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D-OPERATOR METHOD OF SOLUTION

2.1.1. Introduction. A linear differential equation of second order with constant coefficients is of the form

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + P_1 \frac{dy}{dx} + P_2 y = X \quad \dots \quad (1)$$

where P_1, P_2 are constants and X is either constant or a function of x only.

Using the symbol D for the differential operator $\frac{d}{dx}$, the above equation can be written in symbolic form as

$$(D^2 + P_1 D + P_2) y = X \quad \dots \quad (2)$$

$$\text{or, } f(D)y = X \quad \dots \quad (3)$$

where $f(D) = D^2 + P_1 D + P_2$ is a polynomial in D .

$$\text{When } X = 0 \text{ then } f(D)y = 0 \quad \dots \quad (4)$$

is called the homogeneous equation.

2.1.2. Theorems.

Theorem 1. If y_1, y_2 are two linearly independent solutions of the differential equation $(D^2 + P_1 D + P_2)y = 0$, $\dots \quad (i)$

then $u = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$ is also its solution, where c_1, c_2 are arbitrary constants.

Proof. Left as an exercise.

Note : Since this solution contains two arbitrary constants, it is the *general or complete solution* of the equation (i).

Theorem 2. If $y = u$ is the general solution of the equation $f(D)y = 0$ and $y = v$ is a particular solution (containing no arbitrary constants) of the equation $f(D)y = X$, then the general solution of the equation $f(D)y = X$ is $y = u + v$.

Proof. Since u is the general solution of the equation $f(D)y = 0$... (i)

so $f(D)u = 0$.
Also, since $y = v$ is a particular solution of the equation ... (ii)

$f(D)y = X$, so $f(D)v = X$.

Adding (i) and (ii), we have $f(D)(u + v) = X$

which shows that $y = u + v$ satisfies the equation $f(D)y = X$.
Hence $y = u + v$ is the general solution of the equation $f(D)y = X$.

Here $y = u$ is called the **complementary function (C.F.)** and $y = v$ is called the **particular integral (P.I.)** of the equation $f(D)y = X$.

Thus the complete or general solution of the equation (3) is

$$\text{of } \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + P_1 \frac{dy}{dx} + P_2 y = X \text{ is } y = C.F. + P.I.$$

Note. Sometimes the symbols y_c and y_p are used to denote the C.F. and P.I. of the differential equation.

2.1.3. Rules for finding C.F.

Consider the differential equation

$$(D^2 + P_1 D + P_2)y = 0. \quad \dots (5)$$

The general solution of this is nothing but the C. F. of (2) or (3).

Let $y = e^{mx}$ be a trial solution of (5).

Then $Dy = me^{mx}$, $D^2y = m^2e^{mx}$.

Hence from (5), we get

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$$(m^2 + P_1 m + P_2)e^{mx} = 0$$

$$\text{i.e., } m^2 + P_1 m + P_2 = 0, \text{ since } e^{mx} \neq 0 \quad \dots (6)$$

which is called the **auxiliary equation (A.E.)** for the differential equation (5).

Let m_1, m_2 be the roots of the auxiliary equation (6). The solution of the equation (5) depends upon the nature of roots of the A. E. (6). The following cases arise :

Case (i) Let m_1, m_2 be real and distinct. Then the general solution of (5) is $y = c_1 e^{m_1 x} + c_2 e^{m_2 x}$, where c_1, c_2 are arbitrary constants.

Case (ii) Let the roots of the A. E. are real and equal (m_1). Then the general solution of the equation (5) is

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

where c_1, c_2 are arbitrary constants.

Case (iii) Let the roots of A. E. be imaginary which are $m_1 = \alpha + i\beta, m_2 = \alpha - i\beta$.

Then the general solution of the equation (5) is

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

where c_1, c_2 are arbitrary constants.

Illustrative Examples.

Ex. 1. Solve : $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 24 \frac{dy}{dx} + 144y = 0$.

Let $y = e^{mx}$ be a trial solution.

Then the auxiliary equation is $m^2 - 24m + 144 = 0$

$$\text{or, } (m - 12)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore m = 12, 12.$$

Hence the general solution is $y = (c_1 + c_2 x)e^{12x}$ where c_1, c_2 are arbitrary constants.

Ex. 2. Solve: $(D^2 - 3D + 2)y = 0$.

Let $y = e^{mx}$ be a trial solution.

Then the auxiliary equation is $m^2 - 3m + 2 = 0$

or, $(m-1)(m-2) = 0$

$\therefore m = 1, 2$

Hence the general solution is

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

where c_1, c_2 are arbitrary constants.

Ex. 3. Solve: $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 4y = 0$.

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Let $y = e^{mx}$ be a trial solution.

Then the auxiliary equation is $m^2 + 4 = 0$

$\therefore m = 0 \pm 2i$

Hence the general solution is

$$y = e^{0x} [c_1 \cos 2x + c_2 \sin 2x]$$

$= c_1 \cos 2x + c_2 \sin 2x$, where c_1, c_2 are arbitrary constants.

Ex. 4. Solve the equation $\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} - 5\frac{dx}{dt} + 6x = 0$ and find the particular solution if $x = 3$ when $t = 0$ and $x = 8$ when $t = \log 2$.

