

## SOLUTION TO PROBLEM SET 6 FYS3140

### 8.6.6

- Problem to solve:  $y'' + 6y' + 9y = 12e^{-x}$
- Auxiliary equation and its roots:  $r^2 + 6r + 9 = 0 \Rightarrow r = -3$ .
- The two roots are identical. the problem can now be rewritten as

$$(D + 3)(D + 3)y = 12e^{-x} \quad (6.6a)$$

#### *i) Method of successive integration of two first-order equations:*

This method can always be used to solve second order linear equations with constant coefficients. It involves solving successive two first order equations. Let  $u = (D + 3)y$ , then eqn(6.6a) can be solved as

$$\begin{aligned} (D + 3)u &= 12e^{-x} \Rightarrow u' + 3u = 12e^{-x} \\ P(x) &= 3; \quad Q(x) = 12e^{-x} \\ e^I &= e^{\int 3dx} = e^{3x} \\ u &= e^{-I} \left\{ \int e^I Q(x) dx + C \right\} \\ &= e^{-3x} \left\{ \int e^{3x} (12e^{-x}) dx + C \right\} \\ &= e^{-3x} \{ 6e^{2x} + C \} = 6e^{-x} + Ce^{-3x} \end{aligned} \quad (6.6b)$$

Since  $u = (D + 3)y$ , we perform similar integration once more to get the final general solution. Now  $Q(x) = u$  as in eqn(6.6b); and again  $P(x) = 3 \Rightarrow e^I = e^{3x}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} y &= e^{-I} \left\{ \int e^I Q(x) dx + D \right\} \\ &= e^{-3x} \left\{ \int e^{3x} \{ 6e^{-x} + Ce^{-3x} \} dx + D \right\} \\ &= \underline{3e^{-x} + Cxe^{-3x} + De^{-3x}} \end{aligned} \quad (6.6c)$$

eqn(6.6c) is general solution. It contains both the characteristic function and particular solution. We can see from eqn(6.6c) that  $y_c = Cxe^{-3x} + De^{-3x}$  and  $y_p = 3e^{-x}$ ; where  $C$  and  $D$  are arbitrary constants.

#### *ii) Method of undetermined coefficients*

We shall use this method afterwards. It is a method of choice for many practical problems.

- Characteristic function:  $y_c = Cxe^{-3x} + De^{-3x}$ .
- Particular solution: Assume  $y_p = Ae^{-x}$ .

Evaluating eqn(6.6a) for constant  $A$  we get,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{eqn(6.6a): } \quad y_p &= Ae^{-x} & y_p' &= -Ae^{-x} & y_p'' &= Ae^{-x} \\ Ae^{-x} - 6Ae^{-x} + 9Ae^{-x} &= 12e^{-x} \\ \Rightarrow 4Ae^{-x} &= 12e^{-x} \\ \Rightarrow A &= 3 \\ \therefore y_p &= 3e^{-x} \end{aligned}$$

General solution is, therefore,  $y = \underline{y_c + y_p = Cxe^{-3x} + De^{-3x} + 3e^{-x}}$ , which is identical with eqn(6.6c).

### 6.6.12

- Problem to solve:  $(D^2 + 4D + 12)y = 80 \sin 2x$  (8.6.12a)
- We first solve:  $(D^2 + 4D + 12)y = 80e^{i2x}$  (8.6.12b) and take the complex part of the particular solution as solution to the problem.
- Auxiliary equation:  $r^2 + 4r + 12 = 0 \Rightarrow r = -2 \pm i2\sqrt{2}$ .
- Characteristic function:  $y_c = e^{-2x} (Ae^{i2\sqrt{2}x} + Be^{-i2\sqrt{2}x})$
- particular solution: assume  $y_{ep} = Ce^{i2x}$  and evaluate the constant  $C$ . i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{eqn(8.6.12b): } \quad y_{ep} &= Ce^{i2x} & y_{ep}' &= i2Ce^{i2x} & y_{ep}'' &= -4Ce^{i2x} \\ -4Ce^{i2x} + i8Ce^{i2x} + 12Ce^{i2x} &= 80e^{i2x} \\ \Rightarrow 8C(1+i) &= 80 \\ C &= \frac{10}{1+i} = 5(1-i) \\ y_{ep} &= 5(1-i)e^{i2x} \end{aligned}$$

The particular solution for eqn(8.6.12a) is thus the imaginary value of  $y_{ep}$

$$\begin{aligned} y_p = \text{Im}(y_{ep}) &= \frac{y_{ep} - y_{ep}^*}{2i} \\ &= \frac{5(1-i)e^{i2x} - 5(1+i)e^{-i2x}}{2i} = 5(\sin 2x - \cos 2x) \\ \therefore y = y_p + y_c &= \underline{5(\sin 2x - \cos 2x) + e^{-2x} (Ae^{i2\sqrt{2}x} + Be^{-i2\sqrt{2}x})} \end{aligned}$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are arbitrary constants.

