

Topic $\rightarrow$ Problem based on Linear Equation with constant-coefficients

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Problem $\rightarrow$

Solve

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

Solution $\rightarrow$ Given Equation is

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

it may be written as

$$(D^2 + 2D + 1)y = 0$$

Auxiliary Equation

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

$$\Rightarrow (D+1)^2 = 0$$

$$D = -1, -1$$

Hence the General Solution

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

Ex: $\rightarrow$

Solve

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

Solution Given Equation

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

This may be written as

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

the Auxiliary Equation

$$D^3 - 4D^2 + 5D - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow D^3 - D^2 - 3D^2 + 3D + 2D - 2 = 0$$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow (D-1)(D-1)(D-2) = 0$$

$$\therefore D = 1, 1, 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} D^2 - 3D + 2 &= 0 \\ D &= \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{9-4}}{2} \\ &= \frac{3 \pm 1}{2} = 2, 1 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the General Solution

$$(C_1 + C_2x)e^x + C_3e^{2x}$$

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

Solution: $\rightarrow$ the Given Equation

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

It may be written as

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

$\therefore$ Auxiliary Equation is

$$D^3 - D^2 + 4D - 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow D^2(D-1) + 4(D-1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (D-1)(D^2+4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{character } D^2 + 4 = 0 \quad \text{or } D^2 + 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow D^2 = -4 \Rightarrow D = \pm 2i$$

$$\therefore D = 1, D = 2i, D = -2i$$

Hence the General Equation Solution

$$C_1 e^x + C_2 \cos 2x + C_3 \sin 2x$$

$$\begin{cases} e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta \\ e^{-i\theta} = \cos \theta - i \sin \theta \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{C_2}{2} e^{2ix} = \frac{C_2}{2} (\cos 2x + i \sin 2x)$$

$$\frac{C_3}{2} e^{-2ix} = \frac{C_3}{2} (\cos 2x - i \sin 2x)$$

Solve $\frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} - 8y = 0$

Solution: The Given Equation is

$$\frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} - 8y = 0$$

It may be written as

$$(D^3 - 8)y = 0$$

$\therefore$ Auxiliary Equation

$$D^3 - 8 = 0$$

$$(D - 2)(D^2 + 2D + 4) = 0$$

$$\text{either } D - 2 = 0$$

$$\text{or } D^2 + 2D + 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow D = 2$$

$$\text{or } D = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 16}}{2}$$

$\therefore$ General solution

$$= -2 \pm \sqrt{-12}$$

$$C_1 e^{2x} + \frac{C_2}{2} e^{-2x} \left(\frac{1}{2} \cos \sqrt{12}x + \frac{1}{2} \sin \sqrt{12}x \right)$$

$$= -2 \pm \sqrt{12}i = -1 \pm \sqrt{3}i$$

$$D = 2, -1 + i\sqrt{3}, -1 - i\sqrt{3}$$

General Solution

$$C_1 e^{2x} + e^{-x} (C_2 \cos \sqrt{3}x + C_3 \sin \sqrt{3}x)$$