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Edexcel AS and A Level Modular Mathematics

Exercise A, Question 1

Question:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 5\frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = 0$$

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 5\frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = 0$$

The auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 + 5m + 6 = 0$$

$$\therefore (m + 3)(m + 2) = 0$$

$$\therefore m = -3 \text{ or } -2$$

So the general solution is $y = Ae^{-3x} + Be^{-2x}$.

The auxiliary equation of $a\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + b\frac{dy}{dx} + cy = 0$ is $am^2 + bm + c = 0$. If α and β are roots of this quadratic then $y = Ae^{\alpha x} + Be^{\beta x}$ is the general solution of the differential equation.

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Exercise A, Question 2

Question:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 8\frac{dy}{dx} + 12y = 0$$

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 8\frac{dy}{dx} + 12y = 0$$

The auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 - 8m + 12 = 0$$

$$\therefore (m - 6)(m - 2) = 0$$

$$\therefore m = 2 \text{ or } 6$$

So the general solution is $y = Ae^{2x} + Be^{6x}$.

Find the auxiliary equation $am^2 + bm + c = 0$ and solve to give two real roots α and β .
General solution is $Ae^{\alpha x} + Be^{\beta x}$.

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Exercise A, Question 3

Question:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2\frac{dy}{dx} - 15y = 0$$

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2\frac{dy}{dx} - 15y = 0$$

The auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 + 2m - 15 = 0$$

$$\therefore (m + 5)(m - 3) = 0$$

$$\therefore m = -5 \text{ or } 3$$

So the general solution is $y = Ae^{-5x} + Be^{3x}$.

Find the auxiliary equation and solve to give 2 real roots α and β .
General solution is $Ae^{\alpha x} + Be^{\beta x}$.

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Exercise A, Question 4

Question:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 3\frac{dy}{dx} - 28y = 0$$

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 3\frac{dy}{dx} - 28y = 0$$

The auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 - 3m - 28 = 0$$

$$\therefore (m - 7)(m + 4) = 0$$

$$\therefore m = 7 \text{ or } -4$$

So the general solution is $y = Ae^{7x} + Be^{-4x}$.

Find the auxiliary equation and solve to give 2 real roots α and β .
General solution is $Ae^{\alpha x} + Be^{\beta x}$.

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Exercise A, Question 5

Question:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{dy}{dx} - 12y = 0$$

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{dy}{dx} - 12y = 0$$

The auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 + m - 12 = 0$$

$$\therefore (m + 4)(m - 3) = 0$$

$$\therefore m = -4 \text{ or } 3$$

So the general solution is $y = Ae^{-4x} + Be^{3x}$.

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Exercise A, Question 6

Question:

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

Solution:

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

The auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 + 5m = 0$$

$$\therefore m(m + 5) = 0$$

$$\therefore m = 0 \text{ or } -5$$

So the general solution is

$$\begin{aligned} y &= Ae^{0x} + Be^{-5x} \\ &= A + Be^{-5x} \end{aligned}$$

The auxiliary equation has two real roots, but one of them is zero. As $Ae^{0x} = A$, the general solution is $A + Be^{5x}$.

NB. There are other methods of solving this differential equation.

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Exercise A, Question 7

Question:

$$3\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 7\frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = 0$$

Solution:

$$3\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 7\frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = 0$$

The auxiliary equation is

$$3m^2 + 7m + 2 = 0$$

$$\therefore (3m + 1)(m + 2) = 0$$

$$\therefore m = -\frac{1}{3} \text{ or } -2$$

$$\therefore y = Ae^{-\frac{1}{3}x} + Be^{-2x} \text{ is the general solution.}$$

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Exercise A, Question 8

Question:

$$4\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 7\frac{dy}{dx} - 2y = 0$$

Solution:

$$4\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 7\frac{dy}{dx} - 2y = 0$$

The auxiliary equation is

$$4m^2 - 7m - 2 = 0$$

$$\therefore (4m + 1)(m - 2) = 0$$

$$\therefore m = -\frac{1}{4} \text{ or } 2$$

So the general solution is $y = Ae^{-\frac{1}{4}x} + Be^{2x}$.

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Exercise A, Question 9

Question:

$$6\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - \frac{dy}{dx} - 2y = 0$$

Solution:

$$6\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - \frac{dy}{dx} - 2y = 0$$

Find the auxiliary equation and solve to give two distinct real roots α and β . The general solution is $y = Ae^{\alpha x} + Be^{\beta x}$.

