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Ex.  $(y^4 + 4x^3y + 3x)dx + (x^4 + 4xy^3 + y + 1)dy = 0$

Here  $M = y^4 + 4x^3y + 3x$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 4y^3 + 4x^3$$

and  $N = x^4 + 4xy^3 + y + 1$

$$\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = 4x^3 + 4y^3$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$$

The equation is Exact

Soln. becomes,

$$\int (M \text{ keeping } y \text{ as constant}) dx + \int N \text{ terms free from } x dy$$

$$\Rightarrow \int y^4 + 4x^3y + 3x dx + \int y + 1 dy = \text{constant}$$

$$\Rightarrow xy^4 + x^4y + \frac{3}{2}x^2 + \frac{y^2}{2} + y = C.$$

In  $x^4 + 4xy^3 + y + 1$ , terms free from  $x$  are  $y+1$  whose integral with respect to  $y$  is  $\frac{1}{2}y^2 + y$ .

Therefore the general solution is

$$y^4x + x^4y + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{2}y^2 + y = C.$$

**Ex. 2.** Solve  $x(x^2 + y^2 - a^2) dx + y(x^2 - y^2 - b^2) dy = 0$ . [Nag. 63; Poona 61]

**Solution.** Here  $M = x^3 + xy^2 - a^2x$ ,  $N = yx^2 - y^3 - b^2y$ .

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 2xy \text{ and } \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = 2xy.$$

Since these are equal, the equation is exact,

Integrating  $M$  w.r.t.  $x$  keeping  $y$  as constant, we get

$$\frac{1}{2}x^4 + \frac{1}{2}x^2y^2 - \frac{1}{2}a^2x^2.$$

In  $N$ , terms free from  $x$  are  $-y^3 - b^2y$  whose integral is  
 $-\frac{1}{2}y^4 - \frac{1}{2}b^2y^2$ .

Hence the general solution is

$$\frac{1}{2}x^4 + \frac{1}{2}x^2y^2 - \frac{1}{2}a^2x^2 - \frac{1}{2}y^4 - \frac{1}{2}b^2y^2 = \text{const.}$$

or  $x^4 - y^4 + 2x^2y^2 - 2a^2x^2 - 2b^2y^2 = C$ .

**Ex. 3.** Solve  $(x^2 - 2xy + 3y^2) dx + (4y^3 + 6xy - x^2) dy = 0$ . [Delhi Hons. 55]

**Solution.** Here  $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = -2x + 6y$ ,  $\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = 6y - 2x$ .

Since these are equal the equation is exact.

Integrating  $M$ , i.e.  $x^2 - 2xy + 3y^2$  w.r.t.  $x$  keeping  $y$  as constant, we get  $\frac{1}{2}x^3 - x^2y + 3y^2x$ .

In  $N$ , term free from  $x$  is  $+4y^3$  whose integral is  $y^4$ .

Hence the solution is  $\frac{1}{2}x^3 - x^2y + 3y^2x + y^4 = C$ .

**Ex. 4.** Solve  $(x - 2e^y) dy + (y + x \sin x) dx = 0$ . [Gujrat 61]

**Solution.** Here  $M = y + x \sin x$ ,  $N = x - 2e^y$ .

$\therefore \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 1$ ,  $\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = 1$ ; therefore equation is exact.

Integrating  $y + x \sin x$  with respect to  $x$  keeping  $y$  as constant, we get  $xy + \int x \sin x dx = xy - x \cos x + \sin x$ .

In  $N$ , term free from  $x$  is  $-2e^y$  whose integral with respect to  $y$  is  $-2e^y$ .

Hence the complete solution is

$$xy - x \cos x + \sin x - 2e^y = C.$$

**\*Ex. 5. (a)** Solve  $x dx + y dy = \frac{a^2 (x dy - y dx)}{x^2 + y^2}$ .

[Delhi Hons. 62]

**Solution.** The equation can be put as

$$\left( x + \frac{a^2 y}{x^2 + y^2} \right) dx + \left( y - \frac{a^2 x}{x^2 + y^2} \right) dy = 0.$$

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$$(ii) (x^3 - 4xy - 2y^2) dx + (y^2 - 4xy - 2x^2) dy.$$

Ans.  $x^3 + y^3 - 6xy(x+y) = C.$

$$(iii) \cos x (\cos x - \sin a \sin y) dx + \cos y (\cos y - \sin a \sin x) dy = 0.$$

Ans.  $2(x+y) \sin 2x + \sin 2y - 4 \sin a \sin x \sin y = C.$

$$(iv) (2xy + y - \tan y) dx + (x^2 - x \tan^2 y + \sec^2 y) dy = 0.$$

[Poona 1964]

