

Unit IV
Higher Order Ordinary Differential Equations

Overview:

Please write an overview of the unit

Outcome:

After completion of this unit, students would be able to:

use effective mathematical tools for the solutions of ordinary differential that model physical processes

Include

1. *Prerequisite to the topic/unit:*
Derivatives and solving equations
2. *Formulae*

4.1 SECOND ORDER LINEAR DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS WITH CONSTANT COEFFICIENTS

The equation $a_0 \frac{d^n y}{dx^n} + a_1 \frac{d^{n-1} y}{dx^{n-1}} + a_2 \frac{d^{n-2} y}{dx^{n-2}} + \dots + a_n y = Q$... (1)

Where all the 'a's are constants and Q is a function of x alone is called a linear differential equation of order n with constant coefficients in the variable x and y.

Since $D^n y$ stands for $\frac{d^n y}{dx^n}$, the equation (1) can be written as

$$(a_0 D^n + a_1 D^{n-1} + \dots + a_n) y = Q \text{ or } F(D)y = Q$$

where $F(D)$ stands for $(a_0 D^n + a_1 D^{n-1} + \dots + a_n)$

Complete Solution = Complementary Function + Particular Integral

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

Methods of Finding Complementary Function (C.F.):

To find the complementary function put $F(D) = 0$. This equation is called Auxiliary equation. Solve this equation. Let its roots be m_1, m_2, m_3, \dots ; D being treated like an ordinary algebraic quantity.

Roots	Nature	Complimentary functions
$m_1, m_2, m_3, m_4, \dots$	Real and unequal	$C.F. =$

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		$C_1 e^{m_1 x} + C_2 e^{m_2 x} + C_3 e^{m_3 x} + C_4 e^{m_4 x} + \dots$
$m_1 = m_2, m_3, m_4,$ $m_3 \neq m_4$	Some are real and equal	$C.F. = (C_1 + C_2 x) e^{m_1 x} + C_3 e^{m_3 x} + C_4 e^{m_4 x} + \dots$
$m_1, m_2 = a \pm ib,$ $m_3, m_4 \dots$	Some are imaginary	$C.F. = e^{ax} (C_1 \cos bx + C_2 \sin bx) + C_3 e^{m_3 x} + C_4 e^{m_4 x} + \dots$
$m_1, m_2 = a \pm ib$ $m_3, m_4 = a \pm ib$	Imaginary and equal	$C.F. = e^{ax} [(C_1 + C_2 x) \cos bx + (C_3 + C_4 x) \sin bx]$

Operator Method:

Particular Integral (P.I.)

Let the given equation be $F(D)y = Q$.

Case I: If $Q = e^{(ax+b)}$

$$\text{then } P.I. = \frac{1}{F(D)} Q = \frac{1}{F(D)} e^{(ax+b)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{F(a)} e^{(ax+b)} [\text{Provided } F(a) \neq 0]. [\text{i.e. for } D \text{ write 'a' in } F(D)].$$

$$\text{if } F(a) = 0 \text{ then } P.I. = \frac{1}{F(D)} e^{(ax+b)} = x \cdot \frac{1}{F'(D)} e^{(ax+b)}$$

where $F'(D)$ is the differentiation of $F(D)$ with respect to D

$$= x \cdot \frac{1}{F'(a)} e^{(ax+b)} [\text{Provided } F'(a) \neq 0] \text{ and so on.}$$

Case II: If $Q = \sin(ax + b)$ or $\cos(ax + b)$

$$\text{To obtain P.I. } = \frac{1}{F(D)} Q = \frac{1}{F(D)} \sin(ax + b)$$

Write $-a^2$ for D^2 provided $F(D) \neq 0$

$$\text{If } F(D) = 0 \text{ when } D^2 = -a^2$$

$$\text{then P.I.} = \frac{1}{F(D)} \sin(ax + b) = x \cdot \frac{1}{F'(D)} \sin(ax + b)$$

operate on $\sin(ax + b)$ with $\frac{1}{F'(D)}$ by replacing D^2 by $-a^2$

The process may be repeated if $F'(D) = 0$ when $D^2 = -a^2$.