The auxiliary equation is

$$6m^2 - m - 2 = 0$$

$$\therefore (3m - 2)(2m + 1) = 0$$

$$\therefore m = \frac{2}{3} \text{ or } -\frac{1}{2}$$

So the general solution is $y = Ae^{\frac{2}{3}x} + Be^{-\frac{1}{2}x}$.

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Exercise A, Question 10

Question:

$$15\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 7\frac{dy}{dx} - 2y = 0$$

Solution:

$$15\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 7\frac{dy}{dx} - 2y = 0$$

The auxiliary equation is

$$15m^2 - 7m - 2 = 0$$

$$\therefore (5m + 1)(3m - 2) = 0$$

$$\therefore m = -\frac{1}{5} \text{ or } \frac{2}{3}$$

So the general solution is

$$y = Ae^{-\frac{1}{5}x} + Be^{\frac{2}{3}x}.$$

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Exercise B, Question 1

Question:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 10\frac{dy}{dx} + 25y = 0$$

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 10\frac{dy}{dx} + 25y = 0$$

The auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 + 10m + 25 = 0$$

$$\therefore (m + 5)(m + 5) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad (m + 5)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore m = -5 \text{ only.}$$

So the general solution is

$$y = (A + Bx)e^{-5x}.$$

The auxiliary equation has repeated roots and so the general solution is of the form $(A + Bx)e^{\alpha x}$, where α is the repeated root.

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Exercise B, Question 2

Question:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 18\frac{dy}{dx} + 81y = 0$$

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 18\frac{dy}{dx} + 81y = 0$$

The auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 - 18m + 81 = 0$$

$$\therefore (m - 9)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore m = 9 \text{ only.}$$

So the general solution is

$$y = (A + Bx)e^{9x}.$$

The auxiliary equation is $m^2 - 18m + 81 = 0$, which has repeated roots and so the general solution is of the form $(A + Bx)e^{\alpha x}$, where α is the repeated root.

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Exercise B, Question 3

Question:

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

Solution:

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

The auxiliary equation is

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

$$\therefore (m + 1)(m + 1) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad (m + 1)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore m = -1 \text{ only.}$$

So the general solution is

$$y = (A + Bx)e^{-x}.$$

The auxiliary equation is $m^2 + 2m + 1 = 0$, which has repeated roots and so the general solution is of the form $(A + Bx)e^{\alpha x}$, where α is the repeated root.

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Exercise B, Question 4

Question:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 8\frac{dy}{dx} + 16y = 0$$

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 8\frac{dy}{dx} + 16y = 0$$

The auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 - 8m + 16 = 0$$

$$\therefore (m - 4)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore m = 4 \text{ only.}$$

$$\therefore \text{The general solution is } y = (A + Bx)e^{4x}.$$

The auxiliary equation has repeated roots and so the general solution is of the form $(A + Bx)e^{\alpha x}$, where α is the repeated root.

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Exercise B, Question 5

Question:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 14\frac{dy}{dx} + 49y = 0$$

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 14\frac{dy}{dx} + 49y = 0$$

The auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 + 14m + 49 = 0$$

$$\therefore (m + 7)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore m = -7 \text{ only.}$$

So the general solution is

$$y = (A + Bx)e^{-7x}.$$

The auxiliary equation has repeated roots and so the general solution is of the form $(A + Bx)e^{\alpha x}$, where α is the repeated root.

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Exercise B, Question 6

Question:

$$16\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 8\frac{dy}{dx} + y = 0$$

Solution:

$$16\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 8\frac{dy}{dx} + y = 0$$

The auxiliary equation is

$$16m^2 + 8m + 1 = 0$$

$$\therefore (4m + 1)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore m = -\frac{1}{4} \text{ only.}$$

So the general solution is

$$y = (A + Bx)e^{-\frac{1}{4}x}.$$

The auxiliary equation has repeated roots and so the general solution is of the form $(A + Bx)e^{\alpha x}$, where α is the repeated root.

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Exercise B, Question 7

Question:

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

Solution:

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

The auxiliary equation is

$$4m^2 - 4m + 1 = 0$$

$$\therefore (2m - 1)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore m = \frac{1}{2} \text{ only.}$$

So the general solution is

$$y = (A + Bx)e^{\frac{1}{2}x}.$$

The auxiliary equation has repeated roots and so the general solution is of the form $(A + Bx)e^{\alpha x}$, where α is the repeated root.