Ans.  $x^2y + xy - x \tan y + \tan y = C.$

$$(v) (2x^2y + 4x^3 - 12xy^2 + 3y^2 - xe^y + e^{2x}) dy$$

$$+ (12x^2y + 2yx^2 + 4x^3 - 4y^3 + 2ye^{2x} - e^y) dx = 0. \quad [\text{Poona 64}]$$

Ans.  $4x^3y + x^2y^2 + x^4 - 4y^3x + ye^{2x} - xe^y + y^3 = C.$

**3.4. Integrating factors.**

If an equation becomes exact after it has been multiplied by a function of  $x$  and  $y$ , then such a function is called an integrating factor

[Karnatak 61]

**3.5. Number of integrating factors.**

To show that there is an infinite number of integrating factors for an equation,

$$M dx + N dy = 0.$$

[Karnatak 61]

To prove this let  $\mu$  be an integrating factor; then

$$\mu(M dx + N dy) = du.$$

Integrating,  $u = c$  is a solution.

Now multiplying both the sides by  $f(u)$ , a function of  $u$ , we get  $\mu f(u) [M dx + N dy] = f(u) du$ .

Expression on the right is directly integrable and therefore so must be the left hand side.

Hence  $\mu f(u)$  is also an integrating factor. Since  $f(u)$  is an arbitrary function of  $u$ , the number of integrating factors is infinite.

**3.6. Integrating factor by inspection.**

Sometimes an integrating factor can be found by inspection. For this the reader should study the following results :-

Group of terms	I.F.	Exact Differential
$x dy - y dx$	$\frac{1}{x^2}$	$\frac{x dy - y dx}{x^2} = d\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$
$x dy - y dx$	$\frac{1}{y^2}$	$\frac{y dx - x dy}{-y^2} = d\left(-\frac{x}{y}\right)$
$x dy - y dx$	$\frac{1}{xy}$	$\frac{dy}{y} - \frac{dx}{x} = d\left(\log \frac{y}{x}\right)$
$x dy - y dx$	$\frac{1}{x^2 + y^2}$	$\frac{x dy - y dx}{x^2 + y^2} = \frac{d\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)}{1 + \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2}$ $= d\left[\tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x}\right]$

## 3.7. Rules for finding the integrating factor.

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$$

**Rule I.** If  $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = f(x)$ , a function of  $x$  only, then  $e^{\int f(x) dx}$  is an integrating factor. [Delhi Hons. 64]

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$$

**Rule II.** If  $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = g(y)$  is a function of  $y$  alone, then  $e^{\int -g(y) dy}$  is an integrating factor.

We give below some examples to illustrate these rules.

**Ex. 1.** Solve  $(x^2 + y^2 + x) dx + xy dy = 0$ .

**Solution.**  $M = x^2 + y^2 + x, N = xy$ .

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 2y, \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = y, \text{ equation is not exact.}$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$$

However,  $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = \frac{2y - y}{xy} = \frac{1}{x}$ , a function of  $x$  alone.

$$\text{Hence I.F.} = e^{\int \frac{1}{x} dx} = e^{\log x} = x.$$

Multiplying by I.F., the equation becomes

$$(x^2 + xy^2 + x^2) dx + x^2y dy = 0, \text{ exact now (check up).}$$

Integrating,  $x^3 + xy^2 + x^2$  with regard to  $x$ , keeping  $y$  as constant, we get  $\frac{1}{4}x^4 + \frac{1}{2}x^2y^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3$

and in  $x^2y^2$  there is no term free from  $x$ . Therefore the solution is

$$\frac{1}{4}x^4 + \frac{1}{2}x^2y^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 = C' \quad \text{or} \quad 3x^4 + 4x^3 + 6x^2y^2 = C.$$

**Ex. 2.** Solve  $(x^2 + y^2 + 1) dx - 2xy dy = 0$ .

**Solution.**  $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 2y, \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = -2y, \text{ not exact.}$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$$

However,  $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = \frac{2x + 2y}{-2xy} = -\frac{1}{x}$  function of  $x$  alone.

$$\therefore \text{I.F.} = e^{-\int \frac{1}{x} dx} = e^{-\log x} = \frac{1}{x}.$$

Multiplying by  $\frac{1}{x^2}$  the equation becomes

$$\left(1 + \frac{y^2}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) dx - \frac{2y}{x} dy = 0, \text{ exact now.}$$

Integrating,  $1 + \frac{y^2}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x^2}$  with regard to  $x$  keeping  $y$  as constant,

$$\text{we get } x - \frac{y^2}{x} - \frac{1}{x}$$

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Therefore the solution is  $yx + \frac{2}{y^3}x^3 + y^2 = C$ .

