \\
(P.I.)_2 &= \frac{1}{3}[3x^2 + 8x + 25]
\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
P.I. &= (P.I.)_1 + (P.I.)_2 \\
P.I. &= -e^{2x}[x^3 + 6x] + \frac{1}{3}[3x^2 + 8x + 25]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore G.S. = C.F. + P.I.$$

$$G.S. = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{3x} + -e^{2x}[x^3 + 6x] + \frac{1}{3}[3x^2 + 8x + 25]$$

Examples

Solve

$$(D^2 + 1)y = x^2 \sin 2x$$

Solution

$$\text{Given } (D^2 + 1)y = x^2 \sin 2x$$

$$\text{A.E. } f(D) = 0 \implies (D^2 + 1) = 0$$

$$D = \pm i$$

$$\therefore C.F. = y_c = c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned}
P.I. &= \frac{1}{(D^2 + 1)} [x^2 \sin 2x] \\
&= \text{Imaginary Part of } \left\{ \frac{1}{(D^2 + 1)} [x^2 e^{i2x}] \right\} \\
&= I.P.of \left\{ e^{i2x} \frac{1}{(D + 2i)^2 + 1} [x^2] \right\} \\
&= I.P.of \left\{ e^{i2x} \frac{1}{(D^2 + 4iD - 4 + 1)} [x^2] \right\} \\
&= I.P.of \left\{ e^{i2x} \frac{1}{(D^2 + 4iD - 3)} [x^2] \right\} \\
&= I.P.of \left\{ e^{i2x} \frac{1}{(-3) \left[1 + \frac{D^2 + 4iD}{-3} \right]} [x^2] \right\} \\
&= I.P.of \left\{ \frac{e^{i2x}}{(-3)} \left[1 + \frac{D^2 + 4iD}{-3} \right]^{-1} [x^2] \right\} \\
&= I.P.of \left\{ \frac{e^{i2x}}{(-3)} \left[1 - \frac{D^2 + 4iD}{3} \right]^{-1} [x^2] \right\} \\
&= I.P.of \left\{ \frac{e^{i2x}}{(-3)} \left[1 + \frac{D^2 + 4iD}{3} + \frac{D^4 + 8iD^3 - 16D^2}{9} + \dots \right] [x^2] \right\} \\
&= I.P.of \left\{ \frac{e^{i2x}}{(-3)} \left[1 + \frac{D^2 + 4iD}{3} + \frac{-16D^2}{9} \right] [x^2] \right\} \\
&= I.P.of \left\{ \frac{e^{i2x}}{(-3)} \left[1 + \frac{4}{3}iD - \frac{13}{9}D^2 \right] [x^2] \right\} \\
&= I.P.of \left\{ \frac{e^{i2x}}{(-3)} \left[x^2 + \frac{8}{3}ix - \frac{26}{9} \right] \right\} \\
&= I.P.of \left\{ \frac{(\cos 2x + i \sin 2x)}{(-3)} \left[x^2 + \frac{8}{3}ix - \frac{26}{9} \right] \right\} \\
&= I.P.of \left\{ \frac{1}{(-3)} \left[x^2 \cos 2x + \frac{8}{3}ix \cos 2x - \frac{26}{9} \cos 2x + x^2 i \sin 2x + \frac{8}{3}i^2 x \sin 2x - \frac{26}{9} i \sin 2x \right] \right\} \\
&= I.P.of \left\{ \frac{1}{(-3)} \left[(x^2 \cos 2x - \frac{8}{3}x \sin 2x - \frac{26}{9} \cos 2x) + i \left(\frac{8}{3}x \cos 2x + x^2 \sin 2x - \frac{26}{9} \sin 2x \right) \right] \right\} \\
P.I. &= \frac{1}{(-3)} \left[\frac{8}{3}x \cos 2x + x^2 \sin 2x - \frac{26}{9} \sin 2x \right]
\end{aligned}$$