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Exercise B, Question 8

Question:

$$4\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 20\frac{dy}{dx} + 25y = 0$$

Solution:

$$4\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 20\frac{dy}{dx} + 25y = 0$$

The auxiliary equation is

$$4m^2 + 20m + 25 = 0$$

$$\therefore (2m + 5)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore m = -2\frac{1}{2} = -\frac{5}{2} \text{ only.}$$

So the general solution is

$$y = (A + Bx)e^{-\frac{5}{2}x}.$$

The auxiliary equation has repeated roots and so the general solution is of the form $(A + Bx)e^{\alpha x}$, where α is the repeated root.

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Exercise B, Question 9

Question:

$$16\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 24\frac{dy}{dx} + 9y = 0$$

Solution:

$$16\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 24\frac{dy}{dx} + 9y = 0$$

The auxiliary equation is

$$16m^2 - 24m + 9 = 0$$

$$\therefore (4m - 3)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore m = \frac{3}{4} \text{ only.}$$

So the general solution is

$$y = (A + Bx)e^{\frac{3}{4}x}.$$

The auxiliary equation has repeated roots and so the general solution is of the form $(A + Bx)e^{\alpha x}$, where α is the repeated root.

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Exercise B, Question 10

Question:

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

Solution:

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

The auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 + 2\sqrt{3}m + 3 = 0$$

$$\therefore (m + \sqrt{3})^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore m = -\sqrt{3}$$

or using quadratic formula:

$$\begin{aligned} m &= \frac{-2\sqrt{3} \pm \sqrt{12 - 12}}{2} \\ &= -\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

So the general solution is

$$y = (A + Bx)e^{-\sqrt{3}x}.$$

The auxiliary equation has repeated roots and so the general solution is of the form $(A + Bx)e^{\alpha x}$, where α is the repeated root.

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Exercise C, Question 1

Question:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 25y = 0$$

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 25y = 0$$

The auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 + 25 = 0$$

$$\therefore m = \pm 5i$$

The general solution is

$$y = A \cos 5x + B \sin 5x.$$

The auxiliary equation has imaginary roots and so the general solution has the form $A \cos \omega x + B \sin \omega x$, where A and B are constants and where $i\omega$ is a solution of the auxiliary equation.

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Exercise C, Question 2

Question:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 81y = 0$$

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 81y = 0$$

The auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 + 81 = 0$$

$$\therefore m = \pm 9i$$

The general solution is

$$y = A \cos 9x + B \sin 9x.$$

The auxiliary equation has imaginary roots and so the general solution has the form $A \cos \omega x + B \sin \omega x$, where A and B are constants and where $i\omega$ is a solution of the auxiliary equation.

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Exercise C, Question 3

Question:

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

Solution:

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

The auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$\therefore m = \pm i$$

The general solution is

$$y = A \cos x + B \sin x.$$

The auxiliary equation has imaginary roots and so the general solution has the form $A \cos \omega x + B \sin \omega x$, where A and B are constants and where $i\omega$ is a solution of the auxiliary equation.

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Exercise C, Question 4

Question:

$$9\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 16y = 0$$

Solution:

$$9\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 16y = 0$$

The auxiliary equation is

$$9m^2 + 16 = 0$$

$$\therefore m^2 = -\frac{16}{9}$$

$$\text{and } m = \pm\frac{4}{3}i$$

\therefore The general solution is

$$y = A \cos \frac{4}{3}x + B \sin \frac{4}{3}x.$$

The auxiliary equation has imaginary roots and so the general solution has the form $A \cos \omega x + B \sin \omega x$, where A and B are constants and where $i\omega$ is a solution of the auxiliary equation.

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Exercise C, Question 5

Question:

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

Solution:

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

The auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 + 4m + 13 = 0$$

$$\therefore m = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 52}}{2}$$

$$\text{And } m = -2 \pm 3i$$

The general solution is

$$y = e^{-2x}(A \cos 3x + B \sin 3x).$$

The auxiliary equation has complex roots and so the general solution has the form $e^{px}(A \cos qx + B \sin qx)$, where A and B are constants and where $p \pm iq$ are solutions of the auxiliary equation.