**Ex. 9.** Solve  $(3x^2)^4 + 2xy) dx + (2x^3y^3 - x^2) dy = 0$ .

[Cal. Hons. 54, 53]

**Solution.** Here  $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 12x^3y^3 + 2x$ ,  $\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = 6x^2y^3 - 2x$ .

$$\text{Now } \frac{\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}}{M} = \frac{6x^2y^3 - 4x}{y(3x^2y^3 + 2x)} = \frac{2}{y} \text{ function of } y \text{ alone.}$$

$$\therefore \text{I.F.} = e^{\int -\frac{2}{y} dy} = e^{-2 \log y} = \frac{1}{y^2}.$$

Multiplying by  $\frac{1}{y^2}$ , the equation becomes

$$\left(3x^2y^2 + \frac{2x}{y}\right) dx + \left(2x^3y - \frac{x^2}{y^2}\right) dy = 0, \text{ exact now.}$$

Integrating  $3x^2y^2 + \frac{2x}{y}$  w.r.t.  $x$  keeping  $y$  as constant, we get

$$x^3y^2 + \frac{x^2}{y}$$

In  $2x^3y - \frac{x^2}{y^2}$ , there is no term free from  $x$ .

Hence the solution is  $x^3y^2 + \frac{x^2}{y} = C$

or  $x^3y^3 + x^2 = Cy$ .

**Ex. 10.**  $(2x^4e^y + 2xy^3 + y) dx + (x^2y^4e^y - x^2y^2 - 3x) dy = 0$ .

**Solution.** We have  $\frac{1}{M} \left( \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{4}{y}$ .  $\therefore$  I.F. =  $\frac{1}{y^4}$ .

**Solution is**  $x^2e^y + \frac{x^2}{y^3} + \frac{x}{y^5} = C$ .

## 3.8. Rule III.

and If  $M dx + N dy = 0$  is homogeneous and  $Mx + Ny \neq 0$ ,

then  $\frac{1}{Mx + Ny}$  is an integrating factor.

## Rule IV.

[Delhi Hons. 61]

If the equation can be written in the form  
 $yf(xy) dx + xg(xy) dy = 0$ ,  $f(xy) \neq g(xy)$ ,

then  $\frac{1}{xy[f(xy) - g(xy)]} = \frac{1}{Mx - Ny}$  is an integrating factor.

**Ex. 1.** Solve  $x^2y dx - (x^3 + y^3) dy = 0$ .

**Solution.** The equation is homogeneous and

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# Linear Differential Equations with Constant Coefficients

## 5.1. Linear Differential Equation

A differential equation of the form

$$\frac{d^n y}{dx^n} + P_1 \frac{d^{n-1} y}{dx^{n-1}} + P_2 \frac{d^{n-2} y}{dx^{n-2}} + \dots + P_n y = X$$

where  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n$ , and  $X$  are functions of  $x$  or constants, is called a linear differential equation of  $n^{\text{th}}$  order.

And if  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n$  are all constants (not functions of  $x$ ) and  $X$  is some function of  $x$ , then the equation is a linear differential equation with constant coefficients.

## 5.2. The Operator $D$ . It is usual to write

$$D \text{ for } \frac{d}{dx}, D^2 \text{ for } \frac{d^2}{dx^2}, \dots, D^n \text{ for } \frac{d^n}{dx^n}.$$

And in terms of the operator  $D$  the differential equation (1) can be written as  $[D^n + P_1 D^{n-1} + P_2 D^{n-2} + \dots + P_n] y = X$ .

Note. It can be proved that  $D$  can be treated as an algebraic quantity in several respects.

5.3. A Theorem. If  $y=y_1, y=y_2, \dots, y=y_n$  are linearly independent solutions of

$$(D^n + a_1 D^{n-1} + a_2 D^{n-2} + \dots + a_n) y = 0, \quad \dots(1)$$

then  $y=C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2 + \dots + C_n y_n$  is the general or complete solution of the differential equation, where  $C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n$  are  $n$  arbitrary constants.

Let us denote the given equation (1) by  $f(D) y = 0$ , where  $f(D) = D^n + a_1 D^{n-1} + a_2 D^{n-2} + \dots + a_n$ .

