

## DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS:

An equation involving derivatives or differentials of one or more dependent variables with respect to one or more independent variables is called a differential equation.

Examples :

$$\frac{d^4x}{dt^4} + \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^3 = e^t \quad — (i)$$

$$y(y^2+1)dx + x(y^2-1) dy \quad — (ii)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = k \left( \frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x^3} \right)^2 \quad — (iii)$$

Mathematical classifications :

ORDINARY DIFF. EQUATION : → Involves derivatives w.r.t single independent variables

PARTIAL DIFF. EQUATION : → Involves partial derivatives (more than one independent variables)

ORDER OF A DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION : → The order of the highest order derivative involved

DEGREE OF A DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION : → The degree of the highest order derivative involved.

i) ODE, order - 4 degree 1

ii) ODE, order - 1 degree 1

iii) PDE, order - 3 degree 2.

## LINEAR AND NONLINEAR DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION:

A differential equation is called linear if

- i) every dependent variable and every derivative occur in the first degree only, and
- ii) no products of dependent variables and/or derivatives occur.

If not linear than it is called nonlinear.

Note: Every linear equation is of first degree, but every first degree equation may not be linear.

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} + y = 0 \quad \text{1st degree but nonlinear}$$

## SOLUTION OF A DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION:

Any relation between the dependent and independent variables which satisfies the differential equation is called a solution or integral of the differential equation.

Ex.  $y = \frac{A}{x} + B$  is a solution of

$$y'' + \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)y' = 0$$

Check!  $y' = -\frac{A}{x^2} \Rightarrow y'' = \frac{2A}{x^3}$

Subst. in the equation:  $0 = 0$

Note: It should be noted that a solution of a differential equation does not involve the derivatives of the dep. variable w.r.t the indep. variable or variables.

Family of curves: An  $n$ -parameter family of curves is a set of relations of the form

$$\{ (x, y) : f(x, y, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n) = 0 \}$$

Example:  
i) set of concentric circles

$x^2 + y^2 = c$  → one parameter family if  $c$  takes non-negative real values

ii) Set of circles:

$$(x - c_1)^2 + (y - c_2)^2 = c_3 \rightarrow \text{three parameters family}$$

if  $c_1, c_2$  takes all real values and  $c_3$  takes all non-negative real values.

Note: Solution of a differential equation is a family of curves.

### Formation of differential equations from a given $n$ -parameters family of curves:

From a given family of curves containing  $n$  arbitrary constants, we can obtain an  $n$ th order differential equation whose solution is the given family:

- Differentiate the given equation  $n$  times to get  $n$  additional equations containing those arbitrary constants.
- Eliminate  $n$  arbitrary constants from the  $(n+1)$  equations.
- Obtain a differential equation of the  $n$ th order.

Ex: Obtain the differential equation satisfied by

$$xy = ae^x + be^{-x} + x^2$$

where  $a$  &  $b$  are arbitrary constants.

Sol: Given family of curves:

$$xy = ae^x + be^{-x} + x^2 \quad -\textcircled{1}$$

Differentiating w.r.t  $x$ , we get

$$xy' + y = ae^x - be^{-x} + 2x$$

Differentiating again:

$$xy'' + 2y' = ae^x - be^{-x} + 2$$

Using (1) we get

$$xy'' + 2y' = xy - x^2 + 2$$

which is the desired differential equation.

Remark: Observe that the number of arbitrary constants in a solution of a differential equation depends upon the order of the differential equation. It is evident from the above example that a general solution (defined later) of an  $n$ th order differential equation will contain  $n$  arbitrary constants.

## General, particular, and singular solution

Let  $F(x, y, y', y'', \dots, y^{(n)}) = 0$  be an  $n$ th order ordinary differential equation.

- i) General solution: solution containing  $n$ -independent arbitrary constants.
- ii) Particular solution: solution by giving particular values to one or more of the  $n$ -independent constants.
- iii) Singular solution: cannot be obtained by any choice of independent arbitrary constant.

Example: a)  $y = (x+c)^2$  is the general solution of

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 - 4y = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

b)  $y = x^2$  is a particular solution of (1) ( $c=0$ )

c)  $y = 0$  is a singular solution.

Ex: Consider  $yy' - x(y')^2 = 1$

General solution:  $y = cx + \frac{1}{c}$

Particular solution:  $y = x + 1 \quad (c=1)$

Singular solution:  $y^2 = 4x$

## Explicit & Implicit Solutions:

Explicit :  $y = y(x)$

Implicit :  $F(x, y) = 0$

Example:  $y'' + k^2 y = 0$

Solution:  $y = C_1 \cos kx + C_2 \sin kx$

↪ explicit solution

Example:  $x + 3y y' = 0$

Solution:  $x^2 + 3y^2 = C$

↪ Implicit solution

## Equation of first order and first degree :

We shall consider two standard forms of differential equation

i)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$

ii)  $M(x, y) dx + N(x, y) dy = 0$ .

## Solution Methods:

- **Separation of variables:** If a differential equation can be written in the form

$$f_1(y) \frac{dy}{dx} = f_2(x) \quad \text{--- ①}$$

then we say variables are separable in the given differential equation.

Solution of ①:

$$\int f_1(y) dy = \int f_2(x) dx + C \quad (\text{how?})$$

Example:

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

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

Integrating both side:

$$\frac{e^{2y}}{2} = e^x + \frac{x^3}{3} + C_1$$

or

$$e^{2y} = 2e^x + \frac{2}{3}x^3 + C$$

## Equation reducible to separation of variables:

Consider  $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(ax+by+c)$  —①

OR  $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(ax+by)$

Subst.  $ax+by+c = \vartheta$  OR  $ax+by = \vartheta$

$$\Rightarrow a+b \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d\vartheta}{dx}$$

Then (1) reduces to

$$\frac{1}{b} \left[ \frac{d\vartheta}{dx} - a \right] = f(\vartheta)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\vartheta}{dx} = bf(\vartheta) + a$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{d\vartheta}{bf(\vartheta) + a} = \int dx$$

Example:  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \sec(x+y)$

Sol: Let  $x+y = \vartheta \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d\vartheta}{dx} - 1$

Then the diff. eq. becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\vartheta}{dx} &= \sec \vartheta + 1 && \text{(separable form)} \\ &= \frac{1 + \cos \vartheta}{\cos \vartheta} = \frac{2 \cos^2 \frac{\vartheta}{2}}{2 \cos^2 \frac{\vartheta}{2} - 1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2} \sec^2 \left( \frac{\vartheta}{2} \right) \right] d\vartheta = \int dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \vartheta - \tan \left( \frac{\vartheta}{2} \right) = x + C$$

Subst.  $\vartheta = x+y$ :

$$y - \tan \left( \frac{x+y}{2} \right) = C$$

Homogeneous equations: A differential equation of first order and first degree is said to be homog. if it is of the form or can be put in the form:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Solution:  $\frac{y}{x} = v \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = v + x \frac{dv}{dx}$

$$(1) \Rightarrow v + x \frac{dv}{dx} = f(v)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \frac{dv}{dx} = f(v) - v \quad (\text{separable form})$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{dv}{f(v) - v} = \int \frac{dx}{x} + C.$$

Example:  $(x^3 + 3xy^2)dx + (y^3 + 3x^2y)dy = 0$

Sol:  $\frac{dy}{dx} = - \frac{x^3 + 3xy^2}{y^3 + 3x^2y} = - \frac{1 + 3\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2}{\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^3 + 3\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)}$