### 8.6.23

- Problem to solve:  $y'' + y = 2xe^x$  (8.6.23a)
- Auxiliary equation:  $r^2 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow r = \pm i$
- Characteristic function:  $y_c = A \cos x + B \sin x$

- *Particular solution:* Assume  $y_p = (Ax + B)e^x$  and find  $A$  and  $B$  using eqn(8.6.23a),

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_p &= (Ax + B)e^x; & y_p' &= (Ax + B)e^x + Ae^x; & y_p'' &= (Ax + B)e^x + 2Ae^x \\
 \text{eqn(8.6.23a): } & (Ax + B)e^x + 2Ae^x + (Ax + B)e^x & &= & 2xe^x \\
 & \Rightarrow A + B = 0 & \text{and} & & 2A = 2 \\
 & \Rightarrow A = 1 & \text{and} & & B = -1 \\
 & \therefore y_p &= & & (x - 1)e^x \\
 \Rightarrow y &= y_p + y_c &= & & \underline{(x - 1)e^x + A \cos x + B \sin x}
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are arbitrary constants.

### **8.7.17**

*Problem to solve:*  $x^2y'' + xy' - 16y = 8x^4$

*Change of variable*  $x = e^z$  gives:  $y'' - 16y = 8e^{4z}$  (7.17a)

*Auxiliary equation:*  $r^2 - 16 = 0 \Rightarrow r = \pm 4$

*Characteristic function:*  $y_{zc} = Ae^{4z} + Be^{-4z}$

*Particular solution:* Assume  $y_{zp} = Cze^{4z}$

Solving for constant  $C$  in eqn(7.17a).

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_{zp} &= Cze^{4z} & y_{zp}' &= 4Cze^{4z} + Ce^{4z} & y_{zp}'' &= 16Cze^{4z} + 8Ce^{4z} \\
 \text{eqn(7.17a): } & 16Cze^{4z} + 8Ce^{4z} - 16Cze^{4z} & &= & 8e^{4z} \\
 & \Rightarrow C &= & & 1 \\
 & \therefore y_{zp} &= & & ze^{4z} \\
 y_z &= y_{zp} + y_{zc} &= & & ze^{4z} + Ae^{4z} + Be^{-4z}
 \end{aligned}$$

change of variable  $x = e^z$  gives  $y(x) = y_z(\ln|x|) = \underline{(\ln|x|)x^4 + Ax^4 + Bx^{-4}}$ ,  
where  $A$  and  $B$  are arbitrary constants.

### **8.7.19**

*Problem to solve:*  $x^2y'' - 5xy' + 9y = 2x^3$

*Change of variable*  $x = e^z$  gives:  $y'' - 6y' + 9y = 2e^{3z}$  (7.19a)

*Auxiliary equation:*  $r^2 - 6r + 9 = 0 \Rightarrow r = 3$

*Characteristic function:*  $y_{zc} = Aze^{3z} + Be^{3z}$

*particular solution:* Assume  $y_{zp} = Cz^2e^z$

Solving for constant  $C$  in eqn(7.19a).

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_{zp} &= Cz^2e^{3z} \quad y'_{zp} = 3Cz^2e^{3z} + 2Cze^{3z} & y''_{zp} &= 9Cz^2e^{3z} + 12Cze^{3z} + 2Ce^{3z} \\
 \text{eqn(7.19a): } 9Cz^2e^{3z} + 12Cze^{3z} + 2Ce^{3z} &- 6(3Cz^2e^{3z} + 2Cze^{3z}) + 9Cz^2e^{3z} = 2e^{3z} \\
 &\Rightarrow C = 1 \\
 \therefore y_{zp} &= z^2e^{3z} \\
 y_z = y_{zp} + y_{cp} &= z^2e^{3z} + Ae^{3z} + Be^{3z}
 \end{aligned}$$

change of variable  $x = e^z$  gives  $y(x) = y_z(\ln|x|) = \underline{(\ln|x|)^2x^3 + A(\ln|x|)x^3 + Bx^3}$ ;  
where  $A$  and  $B$  are arbitrary constants.

### **8.7.22**

*Problem to solve:*  $x^2y'' + xy' + y = 2x$

*Change of variable*  $x = e^z$  *gives:*  $y'' + y = 2e^z$  (7.22a)

*Auxiliary equation:*  $r^2 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow r = \pm i$

*Characteristic function:*  $y_{zc} = Ae^{iz} + B^{-iz} = D \cos z + E \sin z$

*Starting guess for particular solution:*  $y_{zp} = Ce^z$

Solving for constant  $C$  in eqn(7.22a).

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_{zp} &= Ce^z \quad y'_{zp} = Ce^z & y''_{zp} &= Ce^z \\
 \text{eqn(7.22a): } Ce^z + Ce^z &= 2e^z \\
 &\Rightarrow C = 1 \\
 \therefore y_{zp} &= e^z \\
 y_z = y_{zp} + y_{cp} &= e^z + D \cos z + E \sin z
 \end{aligned}$$

change of variable  $x = e^z$  gives  $y(x) = y_z(\ln|x|) = \underline{x + D \cos(\ln|x|) + E \sin(\ln|x|)}$ ;  
where  $D$ , and  $E$  are arbitrary constants.