Note : The rule for evaluating $\frac{1}{F(D)} \cos(ax + b)$ is the same.

Case III : If $Q = x^n$ then P.I. = $\frac{1}{F(D)} x^n$

Expand $\frac{1}{F(D)}$ by Binomial Series in ascending powers of D upto D^n in the form $a + bD + cD^2 +$

..... and operate on x^n by each term of the expansion.

Case IV : If $Q = e^{ax} V$. where V is a function of x .

then P.I. = $\frac{1}{F(D)} (e^{ax} V) = e^{ax} \frac{1}{F(D+a)} V$

To operate on $e^{ax} V$ (where V is a function of x) by $\frac{1}{F(D)}$ operate on V by $\frac{1}{F(D+a)}$ and multiply the result by e^{ax} .

Case V: If $Q = xV$ where V is a function of x then

P.I. = $\frac{1}{F(D)} (xV) = \left[x - \frac{1}{f(D)} f'(D) \right] \frac{1}{f(D)} V$

4.2 Method of Undetermined Coefficient

To find P.I. of $f(D)y = X$, we assume P.I. as $y = Af_1(x) + Bf_2(x) + \dots + Jf_r(x)$ where f_1, f_2, \dots are functions of x and A, B, \dots are constants. P.I. depends on nature of X as,

- i) If $X = ae^{mx}$ then P.I. = Ae^{mx}
- ii) If $X = ae^{mx} + be^{nx}$ then P.I. = $Ae^{mx} + Be^{nx}$
- iii) If $X = a \sin mx$ or $a \cos mx$ then P.I. = $A \sin mx + B \cos mx$
- iv) If $X = ax^m$ then P.I. = $Ax^m + Bx^{m-1} + \dots + Mx + N$
- v) If $X = ae^{mx} \sin nx$ then P.I. = $Ae^{mx} \sin nx + Be^{mx} \cos nx$

Substituting this assumed P.I. in $f(D)y = X$, equating coefficient, we get constants.

4.3 METHOD OF VARIATION OF PARAMETERS TO FIND PARTICULAR INTEGRAL

Consider the linear differential equation of the second order with constant coefficients.

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + K_1 \frac{dy}{dx} + K_2 y = X \quad \dots (1)$$

where X is a function of ' x '

Let its complementary function be

$$C.F. = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2 \quad \dots (2)$$

such that y_1 and y_2 satisfy the equation (1).

Let us assume that the particular integral of (1) as $y = uy_1 + vy_2 \dots (3)$

Obtained by replacing c_1 and c_2 by u and v are known function of ' x '.

where $u = -\int \frac{y_2 X}{w} dx$ and $v = \int \frac{y_1 X}{w} dx$

$$w = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix}$$

4.4 CAUCHY EULER'S LINEAR DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

An equation of the type

$$a_0 x^n \frac{d^n y}{dx^n} + a_1 x^{n-1} \frac{d^{n-1} y}{dx^{n-1}} + a_2 x^{n-2} \frac{d^{n-2} y}{dx^{n-2}} + \dots + a_{n-1} x \frac{dy}{dx} + a_n y = Q$$

where Q is a function of x and a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n are constants.

The above equation is called Cauchy's linear differential equation or nth order linear differential equation with variable coefficients.

$$\text{Let } Dy = \frac{dy}{dx}; \quad D^2 y = \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}; \quad D^n y = \frac{d^n y}{dx^n}$$

Then the above equation will take the form

$$a_0 x^n D^n y + a_1 x^{n-1} D^{n-1} y + a_2 x^{n-2} D^{n-2} y + \dots + a_{n-1} x D y + a_n y = Q \quad \dots (2)$$

$$\text{i.e. } (a_0 x^n D^n + a_1 x^{n-1} D^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1} x D + a_n) y = Q$$

It is converted to linear differential equation of order n with constant coefficients by substituting $x = e^z$.