Subst.  $\frac{y}{x} = v \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = v + x \frac{dv}{dx}$

$$\Rightarrow v + x \frac{dv}{dx} = - \frac{1 + 3v^2}{v^3 + 3v}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \frac{dv}{dx} = - \frac{v^4 + 6v^2 + 1}{v^3 + 3v}$$

$$\Rightarrow - \int \frac{4(v^3 + 3v)}{v^4 + 6v^2 + 1} \cdot dv = \int 4 \frac{dx}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\ln(v^4 + 6v^2 + 1) = 4 \ln x + \ln C \quad (x > 0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \Rightarrow x^4 \left( \frac{y^4}{x^4} + 6 \frac{y^2}{x^2} + 1 \right) = 0 \\ & \Rightarrow x^4 \left( \frac{y^4}{x^4} + 6 \frac{y^2}{x^2} + 1 \right) = 0 \\ & \Rightarrow x^4 \left( \frac{y^4}{x^4} + 6 \frac{y^2}{x^2} + 1 \right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

## Equation reducible to homogeneous form:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{ax+by+c}{a'x+b'y+c'}, \text{ where } \frac{a}{a'} + \frac{b}{b'} \stackrel{*}{=} 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Take  $\begin{cases} x = x+h \\ y = y+k \end{cases}$  --- (2)

Where  $x$  &  $y$  are new variables and  $h$  &  $k$  are constants to be chosen so that the resulting equation in  $X$  and  $Y$  becomes homogeneous.

$$(2) \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dx} \left[ \begin{array}{l} y(x) = Y(x) + k \\ \text{or } Y(x) = y(x) + k \end{array} \right]$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} [y(x) + k] = \frac{dy}{dx} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{dx}{dx}}_{=1} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{aX+bY+a'h+b'k+c}{a'X+b'Y+a'h+b'k+c'} \\ \text{--- (3)} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{ax+by+ah+bk+c}{a'x+b'y+a'h+b'k+c'} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

In order to make (3) homog. Choose  $h$  and  $k$  such that

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} ah+bk+c=0 \\ a'h+b'k+c'=0 \end{array} \right\} \text{(always possible because } ab'-a'b \neq 0)$$

Getting  $h$  &  $k$  we have  $X = x-h$  &  $Y = y-k$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{ax+by}{a'x+b'y} = \frac{a+b\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)}{a'+b'\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)} \quad \text{homogeneous in } X \text{ & } Y$$

(\*) In case  $\frac{a}{a'} = \frac{b}{b'} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \Rightarrow a' = \lambda a$  &  $b' = \lambda b$

Subst.  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{an+by+c}{\lambda(an+by)+c'} = f(an+by) \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Can be solved by subst} \\ an+by = u \end{array} \right)$

$$\text{Ex: } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x+2y-3}{2x+y-3} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Sol. Take  $x = x+h$  &  $y = y+k$  so that  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dx}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x+2y+(h+2k-3)}{2x+y+(2h+k-3)} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Choose  $h, k$  so that  $\begin{cases} h+2k-3=0 \\ 2h+k-3=0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow h=1 \text{ & } k=1$ .

So from (1)  $x = x-1$   $y = y-1$

$$(2) \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x+2y}{2x+y}$$

$$\text{Take } y = vx \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = v + x \frac{dv}{dx}$$

$$x \frac{dv}{dx} = \left( \frac{1+2v}{2+v} \right) - v = \frac{1-v^2}{2+v}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{x} = \left[ \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{1+v} \right) + \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{1}{1-v} \right) \right] dv$$

Integrating:

$$\Rightarrow \ln x + \ln C = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \ln(1+v) - 3 \ln(1-v) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \ln(xC) = \ln \left( \frac{1+v}{(1-v)^3} \right) \Rightarrow x^2 C^2 = \frac{1+v}{(1-v)^3}$$

$$\text{sub: } v = \frac{y-1}{x-1}$$

$$\boxed{C^2(x-y)^3 = x+y-2}$$

## Exact Differential Equations

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If  $M$  and  $N$  are functions of  $x$  and  $y$ , the equation  $Mdx + Ndy = 0$  is called exact when there exists a function  $f(x,y)$  such that

$$d(f(x,y)) = Mdx + Ndy$$

or

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy = Mdx + Ndy$$

**Theorem:** The necessary and sufficient condition for the differential equation

$$Mdx + Ndy = 0$$

to be exact is

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \quad \dots \textcircled{1}$$

Proof: The condition is necessary  $\Rightarrow$

Let the equation be exact, then

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Equating coefficients of  $dx$  &  $dy$ , we get:

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Assuming  $f$  to be continuous upto 2nd order partial derivatives, we obtain

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That means we find a function  $f(x,y)$  such that

$$df = Mdx + Ndy.$$

Let  $g(x,y) = \int Mdx$  be the partial integral of  $M$  such that

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We first prove that  $(N - \frac{\partial g}{\partial y})$  is a function of  $y$  only.

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i.e.,

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## Exact Differential Equations: Integrating Factors

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If an equation of the form  $Mdx + Ndy = 0$  is not exact, it is sometimes possible to choose a function of  $x \& y$  such that after multiplying all terms of the equation, it becomes exact. Such a multiplier is called an integrating factor. That is, if  $I(x,y)$  is an integrating factor then the differential equation

$$I(x,y)M(x,y)dx + I(x,y)N(x,y)dy = 0$$

becomes exact.

Note: Although an equation of the form  $Mdx + Ndy = 0$  always has integrating factor(s), there is not general rule of finding them. We now discuss some methods of finding integrating factors.

### Rule I: By inspection

This method is based on recognition of some standard exact differentials that occur frequently in practice.

i)  $d(xy) = ydx + xdy$

ii)  $d\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) = \frac{x dy - y dx}{x^2}$  or  $d\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \frac{y dx - x dy}{y^2}$

iii)  $d\left(\ln \frac{y}{x}\right) = \frac{x dy - y dx}{xy}$  or  $d\left(\ln \frac{x}{y}\right) = \frac{y dx - x dy}{xy}$

iv)  $d\left(\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)\right) = \frac{x dy - y dx}{x^2 + y^2}$  or  $d\left(\tan^{-1}\frac{x}{y}\right) = \frac{y dx - x dy}{y^2 + x^2}$

v)  $d(\ln xy) = \frac{y dx + x dy}{xy}$

Ex. Solve the differential equation

$$y(y^2+1)dx + x(y^2-1)dy = 0 \quad (\text{check! it is not exact D.E.})$$

Sol: Rewriting:

$$y^2(ydx + xdy) + ydx - xdy = 0$$

Dividing it by  $y^2$ : (I.F.)

$$ydx + xdy + \frac{ydx - xdy}{y^2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow d(xy) + d\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow xy + \frac{x}{y} = c \Rightarrow \boxed{xy^2 + x = cy}$$

Ex. solve  $(y^2e^x + 2xy)dx - x^2dy = 0$

(check! it is not exact D.E.)

We know that

$$d\left(\frac{x^2}{y}\right) = \frac{2x}{y}dx - \frac{x^2}{y^2}dy$$

Dividing the given equation by  $y^2$ , we get:

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

$$\Rightarrow d(e^x) + d\left(\frac{x^2}{y}\right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{e^x + \frac{x^2}{y} = c}$$

**Rule II:**  $Mdx + Ndy = 0$  is homogeneous and  $Mx + Ny \neq 0$ .

In this case  $I(x,y) = \frac{1}{Mx+Ny}$  is an integrating factor.

Example:  $(x^2y - 2xy^2)dx - (x^3 - 3x^2y)dy = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$

Sol.

$$M = x^2y - 2xy^2 \quad N = -(x^3 - 3x^2y)$$

$$\begin{aligned} Mx + Ny &= x^3y - 2x^2y^2 - x^3y + 3x^2y^2 \\ &= x^2y^2 \neq 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$I.F. = \frac{1}{x^2y^2}$$

Multiplying (1) by I.F.

$$\left(\frac{1}{y} - \frac{2}{x}\right)dx - \left(\frac{x}{y^2} - \frac{3}{y}\right)dy = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Now equation (2) is an exact differential equation (check!)

