

Second order homogeneous linear ODE.

A second order linear ODE is

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = r(x) \rightarrow (1)$$

(i) if $r(x) = 0$, then equⁿ (1) is called homo. linear ODE.

(ii) if $r(x) \neq 0$, non-homo linear ODE.

Ex. (i) $y'' + 2y' + y = 0$ (homo.)
(ii) $y'' + y = \tan x$ (non homo.)

Superposition principle.

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Let, y_1 and y_2 be solⁿ of (1). Then linear comb. of y_1 and y_2 i.e. $C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2$ ($C_1, C_2 \rightarrow \text{arb. const}$) is also a solⁿ of equⁿ (1).

Ex. Let, $\cos x$ and $\sin x$ are solⁿs of homo. linear ODE $y'' + y = 0$

Solⁿ Verification ~~Let~~, $y_1 = \cos x$, $y_2 = \sin x$
 $y_1'' = -\cos x$, $y_2'' = \sin x$

Now, $y_1'' + y_1 = -\cos x + \cos x = 0$.

Again, $y_2'' + y_2 = 0$ so, $\cos x$, $\sin x$ are solⁿs of $y'' + y = 0$

To verify Superposition principle,
 Let, $y = C_1 \cos x + C_2 \sin x$. ($C_1, C_2 \rightarrow \text{arb. const.}$)

$$y'' + y = (-C_1 \cos x - C_2 \sin x) + (C_1 \cos x + C_2 \sin x) = 0$$

$(C_1 \cos x + C_2 \sin x)$ is a solⁿ of $y'' + y = 0$

Fundamental theorem for the homogeneous linear ODE.

For a homogeneous linear ODE $y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$

Then any linear combination of two solⁿs of eqnⁿ ① is again a solⁿ of eqnⁿ ①

[This can be proved easily by letting y_1, y_2 as two solⁿs of ①]

Note. Fundamental theorem is not applicable for non-homogeneous eqnⁿ.

Ex. Let, $y_1 = 1 + \cos x$, $y_2 = 1 + \sin x$ are solⁿs of $y'' + y = 1$ (verify). Then check the validation of superposition principle/fundamental th.

$$\begin{aligned} y &= C_1(1 + \cos x) + C_2(1 + \sin x) \\ y'' + y &= C_1 + C_2 \\ \text{Take, } C_1 &= 1, C_2 = 2 \\ C_1 + C_2 &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

Ex. Let, $y_1 = x^2$, $y_2 = 1$ are solⁿs of non linear ODE $y''y - xy' = 0$ (check). Then check the validation of superposition principle/fund.

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Wronskian.

Let, $y_1(x)$ and $y_2(x)$ are two solutions of 2nd order linear DE, then Wronskian of y_1 and y_2 is

$$W(y_1, y_2) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix}$$

Example Let, $y_1 = e^x$ and $y_2 = e^{2x}$ are two solⁿs
 then, $W(y_1, y_2) = \begin{vmatrix} e^x & e^{2x} \\ e^x & 2e^{2x} \end{vmatrix} = e^{3x}$

Result. ① Two solⁿs $y_1(x)$ and $y_2(x)$ of the eqnⁿ
 $a_0 y'' + a_1 y' + a_2 y = 0$, $a_0(x) \neq 0$ are linearly indep^t
 if $W(y_1, y_2) \neq 0$ on (a, b) .

② Two dep. iff $W(y_1, y_2)$ is identically zero.

Th: The n -solⁿs $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$ of $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + P_1 \frac{dy}{dx} + \dots + P_{n-1} \frac{dy}{dx} + P_n y = 0$
 are l.i. on $[a, b]$ if $W(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \neq 0 \forall x \in [a, b]$

where, $W(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 & \dots & y_n \\ y_1' & y_2' & \dots & y_n' \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ y_1^{(n-1)} & y_2^{(n-1)} & \dots & y_n^{(n-1)} \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$

Prob. P.t. the solⁿs e^x, e^{-x}, e^{2x} of the eqnⁿ
 $\frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} - 2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = 0$ are l.i. on every
 real interval. [sol. $W = \begin{vmatrix} e^x & e^{-x} & e^{2x} \\ e^x & -e^{-x} & 2e^{2x} \\ e & e^{-x} & 4e^{2x} \end{vmatrix} = -6e^x \neq 0$ for all real x]

Prob. P.t. the solⁿs $e^x, \frac{1}{2} x e^x, \frac{1}{2} x^2 e^x$ are l.i. for the eqnⁿ
 $\frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} - 3 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 3 \frac{dy}{dx} - y = 0$

We Linear Diff. eqnⁿ with constant coeff.
 consider a linear diff. eqnⁿ with constant coeff.
 $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + P_1 \frac{dy}{dx} + \dots + P_{n-1} \frac{dy}{dx} + P_n y = f(x)$ (where $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n$ are constants) $\rightarrow$ ①

To find the general solⁿ of ①, we have to find its C.F. (i.e. genl. solⁿ of $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + P_1 \frac{dy}{dx} + \dots + P_{n-1} \frac{dy}{dx} + P_n y = 0$) and a particular integral (P.I) of ①. $\rightarrow$ ②

Methods of finding C.F.