Since  $y=y_1, y=y_2, \dots, y=y_n$  are solutions of the equation,

$$\therefore f(D) y_1 = 0, f(D) y_2 = 0, \dots, f(D) y_n = 0. \quad \dots(2)$$

Now putting  $y=C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2 + \dots + C_n y_n$  in (1), we have

$$D^n (C_1 y_1 + \dots + C_n y_n) + a_1 D^{n-1} (C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2 + \dots + C_n y_n) + \dots + a_n (C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2 + \dots + C_n y_n) = 0$$

$$\text{or } C_1 (D^n y_1 + a_1 D^{n-1} y_1 + \dots + a_n) + C_2 (D^n y_2 + a_1 D^{n-1} y_2 + \dots + a_n) + \dots + C_n (D^n y_n + a_1 D^{n-1} y_n + \dots + a_n) = 0$$

$$\text{or } C_1 f(D) y_1 + C_2 f(D) y_2 + \dots + C_n f(D) y_n = 0$$

$$\text{or } C_1 \cdot 0 + C_2 \cdot 0 + \dots + C_n \cdot 0 = 0 \text{ by (2).}$$

Since (1) is satisfied by  $y = C_1y_1 + C_2y_2 + \dots + C_ny_n$ , it is a solution of (1). Also since it contains  $n$  arbitrary constants, it is the general or complete solution of the equation.

**5.4. Auxiliary Equation.** Consider the differential equation

$$(D^n + a_1D^{n-1} + a_2D^{n-2} + \dots + a_n)y = 0 \quad \dots(1)$$

where  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  are all constants.

Let  $y = e^{mx}$  be a solution of this equation. Then putting

$$y = e^{mx}, Dy = me^{mx}, D^2y = m^2e^{mx}, \dots, D^n y = m^n e^{mx},$$

the equation becomes

$$(m^n + a_1m^{n-1} + a_2m^{n-2} + \dots + a_n)e^{mx} = 0.$$

Hence  $e^{mx}$  will be a solution of (1) if  $m$  is a root of the algebraic equation

$$m^n + a_1m^{n-1} + a_2m^{n-2} + \dots + a_n = 0 \quad \dots(2)$$

This equation in  $m$  is called the *Auxiliary equation*.

**Note** It is observed that the auxiliary equation  $f(m) = 0$  gives the same values of  $m$  as the equation  $f(D) = 0$  gives of  $D$ .

Hence  $f(D) = 0$ , i.e.,  $D^n + a_1D^{n-1} + \dots + a_n = 0$  can in general be regarded as the auxiliary equation.

Therefore in practice we do not replace  $D$  by  $m$  to form the auxiliary equation. The equation in  $D$  may be regarded as auxiliary equation.

**5.5. Solution of equation (1) of the above article.**

[Gujrat B.Sc. (Prin.) 58; Gujarat B.Sc. (Subsi.) 65]

**Case I.** When all the roots of auxiliary equation are real and different.

If  $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n$  be the  $n$  different roots of (2), then  $y = e^{m_1x}, y = e^{m_2x}, \dots, y = e^{m_nx}$  are all independent solutions of (1). Therefore the general solution of (1) is

$$y = C_1e^{m_1x} + C_2e^{m_2x} + C_3e^{m_3x} + \dots + C_ne^{m_nx}.$$

$$\text{Ex. 1. Solve } \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} - 13\frac{dy}{dx} - 12y = 0.$$

**Solution** Equation is  $(D^3 - 13D - 12)y = 0$ .

The auxiliary equation is  $(D^3 - 13D - 12) = 0$ ,

$$\text{i.e., } (D+1)(D+3)(D-4) = 0, D = -1, -3, 4$$

Hence the complete solution is

$$y = C_1e^{-x} + C_2e^{-3x} + C_3e^{4x}.$$

$$\text{Ex. 2. Solve } (D^3 + 6D^2 + 11D + 6)y = 0. \quad [\text{Delhi Pass 67}]$$

**Solution** A.E. is  $(D+1)(D+2)(D+3) = 0, D = -1, -2, -3$ .

The complete solution is

$$y = C_1e^{-x} + C_2e^{-2x} + C_3e^{-3x}.$$

**5.6. Case II. Auxiliary equation having equal roots.**

[Gujrat B.Sc. (Prin.) 59; Poona T.D.C. 61 (S)]

$$\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} + 6\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 11\frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = 0$$

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

Let  $y = e^{mx}$ , then  $\frac{dy}{dx} = me^{mx}$ ,  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = m^2e^{mx}$ ,  $\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} = m^3e^{mx}$ ,