If  $u$  is the exact differential of (2) then:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{y} - \frac{2}{x} \Rightarrow u = \frac{x}{y} - 2 \ln x + \varphi(y)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} &= -\frac{x}{y^2} + \varphi'(y) = -\frac{x}{y^2} + \frac{3}{y} \Rightarrow \varphi'(y) = \frac{3}{y} \\ &\Rightarrow \varphi(y) = 3 \ln y + C_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{x}{y} - 2 \ln x + 3 \ln y + C_1 = C_2}$$

$$\text{or } \boxed{\frac{x}{y} - 2 \ln x + 3 \ln y = C}$$

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**Rule III:**  $Mdx + Ndy = 0$  is of the form  $f_1(xy)ydx + f_2(xy)x dy = 0$   
 then  $\frac{1}{Mx - Ny}$  is an integrating factor provided  $Mx - Ny \neq 0$

Ex: solve

$$(xy \sin xy + \cos xy) y dx + (xy \sin xy - \cos xy) x dy = 0$$

$$M = (xy \sin xy + \cos xy) y \quad N = (xy \sin xy - \cos xy) x$$

$$\begin{aligned} Mx - Ny &= (xy \sin xy + \cos xy) xy - (xy \sin xy - \cos xy) xy \\ &= 2xy \cos xy \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{I.F.} = \frac{1}{2xy \cos xy}$$

Multiplying the given equation by I.F.

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( y \tan xy + \frac{1}{x} \right) dx + \frac{1}{2} \left( x \tan xy - \frac{1}{y} \right) dy = 0$$

it must be exact (check!)

Solution:

$$\boxed{\frac{x}{y} \sec xy = C}$$

Rule IV: An integrating factor for an equation of the form

$$x^a y^b (my dx + nx dy) + x^r y^s (py dx + qx dy) = 0$$

is  $x^h y^k$  where  $h$  &  $k$  can be obtained by applying the condition that after multiplication by  $x^h y^k$  the equation must become exact. Here  $a, b, m, n, r, s, p, q$  are constants.

Example: Solve  $(3x+2y^2)y dx + 2x(2x+3y^2)dy = 0$

This equation can be written as

$$x(3y dx + 4x dy) + y^2(2y dx + 6x dy) = 0$$

Multiplying the integrating factor  $x^h y^k$ , we get

$$(3x^{h+1}y^{k+1} + 2x^h y^{k+3})dx + (4x^{h+2}y^k + 6x^{h+1}y^{k+2})dy = 0$$

If it is exact we must have

$$3(k+1)x^{h+1}y^k + 2(k+3)x^h y^{k+2} = 4(h+2)x^{h+1}y^k + 6(h+1)x^h y^{k+2}$$

This is satisfied if

$$3(k+1) = 4(h+2)$$

$$2(k+3) = 6(h+1)$$

Solving these we get  $h=1, k=3$ .

Integrating factor is  $xy^3$ .

Solution:

$$x^3 y^4 + x^2 y^6 = C$$

## Rule V : Most general approach :

The idea is to multiply the given differential equation

$$M(x,y)dx + N(x,y)dy = 0$$

by a function  $I(x,y)$  and then try to choose  $I(x,y)$   
so that the resulting equation

$$I(x,y)M(x,y)dx + I(x,y)N(x,y)dy = 0 \quad \dots \text{--- } ①$$

becomes exact.

The above equation is exact if and only if

$$\frac{\partial(I M)}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial(I N)}{\partial x} \quad \dots \text{--- } (*)$$

If a function  $I$  satisfying  $(*)$  can be found then the given equation  
① will be exact. However solving  $(*)$  is very difficult so we consider  
some special cases.

- i) An integrating factor  $I$  that is either as function of  $x$  alone or
- ii) a function of  $y$  alone.

In the case i), the equation  $(*)$  reduces to

$$IM_y = IN_x + NI_x \Rightarrow I_x = \frac{IM_y - IN_x}{N}$$

If  $\frac{My - Nx}{N}$  is a function of  $x$  only, say  $f(x)$  then

$I(x) = e^{\int f(x) dx}$  is an integrating factor. (by solving  $\frac{dI}{I} = f(x) dx$ )

In the case ii) If  $\frac{1}{M}(N_x - M_y)$  is a function of  $y$  alone, say  $f(y)$

then  $I(y) = e^{\int f(y) dy}$  is an I.F.

Example: Solve  $(x^2 + y^2 + x)dx + xydy = 0$  - ①

$$M = x^2 + y^2 + x \quad N = xy$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 2y \quad \& \quad \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = y$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{N} \left( \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{1}{xy} (2y - y) = \frac{1}{x}$$

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

Multiplying ① by  $x$ :

$$(x^3 + xy^2 + x^2)dx + x^2ydy = 0 \quad \text{This must be an exact O.E.}$$

$$\text{Solution: } (3x^4 + 6x^2y^2 + 4x^3) = C$$

Ex: Solve  $(2xy^4e^y + 2xy^3 + y)dx + (x^2y^4e^y - x^2y^2 - 3x)dy = 0$

$$M = 2xy^4e^y + 2xy^3 + y \quad N = x^2y^4e^y - x^2y^2 - 3x$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = 8xy^3e^y + 2xy^4e^y + 6xy^2 + 1$$

$$\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = 2xy^4e^y - 2xy^2 - 3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} &= -8xy^3e^y - 8xy^2 - 4 \\ &= -4(2xy^3e^y + 2xy^2 + 1) \\ &= -\frac{4}{y} \cdot (2xy^4e^y + 2xy^3 + y) = -\frac{4}{y} \cdot M \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{I.F.} = e^{\int -\frac{4}{y} dy} = y^{-4}$$

Solution:

$$\boxed{x^2e^y + \frac{x^2}{y} + \frac{x}{y^3} = C}$$

## Exact Differential Equations (Summary)

Necessary and sufficient condition of  $M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy = 0$  to be exact is

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

## Integrating Factors

### Rule I: By Inspection

Example:

$$d(xy) = ydx + xdy, \quad d(\ln xy) = \frac{ydx + xdy}{xy} \quad \text{etc.}$$

**Rule II:**  $Mdx + Ndy = 0$  is homogeneous and  $Mx + Ny \neq 0$  then

$I(x, y) = \frac{1}{(Mx + Ny)}$  is an integrating factor

**Rule III:**  $Mdx + Ndy = 0$  is of the form  $f_1(xy)ydx + f_2(xy)xdy = 0$  and  $Mx - Ny \neq 0$  then  $\frac{1}{(Mx - Ny)}$  is an integrating factor

**Rule IV:**  $Mdx + Ndy = 0$  is of the form  $x^a y^b (mydx + nxdy) + x^r y^s (pydx + qxdy) = 0$  then  $I(x, y) = x^h y^k$  may be taken as an integrating factor, where  $h, k$  are obtained so that the differential equation after multiplication by  $I(x, y)$  becomes exact

### Rule V: Most general approach

If  $\frac{1}{N} \left( \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \right)$  is function of  $x$  alone say  $f(x)$ , then  $I(x) = e^{\int f(x)dx}$  is an I.F.  
 If  $\frac{1}{M} \left( \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right)$  is function of  $y$  alone say  $f(y)$ , then  $I(y) = e^{\int f(y)dy}$  is an I.F.

