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**Problem 1**

Solve the following homogeneous linear differential equations with constant coefficient.

(a)  $(D^4 + 6D^3 + 15D^2 + 20D + 12)y = 0$

**Solution:**

The auxiliary equation of the differential equation is  $m^4 + 6m^3 + 15m^2 + 20m + 12 = 0$ .

Its roots are  $-2, -2, 1 \pm i\sqrt{2}$ .

So the general solution is  $y = c_1 e^{-2x} + c_2 x e^{-2x} + c_3 e^x \cos \sqrt{2}x + c_4 e^x \sin \sqrt{2}x$

(b)  $(D^3 - 27)y = 0$

**Solution:**

The auxiliary equation of the differential equation is  $m^3 - 27 = 0$ .

Its roots are  $3, -\frac{3}{2} \pm i\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$ .

So the general solution is  $y = c_1 e^{3x} + c_2 e^{-3x/2} \cos \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} + c_3 e^{-3x/2} \sin \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$

**Problem 2**

Solve the differential equations by method of Undetermine Coefficient-Superposition Approach.

(a)  $(D^2 - 7D + 12)y = e^{2x}(x^3 - 5x^2)$

**Solution:**

Let's compose the characteristic equation  $a_0 \lambda^n + a_1 \lambda^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1} \lambda + a_n = 0$ :

$$\lambda^2 - 7\lambda + 12 = 0 \rightarrow (\lambda - 4)(\lambda - 3) = 0$$

$$\bar{y} = C e^{4x} + C_1 e^{3x}$$

Method of undefined coefficients search for a particular solution

Particular solution for  $(x^3 - 5x^2) e^{2x}$  :

$$\alpha + \beta i = 2 \rightarrow s = 0$$

$$y_0 = (Ax^3 + Bx^2 + Cx + D) e^{2x} \quad \text{[1]}$$

Calculate derivatives:

$$y'_0 = (2Ax^3 + (2B + 3A)x^2 + (2C + 2B)x + 2D + C) e^{2x}$$

$$y''_0 = (4Ax^3 + (4B + 12A)x^2 + (4C + 8B + 6A)x + 4D + 4C + 2B) e^{2x}$$

Substitute in original equation:

$$2Ax^3 e^{2x} + (2B - 9A)x^2 e^{2x} + (2C - 6B + 6A)x e^{2x} + (2D - 3C + 2B) e^{2x} = (x^3 - 5x^2) e^{2x}$$

Find coefficients:

$$\begin{cases} 2B - 9A = -5 \\ 2A = 1 \\ 2C - 6B + 6A = 0 \\ 2D - 3C + 2B = 0 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} A = \frac{1}{2} \\ B = -\frac{4}{9} \\ C = -\frac{4}{25} \\ D = -\frac{8}{8} \end{cases}$$

Substitute in [1]:

$$y_0 = \left( \frac{x^3}{2} - \frac{x^2}{4} - \frac{9x}{4} - \frac{25}{8} \right) e^{2x}$$

$$y = C e^{4x} + C_1 e^{3x} + \left( \frac{x^3}{2} - \frac{x^2}{4} - \frac{9x}{4} - \frac{25}{8} \right) e^{2x}$$

(b)  $y'' + y' - 2y = x^2 + 2 \sin x - e^{3x}$

**Solution:**

Let's compose the characteristic equation  $a_0 \lambda^n + a_1 \lambda^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1} \lambda + a_n = 0$ :

$$\lambda^2 + \lambda - 2 = 0 \rightarrow (\lambda - 1) (\lambda + 2) = 0$$

$$\bar{y} = C e^x + \frac{C_1}{e^{2x}}$$

Method of undefined coefficients search for a particular solution

Particular solution for  $x^2$  :

$$\alpha + \beta i = 0 \rightarrow s = 0$$

$$y_0 = A x^2 + B x + C \quad \{1\}$$

Calculate derivatives:

$$y'_0 = 2 A x + B$$

$$y''_0 = 2 A$$

Substitute in original equation:

$$-2 A x^2 + (2 A - 2 B) x - 2 C + B + 2 A = x^2$$

Find coefficients:

$$\begin{cases} -2 A = 1 \\ 2 A - 2 B = 0 \\ -2 C + B + 2 A = 0 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} A = -\frac{1}{2} \\ B = -\frac{1}{2} \\ C = -\frac{3}{4} \end{cases}$$

Substitute in {1} :

$$y_0 = -\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x}{2} - \frac{3}{4}$$

