Differential Equations (MAT 231)

Lecture Notes

(Ordinary Linear Differential Equations with constant coefficients)

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Basic Results and Terminology

1. The Operator D

The operator D stands for $\frac{d}{dx}$. In general $D^n = \frac{d^n}{dx^n}$. Hence we have

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = Dy$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = D^2y$$

$$\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} = D^3y$$

and for any positive integer n

$$\frac{d^n y}{dx^n} = D^n y.$$

The following results are true for the operator D.

1.
$$D^m + D^n = D^n + D^m$$

$$2. D^m D^n = D^n D^m$$

3.
$$D(u+v) = Du + Dv$$
 where u and v are functions of x.

4.
$$(D-\alpha)(D-\beta)=(D-\beta)(D-\alpha)$$
 where α and β are constants.

 $D^{-1} = \frac{1}{D}$ stands for integration. In general $D^{-n} = \frac{1}{D^n}$. Hence

$$\frac{1}{D}2x = \int 2xdx$$
$$= x^2$$

and

$$\frac{1}{D^2}x = \int \left(\int x dx\right)$$
$$= \int \left(\frac{x^2}{2}\right) dx$$
$$= \frac{x^3}{6}.$$

In general, F(D) represents a function in the operator D. Some examples for functions of D are given below.

$$F(D) = D^{3} + 3D^{2} - 2D + 1$$

$$\phi(D) = 2D^{2} - 3D + 5 \text{ and }$$

$$\psi(D) = D^{3} + 8$$

We observe that the following results are true for functions involving the operator D:

$$\phi(D)\psi(D) = \psi(D)\phi(D)$$
 and $\phi(kD) = k\phi(D)$.

It is to be remembered that the expression

$$\frac{1}{F(D)}y = \phi(x)$$

implies that

$$y = F(D)\phi(x).$$

The operator D is used conveniently to represent the ODE's. For example,

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

is represented as

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

The following results are useful for further discussions.

Result I:
$$F(D)e^{ax} = e^{ax}F(a)$$

Result II:
$$F(D)(e^{ax}V) = e^{ax}F(D+a)V$$
; where V is a function of x.

Result III:
$$F(D^2)(cosax) = F(-a^2)cosax$$

Result IV:
$$F(D^2)(sinax) = F(-a^2)sinax$$

All these results can be easily verified. For example, let us consider $F(D)e^{ax}$ when $F(D) = 3D^3 + 2D^2 + D + 5$. Then

$$F(D)e^{ax} = (3D^3 + 2D^2 + D + 5) e^{ax}$$

$$= 3D^3 (e^{ax}) + 2D^2 (e^{ax}) + D (e^{ax}) + 5e^{ax}$$

$$= 3a^3 e^{ax} + 2a^2 e^{ax} + ae^{ax} + 5e^{ax}$$

$$= e^{ax} (3a^3 + 2a^2 + a + 5)$$

$$= e^{ax} F(a).$$

Hence in general we have

$$F(D)e^{ax} = e^{ax}F(a)$$
. (Result I)

We will also verify Result II when F(D) is a polynomial of degree 3 in D. Let

$$F(D) = a_3 D^3 + a_2 D^2 + a_1 D + a_0.$$

Then

$$F(D)e^{ax}V = (a_3D^3 + a_2D^2 + a_1D + a_0)e^{ax}V$$

= $a_3D^3(e^{ax}V) + a_2D^2(e^{ax}V) + a_1D(e^{ax}V) + a_0e^{ax}V$

Using Leibniz's Theorem we get

$$D^{3}(e^{ax}V) = a^{3}e^{ax}V + 3a^{2}e^{ax}DV + 3ae^{ax}D^{2}V + e^{ax}D^{3}V$$
$$= e^{ax}(a^{3} + 3a^{2}D + 3aD^{2} + D^{3})V$$
$$= e^{ax}(D + a)^{3}V$$

Similarly we have

$$D^2\left(e^{ax}V\right) = e^{ax}\left(D+a\right)^2V$$

and

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

Hence

$$F(D)e^{ax}V = e^{ax} \left[a_3(D+a)^3 + a_2(D+a)^2 + a_1(D+a) + a_0 \right] V$$

Thus we have

$$F(D)e^{ax}V = e^{ax}F(D+a)V.$$
 (Result II)

Try verifying the other results yourself.