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### Linear Differential Equation:

A first order differential equation is called linear if it can be written in the form:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q(x) \quad (\text{linear in } y)$$

Rewritten as

$$\underbrace{dy + P y dx}_{\text{Compare with } M dx + N dy} = Q(x) dx \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Compare with  $M dx + N dy$  to get

$$M = P y \quad N = 1$$

Observe that  $\frac{1}{N} \left( \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{1}{1} (P - 0) = P$  (function of  $x$  alone)

$$\text{Hence I.F.} = e^{\int P dx}$$

Multiplying (1) by  $e^{\int P dx}$

$$e^{\int P dx} dy + P y e^{\int P dx} dx = Q(x) e^{\int P dx} \cdot dx$$

$$\Rightarrow d(e^{\int P dx} \cdot y) = Q e^{\int P dx} dx$$

Integrating:

$$e^{\int P dx} \cdot y = \int Q e^{\int P dx} dx + C$$

OR

$$y \cdot \text{IF} = \int Q \cdot \text{IF.} dx + C$$

Note: Sometimes a differential equation cannot be put in the form  $\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q(x)$  which is linear in  $y$ ,

but in the form

$$\frac{dx}{dy} + P_1(y)x = Q_1(y)$$

which is linear in  $x$ , then

$$\text{I.F.} = e^{\int P_1 dy}$$

and the solution

$$x \cdot \text{I.F.} = \int Q_1 \text{I.F.} dy + C$$

Ex. Solve  $(1+x^2) \frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy - 4x^2 = 0$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{2x}{1+x^2} y = \frac{4x^2}{1+x^2} \quad (\text{linear in } y)$$

$$\text{I.F.} = e^{\int \frac{2x}{1+x^2} dx} = e^{\ln(1+x^2)} = 1+x^2$$

Solution:  $y \cdot \text{I.F.} = \int Q \cdot \text{I.F.} dx + C \Rightarrow y(1+x^2) = \int 4x^2 dx + C$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{y(1+x^2) = \frac{4}{3}x^3 + C}$$

Ex. Solve  $(x+2y^3) \frac{dy}{dx} = y \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dy} - \frac{1}{y}x = 2y^2$

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

$$\Rightarrow x \cdot \frac{1}{y} = \int 2y^2 \cdot \frac{1}{y} dy + C$$

$$= \int 2y dy + C$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{x}{y} = y^2 + C}$$

## Equation reducible to linear form:

An equation of the form

$$f'(y) \frac{dy}{dx} + P f(y) = Q \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Putting  $f(y) = v \Rightarrow f'(y) \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dv}{dx}$

Equation (1) reduces to:

$$\frac{dv}{dx} + Pv = Q \quad (\text{linear in } v)$$

## A special case: Bernoulli's Equation

An equation of the form

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + Py = Qy^n \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

where  $P$  &  $Q$  are constants or function of  $x$  and  $n$

is a constant except 0 & 1 is called Bernoulli's differential equation.

Note that equation (2) can be written as

$$\frac{1}{y^n} \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{P}{y^{n-1}} = Q$$

Subst:  $\frac{1}{y^{n-1}} = v \Rightarrow (1-n) y^{-n} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dv}{dx}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{(1-n)} \cdot \frac{dv}{dx} + Pv = Q$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dx} + P(1-n)v = Q(1-n) \quad (\text{linear in } v)$$

$$\underline{\text{Ex.}} \quad (x^2 - 2x + 2y^2) dx + 2xy dy = 0$$

Sol: Rewriting:

$$2xy \frac{dy}{dx} + x^2 - 2x + 2y^2 = 0$$

$$\text{or } 2y \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{2y^2}{x} = \frac{2x - x^2}{x}$$

$$\text{Subst. } y^2 = v \Rightarrow 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dv}{dx}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dx} + \frac{2}{x} \cdot v = (2-x) \quad (\text{linear in } v)$$

$$\text{I.F.} = e^{\int \frac{2}{x} dx} = x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow v \cdot x^2 = \int (2-x) x^2 dx + C$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{y^2 x^2 = \frac{2}{3} x^3 - \frac{x^4}{4} + C}$$

$$\underline{\text{Ex.}} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} - y \tan x = -y^2 \sec x$$

Sol: Dividing by  $y^2$ :

$$\frac{1}{y^2} \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{1}{y} \cdot \tan x = -\sec x$$

$$\text{putting } \frac{1}{y} = v \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{y^2} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{du}{dx} - v \tan x = -\sec x \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} + v \tan x = \sec x. \quad (\text{linear in } v)$$

$$\text{I.F.} = e^{\int \tan x dx} = e^{\ln \sec x} = \sec x$$

$$\text{Solution: } v \cdot \sec x = \int \sec^2 x dx + C$$

$$\Rightarrow v \cdot \sec x = \tan x + C$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{y^{-1} \sec x = \tan x + C}$$

Ex. Solve  $\frac{dz}{dx} + \frac{1}{x} \ln z = \frac{z}{x} (\ln z)^2, \quad x > 0, z > 0$

Sol: Dividing by  $z$ :

$$\frac{1}{z} \frac{dz}{dx} + \frac{1}{x} \ln z = \frac{1}{x} (\ln z)^2$$

Subst.  $\ln z = t \Rightarrow \frac{1}{z} \cdot \frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{dt}{dx}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dt}{dx} + \frac{1}{x} t = \frac{1}{x} t^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{t^2} \frac{dt}{dx} + \frac{1}{t} \cdot \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{x} \quad \text{Bernoulli's equation}$$

Subst.  $\frac{1}{t} = v \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{t^2} \frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{dv}{dx}$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{dv}{dx} + \frac{1}{x} \cdot v = \frac{1}{x}$$

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

Solution:  $v \cdot \frac{1}{x} = - \int \frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{x} dx + C$

$$\frac{v}{x} = \frac{1}{x} + C$$

$$\Rightarrow v = 1 + Cx$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{(\ln z)^{-1} = 1 + Cx}$$

C.F.

$$f(D)y = 0$$

Auxiliary equation  $f(m) = 0$

roots  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$ .

Case I: Roots are real and non-repeated

$$C.F. = C_1 e^{\alpha_1 x} + C_2 e^{\alpha_2 x} + \dots + C_n e^{\alpha_n x}$$

Case II: Roots are real but repeated, say,

$$\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \alpha; \alpha_3, \alpha_4, \dots, \alpha_n$$

$$C.F. = (C_1 + C_2 x) e^{\alpha x} + C_3 e^{\alpha_3 x} + \dots + C_n e^{\alpha_n x}$$

Case III: Roots are complex and non-repeated

$$\alpha \pm i\beta, \alpha_3, \alpha_4, \dots, \alpha_n$$

$$C.F. = e^{\alpha x} (C_1 \cos \beta x + C_2 \sin \beta x) + C_3 e^{\alpha_3 x} + \dots + C_n e^{\alpha_n x}$$

Case IV: Roots are complex and repeated

$$\alpha \pm i\beta, \alpha \pm i\beta, \alpha_5, \alpha_6, \dots, \alpha_n$$

$$C.F. = e^{\alpha x} ((C_1 + C_2 x) \cos \beta x + (C_3 + C_4 x) \sin \beta x) + C_5 e^{\alpha_5 x} + \dots + C_n e^{\alpha_n x}.$$

## Evaluation of C.F. :

Ex. Solve the differential equation

$$\frac{d^4y}{dx^4} - 2 \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} + 5 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 8 \frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = 0$$

