

### 3-B. Second Order Differential Equations:

The second order linear differential equations with constant coefficient has the general form is:

$$ay'' + by' + cy = F(x) \quad \dots(1),$$

where a, b and c are constants.

If  $F(x) = 0$  then (1) is called homogenous.

If  $F(x) \neq 0$  then (1) is called non homogenous.

#### Linear Differential Operator

It is convenient to introduce the symbol  $D$  to represent the operation of differentiation with respect to  $x$ . That is, we write  $Df(x)$  to mean  $df/dx$ .

Furthermore, we define powers of  $D$  to mean taking successive derivatives:

$$D^2 f(x) = D\{Df(x)\} = \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2}, \quad D^3 f(x) = D\{D^2 f(x)\} = \frac{d^3 f}{dx^3}$$

$$(D^2 + D - 2)f(x) = D^2 f(x) + Df(x) - 2f(x) = \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} + \frac{df}{dx} - 2f(x)$$

#### **a) The Second order linear homogenous D.Eq. with constant coefficient:**

The general form is

$$ay'' + by' + cy = 0 \quad \dots(2)$$

where a, b and c are constants.

#### The general solution

Put  $y' = Dy$  and  $y'' = D^2y$  in eq. (2) (D is an operator)

$$\Rightarrow aD^2y + bDy + cy = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (aD^2 + bD + c)y = 0 \quad (\text{using } D\text{-operator})$$

now substitute D by r and leave y then

$$ar^2 + br + c = 0$$

is called characteristic equation of the differential equation and the solution of this equation (the roots r) give the solution of the differential equation where

$$r = \frac{-b \mp \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

There are two values of  $r$  :

- 1- real (equal and not equal).
- 2- complex.

<i>Solution of</i> $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2a\frac{dy}{dx} + by = 0$	
<i>Roots <math>r_1</math> &amp; <math>r_2</math></i>	<i>Solution</i>
Real and unequal	$y = C_1e^{r_1x} + C_2e^{r_2x}$
Real and equal	$y = (C_1x + C_2)e^{r_2x}$
Complex conjugate, $\alpha \pm j\beta$	$y = e^{\alpha x}(C_1 \cos \beta x + C_2 \sin \beta x)$

**Ex.1: Solve**  $y'' - 2y' - 3y = 0$

**Solution:**

$$y'' - 2y' - 3y = 0$$

$$r^2 - 2r - 3 = 0 \quad , \quad y = 1 \quad , \quad y' = r \quad , \quad y'' = r^2$$

$$(r+1)(r-3) = 0$$

$$r+1=0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad r = -1$$

$$r-3=0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad r = 3$$

the general solution is

$$y = c_1e^{-x} + c_2e^{3x}$$

**Example**

Solve the following differential equations:

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

(b)  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4\frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = 0$

(c)  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4\frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = 0,$

(d)  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4y = 0$

Solution:

$$(a) \quad \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{dy}{dx} - 2y = 0$$

The characteristic equation is

$$D^2 + D - 2 = 0$$

$$(D-1)(D+2) = 0 \Rightarrow r_1 = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad r_2 = -2$$

The solution is

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

$$(b) \quad \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4 \frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = 0$$

The characteristic equation is

$$D^2 + 4D + 4 = 0$$

$$(D+2)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow r_1 = r_2 = -2$$

The solution is

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

$$(c) \quad \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4 \frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = 0$$

The characteristic equation is

$$D^2 + 4D + 6 = 0$$

$$r_{1,2} = \frac{-B \pm \sqrt{B^2 - 4AC}}{2A}$$

$$r_{1,2} = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{(4)^2 - 4(1)(6)}}{2(1)} = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 24}}{2}$$

$$r_{1,2} = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{-8}}{2} = \frac{-4 \pm j2\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$r_{1,2} = -2 \pm j\sqrt{2} \Rightarrow r_1 = -2 + j\sqrt{2} \quad \text{and} \quad r_2 = -2 - j\sqrt{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = -2 \quad \text{and} \quad \beta = \sqrt{2}$$