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Exercise C, Question 6

Question:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 8\frac{dy}{dx} + 17y = 0$$

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 8\frac{dy}{dx} + 17y = 0$$

The auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 + 8m + 17 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore m &= \frac{-8 \pm \sqrt{64 - 4 \times 17}}{2} \\ &= -4 \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{-4} \\ &= -4 \pm i\end{aligned}$$

The general solution is

$$y = e^{-4x}(A \cos x + B \sin x).$$

The auxiliary equation has complex roots and so the general solution has the form $e^{px}(A \cos qx + B \sin qx)$, where A and B are constants and where $p \pm iq$ are solutions of the auxiliary equation.

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Exercise C, Question 7

Question:

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

Solution:

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

The auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 - 4m + 5 = 0$$

$$\therefore m = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 20}}{2}$$

$$= 2 \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{-4}$$

$$= 2 \pm i$$

$$\therefore y = e^{2x}(A \cos x + B \sin x).$$

The auxiliary equation has complex roots and so the general solution has the form $e^{px}(A \cos qx + B \sin qx)$, where A and B are constants and where $p \pm iq$ are solutions of the auxiliary equation.

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Exercise C, Question 8

Question:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 20\frac{dy}{dx} + 109y = 0$$

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 20\frac{dy}{dx} + 109y = 0$$

The auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 + 20m + 109 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore m &= \frac{-20 \pm \sqrt{400 - 436}}{2} \\ &= \frac{-20 \pm \sqrt{-36}}{2} \\ &= -10 \pm 3i\end{aligned}$$

\therefore The general solution is

$$y = e^{-10x}(A \cos 3x + B \sin 3x).$$

The auxiliary equation has complex roots and so the general solution has the form $e^{px}(A \cos qx + B \sin qx)$, where A and B are constants and where $p \pm iq$ are solutions of the auxiliary equation.

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Exercise C, Question 9

Question:

$$9\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 6\frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = 0$$

Solution:

$$9\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 6\frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = 0$$

The auxiliary equation is

$$9m^2 - 6m + 5 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore m &= \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 4 \times 9 \times 5}}{2 \times 9} \\ &= \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 180}}{18} \\ &= \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{-144}}{18} \\ &= \frac{1 \pm 2i}{3}\end{aligned}$$

\therefore The general solution is

$$y = e^{\frac{1}{3}x} (A \cos \frac{2}{3}x + B \sin \frac{2}{3}x).$$

The auxiliary equation has complex roots and so the general solution has the form $e^{px} (A \cos qx + B \sin qx)$, where A and B are constants and where $p \pm iq$ are solutions of the auxiliary equation.

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Exercise C, Question 10

Question:

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

Solution:

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

The auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 + \sqrt{3}m + 3 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore m &= \frac{-\sqrt{3} \pm \sqrt{3 - 4 \times 3}}{2} \\ &= \frac{-\sqrt{3} \pm \sqrt{-9}}{2} \\ &= \frac{-\sqrt{3} \pm 3i}{2} \end{aligned}$$

\therefore The general solution is

$$y = e^{-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x} (A \cos \frac{3}{2}x + B \sin \frac{3}{2}x).$$

The auxiliary equation has complex roots and so the general solution has the form $e^{px} (A \cos qx + B \sin qx)$, where A and B are constants and where $p \pm iq$ are solutions of the auxiliary equation.

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Exercise D, Question 1

Question:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 6\frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = 10$$

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 6\frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = 10 \quad *$$

First consider

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 6\frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = 0$$

The auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 + 6m + 5 = 0$$

$$\therefore (m + 5)(m + 1) = 0$$

$$\therefore m = -5 \text{ or } -1$$

So the complementary function is $y = Ae^{-x} + Be^{-5x}$.

The particular integral is λ and so $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$,

$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0$ and substituting into $*$ gives

$$5\lambda = 10$$

$$\therefore \lambda = 2$$

The general solution is $y = Ae^{-x} + Be^{-5x} + 2$.

Find the complementary function, which is the solution of $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 6\frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = 0$, then try a particular integral $y = \lambda$.

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Exercise D, Question 2

Question:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 8\frac{dy}{dx} + 12y = 36x$$

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 8\frac{dy}{dx} + 12y = 36x \quad *$$

First consider the equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 8\frac{dy}{dx} + 12y = 0.$$

The auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 - 8m + 12 = 0$$

$$\therefore (m - 6)(m - 2) = 0$$

$$\therefore m = 6 \text{ or } 2$$

So the complementary function is $y = Ae^{6x} + Be^{2x}$.