2. Linear Equations with constant coefficients

General form:

$$\frac{d^n y}{dx^n} + a_{n-1} \frac{d^{n-1} y}{dx^{n-1}} + a_{n-2} \frac{d^{n-2} y}{dx^{n-2}} + \dots + a_0 y = \phi(x)$$
 (1)

where $a_{n-1}, a_{n-2}, \ldots, a_0$ are constants and $\phi(x)$ is a function of x. Using the operator D, the above equation can be written as

$$D^{n}y + a_{n-1}D^{n-1}y + \ldots + a_{0}y = \phi(x)$$

That is

$$(D^n + a_{n-1}D^{n-1} + \ldots + a_0) y = \phi(x).$$

or

$$F(D)y = \phi(x) \tag{2}$$

where $F(D) = D^n + a_{n-1}D^{n-1} + \ldots + a_0$.

Case 1: F(D)y=0.

First let us consider the homogeneous differential equation

$$F(D)y = 0 \text{ or } (D^n + a_{n-1}D^{n-1} + \ldots + a_0) y = 0$$
(3)

Our aim is to find the general solution of

$$F(D)y = 0$$

First note that F(D) can be considered as a polynomial in D of degree n. Therefore the equation F(D) = 0 will have n roots, say m_1, m_2, \ldots, m_n . Hence we have

$$F(D) = (D - m_1)(D - m_2) \dots (D - m_n).$$

Thus Equation (3) can be expressed as

$$(D - m_1)(D - m_2) \dots (D - m_n)y = 0. (4)$$

That means any y that satisfies the equation $(D - m_i)y = 0$, for i = 1, 2, ..., n satisfies Equation (3).

In general let us consider the equation

$$(D-m)y = 0$$
 or $\frac{dy}{dx} - my = 0$

This is a first order ODE in variable separable form. Separating the variables and solving, we get $y = ke^{mx}$ where k is a constant. This being the general solution of the equation of the form (D - m)y = 0, we conclude that $y = e^{mx}$ is definitely a solution of Equation (3). Let us therefore put $y = e^{mx}$ in (3). First we note that when $y = e^{mx}$ we have

$$F(D)y = (D^{n} + a_{n-1}D^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n})y$$

$$= (D^{n} + a_{n-1}D^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n})e^{mx}$$

$$= D^{n}(e^{mx}) + a_{n-1}D^{n-1}(e^{mx}) + \dots + a_{0}e^{mx}$$

$$= m^{n}e^{mx} + a_{n-1}m^{n-1}e^{mx} + \dots + a_{0}e^{mx}$$

$$= e^{mx}(m^{n} + a_{n-1}m^{n-1} + \dots + a_{0})$$

Hence F(D)y = 0 implies that

$$e^{mx}(m^n + a_{n-1}m^{n-1} + \ldots + a_0) = 0.$$

From this it follows that $(m^n + a_{n-1}m^{n-1} + \ldots + a_0) = 0$ or

$$F(m) = 0 (5)$$

Now F(m) = 0 being a polynomial in m of degree n, there would be n roots; say m_1, m_2, \ldots, m_n for Equation (5). Using these n roots we will get the general solution of Equation (3). We refer to Equation (5) as the $Auxiliary\ Equation(A.E)$.

Now let us consider the various cases depending upon the nature of the roots of F(m) = 0...

Case 1:All the n roots m_1, m_2, \ldots, m_n are distinct.

In this case $y = e^{m_1 x}, y = e^{m_2 x}, \dots, y = e^{m_n x}$ are n linearly independent solutions of Equation (3). Therefore the general solution of Equation (3) could be written as

$$G.S. = c_1 e^{m_1 x} + c_2 e^{m_2 x} + \ldots + c_n e^{m_n x}.$$

Case 2: Some of the roots m_1, m_2, \ldots, m_n are repeated.