Let $x = e^{mt}$ be a trial solution.

Then the auxiliary equation is $m^2 - 5m + 6 = 0$.

$\therefore m = 2, 3$

So the general solution is

$x = c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 e^{3t}$ where c_1, c_2 are arbitrary constants.

Now $x = 3$ when $t = 0$.

$$\therefore 3 = c_1 + c_2 \quad \dots (i)$$

Also it is given that $x = 8$ when $t = \log 2$.

$$\therefore 8 = c_1 e^{2 \log 2} + c_2 e^{3 \log 2}$$

$$= c_1 e^{\log 4} + c_2 e^{\log 8} = 4c_1 + 8c_2$$

$$\therefore c_1 + 2c_2 = 2 \quad \dots (ii)$$

Solving (i) and (ii), we get $c_1 = 4, c_2 = -1$.

Hence the particular solution is $x = 4e^{2t} - e^{3t}$.

Ex. 5. Solve $\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + 4\frac{dy}{dt} + 4y = 0, y(0) = 1, \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right) = 0$

Let $y = e^{mt}$ be a trial solution. Then the auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 + 4m + 4 = 0$$

$$\text{or, } (m+2)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore m = -2, -2$$

So the general solution is

$$y = (c_1 + c_2 t)e^{-2t}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dt} = c_2 e^{-2t} - 2(c_1 + c_2 t)e^{-2t}$$

Given $y(0) = 1$ and $\left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right) = 0$

$$\therefore 1 = (c_1 + c_2 \cdot 0) \cdot 1$$

$$10. y = 3e^{-ax} \cos \pi x$$

$$11. y = e^x (-3 \cos 2x + 2 \sin 2x)$$

$$13. y = e^{\frac{5x}{2}} \left(2 \cos \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} x + \frac{6}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sin \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} x \right)$$

$$14. y = 2e^{4x} + e^{-3x}$$

2.1.4. Rules for finding the particular integral (P.I.) by operator method.

2.1.4.1 The inverse operator.

Definition. $\frac{1}{f(D)}X$ is that function of x , not containing arbitrary constants which when operated upon by $f(D)$ gives X .

$$\text{Thus } f(D) \left\{ \frac{1}{f(D)} X \right\} = X. \quad \dots (7)$$

Hence $f(D)$ and $\frac{1}{f(D)}$ are inverse operators. Also it is obvious

that $\frac{1}{f(D)}X$ satisfies the equation $f(D)y = X$ and is therefore its P.I.

Theorem 3. $\frac{1}{D}X = \int X dx$.

Proof. Let $\frac{1}{D}X = y$.

$$\therefore D\left(\frac{1}{D}X\right) = Dy \quad \text{or, } X = \frac{dy}{dx}.$$

$$\text{Hence } y = \int X dx. \quad \dots (8)$$

Hence proved.

Theorem 4. $\frac{1}{D-a}X = e^{ax} \int X e^{-ax} dx$.

Proof. Let $\frac{1}{D-a}X = y$.

$$\therefore (D-a) \left(\frac{1}{D-a} X \right) = (D-a)y$$

$$\text{or, } X = Dy - ay.$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} - ay = X. \quad \dots (9)$$

which is a linear equation in y .

$$\therefore I.F. = e^{\int (-a) dx} = e^{-ax}.$$

So the solution of (9) is given by

$$ye^{-ax} = \int X e^{-ax} dx$$

$$\text{i.e., } y = e^{ax} \int X e^{-ax} dx.$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{D-a}X = e^{ax} \int X e^{-ax} dx. \quad \dots (10)$$

2.1.4.2. General method for finding P. I.

Let $\frac{1}{f(D)} = \frac{A_1}{D-m_1} + \frac{A_2}{D-m_2}$ where A_i ($i = 1, 2$) are constants.

Then by Theorem 4., we get

$$\frac{1}{f(D)}X = A_1 e^{m_1 x} \int X e^{-m_1 x} dx + A_2 e^{m_2 x} \int X e^{-m_2 x} dx. \quad \dots (11)$$

Illustrative Examples.

Ex. 1. Evaluate the following :

$$(i) \frac{1}{D+2} e^x. \quad (ii) \frac{1}{D^2-1} (xe^{2x}). \quad (iii) \frac{1}{D^2+1} \sec x.$$

$$(iv) \frac{1}{D^2} \sin^2 x.$$

$$(i) \frac{1}{D+2} e^x = e^{-2x} \int e^x \cdot e^{2x} dx = e^{-2x} \int e^{3x} dx$$

$$= e^{-2x} \cdot \frac{1}{3} e^{3x} = \frac{1}{3} e^x.$$

$$(ii) \frac{1}{D^2-1} (xe^{2x})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{D-1} - \frac{1}{D+1} \right) xe^{2x}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{D-1} (xe^{2x}) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{D+1} (xe^{2x})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} e^x \int xe^{2x} \cdot e^{-x} dx - \frac{1}{2} e^{-x} \int xe^{2x} \cdot e^x dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} e^x \int xe^x dx - \frac{1}{2} e^{-x} \int xe^{3x} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} e^x \cdot e^x (x-1) - \frac{1}{2} e^{-x} \cdot \frac{1}{9} e^{3x} (3x-1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} e^{2x} (x-1) - \frac{1}{18} e^{2x} (3x-1) = \frac{1}{9} e^{2x} (3x-4).$$