4.5 POWER SERIES SOLUTIONS

Standard form of homogenous differential equation: $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + P(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + Q(x) y = 0$

Analytic:

A point x_0 is said to be a **ordinary point (O.P)** of differential equation if both $P(x)$ and $Q(x)$ are analytic at x_0 .

A point x_0 is said to be a **Singular point** of differential equation if either $P(x)$ or $Q(x)$ or both are not analytic at x_0 .

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Standard form of homogenous differential equation: $y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = 0$ (1)

Steps to find the solution by power series method:

Step i) Assume that $y = \sum_0^{\infty} c_n (x - x_0)^n$ be the solution (1) where x_0 is ordinary point. (2)

Step ii) Substitute, y, y', y'' obtain by differentiating (2) term wise in (1). Collect the coefficient of like power of $(x - x_0)$. This convert the differential equation (1) in the form

$$k_0 + k_1(x - x_0) + k_2(x - x_0)^2 + \dots = 0 \quad (3)$$

Here $k_i (i = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots)$ are function of certain coefficient of c_n .

Step iii) If (2) is the solution of (1), all k_i 's must be zero.

Solve $k_0 = 0, k_1 = 0, \dots$ for unknown coefficient c_n 's.

Step iv) Substituting of these c_n 's in (2) gives the required power series solution of (1).

LEGENDRE POLYNOMIALS

Legendre Equation plays a vital role in many problems of Mathematical Physics and in the theory of quadratures (as applied to Numerical Integration).

DEFINITION :The equation

$$(1-x^2)y'' - 2xy' + n(n+1)y = 0 \quad -1 < x < 1$$

where $n \in N$ is called a LEGENDRE EQUATION of order n

The above Equation was studied by Legendre and hence the name Legendre Equation.

$$P_n(x) = \sum_{m=0}^M \frac{(-1)^m (2n-2m)!}{2^m m! (n-m)! (n-2m)!} x^{n-2m} \quad \text{where} \quad \begin{aligned} M &= \frac{n}{2} && \text{when } n \text{ is even} \\ &= \frac{n-1}{2} && \text{when } n \text{ is odd} \end{aligned}$$

When $n = 0$, $P_0(x) = 1$

When $n = 1$, $P_1(x) = x$

When $n = 2$, $P_2(x) = \frac{1}{2}(3x^2 - 1)$

When $n = 3$, $P_3(x) = \frac{1}{2}(5x^3 - 3x)$

When $n = 4$, $P_4(x) = \frac{1}{8}(35x^4 - 30x^2 + 3)$

When $n = 5$, $P_5(x) = \frac{1}{8}(63x^5 - 70x^3 + 15x)$ etc

Note:

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1) $x=1, P_n(x=1)=P_n(1)=1$

2) Any polynomial $f(x)$ of degree n can be expressed in terms of $P_n(x)$ as

$$f(x) = \sum_{m=0}^n c_m P_m(x)$$

Rodrigue's Formula

$$P_n(x) = \frac{1}{n! 2^n} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} (x^2 - 1)^n$$

BESSEL FUNCTIONS OF THE FIRST KIND AND THEIR PROPERTIES.

The differential equation is $x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy}{dx} + (x^2 - n^2)y = 0$, is called **Bessel's differential equation**. Its equation is given by Frobinus series $y = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m x^{m+n}$, where $a_0 \neq 0$ and m a constant. The most general solution is given by $y = AJ_n(x) + BJ_{-n}(x)$ where A and B arbitrary

constants and
$$J_n(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m}{m! \Gamma(n+m+1)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{n+2m}$$
 is known as **Bessel's function** of first kind.