Let us assume that $m_1 = m_2 = m$, say. Then

$$(D - m_1)(D - m_2)y = 0 \Rightarrow (D - m)(D - m)y = 0$$
(6)

Let

$$(D-m)y = v (7)$$

Then Equation (6) can be written as (D - m)v = 0. As we have seen earlier, the general solution of this equation would be

$$v = c_1 e^{mx}.$$

Substituting this value of v in equation (9) we get

$$(D-m)y = c_1 e^{mx} (8)$$

That is

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - my = c_1 e^{mx} \tag{9}$$

This is a first order linear equation with $I.F. = e^{\int -mdx} = e^{-mx}$. Hence its solution is

$$ye^{-mx} = \left[\int c_1 e^{mx} e^{-mx} dx \right] + c_2 = c_1 x + c_2.$$
 (10)

Therefore

$$y = (c_1 x + c_2)e^{mx}. (11)$$

In general if m is a root repeated r times $(r \le n)$ then $y = (c_1 x^{r-1} + c_2 x^{r-2} + \ldots + c_r)e^{mx}$ will be the solution corresponding to these r repeated roots and the required general solution would be

$$y = (c_1 x^{r-1} + c_2 x^{r-2} + \dots + c_r)e^{mx} + c_{r+1} e^{m_{r+1}x} + \dots + c_n e^{m_n x}.$$

Case 3: Some of the roots m_1, m_2, \ldots, m_n are complex.

First we observe that complex roots appear in conjugate pairs. Let $m_1 = \alpha + i\beta$ and $m_2 = \alpha - i\beta$ be a pair of complex roots. Then the solution corresponding to these roots is given by

$$k_1 e^{(\alpha+i\beta)x} + k_2 e^{(\alpha-i\beta)x} = e^{\alpha x} \left(k_1 e^{i\beta x} + k_2 e^{-i\beta x} \right)$$
$$= e^{\alpha x} \left(k_1 (\cos\beta x + i\sin\beta x) + k_2 (\cos\beta x - i\sin\beta x) \right)$$
$$= e^{\alpha x} \left(c_1 \cos\beta x + c_2 \sin\beta x \right)$$

where $c_1 = k_1 + k_2$ and $c_2 = i(k_1 - k_2)$.

Thus the general solution for F(D)y = 0 would be

$$y = e^{\alpha x} (c_1 \cos \beta x + c_2 \sin \beta x) + c_3 e^{m_3 x} + c_4 e^{m_4 x} \dots + c_n e^{m_n x}.$$

Case 2: $F(D)y = \phi(x)$.

To find the general solution of $F(D)y = \phi(x)$ we proceed as follows.

Suppose y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_n are n linearly independent solutions of Equation (3), then their linear combination $c_1y_1 + c_2y_2 + \ldots + c_ky_k$ also is a solution it. Therefore if Equation (3) is of order n, then $u = c_1y_1 + c_2y_2 + \ldots + c_ny_n$ can be considered as a general solution of Equation (3) and hence we get

$$F(D)u = 0. (12)$$

Suppose we are successful in finding a particular integral or particular solution y = v of Equation (2). Then we have

$$F(D)v = \phi(x) \tag{13}$$

so that

$$F(D)(u+v) = F(D)u + F(D)v$$
$$= 0 + \phi(x)$$
$$= \phi(x).$$

That means y = u + v is a general solution of $F(D)y = \phi(x)$ as it contains n arbitrary constants. The solution u is called the *Complementary Function (C.F.)* and the solution v is called a *Particular Integral (P.I.)*.

Hence the General Solution of $F(D)y = \phi(x)$ is of the form

 $General\ Solution = Complementary\ Function + Particular\ Integral.$

Or

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

where C.F. is the solution of F(D)y = 0 and $P.I. = \frac{1}{F(D)}\phi(x)$.

Now let us proceed to find the Particular integral for $F(D)y = \phi(x)$.

Method of finding the Particular Integral (P.I) for $F(D)y = \phi(x)$

First we consider five special cases when $\phi(x)$ is a standard function of x.

Case 1: $\phi(x) = e^{mx}V$ where V is a function of x.

Case $2:\phi(x)=e^{mx}$

Case $3:\phi(x) = cosmx$

Case $4:\phi(x) = sinmx$ and

Case 5: $\phi(x) = x^m$

Case 1: $\phi(x) = e^{mx}V$ where V is a function of x.

First let us recall the Result II pertaining to the operator D that

$$F(D)(e^{mx}V) = e^{mx}F(D+m)V.$$

Therefore by considering $\frac{1}{F(D+m)}V$ in place of V and using Result II we get

$$F(D)\left\{e^{mx}.\left[\frac{1}{F(D+m)}V\right]\right\} = e^{mx}F(D+m)\frac{1}{F(D+m)}V = e^{mx}V.$$

Hence

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{F(D)}e^{mx}V = e^{mx} \cdot \frac{1}{F(D+m)}V} \tag{14}$$

Case 2: $\phi(x) = e^{mx}$.