Particular solution for  $-e^{3x}$  :

$$\alpha + \beta i = 3 \rightarrow s = 0$$

$$y_1 = A e^{3x} \quad \downarrow \{2\}$$

Calculate derivatives:

$$y_1' = 3 A e^{3x}$$

$$y_1'' = 9 A e^{3x}$$

Substitute in original equation:

$$10 A e^{3x} = -e^{3x}$$

Find coefficients:

$$10 A = -1 \rightarrow A = -\frac{1}{10}$$

Substitute in {2} :

$$y_1 = -\frac{e^{3x}}{10}$$

Particular solution for  $2 \sin(x)$  :

$$\alpha + \beta i = i \rightarrow s = 0$$

$$y_2 = B \sin(x) + A \cos(x) \quad \downarrow \{3\}$$

Calculate derivatives:

$$y_2' = B \cos(x) - A \sin(x)$$

$$y_2'' = -B \sin(x) - A \cos(x)$$

Substitute in original equation:

$$(-3B - A) \sin(x) + (B - 3A) \cos(x) = 2 \sin(x)$$

Find coefficients:

$$\begin{cases} -3B - A = 2 \\ B - 3A = 0 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} A = -\frac{1}{5} \\ B = -\frac{3}{5} \end{cases}$$

Substitute in {3} :

$$y_2 = -\frac{3 \sin(x)}{5} - \frac{\cos(x)}{5}$$

$$y = -\frac{3 \sin(x)}{5} - \frac{\cos(x)}{5} - \frac{e^{3x}}{10} + C e^x + \frac{C_1}{e^{2x}} - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x}{2} - \frac{3}{4}$$

### Problem 3

Solve differential using Variation of Parameters.

(a)  $(D^2 + 1)y = \csc x$

**Solution:**

$$(D^2 + 1)y = \operatorname{cosec} x$$

$$D^2 + 1 = 0 \text{ or } D = \pm i$$

$$\text{C.F.} = A \cos x + B \sin x$$

$$y_1 = \cos x, \quad y_2 = \sin x$$

$$\text{P.I.} = y_1 u + y_2 v$$

$$u = \int \frac{-y_2 \cdot \operatorname{cosec} x \, dx}{y_1 \cdot y_2' - y_1' \cdot y_2} = \int \frac{-\sin x \cdot \operatorname{cosec} x \, dx}{\cos x (\cos x) - (-\sin x) (\sin x)}$$

$$= \int \frac{-\sin x \cdot \frac{1}{\sin x} \, dx}{\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x} = - \int dx = -x$$

$$v = \int \frac{y_1 \cdot X \, dx}{y_1 \cdot y_2' - y_1' \cdot y_2} = \int \frac{\cos x \cdot \operatorname{cosec} x \, dx}{\cos x (\cos x) - (-\sin x) (\sin x)}$$

$$= \int \frac{\cos x \cdot \frac{1}{\sin x} \, dx}{\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x} = \int \frac{\cot x \, dx}{1} = \log \sin x$$

$$\text{P.I.} = \cos x \cdot (-x) + \sin x \cdot (\log \sin x)$$

$$\text{General solution} = \text{C.F.} + \text{P.I.}$$

$$y = A \cos x + B \sin x - x \cos x + \sin x \cdot \log \sin x \quad \text{Ans.}$$

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

**Solution:**

$$1. \text{ We have, } \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - y = \frac{2}{1 + e^x}$$

$$(D^2 - 1) = 0$$

$$D^2 = 1, \quad D = \pm 1$$

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

$$\therefore \text{ P.I.} = uy_1 + vy_2$$

$$\text{Here, } y_1 = e^x, \quad y_2 = e^{-x}$$

$$y_1 \cdot y_2' - y_1' \cdot y_2 = -e^x \cdot e^{-x} - e^x \cdot e^{-x} = -2$$

$$u = \int \frac{-y_2 X}{y_1 \cdot y_2' - y_1' \cdot y_2} \, dx = - \int \frac{e^{-x} \times \frac{2}{1 + e^x}}{-2} \, dx$$

$$= \int \frac{e^{-x}}{1 + e^x} \, dx$$

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

$$= \int e^{-x} \, dx - \int \frac{e^{-x}}{e^{-x} + 1} \, dx = -e^{-x} + \log(e^{-x} + 1)$$

$$v = \int \frac{y_1 X}{y_1 \cdot y_2' - y_1' \cdot y_2} \, dx = \int \frac{e^x}{-2} \cdot \frac{2}{1 + e^x} \, dx$$

$$= - \int \frac{e^x}{1 + e^x} \, dx = -\log(1 + e^x)$$

$$\text{P.I.} = u \cdot y_1 + v \cdot y_2 = [-e^{-x} + \log(e^{-x} + 1)] e^x - e^{-x} \log(1 + e^x)$$

$$= -1 + e^x \log(e^{-x} + 1) - e^{-x} \log(e^x + 1)$$

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

#### Problem 4

Solve the differential equations by method of Undetermined Coefficient-Annihilator Approach.