$$(iii) \frac{1}{D^2+1} \sec x = \frac{1}{2i} \left(\frac{1}{D-i} - \frac{1}{D+i} \right) \sec x.$$

$$\text{Now } \frac{1}{D-i} \sec x = e^{ix} \int e^{-ix} \sec x dx$$

$$= e^{ix} \int \frac{\cos x - i \sin x}{\cos x} dx = (\cos x + i \sin x) (x + i \log \cos x)$$

$$= (x \cos x - \sin x \log \cos x) + i (x \sin x + \cos x \log \cos x).$$

$$\text{Similarly } \frac{1}{D+i} \sec x$$

$$= (x \cos x - \sin x \log \cos x) - i (x \sin x + \cos x \log \cos x)$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{D^2+1} \sec x = x \sin x + \cos x \log \sin x.$$

$$(iv) \frac{1}{D^2} \sin^2 x = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{D^2} (1 - \cos 2x)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{D} \int (1 - \cos 2x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{D} \left(x - \frac{1}{2} \sin 2x \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int \left(x - \frac{1}{2} \sin 2x \right) dx = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} x^2 + \frac{1}{4} \cos 2x \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} (2x^2 + \cos 2x).$$

2.1.4.3 Short methods for finding P. I. in some special cases.

For the differential equation $f(D)y = X$,

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

Let us now consider the following special cases :

Case I. Let $X = e^{ax}$. Then

$$(i) \text{ P.I.} = \frac{1}{f(D)} e^{ax} = \frac{e^{ax}}{f(a)} \text{ if } f(a) \neq 0 \quad \dots (12)$$

$$(ii) \text{ P.I.} = \frac{1}{f(D)} e^{ax} = x \frac{1}{f'(D)} e^{ax} = x \frac{e^{ax}}{f'(a)} \text{ if } f(a) = 0 \text{ but } f'(a) \neq 0 \quad \dots (13)$$

$$(iii) \text{ P.I.} = \frac{1}{f(D)} e^{ax} = x^2 \frac{1}{f''(D)} e^{ax} = x^2 \frac{e^{ax}}{f''(a)} \text{ if } f(a) = f'(a) = 0 \text{ but } f''(a) \neq 0 \quad \dots (14)$$

and so on.

Proof. (i) Since $f(D)e^{ax} = (D^2 + P_1D + P_2)e^{ax}$
 $= (a^2 + P_1a + P_2)e^{ax}$

therefore $f(D)e^{ax} = f(a)e^{ax}$

$$\text{or, } \frac{1}{f(D)}\{f(D)e^{ax}\} = \frac{1}{f(D)}\{f(a)e^{ax}\}$$

$$\text{or, } e^{ax} = f(a) \frac{1}{f(D)} e^{ax}$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{1}{f(D)} e^{ax} = \frac{1}{f(a)} e^{ax} \text{ if } f(a) \neq 0.$$

$$\therefore \text{ P.I.} = \frac{1}{f(D)} e^{ax} = \frac{e^{ax}}{f(a)} \text{ if } f(a) \neq 0.$$

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Illustrative Example.

Ex. 1. Find P. I. of the following equations :

$$(i) (D^2 + 1)y = e^{\frac{1}{2}x} \quad (ii) (D^2 - 3D + 2)y = e^{2x}.$$

$$(i) \text{ P. I.} = \frac{1}{D^2 + 1} e^{\frac{1}{2}x} = \frac{1}{(\frac{1}{2})^2 + 1} e^{\frac{1}{2}x} = \frac{4}{5} e^{\frac{1}{2}x}.$$

$$(ii) \text{ P. I.} = \frac{1}{D^2 - 3D + 2} e^{2x} = x \frac{e^{2x}}{2D - 3}$$

$$= x \frac{1}{4 - 3} \cdot e^{2x} = xe^{2x}.$$

Case II. Let $X = P(x)$ where $P(x)$ is a polynomial of degree m .

$$\text{Then P. I.} = \frac{1}{f(D)} P(x) = \{f(D)\}^{-1} P(x). \quad \dots (15)$$

Expand $\{f(D)\}^{-1}$ in ascending powers of D as far as the term containing D^m , since $D(x^m) = 0$ if $r > m$, and then operate on $P(x)$.

Illustrative Example.

$$\text{Find P. I. of } \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4\frac{dy}{dx} + 3y = x^2 + 3.$$

The equation can be written as

$$(D^2 + 4D + 3)y = x^2 + 3. \quad [\text{Here } P(x) = x^2 + 3.]$$

$$\therefore \text{ P. I.} = \frac{1}{D^2 + 4D + 3} (x^2 + 3) = \frac{1}{3} \left(1 + \frac{D^2 + 4D}{3} \right)^{-1} (x^2 + 3)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \left\{ 1 - \frac{D^2 + 4D}{3} + \left(\frac{D^2 + 4D}{3} \right)^2 - \dots \right\} (x^2 + 3)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \left(1 - \frac{4D}{3} + \frac{4D^2}{9} - \dots \right) (x^2 + 3) \quad [\text{Taken upto } D^2 \text{ term}]$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \left(x^2 + 3 - \frac{4}{3} \cdot 2x + \frac{4}{9} \cdot 2 \right) = \frac{1}{3} \left(x^2 - \frac{8x}{3} + \frac{35}{9} \right).$$

Case III. Let $X = \sin(ax + b)$ or $\cos(ax + b)$.

