

MTH 166

Lecture-9

**Solution of 2nd Order Homogeneous
LDE with Constant Coefficients-I**

Topic:

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Learning Outcomes:

- 1.** How to apply differential operator for solving 2nd order Homogeneous LDE.
- 2.** How to write solution when roots are real and unequal.
- 3.** How to write solution when roots are real and equal.
- 4.** How to write solution when roots are complex conjugates.

Solution of 2nd order homogeneous LDE with constant coefficients:

Let us consider 2nd order homogeneous LDE with constant coefficients as:

$$a \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + b \frac{dy}{dx} + cy = 0 \quad (1)$$

or

$$ay'' + by' + cy = 0 \quad (1)$$

Let $\frac{d}{dx} \equiv D$ be Differential operator (An algebraic operator like $+, -, \times, \div$)

Equation (1) becomes:

$$aD^2y + bDy + cy = 0$$

Symbolic Form (S.F.): $(aD^2 + bD + c)y = 0$

Auxiliary Equ. (A.E.): $(aD^2 + bD + c) = 0$

$$(aD^2 + bD + c) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow D = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = m_1, m_2 \text{ (Say)}$$

Case 1: When roots are real and unequal (distinct) i.e. $m_1 \neq m_2$

Solution: $y = c_1 e^{m_1 x} + c_2 e^{m_2 x}$

Case 2: When roots are real and equal i.e. $m_1 = m_2$

Solution: $y = (c_1 + c_2 x) e^{m_1 x}$

Case 3: When roots are complex conjugates i.e. $m_1 = \alpha + i\beta, m_2 = \alpha - i\beta$

Solution: $y = e^{\alpha x} (c_1 \cos \beta x + c_2 \sin \beta x)$

Find the general solution of the following differential equations:

Problem 1. $y'' - 4y = 0$

Solution: The given equation is:

$$y'' - 4y = 0 \quad (1)$$

S.F. : $(D^2 - 4)y = 0$ where $D \equiv \frac{d}{dx}$

A.E. : $(D^2 - 4) = 0 \Rightarrow D^2 = 4 \Rightarrow D = \pm 2$ (real and unequal roots)

Let $m_1 = 2$ and $m_2 = -2$

\therefore General Solution of equation (1) is given by:

$$y = c_1 e^{m_1 x} + c_2 e^{m_2 x}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{-2x} \text{ Answer.}$$

Problem 2. $y'' - 4y' - 12y = 0$

Solution: The given equation is:

$$y'' - 4y' - 12y = 0 \quad (1)$$

S.F. : $(D^2 - 4D - 12)y = 0$ where $D \equiv \frac{d}{dx}$

$$\text{A.E. : } (D^2 - 4D - 12) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow (D - 6)(D + 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow D = 6, -2 \quad (\text{real and unequal roots})$$

Let $m_1 = 6$ and $m_2 = -2$

\therefore General Solution of equation (1) is given by:

$$y = c_1 e^{m_1 x} + c_2 e^{m_2 x}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = c_1 e^{6x} + c_2 e^{-2x} \quad \text{Answer.}$$

Problem 3. $y'' + 4y' + y = 0$

Solution: The given equation is:

$$y'' + 4y' + y = 0 \quad (1)$$

S.F.: $(D^2 + 4D + 1)y = 0$ where $D \equiv \frac{d}{dx}$

$$\text{A.E. : } (D^2 + 4D + 1) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow D = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{(4)^2 - 4(1)(1)}}{2(1)} = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{12}}{2} = \frac{2(-1 \pm \sqrt{3})}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow D = -1 + \sqrt{3}, -1 - \sqrt{3} \quad (\text{real and unequal roots})$$

$$\text{Let } m_1 = -1 + \sqrt{3} \text{ and } m_2 = -1 - \sqrt{3}$$

\therefore General Solution of equation (1) is given by:

$$y = c_1 e^{m_1 x} + c_2 e^{m_2 x}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = c_1 e^{(-1+\sqrt{3})x} + c_2 e^{(-1-\sqrt{3})x} \quad \text{Answer.}$$

Problem 4. $y'' + 2y' + y = 0$

Solution: The given equation is:

$$y'' + 2y' + y = 0 \quad (1)$$

S.F.: $(D^2 + 2D + 1)y = 0$ where $D \equiv \frac{d}{dx}$

$$\text{A.E. : } (D^2 + 2D + 1) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow (D + 1)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow D = -1, -1 \quad (\text{real and equal roots})$$