In operator form:

$$(D^4 - 2D^3 + 5D^2 - 8D + 4)y = 0$$

$$\text{Auxiliary equation: } m^4 - 2m^3 + 5m^2 - 8m + 4 = 0$$

$$\text{Its roots: } m = 1, 1, 2i, -2i$$

The general solution:

$$y = (C_1 + C_2x)e^x + C_3 \cos 2x + C_4 \sin 2x.$$

Ex. Suppose roots of the auxiliary eq. are

$$1, 2, 2, 1 \pm 2i, 1 \pm 2i$$

GENERAL SOLUTION:

$$y = C_1 e^x + (C_2 + C_3x)e^{2x} + e^x [(C_4 + C_5x) \cos 2x + (C_6 + C_7x) \sin 2x]$$

## Determination of particular integral:

Diff. Eq.  $f(D)y = X$

$$\boxed{P.I. = \frac{1}{f(D)} \cdot X}$$

1. General method of getting P.I.

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{(D-\alpha)} X = e^{\alpha x} \int x e^{-\alpha x} dx}$$

Proof: let  $y = \frac{1}{D-\alpha} X$

on operating  $D-\alpha$  both sides, we get

$$(D-\alpha)y = X$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} - \alpha y = X \quad (\text{linear equation in } y)$$

$$I.F. = e^{\int -\alpha dx} = e^{-\alpha x}$$

$$\Rightarrow y \cdot e^{-\alpha x} = \int x e^{-\alpha x} dx + C$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{y = e^{\alpha x} \int x e^{-\alpha x} dx + C e^{\alpha x}}$$

Ex. Solve  $(D^2 + a^2) y = \sec ax$

Auxiliary equation:  $m^2 + a^2 = 0 \Rightarrow m = \pm ai$

$$C.F. = C_1 \cos ax + C_2 \sin ax$$

$$\begin{aligned} P.I. &= \frac{1}{D^2 + a^2} \sec ax = \frac{1}{(D - ia)(D + ia)} \cdot \sec ax \\ &= \frac{1}{2ia} \left[ \frac{1}{D - ia} - \frac{1}{D + ia} \right] \sec ax \end{aligned}$$

Consider  $\frac{1}{D - ia} \sec ax = e^{iax} \int \sec ax e^{-iax} dx$

$$\begin{aligned} &= e^{iax} \int \sec ax [\cos ax - i \sin ax] dx \\ &= e^{iax} \int \left( 1 - i \frac{\sin ax}{\cos ax} \right) dx \\ &= e^{iax} \left[ x + \frac{i}{a} \ln |\cos ax| \right] \end{aligned}$$

Similarly  $\frac{1}{D + ia} \sec ax = e^{-iax} \left[ x - \frac{i}{a} \ln |\cos ax| \right]$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} P.I. &= \frac{1}{2ia} \left[ e^{iax} \left\{ x + \frac{i}{a} \ln |\cos ax| \right\} - e^{-iax} \left\{ x - \frac{i}{a} \ln |\cos ax| \right\} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2ia} \left[ x (e^{iax} - e^{-iax}) + \frac{i}{a} \ln |\cos ax| \{ e^{iax} + e^{-iax} \} \right] \\ &= \frac{x}{a} \cdot \sin ax + \frac{1}{a^2} \ln |\cos ax| \cdot \cos ax. \end{aligned}$$

GENERAL SOLUTION:

$$y = C_1 \cos ax + C_2 \sin ax + \frac{x}{a} \sin ax + \frac{1}{a^2} \ln |\cos ax| \cos ax$$

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## 2. Short Methods for finding P.I. (Proofs: Shanti Narayanan)

- X is of the form  $e^{ax}$

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

where  $f(a) \neq 0$

- ii) If  $f(a) = 0$ , then  $f(D)$  must have a factor of the type  $(D-a)^r$ .

Then,

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{(D-a)^r} e^{ax} = \frac{x^r}{r!} e^{ax}}$$

Ex.

$$P.I. = \frac{1}{D^3 - D^2 - D + 1} \cdot e^x$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{(D-1)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} e^x$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{x^2}{2} \cdot e^x = \frac{1}{4} x^2 e^x.$$

Ex.  $P.I. = \frac{1}{D^2 + D + 5} \cdot 7$

$$= \frac{1}{D^2 + D + 5} \cdot 7 e^{0x}$$

$$= 7 \cdot \frac{1}{D^2 + D + 5} \cdot e^{0x} = \frac{7}{5}.$$

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Proof of:

$$\frac{1}{f(D)} e^{ax} = \frac{1}{f(a)} e^{ax} \text{ where } f(a) \neq 0$$

$$\text{Ht } f(D) = D^n + C_1 D^{n-1} + \dots + C_{n-1} D + C_n$$

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} f(D) e^{ax} &= [D^n + C_1 D^{n-1} + \dots + C_{n-1} D + C_n] e^{ax} \\ &= [a^n + C_1 a^{n-1} + \dots + C_{n-1} a + C_n] e^{ax} \end{aligned}$$

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

Operating both side by  $\frac{1}{f(D)}$ , we get

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

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

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

• X is  $\cos ax$  or  $\sin ax$

$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{1}{f(D)} \cos ax = \frac{1}{4(D^2)} \cos ax = \frac{1}{4(-a^2)} \cos ax$$

provided  $4(-a^2) \neq 0$

Replace  $D^2$  by  $-a^2$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Ex. P.I.} &= \frac{1}{D^4 + D^2 + 1} \cos 2x = \frac{1}{(D^2)^2 + D^2 + 1} \cos 2x \\ &= \frac{1}{16 - 4 + 1} = \frac{1}{13} \cos 2x\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Ex. P.I.} &= \frac{1}{D^2 - 2D + 1} \cos 3x\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}&= \frac{1}{-9 - 2D + 1} \cos 3x = \frac{1}{-2D - 8} \cos 3x \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{D+4} \cos 3x \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{D-4}{D^2-16} \cos 3x \\ &= \frac{1}{50} (D-4) \cos 3x \\ &= \frac{1}{50} \cdot (-3 \sin 3x - 4 \cos 3x) \\ &= -\frac{1}{50} (3 \sin 3x + 4 \cos 3x)\end{aligned}$$

If  $\varphi(-a^2) = 0$ :

$$\text{Ex. } \frac{1}{D^2+a^2} \sin ax$$

$$= \text{imag} \left\{ \frac{1}{D^2+a^2} \cos ax + i \frac{1}{D^2+a^2} \sin ax \right\}$$

$$= \text{imag} \left\{ \frac{1}{D^2+a^2} \cdot e^{iax} \right\}$$

$$\text{Consider. } \frac{1}{D^2+a^2} e^{iax} = \frac{1}{(D-ai)(D+ia)} \cdot e^{iax}$$

$$= \frac{1}{D-ai} \cdot \frac{1}{2ia} e^{iax}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2ia} \cdot \frac{x}{1} \cdot e^{iax}$$

$$= \frac{x}{2ia} \{ \cos ax + i \sin ax \}$$

$$= \frac{x}{2a} \sin ax - i \frac{x}{2a} \cos ax$$

$$\text{P. I. } = - \frac{x}{2a} \cos ax.$$

Rules:

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{D^2+a^2} \sin ax = -\frac{x}{2a} \cos ax}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{D^2+a^2} \cos ax = \frac{x}{2a} \sin ax}$$

Ex. Solve  $(D^2 + 4)y = \sin^2 x$

$$C.F. = C_1 \cos 2x + C_2 \sin 2x$$

$$\begin{aligned} P.I. &= \frac{1}{D^2+4} \sin^2 x \\ &= \frac{1}{D^2+4} \cdot \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos 2x) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{D^2+4} \cdot \cos 2x \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{4} - \frac{x}{2 \cdot 2} \sin 2x \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{8} [1 - x \sin 2x] \end{aligned}$$

General solution:

$$y = C_1 \cos 2x + C_2 \sin 2x + \frac{1}{8} [1 - x \sin 2x].$$

- $X$  is  $x^m$  or a polynomial of degree  $m$ .