In this case we express the operator function $f(D)$ in function of D^2 , say $\phi(D^2)$, or in function of D^2 and D , say $\phi(D^2, D)$.

Then

$$(i) \text{ P. I.} = \frac{1}{f(D)} \sin(ax + b) = \frac{1}{\phi(D^2)} \sin(ax + b)$$

$$= \frac{\sin(ax + b)}{\phi(-a^2)}, \text{ if } \phi(-a^2) \neq 0. \dots (16)$$

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$$(ii) \text{ P.I.} = \frac{1}{f(D)} \sin(ax+b) = \frac{1}{\phi(D^2, D)} \sin(ax+b) \\ = \frac{1}{\phi(-a^2, D)} \sin(ax+b), \text{ if } \phi(-a^2, D) \neq 0. \quad \dots (17)$$

$$(iii) \text{ P.I.} = \frac{1}{f(D)} \sin(ax+b) = \frac{\psi(D)}{\phi(D^2)} \sin(ax+b) \\ = \frac{\psi(D)}{\phi(-a^2)} \sin(ax+b), \text{ if } \phi(-a^2) \neq 0. \quad \dots (18)$$

$$(iv) \text{ P.I.} = \frac{1}{f(D)} \sin(ax+b) = x \frac{1}{f'(D)} \sin(ax+b), \quad \dots (19)$$

if (i), (ii), (iii) fail

Proof. Beyond the scope of the book.

Illustrative Example

Find P. I. of the following equations

$$(i) (D^2 + 1)y = \sin 2x. \quad (ii) (D^2 + 9)y = \cos(3x - 1).$$

$$(i) \text{ P.I.} = \frac{1}{D^2 + 1} \sin 2x = \frac{1}{-2^2 + 1} \sin 2x = -\frac{1}{3} \sin 2x. \quad \text{by (16)}$$

$$(ii) \text{ P.I.} = \frac{1}{D^2 + 9} \cos(3x - 1) = x \frac{1}{2D} \cos(3x - 1), \text{ by (19)} \\ = \frac{x \sin(3x - 1)}{6}$$

Case IV. Let $X = e^{ax}V$, where V is any function of x .

$$\text{Then P. I.} = \frac{1}{f(D)} e^{ax}V = e^{ax} \frac{1}{f(D+a)} V. \quad \dots (20)$$

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

$$\text{Then } D(e^{ax}U) = e^{ax}DU + ae^{ax}U = e^{ax}(D+a)U$$

$$D^2(e^{ax}U) = D\{e^{ax}(D+a)U\} \\ = ae^{ax}(D+a)U + e^{ax}D(D+a)U \\ = e^{ax}(D+a)^2U.$$

$$\text{In this way in general, } D^n(e^{ax}U) = e^{ax}(D+a)^nU.$$

$$\text{Hence } f(D)(e^{ax}U) = e^{ax}f(D+a)^nU.$$

$$\therefore f(D)\left\{e^{ax} \frac{1}{f(D+a)} V\right\} = e^{ax}V$$

$$\text{Operating both sides by } \frac{1}{f(D)}, \text{ we get}$$

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

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

Illustrative Example.

$$\text{Find P. I. of } (D^2 + 1)y = xe^{-2x}.$$

$$\text{P. I.} = \frac{1}{D^2 + 1} xe^{-2x} = e^{-2x} \frac{1}{(D-2)^2 + 1} x$$

$$= e^{-2x} \frac{1}{D^2 - 4D + 5} x = e^{-2x} \cdot \frac{1}{5} \left(1 + \frac{D^2 - 4D}{5}\right)^{-1} x$$

$$= e^{-2x} \cdot \frac{1}{5} \left(1 - \frac{D^2 - 4D}{5} + \dots \right) \cdot x$$

$$= e^{-2x} \cdot \frac{1}{5} \left(x + \frac{4}{5} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{25} (5x + 4) e^{-2x}.$$

Case V. Let $X = xV$, V being any function of x .

$$\text{Then P. I.} = \frac{1}{f(D)} xV = \left\{ x - \frac{1}{f(D)} f'(D) \right\} \frac{1}{f(D)} V. \quad \dots \quad (21)$$

