

Partial Differential Equations Linear and Homogeneous in Partial Derivatives with Constant Coefficients

An equation of the form

$$\frac{\partial^n z}{\partial x^n} + k_1 \frac{\partial^n z}{\partial x^{n-1} \partial y} + k_2 \frac{\partial^n z}{\partial x^{n-2} \partial y^2} + \dots + k_n \frac{\partial^n z}{\partial y^n} = F(x, y)$$

is linear and homogeneous in partial derivatives of order n and has constant coefficients.

If we write $\frac{\partial^n}{\partial x^n} \equiv D^n$ and $\frac{\partial^n}{\partial y^n} = D'^n$ the equation can be written as $f(D, D')z = F(x, y)$ (1)

$$\text{where } f(D, D') = D^n + k_1 D^{n-1} D' + k_2 D^{n-2} D'^2 + \dots + k_n D'^n$$

The complete solution of (1) is given by

$$z = \text{complementary function (C.F.)} + \text{particular integral (P.I.)}$$

Rules to write complementary function (C.F.)

C.F. is the complete solution of

$$f(D, D')z = 0$$

① Replacing D by m and D' by 1 , auxiliary equation is

$$m^n + k_1 m^{n-1} + k_2 m^{n-2} + \dots + k_n = 0 \quad (2)$$

Let the roots of this equation be m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n .

Case I When all roots are different

$$\text{C.F.} = \phi_1(y + m_1 x) + \phi_2(y + m_2 x) + \dots + \phi_n(y + m_n x)$$

Case II If two roots of equation (2) are equal say $m_1 = m_2 = m$ and all others are different

$$\text{C.F.} = \phi_1(y + mx) + x \phi_2(y + mx) + \phi_3(y + m_3 x) + \dots + \phi_n(y + m_n x)$$

Similarly if $m_1 = m_2 = m_3 = m$ and others are different then

$$\text{C.F.} = \phi_1(y + mx) + x \phi_2(y + mx) + x^2 \phi_3(y + mx) + \phi_4(y + m_4 x) + \dots + \phi_n(y + m_n x)$$

(2)

Que Solve the following partial differential equations

(i) $\frac{\partial^4 z}{\partial x^4} - \frac{\partial^4 z}{\partial y^4} = 0$

(ii) $(D^3 - D^2 D' - D D'^2 + D'^3) z = 0$ or $(D_x^3 - D_x^2 D_y - D_x D_y^2 + D_y^3) z = 0$

Sol (i) The given p.d.e. can be written symbolically as

$$(D^4 - D'^4) z = 0$$

A.E. is $m^4 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow (m^2 - 1)(m^2 + 1) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow m = \pm 1, \pm i$$

\therefore General solution is $z = \phi_1(y+x) + \phi_2(y-x) + \phi_3(y+ix) + \phi_4(y-ix)$

where ϕ_1, ϕ_2, ϕ_3 and ϕ_4 are arbitrary functions.

(ii) p.d.e. is $(D^3 - D^2 D' - D D'^2 + D'^3) z = 0$

A.E. is $m^3 - m^2 - m + 1 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow m^2(m-1) - 1(m-1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (m-1)(m^2 - 1) = 0 \Rightarrow m = 1, 1, -1$$

\therefore General solution is

$$z = \phi_1(y+x) + x \phi_2(y+x) + \phi_3(y-x)$$

Particular Integral (P.I.)

If $f(D, D') z = F(x, y)$ then

$$P.I. = \frac{1}{f(D, D')} F(x, y)$$

Formulae regarding P.I.

(i) If $F(x, y) = e^{ax+by}$, then

$$P.I. = \frac{1}{f(D, D')} e^{ax+by} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{f(a, b)} e^{ax+by} & \text{if } f(a, b) \neq 0 \\ \frac{x^k}{\left[\frac{d^k}{dD^k} f(D, D') \right]_{D=a, D'=b}} & \text{if } f(a, b) = 0 \end{cases}$$

where k is the least +ve integer so that it reduces to above form when $\left[\frac{d^k}{dD^k} f(D, D') \right]_{D=a, D'=b} \neq 0$

② If $F(x, y) = \sin(ax+by+c)$ or $\cos(ax+by+c)$, then

$$P.I. = \frac{1}{f(D, D')} \frac{\sin(ax+by+c)}{\cos}$$

$$= \frac{1}{[-f(D, D')]_{D^2=-a^2, D'^2=-b^2, DD'=-ab}} \frac{\sin(ax+by+c)}{\cos} \quad \text{provided den.} \neq 0$$

③ If $F(x, y) = \text{polynomial in } x \text{ \& } y$

$$P.I. = [f(D, D')]^{-1} \cdot F(x, y)$$

Expand $[f(D, D')]^{-1}$ in ascending powers of D or D' by Binomial theorem and operate on $F(x, y)$.