Take out the lowest degree term from  $f(D)$ , so as to reduce it in the form

$$[1 \pm F(D)]^\alpha.$$

Take it to numerator and expand it.

Ex. Find  $\frac{1}{D^3 - D^2 - 6D} \cdot (x^2 + 1)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{-6D \left(1 + \frac{D}{6} - \frac{D^2}{6}\right)} (x^2 + 1) \\
 &= -\frac{1}{6D} \left[1 + \left(\frac{D}{6} - \frac{D^2}{6}\right)\right]^{-1} (x^2 + 1) \\
 &= -\frac{1}{6D} \left[1 - \left(\frac{D}{6} - \frac{D^2}{6}\right) + \left(\frac{D}{6} - \frac{D^2}{6}\right)^2 - \dots\right] (x^2 + 1) \\
 &= -\frac{1}{6D} \left[1 - \frac{D}{6} + \frac{D^2}{6} + \frac{D^2}{36} \dots\right] (x^2 + 1) \\
 &= -\frac{1}{6D} \left[(x^2 + 1) - \frac{1}{6}(2x) + \frac{7}{36} \cdot 2\right] \\
 &= -\frac{1}{6D} \left[x^2 - \frac{x}{3} + \frac{25}{78}\right] \\
 &= -\frac{1}{6} \left[\frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^2}{6} + \frac{25}{18}x\right]
 \end{aligned}$$

- $X$  is  $e^{ax} V$ , where  $V$  is any function of  $x$ .

Rule:

$\frac{1}{f(D)} e^{ax} V = e^{ax} \frac{1}{f(D+a)} V$
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Ex.

$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{1}{D^2 + 3D + 2} e^{2x} \sin x$$

$$= e^{2x} \cdot \frac{1}{(D+2)^2 + 3(D+2) + 2} \sin x$$

$$= e^{2x} \cdot \frac{1}{D^2 + 7D + 12} \sin x$$

$$= e^{2x} \cdot \frac{1}{7D + 11} \sin x$$

$$= e^{2x} \cdot \frac{7D - 11}{49D^2 - 121} \sin x$$

$$= e^{2x} \cdot \frac{7D - 11}{-170} \sin x$$

$$= -\frac{e^{2x}}{170} (7 \cos x - 11 \sin x)$$

$$= \frac{e^{2x}}{170} (11 \sin x - 7 \cos x).$$

•  $X$  is  $xv$

Rule

$$\frac{1}{f(D)}(x \cdot v) = x \cdot \frac{1}{f(D)}v - \frac{f'(D)}{\{f(D)\}^2}v$$

Ex.

$$P.I. = \frac{1}{D^2 - 2D + 1} \cdot x \sin x$$

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

$$= x \frac{1}{-2D} \sin x - \frac{(2D-2)}{(-2D)^2} \sin x$$

$$= + \frac{x}{2} \cos x - \frac{(2D-2)}{4(-1)} \sin x$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{2} (x \cos x + \cos x - \sin x).$$

$$f(D)Y = X$$

$$\text{P.I.} = \frac{1}{f(D)} X$$

1. General rule  $\frac{1}{D-\alpha} X = e^{\alpha x} \int x e^{-\alpha x} dx$

2. Short Methods:

a)  $\frac{1}{f(D)} e^{\alpha x} = \frac{1}{f(\alpha)} e^{\alpha x} ; f(\alpha) \neq 0$

a') If  $f(\alpha) = 0$ ;  $\frac{1}{(D-\alpha)^r} e^{\alpha x} = \frac{x^r}{r!} e^{\alpha x};$

$$f(D) = (D-\alpha)^r \Phi(D)$$

b)  $\frac{1}{\Phi(D^2)} \cos ax = \frac{1}{\Phi(-a^2)} \cos ax ; \Phi(a^2) \neq 0$

b')  $\frac{1}{\Phi(D^2)} \sin ax = \frac{1}{\Phi(-a^2)} \sin ax ; \Phi(-a^2) \neq 0$

b'')  $\frac{1}{D^2+a^2} \sin ax = -\frac{x}{2a} \cos ax$

b''')  $\frac{1}{D^2+a^2} \sin ax = \frac{x}{2a} \sin ax$

c)  $\frac{1}{f(D)} (e^{\alpha x} v) = e^{\alpha x} \frac{1}{f(D+\alpha)} v$

d)  $\frac{1}{f(D)} (x v) = x \cdot \frac{1}{f(D)} v - \frac{f'(D)}{\{f(D)\}^2} v$

# Method of variation of parameters

Consider the following second order non-homogeneous linear equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + a_1 \frac{dy}{dx} + a_2 y = f(x) \quad (1)$$

Let  $y = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$ , with  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  as arbitrary constants, be the general solution of the homogeneous equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + a_1 \frac{dy}{dx} + a_2 y = 0$$

We assume that

$$y = C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2 \quad (2)$$

is the general solution of the non-homogeneous equation (1), where  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are functions of  $x$  to be so chosen that (1) is satisfied.

Differentiating (2) we get

$$y' = C_1 y'_1 + C_2 y'_2 + \underbrace{C'_1 y_1 + C'_2 y_2}_{=0} \quad (3)$$

For simplicity, in order to find  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  we assume that

$$C'_1 y_1 + C'_2 y_2 = 0 \quad (4)$$

Differentiating (3) again,

$$y'' = C_1 y''_1 + C_2 y''_2 + C'_1 y'_1 + C'_2 y'_2 \quad (5)$$

Substituting  $y$ ,  $y'$  and  $y''$  in (1) we get

$$C_1 \left( y''_1 + a_1 y'_1 + a_2 y_1 \right) + C_2 \left( y''_2 + a_1 y'_2 + a_2 y_2 \right) + C'_1 y'_1 + C'_2 y'_2 = f(x)$$

$$\implies C'_1 y'_1 + C'_2 y'_2 = f(x) \quad (6)$$

Solving the equations (4) and (6):

$$C'_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & y_2 \\ f(x) & y'_2 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y'_1 & y'_2 \end{vmatrix}} = -\frac{y_2 f(x)}{W}$$

Here  $W$  is called Wronskian. It is non-zero because  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are linearly independent. Similarly

$$C'_2 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} y_1 & 0 \\ y'_1 & f(x) \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y'_1 & y'_2 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{y_1 f(x)}{W}$$

After integrating:

$$C_1 = \int -\frac{y_2 f(x)}{W} dx + d_1 \quad \text{and} \quad C_2 = \int \frac{y_1 f(x)}{W} dx + d_2$$

Hence the general solution of the non-homogeneous equation

$$y = d_1 y_1 + d_2 y_2 + y_1 \int -\frac{y_2 f(x)}{W} dx + y_2 \int \frac{y_1 f(x)}{W} dx$$

Example: Apply the method of variation of parameters to solve

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - y = \frac{2}{1 + e^x} \tag{7}$$

Solution:

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

Let  $y = C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{-x}$  be the general solution of the given equation.

$$y' = C_1 e^x - C_2 e^{-x} + \underbrace{C'_1 e^x + C'_2 e^{-x}}_{=0}$$

$$y'' = C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{-x} + C'_1 e^x - C'_2 e^{-x}$$

Substituting in (7)

$$C'_1 e^x - C'_2 e^{-x} = \frac{2}{1 + e^x}$$

The Wronskian

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} e^x & e^{-x} \\ e^x & -e^{-x} \end{vmatrix} = -2$$

Hence

$$C_1 = -\frac{1}{2} \int -e^{-x} \frac{2}{1 + e^x} dx + d_1 = \int \frac{e^{-x}}{1 + e^x} dx + d_1$$

Substitute  $e^x = z \Rightarrow e^x dx = dz$

$$C_1 = \int \frac{1}{z^2(1+z)} dz + d_1 = \int \frac{1}{z^2} - \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{1+z} dz + d_1$$

$$C_1 = -\frac{1}{z} - \ln z + \ln(1+z) + d_1 = -e^{-x} - x + \ln(1+e^x) + d_1$$

Similarly

$$C_2 = -\frac{1}{2} \int e^x \frac{2}{1+e^x} dx + d_1 = -\ln(1+e^x) + d_2$$

The general solution of the differential equation

$$\boxed{y = d_1 e^x + d_2 e^{-x} - 1 - x e^x + (e^x - e^{-x}) \ln(1+e^x)}$$

# Cauchy-Euler Equations

A linear differential equation of the form

$$x^n \frac{d^n y}{dx^n} + a_1 x^{n-1} \frac{d^{n-1} y}{dx^{n-1}} + \cdots + a_n y = X \quad (8)$$

or

$$(x^n D^n + a_1 D^{n-1} + \cdots + a_n) y = X \quad (9)$$

is called Euler-Cauchy equation.