Let $m_1 = -1$ and $m_2 = -1$

\therefore General Solution of equation (1) is given by:

$$y = (c_1 + c_2 x)e^{m_1 x}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = (c_1 + c_2 x)e^{-1x} \text{Answer.}$$

Problem 5. $9y'' - 12y' + 4y = 0$

Solution: The given equation is:

$$9y'' - 12y' + 4y = 0 \quad (1)$$

S.F. : $(9D^2 - 12D + 4)y = 0$ where $D \equiv \frac{d}{dx}$

$$\text{A.E. : } (9D^2 - 12D + 4) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow (3D - 2)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow D = \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3} \quad (\text{real and equal roots})$$

$$\text{Let } m_1 = \frac{2}{3} \text{ and } m_2 = \frac{2}{3}$$

\therefore General Solution of equation (1) is given by:

$$y = (c_1 + c_2 x)e^{m_1 x}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = (c_1 + c_2 x)e^{\frac{2}{3}x}$$

Answer.

Problem 6. $4y'' + 4y' + 1y = 0$

Solution: The given equation is:

$$4y'' + 4y' + 1y = 0 \quad (1)$$

S.F. : $(4D^2 + 4D + 1)y = 0$ where $D \equiv \frac{d}{dx}$

A.E. : $(4D^2 + D + 1) = 0 \Rightarrow (2D + 1)^2 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow D = -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \quad (\text{real and equal roots})$$

Let $m_1 = -\frac{1}{2}$ and $m_2 = -\frac{1}{2}$

\therefore General Solution of equation (1) is given by:

$$y = (c_1 + c_2 x)e^{m_1 x}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = (c_1 + c_2 x)e^{-\frac{1}{2}x}$$
 Answer.

Problem 7. $y'' + 25y = 0$

Solution: The given equation is:

$$y'' + 25y = 0 \quad (1)$$

S.F.: $(D^2 + 25)y = 0$ where $D \equiv \frac{d}{dx}$

A.E.: $(D^2 + 25) = 0 \Rightarrow D^2 = -25 \Rightarrow D = \pm 5i$ (Complex conjugate roots)

Let $m_1 = 0 + 5i$ and $m_2 = 0 - 5i \quad (\alpha \pm i\beta)$

∴ General Solution of equation (1) is given by:

$$y = e^{\alpha x}(c_1 \cos \beta x + c_2 \sin \beta x)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = e^{0x}(c_1 \cos 5x + c_2 \sin 5x)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = (c_1 \cos 5x + c_2 \sin 5x) \quad \text{Answer.}$$

Problem 8. $y'' + 4y' + 5y = 0$

Solution: The given equation is:

$$y'' + 4y' + 5y = 0 \quad (1)$$

S.F.: $(D^2 + 4D + 5)y = 0$ where $D \equiv \frac{d}{dx}$

$$\text{A.E. : } (D^2 + 4D + 5) = 0 \Rightarrow D = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{(4)^2 - 4(1)(5)}}{2(1)} = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 20}}{2} = \frac{-4 \pm 2i}{2} = -2 \pm i$$

Let $m_1 = -2 + 1i$ and $m_2 = -2 - 1i$ *(Complex roots: $\alpha \pm i\beta$)*

∴ General Solution of equation (1) is given by:

$$y = e^{\alpha x}(c_1 \cos \beta x + c_2 \sin \beta x)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = e^{-2x}(c_1 \cos 1x + c_2 \sin 1x)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = e^{-2x}(c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x) \quad \text{Answer.}$$

Problem 9. $y'' - 2y' + 2y = 0$

Solution: The given equation is:

$$y'' - 2y' + 2y = 0 \quad (1)$$

S.F.: $(D^2 - 2D + 2)y = 0$ where $D \equiv \frac{d}{dx}$

$$\text{A.E. : } (D^2 - 2D + 2) = 0 \Rightarrow D = \frac{-(-2) \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4(1)(2)}}{2(1)} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4-8}}{2} = \frac{2 \pm 2i}{2} = 1 \pm i$$

Let $m_1 = 1 + 1i$ and $m_2 = 1 - 1i$ *(Complex roots: $\alpha \pm i\beta$)*

∴ General Solution of equation (1) is given by:

$$y = e^{\alpha x}(c_1 \cos \beta x + c_2 \sin \beta x)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = e^{1x}(c_1 \cos 1x + c_2 \sin 1x)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = e^x(c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x) \quad \text{Answer.}$$



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