Proof. Let $V_1 = \frac{1}{f(D)} V$

$$\text{Then } D(xV_1) = xDV_1 + V_1$$

$$D^2(xV_1) = xD^2V_1 + 2DV_1 = xD^2V_1 + \left(\frac{d}{dD} D^2 \right) V_1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } f(D)(xV_1) &= x f(D)V_1 + \frac{d}{dD} f(D)V_1 \\ &= x f(D)V_1 + f'(D)V_1. \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore f(D) \left\{ x \cdot \frac{1}{f(D)} V \right\} = xV + f'(D) \cdot \frac{1}{f(D)} V$$

$$\text{Thus } x \frac{1}{f(D)} V = \frac{1}{f(D)} (xV) + f'(D) \cdot \frac{1}{\{f(D)\}^2} V$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{f(D)} (xV) = x \frac{1}{f(D)} V - f'(D) \cdot \frac{1}{\{f(D)\}^2} V.$$

$$= \left\{ x - \frac{1}{f(D)} f'(D) \right\} \frac{1}{f(D)} V.$$

Case VI. If $X = x^n \cdot V$, then

$$\text{P. I.} = \left\{ x - \frac{1}{f(D)} f'(D) \right\}^n \frac{1}{f(D)} V \quad \dots \quad (22)$$

where n is a +ve integer.

Proof. Beyond the scope of the book.

Illustrative Example.

Find P. I. of $(D^2 + 4)y = x \sin x$.

$$\text{P. I.} = \frac{1}{D^2 + 4} (x \sin x)$$

$$= \left\{ x - \frac{1}{D^2 + 4} \cdot 2D \right\} \frac{1}{D^2 + 4} \sin x$$

$$= \left\{ x - \frac{1}{D^2 + 4} \cdot 2D \right\} \frac{\sin x}{-1^2 + 4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} x \sin x - \frac{2}{3} \frac{1}{D^2 + 4} \cos x$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} x \sin x - \frac{2}{3} \frac{\cos x}{-1^2 + 4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} x \sin x - \frac{2}{9} \cos x.$$

Miscellaneous Examples

Ex. 1. Solve: $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 5 \frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = x^2$.

The given equation can be written as $(D^2 + 5D + 4)y = x^2$.

Let $y = e^{mx}$ be a trial solution of the homogeneous equation

$$(D^2 + 5D + 4)y = 0.$$

Then the auxiliary equation is $m^2 + 5m + 4 = 0$

$$\text{or, } (m + 4)(m + 1) = 0.$$

C.F. = $c_1 e^{-4x} + c_2 e^{-x}$, where c_1, c_2 are arbitrary constants.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, P. I.} &= \frac{1}{D^2 + 5D + 4} x^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left(1 + \frac{D^2 + 5D}{4} \right)^{-1} x^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left\{ 1 - \left(\frac{D^2 + 5D}{4} \right) + \left(\frac{D^2 + 5D}{4} \right)^2 - \dots \right\} x^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left\{ 1 - \frac{D^2 + 5D}{4} + \frac{25}{16} D^2 - \dots \right\} x^2 \end{aligned}$$

[we write upto D^2 term since x^2 is a 2 degree polynomial.]

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left(x^2 - \frac{5}{2} x + \frac{21}{8} \right).$$

So the general solution is

$$y = c_1 e^{-4x} + c_2 e^{-x} + \frac{1}{4} \left(x^2 - \frac{5}{2} x + \frac{21}{8} \right).$$

Ex. 2. Solve : $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 5 \frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = x^2 e^{3x}$. [W.B.U.T 2009]

The given equation can be written as $(D^2 - 5D + 6)y = x^2 e^{3x}$.

Let $y = e^{mx}$ be a trial solution of the homogeneous equation

$$(D^2 - 5D + 6)y = 0.$$

Then the auxiliary equation is $m^2 - 5m + 6 = 0$

$$\text{or, } (m-3)(m-2) = 0. \quad \therefore m = 2, 3.$$

\therefore C.F. = $c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{3x}$, where c_1, c_2 are arbitrary constants.

$$\text{Now P. I.} = \frac{1}{D^2 - 5D + 6} (x^2 e^{3x})$$

$$= e^{3x} \frac{1}{(D+3)^2 - 5(D+3) + 6} x^2 \quad \text{by (20)}$$

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

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

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

$$= e^{3x} \left(\frac{1}{3} x^3 - x^2 + 2x \right) \quad \left[\frac{1}{D} x^2 = \int x^2 dx \text{ etc.} \right]$$

So the general solution is

$$y = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{3x} + e^{3x} \left(\frac{1}{3} x^3 - x^2 + 2x \right).$$

Ex. 3. Solve : $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 4y = \operatorname{cosec} 2x$.

The given equation can be written as $(D^2 + 4)y = \operatorname{cosec} 2x$.

Let $y = e^{mx}$ be a trial solution of the homogeneous equation

$$(D^2 + 4)y = 0.$$

Then the auxiliary equation is $m^2 + 4 = 0$.