The equation becomes

$$(m^3 + 6m^2 + 11m + 6)e^{mx} = 0$$

Auxiliary equation is

$$(m^3 + 6m^2 + 11m + 6) = 0$$

Roots are  $m_1 = -1$ ,  $m_2 = -2$ ,  $m_3 = -3$

The complete solution is

$$y = c_1 e^{-x} + c_2 e^{-2x} + c_3 e^{-3x}$$

We have shown in case I § 5.5, that when  $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n$  are all different, the general solution is

$$y = C_1 e^{m_1 x} + C_2 e^{m_2 x} + \dots + C_n e^{m_n x}.$$

But if  $m_1 = m_2$  (two roots equal) then this becomes

$$y = (C_1 + C_2)x e^{m_1 x} + C_3 e^{m_2 x} + \dots + C_n e^{m_n x},$$

which clearly contains only  $n-1$  arbitrary constants (since  $C_1 + C_2$  is equivalent to only one arbitrary constant)

Therefore this is no longer a general solution.

Consider an equation  $(D - m_1)^2 y = 0$ , a differential equation of second order having both the roots equal.

Put  $(D - m_1) v = y$ ; then (1) becomes

$$(D - m_1) v = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{dv}{dx} = m_1 v,$$

Separating the variables,  $\frac{dv}{v} = m_1 dx$ .

Integrating,  $\log v = \log C + m_1 x$ , or  $v = C e^{m_1 x}$  (A.E.)  
or  $(D - m_1) y = C e^{m_1 x}$  as  $v = (D - m_1) y$   
or  $\frac{dy}{dx} - m_1 y = C e^{m_1 x}$  which is a linear equation of the first order, its L.F.  $\equiv e^{-m_1 x}$

$$ye^{-m_1 x} = \int C e^{m_1 x} e^{-m_1 x} dx + C_2$$

$$\text{or } y = (C_1 + C_2) e^{m_1 x}.$$

Therefore the most general solution of

$(D^n + a_1 D^{n-1} + a_2 D^{n-2} + \dots + a_n) y = 0$ , when two roots of A.E. are equal, is

$$y = (C_1 + C_2 x) e^{m_1 x} + C_3 e^{m_2 x} + \dots + C_n e^{m_n x}.$$

**Cor.** In case three roots are equal, i.e.,  $m_1 = m_2 = m_3$ , the general solution is

$$y = (C_1 + C_2 x + C_3 x^2) e^{m_1 x} + C_4 e^{m_2 x} + \dots + C_n e^{m_n x}.$$

$$\text{Ex. 1. Solve } \frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} - \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} - 9 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 11 \frac{dy}{dx} - 4y = 0.$$

**Solution.** A.E. is  $D^4 - D^3 - 9D^2 - 11D - 4 = 0$ , i.e.,  $(D+1)^3(D-4) = 0$ ,  $D = -1, -1, -1, 4$ .

Hence the general solution is

$$y = (C_1 + C_2 x + C_3 x^2) e^{-x} + C_4 e^{4x}.$$

$$\text{Ex. 2. Solve } (D^2 - 2D^2 - 4D + 8) y = 0.$$

(Delhi Pass 1968)

**Solution.** Auxiliary equation is

$$D^4 - 2D^2 - 4D + 8 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad (D+2)(D-2)^2 = 0,$$

$$D = -2, 2, 2.$$

$$\therefore y = (C_1 + C_2 x) e^{2x} + C_3 e^{-2x}.$$

$$y = (C_1 + C_2 x) e^{2x} + C_3 e^{-2x}$$

### 5.7 Case III. Auxiliary equation having imaginary roots.

Let  $\alpha \pm i\beta$  be the imaginary roots of an equation of second order (since imaginary roots occur in pairs).

Then its general solution is  $y = C_1 e^{(\alpha+i\beta)x} + C_2 e^{(\alpha-i\beta)x}$

$$y = C_1 e^{(\alpha+i\beta)x} + C_2 e^{(\alpha-i\beta)x}$$

$$= e^{\alpha x} [C_1 e^{i\beta x} + C_2 e^{-i\beta x}]$$

$$= e^{\alpha x} [C_1 (\cos \beta x + i \sin \beta x) + C_2 (\cos \beta x - i \sin \beta x)]$$

$$= e^{\alpha x} [(C_1 + C_2) \cos \beta x + (C_1 - C_2) i \sin \beta x]$$

$$= e^{\alpha x} [A \cos \beta x + B \sin \beta x].$$

Note. The above result after suitably adjusting constants may also be written as

$$y = e^{\alpha x} A \cos (\beta x + B) \quad \text{or} \quad y = e^{\alpha x} A \sin (\beta x + B).$$