Result I on operator D is that

$$F(D)e^{mx} = F(m)e^{mx}.$$

Operating with $\frac{1}{F(D)}$ on both sides of the above result we get

$$\frac{1}{F(D)} F(D)e^{mx} = \frac{1}{F(D)} F(m)e^{mx}$$

.

That is,

$$e^{mx} = F(m).\frac{1}{F(D)}e^{mx}$$

or

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{F(D)}e^{mx} = \frac{e^{mx}}{F(m)}} \tag{15}$$

provided $F(m) \neq 0$.

If F(m) = 0, then $F(D) = (D - m)^r \psi(D)$ where $\psi(m) \neq 0$.

Therefore

$$\frac{1}{F(D)}e^{mx} = \frac{1}{(D-m)^r\psi(D)}e^{mx} = \frac{1}{(D-m)^r} \left[\frac{1}{\psi(m)}e^{mx} \right]$$

as $\psi(m) \neq 0$.

Now

$$\begin{split} \frac{1}{(D-m)^r} \left[\frac{1}{\psi(m)} e^{mx} \right] &= \frac{1}{\psi(m)} \cdot \frac{1}{(D-m)^r} \cdot (e^{mx} \cdot 1) \\ &= \frac{1}{\psi(m)} \cdot e^{mx} \cdot \frac{1}{(D+m-m)^r} \cdot 1 \text{ (using Result II)} \\ &= \frac{e^{mx}}{\psi(m)} \cdot \frac{1}{D^r} \cdot 1 \\ &= \frac{e^{mx}}{\psi(m)} \cdot \frac{x^r}{r!} \end{split}$$

That is, when $F(D) = (D - m)^r \psi(D)$ with $\psi(m) \neq 0$,

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{F(D)}e^{mx} = \frac{e^{mx}}{\psi(m)} \cdot \frac{x^r}{r!}}$$
(16)

Cases 3 and 4: $\phi(x) = cosmx$ or $\phi(x) = sinmx$

We know from Result III on operator D that

$$F(D^2)cosmx = F(-m^2)cosmx.$$

As in the above case, operating on both sides of the above result with $\frac{1}{F(D^2)}$ we get

$$\frac{1}{F(D^2)} \cdot F(D^2) cosmx = \frac{1}{F(D^2)} \cdot F(-m^2) cosmx$$
$$= F(-m^2) \cdot \frac{1}{F(D^2)} cosmx$$

so that

$$cosmx = F(-m^2).\frac{1}{F(D^2)}cosmx$$

Hence when $F(-m^2) \neq 0$,

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{F(D^2)}cosmx = \frac{cosmx}{F(-m^2)}} \tag{17}$$

and similarly we can prove that

$$\left| \frac{1}{F(D^2)} sinmx = \frac{sinmx}{F(-m^2)} \right| \tag{18}$$

It is to be noted the above results are applicable only when F(D) is expressed in terms of powers of D^2 . But in general F(D) contains both odd and even powers of D. In such cases we will proceed as follows. Let

$$F(D) = F_1(D) + F_2(D)$$

where $F_1(D)$ consists of even powers of D and $F_2(D)$ consists of odd powers of D. Then we have $F(D) = F_1(D^2) + DF_3(D^2)$. Replacing D^2 by $-m^2$ we get

$$P.I. = \frac{1}{p + qD}$$

where $p = F_1(-a^2) \neq 0$ and $q = F_3(-a^2) \neq 0$.

Now

$$\frac{1}{p+qD}sinmx = \frac{(p-qD)}{(p-qD)(p+qD)}sinmx$$

which can be evaluated.