④ If $F(x, y) = e^{ax+by} V(x, y)$, then

$$P.I. = \frac{1}{f(D, D')} e^{ax+by} V(x, y) = e^{ax+by} \frac{1}{f(D+a, D'+b)} V(x, y)$$

⑤ If $F(x, y) = \phi(ax+by)$ and $f(D, D')$ is a homogeneous function of degree n (say) then

$$P.I. = \frac{1}{f(D, D')} \phi(ax+by) = \frac{1}{f(a, b)} G(ax+by) \text{ if } f(a, b) \neq 0$$

where $G(ax+by)$ is obtained after integrating $\phi(z)$ w.r.t. z , n times and then taking $z = ax+by$.

and $P.I. = \frac{x^k}{\left[\frac{d^k}{dD^k} f(D, D') \right]_{D=a, D'=b}}$ if $f(a, b) = 0$

where k is the least positive integer so that it reduces to above form when $\left[\frac{d^k}{dD^k} f(D, D') \right]_{D=a, D'=b} \neq 0$

Now apply the above formula.

Remark (1) If $F(x, y) = \sinh(ax+by+c)$ or $\cosh(ax+by+c)$ then convert it in exponential forms and use case (1). (4)

(2) Sometimes it is easy to use the formula

General Formula $\frac{1}{(D-mD')} F(x, y) = \int F(x, a-mx) dx$
 where $y = a-mx$

After integrating it we put $a = y+mx$.

Que Solve the following p.d.e.'s

(1) $(D^2 + 4DD' - 5D'^2)z = \sin(2x+3y) + 3e^{2x+y}$

(2) $(D^3 - 7DD'^2 - 6D'^3)z = \sin(x+2y)$

(3) $(2D^2 - 5DD' + 2D'^2)z = 5\sin(2x+y)$

(4) $4x + 12s + 9t = e^{3x-2y}$

(5) $x - 2s + t = 2x \cos y$

(6) $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} - 6 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = y \cos x$

(7) $x - s - 2t = (y-1)e^x$

Sol (1) $(D^2 + 4DD' - 5D'^2)z = \sin(2x+3y) + 3e^{2x+y}$

A.E. is $m^2 + 4m - 5 = 0 \Rightarrow (m+5)(m-1) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow m = 1, -5$

\therefore C.F. = $\phi_1(y+x) + \phi_2(y-5x)$

P.I. = $\frac{1}{(D^2 + 4DD' - 5D'^2)} [\sin(2x+3y) + 3e^{2x+y}]$

= $\frac{1}{(D^2 + 4DD' - 5D'^2)} \sin(2x+3y) + 3 \cdot \frac{1}{(D^2 + 4DD' - 5D'^2)} e^{2x+y}$

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$$= \frac{1}{-4-24+45} \sin(2x+3y) + 3 \cdot \frac{1}{(4+8-5)} e^{2x+y}$$

$$= \frac{1}{17} \sin(2x+3y) + \frac{3}{7} e^{2x+y}$$

Hence the complete solution is

$$z = \phi_1(y+x) + \phi_2(y-5x) + \frac{1}{17} \sin(2x+3y) + \frac{3}{7} e^{2x+y}$$

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(2) $(D^3 - 7DD'^2 - 6D'^3)z = \sin(x+2y)$

A.E. is $m^3 - 7m - 6 = 0$

$m = -1$ satisfies it.

$$\therefore m^3 - 7m - 6 = m^2(m+1) - m(m+1) - 6(m+1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (m+1)(m^2 - m - 6) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (m+1)(m-3)(m+2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m = -2, -1, 3$$

$$\therefore \text{C.F.} = \phi_1(y-2x) + \phi_2(y-x) + \phi_3(y+3x)$$

$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{1}{(D^3 - 7DD'^2 - 6D'^3)} \sin(x+2y)$$

$$= \frac{1}{1^3 - 7(1)(2)^2 - 6(2)^3} \cos(x+2y)$$

(after integrating $\sin z$ w.r.t. z
three times and putting $z = x+2y$,
 $D = 1, D' = 2$)

$$= -\frac{1}{75} \cos(x+2y)$$

Hence the complete solution is

$$z = \phi_1(y-2x) + \phi_2(y-x) + \phi_3(y+3x) - \frac{1}{75} \cos(x+2y)$$

Other Method to find P.I.

$$\frac{1}{(D^3 - 7DD'^2 - 6D'^3)} \sin(x+2y)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(-D+14D'+24D'^2)} \sin(x+2y)$$

$$= \frac{(-D-38D')}{(-D+38D')(-D-38D')} \sin(x+2y)$$

$$= \frac{(-D-38D')}{D^2 - (38)^2 D'^2} \sin(x+2y)$$

$$= \frac{(-D-38D')}{-1 + 4 \times 38 \times 38} \sin(x+2y)$$

$$= \frac{-\cos(x+2y) - 76 \cos(x+2y)}{5775}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{75} \cos(x+2y)$$

$$(3) \quad (2D^2 - 5DD' + 2D'^2)z = 5\sin(2x+y)$$

A.E. is $2m^2 - 5m + 2 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow m = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{25-16}}{4} = \frac{5 \pm 3}{4} = \frac{1}{2}, 2$$