**Imaginary roots repeated.** If auxiliary equation has two equal pairs of imaginary roots, i.e., if  $\alpha + i\beta$  and  $\alpha - i\beta$  occur twice, then general solution is obtained as

$$y = e^{\alpha x} [C_1 + C_2 x] \cos \beta x + (C_3 + C_4 x) \sin \beta x].$$

**Cor.** If a pair of roots of the auxiliary equation occur in the form of quadratic surd  $\alpha \pm \sqrt{\beta}$ , where  $\beta$  is +ive, then the corresponding term in the solution may be written as

$$e^{\alpha x} [C_1 \cosh x\sqrt{\beta} + C_2 \sinh x\sqrt{\beta}]$$

$$\text{or } C_1 e^{\alpha x} \cosh (x\sqrt{\beta} + C_2) \quad \text{or} \quad C_1 e^{\alpha x} \sinh (x\sqrt{\beta} + C_2).$$

**Ex. 1.** Solve  $(D^4 + 5D^2 + 6)y = 0$ . (Karnatak M. A. 61)

**Solution** Auxiliary equation is  $(D^4 + 5D^2 + 6) = 0$ ,

$$\text{i.e., } (D^2 + 3)(D^2 + 2) = 0 \quad \therefore D = \pm \sqrt{3}i, \pm \sqrt{2}i.$$

Hence the complete solution is

$$y = C_1 \cos \sqrt{3}x + C_2 \sin \sqrt{3}x + C_3 \cos \sqrt{2}x + C_4 \sin \sqrt{2}x.$$

**Ex. 2.** Solve  $(D^4 - D^3 - D + 1)x = 0$ . (Gujrat 58)

**Solution.** Auxiliary equation is  $D^4 - D^3 - D + 1 = 0$

$$\text{or } (D^3 - 1)(D - 1) = 0 \quad \text{or } (D - 1)^2(D^2 + D + 1) = 0$$

$$\text{or } D = 1, 1 - \frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i.$$

Hence the complete solution is

$$y = (C_1 + C_2 x)e^x + e^{-x/2} \left[ C_3 \cos \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x + C_4 \sin \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x \right].$$

**Ex. 3.** Solve the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + a \frac{dy}{dx} + by = 0,$$

a, b being constants.

**Solution.** Proceed yourself.

### 5.8 Synopsis of the forms of solutions

To solve an equation of the form

$$(D^n + a_1 D^{n-1} + a_2 D^{n-2} + \dots + a_n)y = 0:$$

(Delhi Hous. 66)

1. Find the roots of the auxiliary equation, viz.  
 $D^n + a_1 D^{n-1} + a_2 D^{n-2} + \dots + a_n = 0$ .
2. Put the General Solution as follows :

Roots of Auxi. Equation	Complete Solution
<b>Case I</b> All roots $m_1, m_2, m_3, \dots, m_n$ real and different.	$y = C_1 e^{m_1 x} + C_2 e^{m_2 x} + \dots + C_n e^{m_n x}$
<b>Case II</b> $m_1 = m_2$ but other roots real and different.	$y = (C_1 + C_2 x) e^{m_1 x} + C_3 e^{m_3 x} + \dots + C_n e^{m_n x}$
<b>Case III (Imag. Roots)</b>	
1. $\alpha \pm i\beta$ , a pair of imaginary roots.	Corresponding part of the general solution is $e^{\alpha x} (C_1 \cos \beta x + C_2 \sin \beta x)$ or $C_1 e^{\alpha x} \cos (\beta x + C_2)$ or $C_1 e^{\alpha x} \sin (\beta x + C_2)$ .
2. $(\alpha \pm i\beta), (\alpha \pm i\beta)$ repeated twice.	Corresponding part of general solution is $y = e^{\alpha x} [(C_1 + C_2 x) \cos \beta x + (C_3 + C_4 x) \sin \beta x]$ .

**Ex. 1.** Solve  $\frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} - a^4 y = 0$ .

**Solution.** The auxiliary equation is  $(D^4 - a^4) = 0$

or       $(D^2 - a^2)(D^2 + a^2) = 0, D = \pm a, \pm ai$ .

$\therefore$  solution is  $y = C_1 e^{ax} + C_2 e^{-ax} + (C_3 \cos ax + C_4 \sin ax)$ .

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

[Agra B. Sc. 55]

**Solution.** Auxiliary equation is  $D^4 + m^4 = 0$

or       $(D^2 + m^2)^2 - 2m^2 D^2 = 0$

or       $(D^2 - \sqrt{2m}D + m^2)(D^2 + \sqrt{2m}D + m^2) = 0$ .