Exercise

Solve

$$(1) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + y = \sin x \sin 2x$$

$$(2) [(D-1)^2(D^2+1)^2]y = \sin^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$$

$$(3) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + a^2y = \tan ax$$

$$(4) \frac{d^4y}{dx^4} + 2\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + y = x^2 \cos x$$

$$(5) \frac{d^4y}{dx^4} + y = 2 \sinh x \sin x$$

$$(6) \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} - 6\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 11\frac{dy}{dx} - 6y = e^x x + \sin x + \cos x$$

$$(7) (D^5 - D)y = 12e^x + 85mx + 2^x$$

$$(8) (D^2 - 1)y = (1 + e^{-x})^2$$

$$(9) (D^2 - 4D + 4)y = 8x^2 \cdot e^{2x} \sin 2x$$

$$(10) (D^2 - 40D + 8)y = 12e^{-2x} \sin x \sin 3x$$

$$(11) (D^3 - D^2 - D + 1)y = \cosh x \sin x$$

$$(12) \quad (D^2 + 2D + 5)^2 y = x e^{-x} \cos 2x$$

$$(13) \quad (D^2 + 3D + 2)y = \sin e^x$$

$$(14) \quad (D^2 - 1)y = x \sin x + (1 + x^2)e^x$$

$$(15) \quad (D^3 + 8)y = x^4 + 2x + 1$$

Answers

$$(1) \quad y = c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x + \frac{1}{4}x \sin x + \frac{1}{16} \cos 3x$$

$$(2) \quad y = (c_1 x + c_2)e^x + (c_3 x + c_4)\cos x + (c_5 x + c_6)\sin x + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{32} x^2 \sin x$$

$$(3) \quad y = c_1 \cos ax + c_2 \sin ax - \frac{1}{a^2} \cos ax \log[\sec ax + \tan ax]$$

$$(4) \quad y = (c_1 x + c_2)\cos x + (c_3 x + c_4)\sin x + \frac{x^3 \sin x}{12} - \frac{x^4 - 9x^2}{48} \cos x$$

$$(5) \quad y = e^{\frac{x}{\sqrt{2}}} \left[c_1 \cos \frac{x}{\sqrt{2}} + c_2 \sin \frac{x}{\sqrt{2}} \right] + e^{\frac{-x}{\sqrt{2}}} \left[c_3 \cos \frac{x}{\sqrt{2}} + c_4 \sin \frac{x}{\sqrt{2}} \right] - \frac{2}{3} \sin x \sinh x$$

$$(6) \quad y = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{2x} + c_3 e^{3x} + \frac{e^x}{2} \left(\frac{x^2}{3} + \frac{3}{2}x \right) - \frac{1}{10} \cos x + \frac{1}{10} \sin x$$

$$(7) \quad y = c_1 + c_2 e^x + c_3 e^{-x} + c_4 \cos x + c_5 \sin x + 3x e^x - 35m \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{2^x}{(\log 2)^5 - \log 2}$$

$$(8) \quad y = c_1 e^x + (c_2 - 2)e^{-x} + e^{-x} \left[\frac{(1+e^x)^2}{2} + \log 1 + e^x \right] - 2$$

$$(9) \quad y = e^{2x} [c_1 + c_2 x + 3 \sin 2x - 2x^2 \sin 2x - 4x \cos 2x]$$

$$(10) \quad y = e^{-2x} (c_1 \cos 2x + c_2 \sin 2x) + \frac{3}{2} x e^{-2x} \sin 2x + \frac{1}{2} e^{-2x} \cos 4x$$

$$(11) \quad y = (c_1 x + c_2)e^x + c_3 e^{-x} + \frac{e^x}{10} [\cos x - 2 \sin x] - \frac{e^{-x}}{50} [3 \cos x - 4 \sin x]$$

$$(12) \quad y = e^{-x} [(c_1 x + c_2) \cos 2x + (c_3 x + c_4) \sin 2x] - \frac{e^{-x}}{32} [(x^3 - x^2) \cos 2x - \frac{2}{3} x^3 \sin 2x]$$

$$(13) \quad y = c_1 e^{-2x} + c_2 e^{-x} - e^{-2x} \sin e^x$$

$$(14) \quad y = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{-x} - \frac{1}{2}(x \sin x + \cos x) + \frac{e^x}{12}(2x^3 - 3x^2 + 9x)$$

$$(15) \quad y = c_1 e^{-2x} + e^x [c_2 \cos \sqrt{3}x + c_3 \sin \sqrt{3}x] + \frac{1}{8}(x^4 - x + 1)$$