$$\therefore m = \pm 2i.$$

$$\therefore \text{C.F.} = c_1 \cos 2x + c_2 \sin 2x.$$

$$\text{Now, P. I.} = \frac{1}{D^2 + 4} \operatorname{cosec} 2x = \frac{1}{4i} \left(\frac{1}{D-2i} - \frac{1}{D+2i} \right) \operatorname{cosec} 2x$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{D-2i} \operatorname{cosec} 2x = e^{2xi} \int e^{-2ix} \operatorname{cosec} 2x \, dx$$

$$= e^{2xi} \int (\cos 2x - i \sin 2x) \operatorname{cosec} 2x \, dx$$

$$= e^{2xi} \int (\cot 2x - i) \, dx$$

$$= (\cos 2x + i \sin 2x) \left(\frac{1}{2} \log \sin 2x - ix \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cos 2x \log \sin 2x + x \sin 2x + i \left(\frac{1}{2} \sin 2x \log \sin 2x - x \cos 2x \right)$$

$$\text{Similarly } \frac{1}{D+2i} \operatorname{cosec} 2x$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cos 2x \log \sin 2x + x \sin 2x - i \left(\frac{1}{2} \sin 2x \log \sin 2x - x \cos 2x \right)$$

$$\therefore \text{P.I.} = \frac{1}{4} (\sin 2x \log \sin 2x - 2x \cos 2x).$$

So the general solution is

$$y = c_1 \cos 2x + c_2 \sin 2x + \frac{1}{4} (\sin 2x \log \sin 2x - 2x \cos 2x).$$

Ex. 4. Solve: $(D^2 - 4)y = x \sinh x$.

Let $y = e^{mx}$ be a trial solution of the homogeneous equation

$$(D^2 - 4)y = 0.$$

Then the auxiliary equation is $m^2 - 4 = 0$.

$$\therefore m = \pm 2.$$

$$\therefore \text{C.F.} = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{-2x}, \text{ where } c_1, c_2 \text{ are arbitrary constants.}$$

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$$\therefore \text{P.I.} = \frac{1}{D^2 - 4} x \sinh x$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{D^2 - 4} x e^x - \frac{1}{D^2 - 4} x e^{-x} \right] \left[\because \sinh x = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[e^x \frac{1}{(D+1)^2 - 4} x - e^{-x} \frac{1}{(D-1)^2 - 4} x \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[e^x \frac{1}{D^2 + 2D - 3} x - e^{-x} \frac{1}{D^2 - 2D - 3} x \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[-\frac{e^x}{3} \left(1 - \frac{D^2 + 2D}{3} \right)^{-1} x + \frac{e^{-x}}{3} \left(1 - \frac{D^2 - 2D}{3} \right)^{-1} x \right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{6} e^x \left(1 + \frac{D^2 + 2D}{3} + \dots \right) x + \frac{1}{6} e^{-x} \left(1 + \frac{D^2 - 2D}{3} + \dots \right) x$$

$$= -\frac{1}{6} e^x \left(x + \frac{2}{3} \right) + \frac{1}{6} e^{-x} \left(x - \frac{2}{3} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{6} x (e^x - e^{-x}) - \frac{1}{9} (e^x + e^{-x})$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3} x \sinh x - \frac{2}{9} \cosh x.$$

So the general solution is

$$y = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{-2x} - \frac{1}{3} x \sinh x - \frac{2}{9} \cosh x.$$

Ex. 5. Solve: $(D^2 + 1)y = x \cos x$.

Let $y = e^{mx}$ be a trial solution of the homogeneous equation

$$(D^2 + 1)y = 0.$$

Then the auxiliary equation is $m^2 + 1 = 0$.

$$\therefore m = \pm i$$

\therefore C. F. = $c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x$, where c_1, c_2 where are arbitrary constants.

$$\text{Now, P. I.} = \frac{1}{D^2 + 1} x \cos x = \left\{ x - \frac{1}{D^2 + 1} \cdot 2D \right\} \frac{1}{D^2 + 1} \cos x$$

$$= \left\{ x - \frac{1}{D^2 + 1} \cdot 2D \right\} \frac{x}{2} \sin x$$

$$\left[\because \frac{1}{D^2 + 1} \cos x = x \frac{1}{2D} \cos x = \frac{x}{2} \int \cos x dx = \frac{x}{2} \sin x \right]$$

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

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

$$= \frac{1}{2} x^2 \sin x - \frac{1}{D^2 + 1} \sin x - \frac{1}{D^2 + 1} x \cos x$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} x^2 \sin x - \frac{1}{D^2 + 1} \sin x - \text{P.I.}$$

$$\therefore 2 \times \text{P.I.} = \frac{1}{2} x^2 \sin x - \frac{x}{2D} \sin x$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} x^2 \sin x + \frac{1}{2} x \cos x$$

$$\therefore \text{P. I.} = \frac{1}{4} x^2 \sin x + \frac{1}{4} x \cos x.$$

$$[\text{Alternatively. P. I.} = \frac{1}{D^2 + 1} x \cos x = \text{Rl} \left\{ \frac{1}{D^2 + 1} x e^{ix} \right\}]$$

$$= \text{Rl} \left\{ e^{ix} \frac{1}{(D+i)^2 + 1} x \right\} = \text{Rl} \left\{ e^{ix} \frac{1}{D^2 + 2Di} x \right\}$$

$$= \text{Rl} \left\{ e^{ix} \frac{1}{2Di} \left(1 + \frac{D}{2i} \right)^{-1} x \right\} = \text{Rl} \left\{ e^{ix} \frac{1}{2Di} \left(1 - \frac{D}{2i} + \dots \right) x \right\}$$

$$= \text{Rl} \left\{ e^{ix} \frac{1}{2Di} \left(x - \frac{1}{2i} \right) \right\} = \text{Rl} \left\{ \frac{1}{2i} (\cos x + i \sin x) \left(\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x}{2i} \right) \right\}$$

$$= \text{Rl} \left\{ -\frac{1}{4} (\cos x + i \sin x) (x^2 i - x) \right\} = \frac{1}{4} (x^2 \sin x + x \cos x).$$