When  $D^2 - \sqrt{2m}D + m^2 = 0, D = \frac{m \pm mi}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

When  $D^2 + \sqrt{2m}D + m^2 = 0, D = \frac{-m \pm mi}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

i.e., roots of auxiliary equation are  $\frac{m}{\sqrt{2}} \pm \frac{m}{\sqrt{2}} i, -\frac{m}{\sqrt{2}} \pm \frac{m}{\sqrt{2}} i$ .

Hence the general solution is

$$y = e^{(m/\sqrt{2})x} C_1 \cos\left(\frac{m}{\sqrt{2}}x + C_2\right) + e^{(-m/\sqrt{2})x} C_3 \cos\left(\frac{m}{\sqrt{2}}x + C_4\right).$$

5.9. General solution of  $(D^n + a_1 D^{n-1} + \dots + a_n) y = X$ . ... (1)

[Bombay 61 : Gujarat 52]

To show that if  $y = Y$  is a complete solution of

$$(D^n + a_1 D^{n-1} + \dots + a_n) y = 0 \quad \dots (2)$$

and  $y = u$  is a particular solution of (1); then  $y = Y + u$  is a general solution of (1). [Nagpur B.Sc. 55 (S)]

Since  $y = Y$  is a solution of (2), we have

$$(D^n + a_1 D^{n-1} + \dots + a_n) (Y) = 0. \quad \dots (3)$$

Also since  $y = u$  is a solution of (1), we have

$$(D^n + a_1 D^{n-1} + \dots + a_n) u = X. \quad \dots (4)$$

Adding (3) and (4), we have

$$(D^n + a_1 D^{n-1} + \dots + a_n) (Y + u) = X.$$

This shows that  $y = Y + u$  is a solution of (1). Now  $Y$  being a general solution of (2) contains  $n$  arbitrary constants and as such  $Y + u$  also contains  $n$  arbitrary constants. Therefore  $y = Y + u$  is a general solution of (1).

**Note 1.** In the general solution  $y = Y + u$  of the equation (1),  $Y$  is called the Complementary Function (C.F.) and  $u$  is called the Particular Integral (P. I.) and thus

**The General Solution = C.F. + P.I.**

**2.** The solution  $Y$  of (2) can be determined by the methods discussed above. The problem is now to find the particular integral  $u$  of (1). We give below certain methods of finding  $u$ .

**Ex.** Define the Complementary Function and Particular Integral for the linear differential equation with constant coefficients  $f(D)y = X$ . [Karnatak 62]

5.10. Meaning of the symbol  $\frac{1}{f(D)}$ .

**Def.**  $\frac{1}{f(D)} X$  is that function of  $x$ , free from arbitrary constants, which when operated by  $f(D)$  gives  $X$ .

Thus  $f(D) \cdot \frac{1}{f(D)} X = X$ .

Therefore  $f(D)$  and  $\frac{1}{f(D)}$  are inverse operators (i.e. they cancel each other's effect on the function on which they operate)

Thus the symbol  $\frac{1}{D}$  stands for integration.

5.11.  $\frac{1}{f(D)} X$  is the particular integral of  $f(D) y = X$ .

Clearly  $\frac{1}{f(D)} X$  will be solution of (1) if it satisfies (1).

So putting  $\frac{1}{f(D)} X$  for  $y$  in (1), we get

$f(D) \frac{1}{f(D)} X = X$  i.e.,  $X = X$ , which is true.

It means that  $\frac{1}{f(D)} X$  is a particular solution of (1).

Therefore to find the particular solution of  $f(D) y = X$ , we should find the value of  $\frac{1}{f(D)} X$ .

Note. We know that in solving  $f(D) y = 0$ ,  $f(D) = 0$  forms the auxiliary equation, which can be resolved into linear factors (real or imaginary). Therefore  $\frac{1}{f(D)}$  can be resolved into partial

fractions. The partial fractions will be of the form  $\frac{1}{D-\alpha}$  where  $\alpha$  is real or imaginary.

5.12. To show that  $\frac{1}{D-\alpha} X = e^{\alpha x} \cdot \frac{1}{D} (e^{-\alpha x} X)$ .

Suppose  $y = \frac{1}{D-\alpha} X$ ; then  $(D-\alpha) y = X$ .

or  $\frac{dy}{dx} - \alpha y = X$ ; this is linear in  $y$ , as  $D \equiv \frac{d}{dx}$ .

$\therefore$  Integrating factor  $= e^{\int P dx} = e^{\int -\alpha dx} = e^{-\alpha x}$

and the solution is  $ye^{-\alpha x} = \int e^{-\alpha x} X dx$ .

