

Book Royce & Prina

Problem 41

✓ The equation $P(x)y'' + Q(x)y' + R(x)y = 0$ is said to be exact if it can be written in the form

$$[P(x)y']' + [f(x)y]' = 0$$

where $f(x)$ is to be determined in terms of $P(x)$, $Q(x)$ and $R(x)$.

✓ The latter equation can be integrated resulting in a first order linear equation for y .

Ques Show that a necessary & sufficient condition for exactness is $P''(x) - Q'(x) + R(x) = 0$.

Let the linear differential equation of order 2 be

$$P_0 \left(\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \right) + P_1 \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) + P_2 y = \phi(x) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

where P_0 , P_1 & P_2 are functions of x alone.

let (1) be exact.

!→ It can be obtained from an equation of first order simply by differentiation.

We assume that (1) can be obtained by differentiating once the equation

$$P_0 \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) + Q_1 y = \int \phi(x) dx = C \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

where Q_1 is some function of x

Differentiating (2) w.r.t. x ,

$$\left(P_0 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + P_0' \frac{dy}{dx} \right) + \left(Q_1 \frac{dy}{dx} + Q_1' y \right) = \phi(x)$$

$$\text{or } P_0 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + [P_0' + Q_1] \frac{dy}{dx} + Q_1' y = \phi(x) \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Now (1) & (3) must be same, so equating coefficients

$$P_1 = P_0' + Q_1 \quad ; \quad Q_1 Q_2' = P_2$$

$$\Rightarrow P_1' = P_0'' + Q_1'$$

$$\Rightarrow P_1' = P_0'' + P_2'$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{P_0'' - P_1' + P_2' = 0}$$

Q. Show that equation

$$(1+x^2)y'' + 3xy' + y = 1+3x^2$$

is exact & hence solve the equation

Ans Given $(1+x^2)y'' + 3xy' + y = 1+3x^2$ — (1)

Comparing (1) with

$$P_0 y'' + P_1 y' + P_2 y = \phi(x)$$

Now we have

$$P_2 - P_1' + P_0'' = 1 - 3 + 2 = 0$$

Shows that (1) is exact & its first integral is

$$P_0 \frac{dy}{dx} + (P_1 - P_0') y = \int (1+3x^2) dx + C$$

$$\text{or } (1+x^2) \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) + (3x-2x) y = x + x^3 + C$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{x}{1+x^2} y = \frac{x + x^3}{1+x^2} + \frac{C}{1+x^2}$$

This is a linear eqn.

$$I.F. e^{\int \frac{x}{1+x^2} dx} = (1+x^2)^{-1/2}$$

$$\text{2 soln is } y(1+x^2)^{1/2} = \int (1+x^2)^{1/2} \left[\frac{x+x^3}{1+x^2} + \frac{C}{1+x^2} \right] dx + C_1$$

Q Test for exactness & solve

$$(1+x^2)y'' + 4xy' + 2y = \sec^2 x$$

given that $y = 0$, $y' = 1$ when $x = 0$.