Session 1

Solve the following linear differential equation:

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

Ans: $y = (C_1 + C_2x + C_3x^2)e^x + C_4e^{-x}$

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

Ans: $y = e^x [c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x]$

Session 2

Solve the following linear differential equation:

1. $\frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} - 2\frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} + \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = 0$

2. $\frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} + 13\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 36y = 0$

3. $\left((D-1)^4 (D^2 + 2D + 2)^2\right) y = 0$

Session 3

Solve the following linear Differential Equation using operator method:

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

Ans: $y = c_1 e^{-2x} + c_2 e^{-x} + \frac{e^{2x}}{12}$

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2. $(D^2 - D - 6)y = e^{3x+8}$

Ans: $y = C_1 e^{3x} + C_2 e^{-2x} + \frac{x}{5} e^{3x+8}$

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

Ans: $y = C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{2x} - xe^x + \frac{1}{10}(-3\sin x + \cos x)$

4. $(D^2 - D + 1)y = \cos 2x$

Session 4

Solve the following linear Differential Equation using operator method:

1. $(D^4 + 8D^2 + 16)y = \cos^2 x$ Ans: $(c_1 + c_2 x)\cos 2x + (c_3 + c_4 x)\sin 2x + \frac{1}{32} - \frac{x^2 \cos 2x}{64}$

2. $(D^2 - 9D + 20)y = 20x^2$ Ans: $y = c_1 e^{4x} + c_2 e^{5x} + x^2 + \frac{9x}{10} + \frac{61}{200}$

3. $(D^2 - 4D + 4)y = 8(x^2 + \sin 2x + e^{2x})$

4. $(D^2 - 6D + 9)y = e^{3x}(1+x)$ Ans: $y = e^{3x} \left(C_1 + C_2 x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6} \right)$

Session 5

Solve the following linear Differential Equation using operator method:

1. $(D^2 + D - 6)y = e^{2x} \sin 3x$ Ans: $y = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{-3x} - \frac{e^{2x}}{102}(5\cos 3x + 3\sin 3x)$

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

$c_1 e^{3x} + c_2 e^x - \frac{e^x}{8}(\sin 2x + \cos 2x) - \frac{1}{30}(2\sin 3x + \cos 3x)$

3. $(D^2 + 9)y = x \sin x$ Ans: $y = (c_1 \cos 3x + c_2 \sin 3x) + \frac{x \sin x}{8} - \frac{\cos x}{32}$

Session 6

Solve the following equations by the method of undermine coefficient:

1. $(D^2 - 2D + 3)y = 12 \sin 3x$

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

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

4. $(D^2 - 1)y = 8e^x \sin 2x$

5. $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 3\frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = 10e^{3x} + 4x^2$

Session 7

Solve the following equations by the method of variation of parameters:

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

Ans: $y = C_1 \cos x + C_2 \sin x + \frac{x}{4} \sin x - \frac{x^2}{4} \cos x$

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2. $\left(D^2 - 2D\right)y = e^x \sin x$	Ans: $y = C_1 + C_2 e^x - \frac{e^x}{2} \sin x$
3. $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + y = \sec x \tan x$	Ans: $y = C_1 \cos x + C_2 \sin x - \sin x + x \cos x + \sin x \log(\sec x)$

Session 8

Solve the following linear differential equation:

1. $x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 3x \frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = x^2 \log x$	Ans: $y = x^2 [C_1 \cos(\log x) + C_2 \sin(\log x)] + x^2 \log x$
2. $x^3 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 3x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + xy = \sin(\log x)$	Ans: $y = \frac{1}{x} [C_1 + C_2 \log x - \sin(\log x)]$
3. $x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = \sin(\log x^2)$	Ans: $y = C_1 \cos(\log x) + C_2 \sin(\log x) - \frac{1}{3} \sin(\log x^2)$

Session 9

Find the power series solution in powers of x of the differential equation

1. $(1-x^2)y'' - 2xy' + 2y = 0$	Ans: $y = c_1 x + c_0 \left[1 - x^2 - \frac{1}{3}x^4 - \frac{1}{5}x^6 - \dots \right]$
2. $xy'' + y' + 2y = 0 \quad \text{with } y(1) = 2, y'(1) = 4$	Ans: $y = 2 + 4(x-1) - 4(x-1)^2 + \frac{4}{3}(x-1)^3 - \frac{1}{3}(x-1)^4 + \dots$