(constant is not added as it is the particular solution)

or  $y = e^{\alpha x} \int e^{-\alpha x} X dx$

$= e^{\alpha x} \frac{1}{D} (Xe^{-\alpha x})$  as  $\frac{1}{D} \equiv \text{integration}$ .

5.13. Working rule for finding the Particular integral of  $f(D) y = X$ .

Let  $f(D) = (D-\alpha_1)(D+\alpha_2)\dots(D-\alpha_n)$ .

Then resolving into partial fraction, we get

$$\frac{1}{f(D)} = \frac{A_1}{D-\alpha_1} + \frac{A_2}{D-\alpha_2} + \dots + \frac{A_n}{D-\alpha_n} \text{ say.}$$

Now particular integral

$$= \frac{1}{f(D)} X = \left\{ \frac{A_1}{D-\alpha_1} + \frac{A_2}{D-\alpha_2} + \dots + \frac{A_n}{D-\alpha_n} \right\} X$$

$$= A_1 \frac{1}{D-\alpha_1} X + A_2 \frac{1}{D-\alpha_2} X + \dots + A_n \frac{1}{D-\alpha_n} X$$

$$= A_1 e^{\alpha_1 x} \int e^{-\alpha_1 x} X dx + A_2 e^{\alpha_2 x} \int e^{-\alpha_2 x} X dx + \dots$$

$$+ A_n e^{\alpha_n x} \int e^{-\alpha_n x} X dx.$$

which can in general be evaluated and thus the particular integral can be found.

## **Particular Integral in some special cases.**

### 5.14. Particular Integral when $X = e^{ax}$

[Nagpur 61; Poona 61; Karnatak 61;  
Gujrat 59; Bombay 61]

By successive differentiation, we find that

$$e^{\alpha x} = e^{\alpha x}, \quad \dots(1)$$

$$De^{\alpha x} = ae^{\alpha x} \quad \dots(2)$$

$$D^2 e^{ax} = a^2 e^{ax}, \quad \dots (3)$$

.....  
.....

$$D^n e^{ax} = a^n e^{ax}, \quad \dots (n)$$

If  $f(D) = (D^n + a_1 D^{n-1} + a_2 D^{n-2} + \dots + a_{n-1} D + a_n)$ , then multiplying (1), (2), (3).....(n) by  $a_n, a_{n-1}, \dots, 1$  respectively and adding, we obtain

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

Now operating on both the sides by  $\frac{1}{f(D)}$ ,

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

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

dividing by  $f(a) \neq 0$

Therefore  $\frac{1}{f(D)} e^{ax} = \frac{1}{f(a)} e^{ax}$ , provided that  $f(a) \neq 0$ .

**Ex. 1.** Solve  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2k \frac{dy}{dx} + k^2y = 0$ .

[Nagpur 1957]

**Solution.** Auxiliary equation is  $D^2 - 2kD + k^2 = 0$ .

$$\text{i.e., } (D-k)^2=0 \quad \text{or} \quad D=k, k.$$

5.11.  $\frac{1}{f(D)}X$  is the particular integral of  $f(D)y = X$

5.14.  $\frac{1}{f(D)}e^{ax} = \frac{1}{f(a)}e^{ax}$  Provided that  $f(a) \neq 0$

Ex.  $(D^2 - 2kD + k^2)y = e^x$

Auxiliary equation is

$$(m^2 - 2km + k^2) = 0$$

Roots are  $m_1 = k, m_2 = k$

$$CF = (c_1 + c_2 x)e^{kx}$$

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

Hence the general solution is

$$y = (c_1 + c_2 x)e^{kx} + \frac{1}{(1-k)^2} e^x, \quad k \neq 1$$

5.15.  $\frac{1}{f(D^2)} \sin ax = \frac{1}{f(-a^2)} \sin ax \quad \text{if } f(-a^2) \neq 0$

Similarly:  $\frac{1}{f(D^2)} \cos ax = \frac{1}{f(-a^2)} \cos ax \quad \text{if } f(-a^2) \neq 0$

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

Auxiliary equation is

$$(m^2 + m + 1) = 0$$

Roots are  $m = -\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2}i\sqrt{3}$

$$CF = e^{\frac{1}{2}x} c_1 \cos(\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}x + c_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P.I &= \frac{1}{D^2 + D + 1} \sin 2x = \frac{1}{-4 + D + 1} \sin 2x = \frac{1}{(D - 3)} \sin 2x \\ &= \frac{D + 3}{D^2 - 9} \sin 2x = -\frac{1}{13} (2 \cos 2x + 3 \sin 2x) \end{aligned}$$

Hence the general solution is

$$y = C.F + P.I$$