$$\therefore C.F. = \phi_1(y + \frac{1}{2}x) + \phi_2(y + 2x) = \psi_1(2y+x) + \psi_2(y+2x)$$

$$P.I. = \frac{1}{(2D^2 - 5DD' + 2D'^2)} \cdot 5\sin(2x+y)$$

$$= \frac{5x}{(4D - 5D')} \sin(2x+y) = 5x \frac{1}{4(2) - 5(1)} [-\cos(2x+y)]$$

$$= \frac{-5x}{3} \cos(2x+y)$$

Hence the solution is

$$\boxed{z = \psi_1(2y+x) + \psi_2(y+2x) - \frac{5x}{3} \cos(2x+y)}$$

$$(4) \quad 4x + 12y + 9z = e^{3x-2y}$$

The given equation can be written as

$$(4D^2 + 12DD' + 9D'^2)z = e^{3x-2y}$$

A.E. is $4m^2 + 12m + 9 = 0 \Rightarrow (2m+3)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow m = -\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}$

$$\therefore C.F. = \phi_1(y - \frac{3}{2}x) + x\phi_2(y - \frac{3}{2}x) = \psi_1(2y-3x) + x\psi_2(2y-3x)$$

$$P.I. = \frac{1}{(4D^2 + 12DD' + 9D'^2)} e^{3x-2y}$$

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

$$= \frac{x^2}{\frac{d^2}{dD^2} (2D+3D')^2} e^{3x-2y} \quad [\because 2 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot (-2) = 0]$$

$$= \frac{x^2}{8} e^{3x-2y}$$

$$\therefore \text{Complete sol. is } \boxed{z = \psi_1(2y-3x) + x\psi_2(2y-3x) + \frac{x^2}{8} e^{3x-2y}}$$

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$$x - 2y + z = 2x \cos y$$

The given eqn. can be written as

$$(D^2 - 2DD' + D'^2)z = 2x \cos y$$

A.E. is $m^2 - 2m + 1 = 0$ or $(m-1)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow m = 1, 1$

\therefore C.F. = $\phi_1(y+x) + x \phi_2(y+x)$

P.I. = $\frac{1}{(D-D')^2} 2x \cos y$

$$= 2 \text{ Re part of } \frac{1}{(D-D')^2} x e^{iy}$$

$$= 2 \text{ Re part of } e^{iy} \frac{1}{(D-D'-i)^2} x$$

$$= 2 \text{ Re part of } e^{iy} (-1) [1+i(D-D')]^{-2} \cdot x$$

$$= 2 \text{ Re part of } (-e^{iy}) [1-2iD+\dots] x$$

$$= 2 \text{ Re part of } (-1) (\cos y + i \sin y) (x - 2iy)$$

$$= -2(x \cos y + 2 \sin y)$$

\therefore The complete solution is

$$z = \phi_1(y+x) + x \phi_2(y+x) - 2(x \cos y + 2 \sin y)$$

(6) $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} - 6 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = y \cos x$

The given eqn. can be written as

$$(D^2 + DD' - 6D'^2)z = y \cos x$$

A.E. is $m^2 + m - 6 = 0 \Rightarrow (m-2)(m+3) = 0 \Rightarrow m = 2, -3$

\therefore C.F. = $\phi_1(y+2x) + \phi_2(y-3x)$

P.I. = $\frac{1}{(D^2 + DD' - 6D'^2)} y \cos x = \frac{1}{(D+3D')(D-2D')} y \cos x$

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$$= \frac{1}{(D+3D')} \int (a-2x) \cos x \, dx \quad \text{where } y = a-2x$$

$$= \frac{1}{(D+3D')} [(a-2x) \sin x - (-2)(-\cos x)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{(D+3D')} [y \sin x - 2 \cos x]$$

$$= \int [(b+3x) \sin x - 2 \cos x] \, dx \quad \text{where } y = b+3x$$

$$= [(b+3x)(-\cos x) - (3)(-\sin x) - 2 \sin x]$$

$$= -y \cos x + 3 \sin x - 2 \sin x = -y \cos x + \sin x$$

∴ The complete sol. is

$$z = \phi_1(y+2x) + \phi_2(y-3x) - y \cos x + \sin x$$

$$(7) \quad x-s-2t = (y-1)e^x$$

The given eqy. can be written as

$$(D^2 - DD' - 2D'^2) z = (y-1)e^x$$

$$\text{A.E. is } m^2 - m - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow (m-2)(m+1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m = 2, -1$$

$$\therefore \text{C.F.} = \phi_1(y+2x) + \phi_2(y-x)$$

$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{1}{(D^2 - DD' - 2D'^2)} (y-1)e^x$$

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

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

$$= e^x [1 + (2D - D' - 2D'^2 - DD' + D^2)]^{-1} (y-1)$$

$$= e^x [1 - 2D + D' - \dots] (y-1) = e^x (y-1+1) = ye^x$$

∴ The complete sol. is

$$z = \phi_1(y+2x) + \phi_2(y-x) + ye^x$$