Hence the general solution is

$$y = c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x + \frac{1}{4} x^2 \sin x + \frac{1}{4} x \cos x.$$

Ex. 6. Solve : $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 5 \frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = e^x \cos x$

[W.B.U.T. 2002, 2011, 2016]

The given equation can be written as

$$(D^2 - 5D + 6)y = e^x \cos x$$

Let $y = e^{mx}$ be a trial solution of the homogeneous equation

$$(D^2 - 5D + 6)y = 0$$

\therefore The auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 - 5m + 6 = 0$$

$$\text{or, } (m-2)(m-3) = 0$$

$$\therefore m = 2, 3$$

$$\therefore C.F. = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{3x}$$

$$\text{Now, P. I.} = \frac{e^x \cos x}{D^2 - 5D + 6}$$

$$= e^x \frac{\cos x}{(D+1)^2 - 5(D+1) + 6}$$

$$= e^x \frac{\cos x}{D^2 - 3D + 2}$$

$$= e^x \frac{\cos x}{-1^2 - 3D + 2}$$

$$= e^x \frac{\cos x}{-3D + 1}$$

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

$$= e^x \frac{3D + 1}{1 - 9D^2} \cos x$$

$$= e^x \frac{3D + 1}{1 - 9(-1^2)} \cos x$$

$$= \frac{e^x}{10} (-3 \sin x + \cos x)$$

Thus the general solution of the given equation is

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

where c_1 and c_2 are constants.

Ex. 7. Solve : $(D^2 - 2D)y = e^x \sin x$ [W.B.U.T. 2007]

Let $y = e^{mx}$ be a trial solution of $(D^2 - 2D)y = 0$

\therefore The auxiliary equation is $m^2 - 2m = 0$

$$\therefore m = 0, 2$$

$$\therefore C.F. = c_1 + c_2 e^{2x}$$

$$\therefore P.I. = \frac{e^x \sin x}{D^2 - 2D}$$

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

$$= e^x \frac{\sin x}{D^2 - 1}$$

$$= e^x \frac{\sin x}{-1^2 - 1}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} e^x \sin x$$

Thus the general solution is

$$y = c_1 + c_2 e^{2x} - \frac{1}{2} e^x \sin x$$

Ex. 8. Solve : $(D^2 + 5D - 6)y = \sin 4x \sin x$

Let $y = e^{mx}$ be a trial solution of $(D^2 + 5D - 6)y = 0$

\therefore The auxiliary equation is $m^2 + 5m - 6 = 0$

$$\text{or, } (m+6)(m-1) = 0$$

$$\therefore m = 1, -6$$

$$\therefore C.F. = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{-6x}$$

$$\text{Now P. I.} = \frac{\sin 4x \sin x}{D^2 + 5D - 6}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sin 4x \sin x}{D^2 + 5D - 6}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\cos 3x - \cos 5x}{D^2 + 5D - 6}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\cos 3x}{D^2 + 5D - 6} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\cos 5x}{D^2 + 5D - 6}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\cos 3x}{-3^2 + 5D - 6} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\cos 5x}{-5^2 + 5D - 6}$$

$$= \frac{1}{10} (D+3) \frac{\cos 3x}{D^2 - 9} - \frac{1}{2} (5D+31) \frac{\cos 5x}{25D^2 - 961}$$

$$= \frac{1}{10} (D+3) \frac{\cos 3x}{-3^2 - 9} - \frac{1}{2} (5D+31) \frac{\cos 5x}{25(-5^2) - 961}$$

$$= \frac{1}{-180} (D+3) \cos 3x + \frac{1}{3172} (5D+31) \cos 5x$$

$$= -\frac{1}{180} (-3 \sin 3x + 3 \cos 3x) + \frac{1}{3172}$$

$$(-25 \sin 5x + 31 \cos 5x)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\sin 3x - \cos 3x}{30} + \frac{31 \cos 5x - 25 \sin 5x}{1586} \right)$$

Thus the general solution is

$$y = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{-6x} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\sin 3x - \cos 3x}{30} + \frac{31 \cos 5x - 25 \sin 5x}{1586} \right)$$

Ex. 9. Solve : $(D^2 - 2D + 1)y = xe^x \sin x$.

Let $y = e^{mx}$ be a trial solution of the homogeneous equation $(D^2 - 2D + 1)y = 0$.