The solution is

$$y = e^{-2x} (C_1 \cos \sqrt{2}x + C_2 \sin \sqrt{2}x)$$

(d) 
$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 4y = 0$$

The characteristic equation is

$$D^2 + 4 = 0$$

$$(D - j2)(D + j2) = 0 \Rightarrow r_1 = j2 \quad \text{and} \quad r_2 = -j2$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \beta = 2$$

The solution is

$$y = C_1 \cos 2x + C_2 \sin 2x$$

Homework (1)

1.  $4y'' - 12y' + 5y = 0$  ans:  $y = c_1 e^{(1/2)x} + c_2 e^{(5/2)x}$
2.  $3y'' - 14y' - 5y = 0$  ans:  $y = c_1 e^{5x} + c_2 e^{(-1/3)x}$
3.  $4y'' + y = 0$  ans:  $y = c_1 \cos(x/2) + c_2 \sin(x/2)$
4.  $y'' - 8y' + 16y = 0$  ans:  $y = c_1 e^{4x} + c_2 x e^{4x}$
5.  $y'' + 9y = 0$  ans:  $y = c_1 \cos 3x + c_2 \sin 3x$

**b) The Second order linear non homogenous D.Eq. with constant coefficient:**

The general form is:  $ay'' + by' + cy = F(x)$  ... (3)

where a, b and c are constants.

**The general solution**

If  $y_h$  is the solution of the homo. D.Eq.  $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$ , then the general solution of eq. (3) is:

$$y = y_h + y_p$$

$y_h$  (complementary function)  
 $y_p$  (particular integral)

i)  $y_h$  is y homo.

ii)  $y_p$

**Variation of Parameters to Find(  $y_p$  ) :**

This method assumes we already know the homogeneous solution

$$y_h = C_1 u_1(x) + C_2 u_2(x)$$

The method consists of replacing the constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  by functions  $v_1(x)$  and  $v_2(x)$  and then requiring that the new expression

$$y_h = v_1 u_1 + v_2 u_2$$

and by solving the following two equations

$$v_1' u_1 + v_2' u_2 = 0$$

$$v_1' u_1' + v_2' u_2' = F(x)$$

for the unknown functions  $v_1'$  and  $v_2'$  using the following matrix notation

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1 & u_2 \\ u'_1 & u'_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v'_1 \\ v'_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ F(x) \end{bmatrix}$$

Finally  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  can be found by integration.

In applying the method of *variation of parameters* to find the particular solution, the following steps are taken:

- i. Find  $v'_1$  and  $v'_2$  using the following equations

$$v'_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & u_2 \\ F(x) & u'_2 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} u_1 & u_2 \\ u'_1 & u'_2 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{-u_2 F(x)}{D}, \quad v'_2 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} u_1 & 0 \\ u'_1 & F(x) \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} u_1 & u_2 \\ u'_1 & u'_2 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{u_1 F(x)}{D}$$

where 
$$D = \begin{vmatrix} u_1 & u_2 \\ u'_1 & u'_2 \end{vmatrix}$$

- ii. Integrate  $v'_1$  and  $v'_2$  to find  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ .
- iii. Write the particular solution as

$$y_p = v_1 u_1 + v_2 u_2$$

### Example

Solve the equation 
$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 2 \frac{dy}{dx} - 3y = 6$$