When $F(-m^2) = 0$ we need to treat the problem in a different way. For the time being we will illustrate two special cases:

$$\frac{1}{D^2 + m^2} sinmx$$

and

$$\frac{1}{D^2 + m^2} cosmx.$$

First let us consider $\frac{1}{D^2 + m^2} sinmx$. Using Euler's formula

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta$$

we observe that

$$e^{imx} = cosmx + isinmx$$

Hence

$$sinmx = Imaginary part of e^{imx}$$

Using this result we find that

$$\frac{1}{D^2 + m^2} sinmx = \frac{1}{(D + im)(D - im)} sinmx$$

$$= \frac{1}{(D + im)(D - im)} Imaginary part of e^{imx}$$

$$= Imaginary part of \frac{1}{(D + im)(D - im)} e^{imx}$$

$$= Imaginary part of \frac{1}{(im + im)} \frac{x}{1!} e^{imx}$$

$$= Imaginary part of \frac{1}{(2im)} x(cosmx + isinmx)$$

$$= Imaginary part of \frac{x}{(2im)} cosmx + \frac{x}{(2im)} isinmx$$

$$= Imaginary part of \frac{x(-i)}{(2im)(-i)} cosmx + \frac{x}{(2m)} sinmx$$

$$= Imaginary part of \frac{(-i)x}{2m} cosmx + \frac{x}{2m} sinmx$$

$$= \left(\frac{-x}{2m}\right) cosmx$$

$$\frac{1}{D^2 + m^2} sinmx = \frac{-x}{2m} cosmx = \frac{x}{2} \int sinmx dx$$
(19)

Similarly we can prove that

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{D^2 + m^2} cosmx = \frac{x}{2m} sinmx = \frac{x}{2} \int cosmx dx}$$
 (20)

Case 5: $\phi(x) = x^m$

We have to evaluate $\frac{1}{F(D)}x^m$. In this case we take out the lowest degree term in D from $F(D \text{ so that we can express } F(D) = \frac{1}{D^k}[1 \pm \psi(D)]^{-1}$. The term $[1 \pm \psi(D)]^{-1}$ could be expanded as a series in terms of D using one of the following results.

1.
$$(1-D)^{-1} = 1 + D + D^2 + D^3 + \dots$$

2.
$$(1+D)^{-1} = 1 - D + D^2 - D^3 + \dots$$

3.
$$(1-D)^{-2} = 1 + 2D + 3D^2 + 4D^3 + \dots$$

4.
$$(1-D)^{-2} = 1 - 2D + 3D^2 - 4D^3 + \dots$$

It is to be remembered that $\frac{1}{D}$ stands for integration and that $D^n x^m = 0$ when n > m.

Let us now summarize the above results to solve linear ODE with constant coefficients $F(D)y = \phi(x)$ as follows.

Working Rule:

Step I: Solve the Auxiliary Equation F(m) = 0 of the given differential equation F(D)y = 0.

Step II: Based on the nature of the roots of the Auxiliary Equation, find the *Complementary Function* (C.F.) using the following rules:

• If all the roots are real and distinct, then

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

• If m is root that is repeated r times, say $m_1 = m_2 = \dots m_r = m$; then

$$C.F. = (c_1 x^{r-1} + c_2 x^{r-2} + \dots + c_r)e^{mx} + c_{r+1}e^{m_{r+1}x} + \dots + c_n e^{m_n x}.$$

• If $\alpha \pm i\beta$ is a pair of complex roots and the remaining roots are m_3, m_4, \ldots, m_n , then

$$C.F. = e^{\alpha x}(c_1 \cos \beta x + c_2 \sin \beta x) + c_3 e^{m_3 x} + c_4 e^{m_4 x} + \dots + c_n e^{m_n x}.$$

Step III: Find the *Particular Integral (P.I.)* using the following rules:

•
$$\left| \frac{1}{F(D)} e^{mx} = \frac{e^{mx}}{F(m)} \right|$$
; where $F(m) \neq 0$.

$$\bullet \left[\frac{1}{F(D)} e^{mx} = \frac{1}{(D-m)^r \psi(D)} e^{mx} = \frac{1}{(D-m)^r} \left[\frac{1}{\psi(m)} e^{mx} \right] \right] \text{; where } m \text{ is a root repeated } r \text{ times and } \psi(m) \neq 0.$$

•
$$\left| \frac{1}{F(D^2)} cosmx = \frac{cosmx}{F(-m^2)} \right|$$
; provided $F(-m^2) \neq 0$