**Working Rule:** To solve equation (8) we change the variable from  $x$  to  $z$  by putting  $x = e^z$  i.e.  $z = \ln(x)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} z &= \ln(x) \Rightarrow \frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{1}{x} \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{dy}{dz} \frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{1}{x} \frac{dy}{dz} \Rightarrow \boxed{x \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dz}} \end{aligned}$$

We define a new operator

$$x \frac{d}{dx} \equiv \frac{d}{dz} \equiv D_1$$

Again

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} &= \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{x} \frac{dy}{dz} \right) = -\frac{1}{x^2} \frac{dy}{dz} + \frac{1}{x} \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{dy}{dz} \right) = -\frac{1}{x^2} \frac{dy}{dz} + \frac{1}{x^2} \frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} \\ &\Rightarrow x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} - \frac{dy}{dz} = D_1(D_1 - 1)y \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have the following formulas for  $D \equiv \frac{d}{dx}$  and  $D_1 \equiv \frac{d}{dz}$

$$\begin{aligned} xD &= D_1 \\ x^2 D^2 &= D_1(D_1 - 1) \\ x^3 D^3 &= D_1(D_1 - 1)(D_1 - 2) \\ &\vdots \\ x^n D^n &= D_1(D_1 - 1)(D_1 - 2) \dots (D_1 - n + 1) \end{aligned}$$

Substituting these operator relations in the equation (9), we obtain a linear differential equation with constant coefficient

$$f(D_1)y = Z, \quad \text{where } Z \text{ becomes a function of } z \text{ only}$$

Example 1.

$$(x^2 D^2 - xD + 2)y = x \ln x \quad (10)$$

Let  $x = e^z$  so that  $z = \ln x$  and  $D_1 \equiv \frac{d}{dz}$  then the equation (10) becomes

$$[D_1(D_1 - 1) - D_1 + 2]y = ze^z$$

Auxiliary equation  $m^2 - 2m + 2 = 0$  and its roots are  $m = 1 \pm i$   
Hence

$$\text{C.F.} = e^z [c_1 \cos(z) + c_2 \sin(z)] = x [c_1 \cos(\ln(x)) + c_2 \sin(\ln(x))]$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{P.I.} &= \frac{1}{D_1^2 - 2D_1 + 2}ze^z = e^z \frac{1}{(D_1 + 1)^2 - 2(D_1 + 1) + 2}z \\ &= e^z \frac{1}{D_1^2 + 1}z = e^z (1 + D_1^2)^{-1}z = e^z z = x \ln(x)\end{aligned}$$

General solution

$$y = x [c_1 \cos(\ln(x)) + c_2 \sin(\ln(x))] + x \ln(x)$$

**Equations reducible to Euler-Cauchy form** There can be several forms of equation which can be reduced to Euler-Cauchy form

Example 1: Solve

$$\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} - \frac{4}{x} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{5}{x^2} \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{2y}{x^3} = 1$$

$$\text{Solution: } y = c_1 x^2 + c_2 x^{(5+\sqrt{21})/2} + c_3 x^{(5-\sqrt{21})/2} - x^3/5$$

Example 2:

$$2x^2 y \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4y^2 = x^2 \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 + 2xy \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\text{Hint: } y = z^2$$

Solution:

$$y = z^2 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 2z \frac{dz}{dx}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 2 \left( \frac{dz}{dx} \right)^2 + 2z \frac{d^2z}{dx^2}$$

Substituting these values in the differential equation we get

$$x^2 \frac{d^2z}{dx^2} - x \frac{dz}{dx} + z = 0$$

or

$$[x^2 D^2 - xD + 1]z = 0$$

Substitute  $x = e^t \Leftrightarrow \ln x = t$

$$\Rightarrow x \frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{dz}{dt} \Rightarrow xD \equiv D_1$$

Similarly

$$x^2 D^2 = D_1(D_1 - 1)$$

Then the equation becomes

$$[D_1^2 - 2D_1 + 1]z = 0 \Rightarrow z = [c_1 + c_2 t]e^t$$

$$\Rightarrow z = [c_1 + c_2 \ln(x)]x$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{y = (c_1 + c_2 \ln(x))^2 x^2}$$

Example 3: A differential equation of the form

$$(a + bx)^n \frac{d^n y}{dx^n} + a_1(a + bx)^{n-1} \frac{d^{n-1} y}{dx^{n-1}} + \cdots + a_{n-1}(a + bx) \frac{dy}{dx} + a_n y = X$$

can be reduced to Euler-Cauchy equation by putting

$$a + bx = v \Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dx} = b$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dv} \frac{dv}{dx} = b \frac{dy}{dv}$$

Again

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = b^2 \frac{d^2y}{dv^2} \text{ or in general } \frac{d^n y}{dx^n} = b^n \frac{d^n y}{dv^n}$$

Substituting these derivatives in the equation, we get

$$v^n \frac{d^n y}{dv^n} + \frac{a_1}{b} v^{n-1} \frac{d^{n-1} y}{dv^{n-1}} + \cdots + \frac{a_{n-1}}{b^{n-1}} v \frac{dy}{dv} + \frac{a_n}{b^n} y = \frac{X}{b^n}$$

which is an standard Euler-Cauchy equation.

Example 4: solve

$$(1+x)^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + (1+x) \frac{dy}{dx} + y = 4 \cos \ln(1+x)$$

Solution: Let  $(1+x) = v \Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dx} = 1$ .

Hence  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dv}$  and  $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{d^2 y}{dv^2}$  and the differential equation becomes

$$v^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dv^2} + v \frac{dy}{dv} + y = 4 \cos \ln v$$

Put  $v = e^z \Rightarrow \ln(v) = z$  and let  $D_1 \equiv \frac{d}{dz}$

$$[D_1(D_1 - 1) + D_1 + 1] y = 4 \cos z$$

$$(D_1^2 + 1) y = 4 \cos z$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{C.F.} &= c_1 \cos(z) + c_2 \sin(z) = c_1 \cos(\ln v) + c_2 \sin(\ln v) \\ &= c_1 \cos(\ln(1+x)) + c_2 \sin(\ln(1+x)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{P.I.} = 2z \sin z = 2 \ln(v) \sin(\ln(v)) = 2 \ln(1+x) \sin(\ln(1+x)).$$

The general solution

$$y = c_1 \cos(\ln(1+x)) + c_2 \sin(\ln(1+x)) + 2 \ln(1+x) \sin(\ln(1+x)).$$

# ① SIMULTANEOUS ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

$$\frac{dy_1}{dx} = f_1(x, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$$

$$\frac{dy_2}{dx} = f_2(x, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$$

⋮

$$\frac{dy_n}{dx} = f_n(x, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$$

## I. METHOD OF ELIMINATION

EXAMPLE:

SOLVE

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 7x - y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 2x + 5y$$

Denoting  $\frac{d}{dt} \equiv D$ :

$$(D-7)x + y = 0 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$-2x + (D-5)y = 0 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

multiplying (i) by 2 and operating (ii) by  $(D-7)$  and then adding the two equations:

$$2y + (D-7)(D-5)y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (D^2 - 12D + 37)y = 0$$

auxiliary equation  $m^2 - 12m + 37 = 0$

Its roots are  $6 \pm i$

$$C.F. = y = e^{6t} (c_1 \cos t + c_2 \sin t)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow dy &= 6e^{6t} (c_1 \cos t + c_2 \sin t) \\ &\quad + e^{6t} (-c_1 \sin t + c_2 \cos t) \\ &= e^{6t} [(6c_1 + c_2) \cos t + (6c_2 - c_1) \sin t]\end{aligned}$$

$$(ii) \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2} [dy - 5y]$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2} e^{6t} [(c_1 + c_2) \cos t + (c_2 - c_1) \sin t]$$

II.