$$(a) y'' + y' + \frac{1}{4}y = e^x(\sin 3x + \cos 3x)$$

**Solution:**

Applying  $D^2 - 2D + 10$  to the differential equation we obtain

$$(D^2 - 2D + 10) \left( D^2 + D + \frac{1}{4} \right) y = (D^2 - 2D + 10) \left( D + \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 y = 0.$$

Then

$$y = \underbrace{c_1 e^{-x/2} + c_2 x e^{-x/2}}_{y_c} + c_3 e^x \cos 3x + c_4 e^x \sin 3x$$

and  $y_p = A e^x \cos 3x + B e^x \sin 3x$ . Substituting  $y_p$  into the differential equation yields

$$(9B - 27A/4) e^x \cos 3x - (9A + 27B/4) e^x \sin 3x = -e^x \cos 3x + e^x \sin 3x.$$

Equating coefficients gives

$$-\frac{27}{4}A + 9B = -1$$

$$-9A - \frac{27}{4}B = 1.$$

Then  $A = -4/225$ ,  $B = -28/225$ , and the general solution is

$$y = c_1 e^{-x/2} + c_2 x e^{-x/2} - \frac{4}{225} e^x \cos 3x - \frac{28}{225} e^x \sin 3x.$$

(b)  $y'' + 2y' + y = x^2 e^{-x}$

**Solution:**

Applying  $(D + 1)^3$  to the differential equation we obtain

$$(D + 1)^3 (D^2 + 2D + 1) y = (D + 1)^5 y = 0.$$

Then

$$y = \underbrace{c_1 e^{-x} + c_2 x e^{-x}}_{y_c} + c_3 x^4 e^{-x} + c_4 x^3 e^{-x} + c_5 x^2 e^{-x}$$

and  $y_p = A x^4 e^{-x} + B x^3 e^{-x} + C x^2 e^{-x}$ . Substituting  $y_p$  into the differential equation yields

$$12A x^2 e^{-x} + 6B x e^{-x} + 2C e^{-x} = x^2 e^{-x}.$$

Equating coefficients gives  $A = \frac{1}{12}$ ,  $B = 0$ , and  $C = 0$ . The general solution is

$$y = c_1 e^{-x} + c_2 x e^{-x} + \frac{1}{12} x^4 e^{-x}.$$

### Problem 5

Solve Cauchy Euler equation  $x^2 y'' + x y' - y = x^3 e^x$

**Solution:**

**Solution.** The given differential equation is

$$x^2 y'' + x y' - y = x^3 e^x$$

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

Put  $x = e^z \Rightarrow D = \frac{d}{dz}$ ,  $x \frac{dy}{dx} = Dy$ ,  $x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = D(D-1)y$  in (1), we get

$$D(D-1)y + Dy - y = e^{3z} e^z$$

$$\Rightarrow (D^2 - 1)y = e^{3z} e^z$$

$$\text{A.E. is } D^2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow D = \pm 1$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \text{C.F.} = c_1 x + c_2 x^{-1} = c_1 x + \frac{c_2}{x}$$

$$\therefore \text{P.I.} = uy_1 + vy_2 \text{ Here, } y_1 = x \text{ and } y_2 = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\text{Also, } u = \int \frac{-y_2 X dx}{y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1'} = \int \frac{-\frac{1}{x} x^3 e^x dx}{x \left(-\frac{1}{x^2}\right) - \frac{1}{x}(1)} = \int \frac{-x^2 e^x}{-\frac{2}{x}} dx$$

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

$$u = \frac{1}{2} [x^3 e^x - 3x^2 e^x + 6x e^x - 6 e^x]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [x^3 - 3x^2 + 6x - 6] e^x$$

$$v = \int \frac{y_1 X dx}{y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1'} = \int \frac{x \cdot x^3 e^x dx}{x \left(-\frac{1}{x^2}\right) - \frac{1}{x}(1)} = \int \frac{x^4 e^x}{-\frac{2}{x}} dx = -\frac{1}{2} \int x^5 e^x dx$$

$$v = -\frac{1}{2} [x^5 e^x - 5x^4 e^x + 20x^3 e^x - 60x^2 e^x + 120x e^x - 120 e^x]$$

$$\text{Now, P.I.} = u y_1 + v y_2 = \frac{1}{2} (x^3 - 3x^2 + 6x - 6) e^x \cdot x - \frac{1}{2} (x^5 - 5x^4 + 20x^3 - 60x^2 + 120x - 120) e^x \cdot \frac{1}{x}$$

$$= \frac{e^x}{2} \left[ x^4 - 3x^3 + 6x^2 - 6x - x^4 + 5x^3 - 20x^2 + 60x - 120 + \frac{120}{x} \right]$$

$$= \frac{e^x}{2} \left[ 2x^3 - 14x^2 + 54x - 120 + \frac{120}{x} \right]$$

$$y = \text{C.F.} + \text{P.I.}$$

$$= c_1 x + \frac{c_2}{x} + (x^3 - 7x^2 + 27x - 60 + \frac{60}{x}) e^x$$

**Ans.**

### Bonus Problem 6

(a) Determine whether the the given set of fuction is linearly independent or lineearly dependent on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ .

i.  $y_1 = \cos 2x, y_2 = 1, y_3 = \cos^2 x$

**Solution:**

Since  $W(y_1, y_2, y_3) = 0$ , hence the set of function is linearly dependent.

ii.  $y_1 = x, y_2 = x^{-2}, y_3 = x^2 \ln x$

**Solution:**

Since  $W(y_1, y_2, y_3) = 9x^{-6} \neq 0$ , hence the set of function is linearly independent.

(b) Solve differential equation using **reduction of order**, then varify by formulation  $y_2 = y_1 \int \frac{e^{-\int P(x)dx}}{y_1^2} dx$ .

i.  $9y'' - 12y' + 4y = 0, y_1 = e^{2x/3}$

**Solution:**

Define  $y = u(x)e^{2x/3}$  so

$$y' = \frac{2}{3}e^{2x/3}u + e^{2x/3}u', \quad y'' = e^{2x/3}u'' + \frac{4}{3}e^{2x/3}u' + \frac{4}{9}e^{2x/3}u$$

and

$$9y'' - 12y' + 4y = 9e^{2x/3}u'' = 0.$$

Therefore  $u'' = 0$  and  $u = c_1x + c_2$ . Taking  $c_1 = 1$  and  $c_2 = 0$  we see that a second solution is  $y_2 = xe^{2x/3}$ .

ii.  $y'' - 3y' + 2y = 5e^{3x}, y_1 = e^x$

**Solution:**

Define  $y = u(x)e^x$  so

$$y' = ue^x + u'e^x, \quad y'' = u''e^x + 2u'e^x + ue^x$$

and

$$y'' - 3y' + 2y = e^xu'' - e^xu' = 5e^{3x}.$$

If  $w = u'$  we obtain the linear first-order equation  $w' - w = 5e^{2x}$  which has the integrating factor  $e^{-\int dx} = e^{-x}$ . Now

$$\frac{d}{dx}[e^{-x}w] = 5e^x \quad \text{gives} \quad e^{-x}w = 5e^x + c_1.$$

Therefore  $w = u' = 5e^{2x} + c_1e^x$  and

$$u = \frac{5}{2}e^{2x} + c_1e^x + c_2$$

$$y = \frac{5}{2}e^{3x} + c_1e^{2x} + c_2e^x$$

From the last equation we see that a second solution is  $y_2 = e^{2x}$  and  $y_p = \frac{5}{2}e^{3x}$ .

## Bonus Problem 7



A state game commission releases 40 elk into a game refuge. After 5 years, the elk population is 104. The commission believes that the environment can support no more than 4000 elk. The growth rate of the elk population  $p$  is

$$\frac{dp}{dt} = kp\left(1 - \frac{p}{4000}\right), \quad 40 \leq p \leq 4000$$

where  $t$  is the number of years.

- Write a model for the elk population in terms of  $t$ .
- Graph the slope field for the differential equation and the solution that passes through the point  $(0, 40)$ .
- Use the model to estimate the elk population after 15 years.
- Find the limit of the model as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

### Solution:

- You know that  $L = 4000$ . So, the solution of the equation is of the form

$$p = \frac{4000}{1 + be^{-kt}}.$$

Because  $p(0) = 40$ , you can solve for  $b$  as follows.

$$40 = \frac{4000}{1 + be^{-k(0)}}$$

$$40 = \frac{4000}{1 + b} \quad \Rightarrow \quad b = 99$$

Then, because  $p = 104$  when  $t = 5$ , you can solve for  $k$ .

$$104 = \frac{4000}{1 + 99e^{-k(5)}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad k \approx 0.194$$

So, a model for the elk population is given by  $p = \frac{4000}{1 + 99e^{-0.194t}}$ .

- Using a graphing utility, you can graph the slope field for

$$\frac{dp}{dt} = 0.194p\left(1 - \frac{p}{4000}\right)$$

and the solution that passes through  $(0, 40)$ , as shown in Figure

- To estimate the elk population after 15 years, substitute 15 for  $t$  in the model.

$$\begin{aligned} p &= \frac{4000}{1 + 99e^{-0.194(15)}} && \text{Substitute 15 for } t. \\ &= \frac{4000}{1 + 99e^{-2.91}} \approx 626 && \text{Simplify.} \end{aligned}$$

- As  $t$  increases without bound, the denominator of  $\frac{4000}{1 + 99e^{-0.194t}}$  gets closer and closer to 1.

$$\text{So, } \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4000}{1 + 99e^{-0.194t}} = 4000.$$