•
$$\left| \frac{1}{F(D^2)} sinmx = \frac{sinmx}{F(-m^2)} \right|$$
; provided $F(-m^2) \neq 0$

$$\bullet \left| \frac{1}{D^2 + m^2} sinmx = \frac{-x}{2m} cosmx = \frac{x}{2} \int sinmx dx \right|$$

$$\bullet \ \ \frac{1}{D^2 + m^2} cosmx = \frac{x}{2m} sinmx = \frac{x}{2} \int cosmx dx$$

$$\bullet \boxed{\frac{1}{F(D)}e^{mx}V = e^{mx} \cdot \frac{1}{F(D+m)}V}$$

- For P.I. $\frac{1}{F(D)}x^m$, expand the term $\frac{1}{F(D)}$ by re-arranging appropriately and using the following results:
 - 1. $(1-D)^{-1} = 1 + D + D^2 + D^3 + \dots$
 - 2. $(1+D)^{-1} = 1 D + D^2 D^3 + \dots$
 - 3. $(1-D)^{-2} = 1 + 2D + 3D^2 + 4D^3 + \dots$
 - 4. $(1-D)^{-2} = 1 2D + 3D^2 4D^3 + \dots$

Step IV: Write the final answer as General Solution=Complementary Equation +Particular Integral. That is

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

General Method to find the Particular Integral

What we have discussed so far are methods to determine particular integrals for standard functions like e^{mx} ; sinmx; cosmx and x^m . The procedure we have followed is more convenient to solve problems where $\phi(x)$ is one of the standard functions mentioned above.

In general, to find the particular integral for any function X of x, we proceed as follows. Remember that our objective is to determine

$$\frac{1}{F(D)}X.$$

First we will evaluate

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

where (D-m) is a factor of F(D).

Let
$$y = \frac{1}{(D-m)}X$$
. Then

$$(D-m)y = X$$
 or,

$$(\frac{d}{dx} - m)y = X$$

That is, $\frac{dy}{dx} - my = X$; which is a linear equation with $I.F. = e^{\int -mdx} = e^{-mx}$

Hence we get
$$y.e^{-mx} = \int X.e^{-mx} dx$$

Thus
$$y = e^{mx} \int X \cdot e^{-mx} dx$$

That is,
$$\frac{1}{(D-m)}X = e^{mx} \int X \cdot e^{-mx} dx$$

Thus we have

$$\left| \frac{1}{(D-m)} X = e^{mx} \int X \cdot e^{-mx} dx \right|. \tag{21}$$

Similarly,

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{(D+m)}X = e^{-mx} \int X \cdot e^{mx} dx}$$
(22)

Note: When

$$\frac{1}{F(D)} = \frac{1}{(D - m_1)(D - m_2)\dots(D - m_n)}$$

we can resolve it into partial fractions so that

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

$$= \left[\frac{A_1}{(D-m_1)} + \frac{A_2}{(D-m_2)} + \dots + \frac{A_n}{(D-m_n)}\right]X$$

$$= \frac{A_1}{(D-m_1)}X + \frac{A_2}{(D-m_2)}X + \dots + \frac{A_n}{(D-m_n)}X$$

$$= A_1e^{m_1x} \int Xe^{-m_1x} + A_2e^{m_2x} \int Xe^{-m_2x} + \dots + A_ne^{m_nx} \int Xe^{-m_nx}.$$

Exercise

Solve the Following:

1.
$$(D^3 - 13D - 12)y = 0$$
.

2.
$$(D^3 + 6D^2 + 11D + 6)y = 0$$

3.
$$(D^3 - 2D^2 - 4D + 8)y = 0$$
.

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

5.
$$(D^2 + 4D + 3)u = e^{-2x}$$
.

6.
$$(2D^3 - 3D^2 + 1)u = e^x + 1$$
.

7.
$$(D^3 + 1)u = 3 + e^{-x} + 5e^{2x}$$
.

8.
$$(2D^2 + 2D + 3)u = x^2 + 2x - 1$$
.

9.
$$(D^2 + D + 1)y = \sin 2x$$
.

10.
$$(D^3 - 3D^2 + 4D - 2)y = e^x + \cos x$$
.

11.
$$(D^3 + 2D^2 + D)y = e^{2x} + x^2 + x$$
.

12.
$$(D^2 - 2D + 1)y = x^3e^{3x}$$
.

13.
$$(D^2 - 7D - 6)y = e^{2x}x^2$$
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14.
$$(D^3 - 2D + 4)y = e^x \cos x$$
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15.
$$(D^3 - 3D^2 - 6D + 8)u = xe^{-3x}$$
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16.
$$(D^4 + 2D^3 - 3D^2)y = x^2 + 3e^{2x} + 4sinx$$
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