Then the auxiliary equation is $m^2 - 2m + 1 = 0$

$$\text{or, } (m-1)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore m = 1, 1.$$

\therefore C. F. = $(c_1 + c_2 x) e^x$, where c_1, c_2 are arbitrary constants.

$$\text{Now P. I.} = \frac{1}{D^2 - 2D + 1} x e^x \sin x$$

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

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

$$= e^x \frac{1}{D} \int x \sin x dx = e^x \frac{1}{D} (-x \cos x + \sin x)$$

$$= e^x \int (-x \cos x + \sin x) dx$$

$$= e^x (-x \sin x - 2 \cos x)$$

$$= -e^x (x \sin x + 2 \cos x).$$

So the general solution is

$$y = (c_1 + c_2 x) e^x - e^x (x \sin x + 2 \cos x).$$

Ex. 10. Solve : $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 4 \frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = e^{2x}$, when $y = 0$

$$\text{and } \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 \text{ for } x = 0.$$

The given equation can be written as $(D^2 - 4D + 4)y = e^{2x}$.

Let $y = e^{mx}$ be a trial solution of the homogeneous equation

$$(D^2 - 4D + 4)y = 0.$$

So the auxiliary equation is

$$\therefore m^2 - 4m + 4 = 0$$

$$\text{or, } (m - 2)^2 = 0.$$

$$\therefore m = 2, 2$$

$$\therefore \text{C.F.} = (c_1 + c_2 x)e^{2x}, \text{ where } c_1, c_2 \text{ are arbitrary constants.}$$

$$\text{Now, P.I.} = \frac{1}{D^2 - 4D + 4} e^{2x}$$

$$= x \frac{1}{2D - 4} e^{2x}$$

$$= x^2 \frac{1}{2} e^{2x}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} x^2 e^{2x}.$$

So the general solution is

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

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = c_2 e^{2x} + 2(c_1 + c_2 x) e^{2x} + x e^{2x} + x^2 e^{2x}$$

$$\text{Given that } y = 0, \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 \text{ for } x = 0.$$

$$\therefore c_1 = 0 \text{ and } 2c_1 + c_2 = 1$$

$$\therefore c_2 = 1.$$

Hence the required particular solution is

$$y = x e^{2x} + \frac{1}{2} x^2 e^{2x} = \frac{1}{2} x(2 + x) e^{2x}.$$

$$\text{Ex. 11. Solve : } \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 3 \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = e^x \text{ if } y = 3 \text{ and } \frac{dy}{dx} = 3$$

when $x = 0$

The given equation can be written as

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

Let $y = e^{mx}$ be a trial solution of

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

\therefore The auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 - 3m + 2 = 0$$

$$\text{or, } (m - 2)(m - 1) = 0$$

$$\therefore m = 1, 2$$

$$\therefore \text{C.F.} = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{2x}$$

$$\text{Now, P.I.} = \frac{e^x}{D^2 - 3D + 2}$$

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

$$= e^x \frac{1}{D^2 - D}$$

$$= e^x \frac{1}{D(D-1)}$$

$$= e^x \left(\frac{1}{D-1} - \frac{1}{D} \right)$$

$$= e^x \left(\frac{e^{3x}}{D-1} - \int dx \right)$$

$$= e^x \left(\frac{1}{0-1} - x \right)$$

$$= -e^x (1+x)$$

So the general solution is

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

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{2x} - e^x (1+x) - e^x$$

$$\text{Given } y = 3, \frac{dy}{dx} = 3 \text{ when } x = 0$$

$$\therefore 3 = c_1 + c_2 - 1$$

$$\therefore c_1 + c_2 = 4$$

$$\text{and } 3 = c_1 + 2c_2 - 1 - 1$$

$$\therefore c_1 + 2c_2 = 5$$

Solving we get,

$$c_1 = 3, c_2 = 1$$

Thus the required particular solution is

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

$$\therefore y = (2-x)e^x + e^{2x}$$

Ex. 12. Solve : $(D^2 + 9)y = 4 \cos \left(x + \frac{\pi}{3} \right)$, given $y(0) = 0$

$$y \left(\frac{\pi}{6} \right) = 2$$

Let $y = e^{mx}$ be a trial solution of $(D^2 + 9)y = 0$

\therefore The auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 + 9 = 0$$

$$\therefore m = \pm 3i$$

$$\therefore \text{C.F.} = c_1 \cos 3x + c_2 \sin 3x$$

$$\text{Now, P.I.} = \frac{4 \cos \left(x + \frac{\pi}{3} \right)}{D^2 + 9}$$

$$= \frac{4 \cos \left(x + \frac{\pi}{3} \right)}{-1^2 + 9}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cos \left(x + \frac{\pi}{3} \right)$$

So the general solution is

$$y = c_1 \cos 3x + c_2 \sin 3x + \frac{1}{2} \cos \left(x + \frac{\pi}{3} \right)$$

Given $y(0) = 0$

$$\therefore 0 = c_1 + c_2 \cdot 0 + \frac{1}{2} \cos \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\therefore c_1 = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$\text{Also given } y \left(\frac{\pi}{6} \right) = 2$$

$$\therefore 2 = c_1 \cos 3 \cdot \frac{\pi}{6} + c_2 \sin 3 \cdot \frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{1}{2} \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{\pi}{3} \right)$$

$$= c_1 \cdot 0 + c_2 \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 0$$

$$\therefore c_2 = 2$$

Thus the required particular solution is

$$y = -\frac{1}{4} \cos 3x + 2 \sin 3x + \frac{1}{2} \cos \left(x + \frac{\pi}{3} \right)$$