### Solution

The homogeneous solution  $y_h$  can be found using the reduced equation

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

The characteristic equation is  $D^2 + 2D - 3 = 0$  and the roots of this equation are  $r_1 = -3$  and  $r_2 = 1$ , so

$$y_h = C_1 e^{-3x} + C_2 e^x$$

Then

$$u_1 = e^{-3x}, u_2 = e^x$$

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} e^{-3x} & e^x \\ -3e^{-3x} & e^x \end{vmatrix} = e^{-2x} + 3e^{-2x} = 4e^{-2x}$$

$$v_1' = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & e^x \\ 6 & e^x \end{vmatrix}}{4e^{-2x}} = \frac{-6e^x}{4e^{-2x}} = -\frac{3}{2}e^{3x},$$

$$v_2' = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} e^{-3x} & 0 \\ -3e^{-3x} & 6 \end{vmatrix}}{4e^{-2x}} = \frac{6e^{-3x}}{4e^{-2x}} = \frac{3}{2}e^{-x}$$

$$v_1 = \int -\frac{3}{2}e^{3x} dx = -\frac{1}{2}e^{3x},$$

$$v_2 = \int \frac{3}{2}e^{-x} dx = -\frac{3}{2}e^{-x}$$

$$y_p = v_1 u_1 + v_2 u_2 = \left(-\frac{1}{2}e^{3x}\right)e^{-3x} + \left(-\frac{3}{2}e^{-x}\right)e^x = -2$$

$$y = y_h + y_p = C_1 e^{-3x} + C_2 e^x - 2$$

### Example

Solve the equation  $y'' - 2y' + y = e^x \ln(x)$

### Solution

The homogeneous solution  $y_h$  can be found using the reduced equation

$$y'' - 2y' + y = 0$$

The characteristic equation is

$$D^2 - 2D + 1 = 0$$

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

The roots are

$$r_1 = r_2 = 1$$

The solution is

$$y_h = (C_1x + C_2)e^x$$

$$y_h = C_1xe^x + C_2e^x$$

From that we have  $u_1(x) = xe^x$ , and  $u_2(x) = e^x$ .

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} xe^x & e^x \\ xe^x + e^x & e^x \end{vmatrix} = xe^{2x} - (xe^{2x} + e^{2x}) = -e^{2x}$$

$$v_1' = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & e^x \\ e^x \ln(x) & e^x \end{vmatrix}}{-e^{2x}} = \frac{-\ln(x)e^{2x}}{-e^{2x}} = \ln(x)$$

$$v_2' = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} xe^x & 0 \\ xe^x + e^x & e^x \ln(x) \end{vmatrix}}{-e^{2x}} = \frac{x \ln(x)e^{2x}}{-e^{2x}} = -x \ln(x)$$

$$v_1 = \int \ln(x) dx = x \ln(x) - x$$

$$v_2 = -\int x \ln(x) dx$$

$$u = \ln(x) \Rightarrow du = \frac{dx}{x}, \quad dv = x dx \Rightarrow v = \frac{x^2}{2}$$

$$v_2 = -\left( \frac{x^2}{2} \ln(x) - \int \frac{x^2}{2} \times \frac{1}{x} dx \right) = -\left( \frac{x^2}{2} \ln(x) - \int \frac{x}{2} dx \right)$$

$$= -\left( \frac{x^2}{2} \ln(x) - \frac{x^2}{4} \right) = \frac{x^2}{4} - \frac{x^2}{2} \ln(x)$$



The particular solution is

$$\begin{aligned}y_p &= v_1 u_1 + v_2 u_2 = (x \ln(x) - x) x e^x + \left( \frac{x^2}{4} - \frac{x^2}{2} \ln(x) \right) e^x \\&= x^2 e^x \ln(x) - x^2 e^x + \frac{x^2}{4} e^x - \frac{x^2}{2} e^x \ln(x) \\&= \frac{x^2}{2} e^x \ln(x) - \frac{3x^2}{4} e^x\end{aligned}$$

The complete solution is

$$y = y_h + y_p = C_1 x e^x + C_2 e^x + \frac{x^2}{2} e^x \ln(x) - \frac{3x^2}{4} e^x$$

### Homework (2)

**Solve:**

1)  $y'' - y' - 2y = e^{3x}$

$$\text{ans: } y = c_1 e^{-x} + c_2 e^{2x} + \frac{1}{4} e^{3x}$$

2)  $y'' + y = \sec x$

$$\text{ans: } y = c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x + \ln |\cos x| \cos x + x \sin x$$