## METHOD OF DIFFERENTIATION

EXAMPLE: Determine the general solutions for  $x$  and  $y$  for

$$\frac{dx}{dt} - y = t \quad (i)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + x = 1 \quad (ii)$$

Differentiating (i) w.r.t.  $t$  and replacing  $\frac{dy}{dt}$  from (ii), we get

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} - (1-x) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + x = 2$$

$$C.F. = C_1 \cos t + C_2 \sin t$$

$$P.I. = \frac{1}{D^2+1} \cdot 2$$

$$= 2.$$

$$\Rightarrow x = C_1 \cos t + C_2 \sin t + 2$$

$$(i) \Rightarrow y = \frac{dx}{dt} - t$$

$$y = -C_1 \sin t + C_2 \cos t - t$$

EXAMPLE: Solve  $\frac{dy_1}{dx} = y_1 + y_2 + x \quad \dots \text{(i)}$

$$\frac{dy_2}{dx} = -4y_1 - 3y_2 + 2x \quad \dots \text{(ii)}$$

Differentiating (i) :  $\frac{d^2y_1}{dx^2} = \frac{dy_1}{dx} + \frac{dy_2}{dx} + 1$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2y_1}{dx^2} = \frac{dy_1}{dx} + (-4y_1 - 3y_2 + 2x) + 1$$

$$= \frac{dy_1}{dx} - 4y_1 - 3 \left( \underbrace{\frac{dy_1}{dx} - y_1 - x}_{\text{from (i)}} \right) + 2x + 1$$

$$= -2 \frac{dy_1}{dx} - y_1 + 5x + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2y_1}{dx^2} + 2 \frac{dy_1}{dx} + y_1 = 5x + 1.$$

auxiliary equation  $m^2 + 2m + 1 = 0$

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

$$C.F. = (c_1 + c_2 x) e^{-x}$$

$$P.I. = \frac{1}{D^2 + 2D + 1} \cdot 5x + 1$$

$$= (D+1)^{-2} (5x+1)$$

$$= (1-2D+\dots)(5x+1)$$

$$= (5x+1) - 2(5)$$

$$= 5x - 9$$

$$y_1 = (c_1 + c_2 x) e^{-x} + 5x - 9$$

form(i)

$$y_2 = \frac{dy_1}{dx} - y_1 - x$$

$$= -\cancel{c_1} e^{-x} + c_2 (-\cancel{x} e^{-x} + \cancel{e^{-x}}) + 5$$

$$= \cancel{c_1} e^{-x} - \cancel{c_2} \cancel{x} e^{-x} - 5x + 9 - x$$

$$= -2c_1 e^{-x} - 2c_2 x e^{-x} + c_2 e^{-x} - 6x + 14$$

$$\Rightarrow y_2 = e^{-x} (-2c_1 - 2c_2 x + c_2) - 6x + 14$$

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### III Method of undetermined coefficients:

Consider

$$\frac{dx_1}{dt} = a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n$$

$$\frac{dx_2}{dt} = a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n$$

⋮

$$\frac{dx_n}{dt} = a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + \dots + a_{nn}x_n$$

①

We seek a particular solution.

$$x_1 = \alpha_1 e^{kt}, \quad x_2 = \alpha_2 e^{kt}, \quad \dots, \quad x_n = \alpha_n e^{kt}$$

It is required to determine the constants  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  and  $k$  in such a way that the functions  $\alpha_1 e^{kt}, \alpha_2 e^{kt}, \dots, \alpha_n e^{kt}$  satisfy the above system of differential equations.

①  $\Rightarrow$

$$k\alpha_1 e^{kt} = (a_{11}\alpha_1 + a_{12}\alpha_2 + \dots + a_{1n}\alpha_n)e^{kt}$$

$$k\alpha_2 e^{kt} = (a_{21}\alpha_1 + a_{22}\alpha_2 + \dots + a_{2n}\alpha_n)e^{kt}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$k\alpha_n e^{kt} = (a_{n1}\alpha_1 + a_{n2}\alpha_2 + \dots + a_{nn}\alpha_n)e^{kt}$$

$$\Rightarrow (a_{11}-k)\alpha_1 + a_{12}\alpha_2 + \dots + a_{1n}\alpha_n = 0$$

$$a_{21}\alpha_1 + (a_{22}-k)\alpha_2 + \dots + a_{2n}\alpha_n = 0$$

$$\vdots$$

$$a_{n1}\alpha_1 + a_{n2}\alpha_2 + \dots + (a_{nn}-k)\alpha_n = 0$$

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For a nontrivial solution of the above system

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11}-k & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22}-k & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & & \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & (a_{nn}-k) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

This equation is called auxiliary equation of the system (1)

Suppose the roots of the auxiliary equation are real and distinct say,  $k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n$ .

For each root  $k_i$ :

evaluate

$$\alpha_1^{(i)}, \alpha_2^{(i)}, \dots, \alpha_n^{(i)}$$

For the root  $k_i$ , obtain the following solution of the system:

$$x_1^{(i)} = \alpha_1^{(i)} e^{k_i t}, \quad x_2^{(i)} = \alpha_2^{(i)} e^{k_i t}, \quad \dots, \quad x_n^{(i)} = \alpha_n^{(i)} e^{k_i t}$$

$i=1, 2, \dots, n.$

General solution:  $x_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \alpha_1^{(i)} e^{k_i t}$

$x_2 = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \alpha_2^{(i)} e^{k_i t}$

$\vdots$

$x_n = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \alpha_n^{(i)} e^{k_i t}$

EXAMPLE:

$$\frac{dx_1}{dt} = 2x_1 + 2x_2$$

$$\frac{dx_2}{dt} = x_1 + 3x_2$$

auxiliary equation:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2-\kappa & 2 \\ 1 & 3-\kappa \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 6 - 5\kappa + \kappa^2 - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \kappa^2 - 5\kappa + 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\kappa-4)(\kappa-1) = 0 \Rightarrow \kappa_1=1, \kappa_2=4.$$

For:  $\kappa_1=1$ :

Solving the system:

$$\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 = 0$$

$$\text{Choose } \alpha_1=1 \Rightarrow \alpha_2=-\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Solution: } x_1^{(1)} = e^t \quad x_2^{(1)} = -\frac{1}{2}e^t$$

For  $\kappa_2=4$ :

System:

$$-2\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = 1 \text{ (choose)}$$

$$\text{Solution } x_1^{(2)} = e^{4t} \quad x_2^{(2)} = e^{4t}$$

General solution:

$$x_1 = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{4t}$$

$$x_2 = -\frac{1}{2}c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{4t}$$