Now, ② can be rewritten as
 $(D^n + P_1 D^{n-1} + P_2 D^{n-2} + \dots + P_{n-1} D + P_n) y = 0$
 i.e. $F(D) y = 0$ where $F(D) = D^n + P_1 D^{n-1} + \dots + P_{n-1} D + P_n$ (here, $D = \frac{d}{dx}$)

Let, $y = e^{mx}$ be a solⁿ of ②.

Then, A.E. is $m^n + p_1 m^{n-1} + p_2 m^{n-2} + \dots + p_{n-1} m + p_n = 0$
characteristic eqnⁿ $\rightarrow$ ③

Case-I $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n$ are distinct real roots. Then g.s. of ② is

$$y = c_1 e^{m_1 x} + c_2 e^{m_2 x} + \dots + c_n e^{m_n x}$$

Case-II Repeated roots.

Let, $m_1 = m_2$ and all other roots are real and distinct. Then g.s. of ② is

$$y = (c_1 + c_2 x) e^{m_1 x} + c_3 e^{m_3 x} + \dots + c_n e^{m_n x}$$

Let, $m_1 = m_2 = m_3$

$$y = (c_1 + c_2 x + c_3 x^2) e^{m_1 x} + c_4 e^{m_4 x} + \dots + c_n e^{m_n x}$$

($c_1, \dots, c_n$ are arb. const.)

Case-III Supp. A.E. ③ has roots, (say) $\alpha \pm i\beta$ then the

g.s. of ② is a pair of complex

$$e^{\alpha x} (c_1 \cos \beta x + c_2 \sin \beta x)$$

If pairs of complex roots ($\alpha \pm i\beta$) occur twice, then, the g.s. of ② is

$$e^{\alpha x} [(c_1 + c_2 x) \cos \beta x + (c_3 + c_4 x) \sin \beta x]$$

Rules for finding P.I.

Consider the D.E. $F(D)y = f(x)$.

We use the expression $\frac{1}{F(D)} f(x)$ to denote a function (say) $g(x)$, which does not contain any arb. constant which gives $f(x)$ when operated upon by $F(D)$.

$$\text{i.e. } F(D) \left\{ \frac{1}{F(D)} f(x) \right\} = f(x)$$

$$\therefore F(D) g(x) = f(x)$$

Thus $g(x)$ is a P.I. of the eqnⁿ $F(D)y = f(x)$

$$\text{i.e. } y_p = \frac{1}{F(D)} f(x)$$

Rule

① If $F(D) = D$, then $\frac{1}{F(D)} f(x) = \frac{1}{D} f(x) = \int f(x) dx$.

② If $F(D) = D - a$, then $\frac{1}{D - a} f(x) = e^{ax} \int f(x) \cdot e^{-ax} dx$.

③ If $F(D) = (D-m_1)(D-m_2) \cdots (D-m_n)$
 then, $y_p = \frac{1}{(D-m_1)(D-m_2) \cdots (D-m_n)} f(x)$.

$$= \frac{1}{(D-m_1) \cdots (D-m_{n-1})} \left\{ \frac{1}{(D-m_n)} f(x) \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(D-m_1) \cdots (D-m_{n-1})} \left\{ e^{m_n x} \int f(x) e^{-m_n x} dx \right\}$$

& so on

Short method for finding P.E.

① Let, $f(x) = e^{ax}$ ($a = \text{const.}$), $y_p = \frac{1}{F(D)} e^{ax} = \frac{e^{ax}}{F(a)}$, $F(a) \neq 0$

② Let, $f(x) = x^m$ ($m \rightarrow +ve \text{ integer}$)

$$y_p = \frac{1}{F(D)} x^m$$

Expand $\frac{1}{F(D)}$ and arranged the term in ascending powers of D and operate on x^m .

③ $f(x) = \sin ax / \cos ax$.

$$y_p = \frac{1}{F(D)} \sin ax / \cos ax$$

$$= \frac{1}{\phi(D^2)} \sin ax / \cos ax = \frac{\sin ax / \cos ax}{\phi(-a^2)}$$

where $\phi(-a^2) \neq 0$

④ $f(x) = e^{ax} U$ (U is a fn. of x)

$$y_p = \frac{1}{F(D)} e^{ax} U = e^{ax} \frac{1}{F(D+a)} U$$