The particular integral is $y = \lambda + \mu x$

$$\text{so } \frac{dy}{dx} = \mu, \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0$$

Substitute into *.

$$\text{Then } -8\mu + 12\lambda + 12\mu x = 36x.$$

$$\text{Comparing coefficients of } x: 12\mu = 36, \text{ and so } \mu = 3$$

$$\text{Comparing constant terms: } -8\mu + 12\lambda = 0$$

$$\text{and as } \mu = 3 \quad \therefore -24 + 12\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 2$$

$$\therefore 2 + 3x \text{ is the particular integral.}$$

\therefore The general solution is

$$y = Ae^{6x} + Be^{2x} + 2 + 3x.$$

Try a particular integral of the form $\lambda + \mu x$.

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Exercise D, Question 3

Question:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{dy}{dx} - 12y = 12e^{2x}$$

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{dy}{dx} - 12y = 12e^{2x} \quad *$$

First consider the equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{dy}{dx} - 12y = 0.$$

The auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 + m - 12 = 0$$

$$\therefore (m + 4)(m - 3) = 0$$

$$\therefore m = -4 \text{ or } 3$$

So the complementary function is $y = Ae^{-4x} + Be^{3x}$.

The particular integral is $y = \lambda e^{2x}$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = 2\lambda e^{2x} \text{ and } \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 4\lambda e^{2x}$$

Substitute into *.

$$\text{Then } 4\lambda e^{2x} + 2\lambda e^{2x} - 12\lambda e^{2x} = 12e^{2x}$$

$$\text{i.e. } -6\lambda e^{2x} = 12e^{2x}$$

$$\therefore \lambda = -2$$

$\therefore -2e^{2x}$ is a particular integral.

The general solution is

$$y = Ae^{-4x} + Be^{3x} - 2e^{2x}.$$

Try a particular integral of the form λe^{2x} .

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Exercise D, Question 4

Question:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2\frac{dy}{dx} - 15y = 5$$

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2\frac{dy}{dx} - 15y = 5 \quad *$$

First consider the equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2\frac{dy}{dx} - 15y = 0$$

The auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 + 2m - 15 = 0$$

$$\therefore (m + 5)(m - 3) = 0$$

$$\therefore m = -5 \text{ or } 3$$

So the complementary function is $y = Ae^{-5x} + Be^{3x}$.

The particular integral is $y = \lambda$

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

Substitute into *.

$$\text{Then} \quad -15\lambda = 5$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \lambda = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$\therefore -\frac{1}{3} \text{ is the particular integral.}$$

The general solution is $y = Ae^{-5x} + Be^{3x} - \frac{1}{3}$.

Try a particular integral
 $y = \lambda$.

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Exercise D, Question 5

Question:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 8\frac{dy}{dx} + 16y = 8x + 12$$

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 8\frac{dy}{dx} + 16y = 8x + 12 \quad *$$

First consider the equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 8\frac{dy}{dx} + 16y = 0$$

The auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 - 8m + 16 = 0$$

$$\therefore (m - 4)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore m = 4 \text{ only.}$$

So the complementary function is $y = (A + Bx)e^{4x}$.

The particular integral is $y = \lambda + \mu x$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \mu \text{ and } \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0$$

Substitute in *.

$$\text{Then } 0 - 8\mu + 16\lambda + 16\mu x = 8x + 12$$

$$\text{Equate coefficients of } x: \quad 16\mu = 8$$

$$\therefore \mu = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Equate constant terms: } -8\mu + 16\lambda = 12$$

$$\text{Substitute } \mu = \frac{1}{2} \quad \therefore -4 + 16\lambda = 12$$

$$\therefore 16\lambda = 16$$

$$\text{and } \lambda = 1$$

$$\therefore 1 + \frac{1}{2}x \text{ is a particular integral}$$

The general solution is $y = (A + Bx)e^{4x} + 1 + \frac{1}{2}x$.

The auxiliary equation has a repeated root so the complementary function is of the form $(A + Bx)e^{ax}$.

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Exercise D, Question 6

Question:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2\frac{dy}{dx} + y = 25 \cos 2x$$

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2\frac{dy}{dx} + y = 25 \cos 2x \quad *$$

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

The auxiliary equation is

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

$$\therefore (m + 1)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore m = -1 \text{ only.}$$

So the complementary function is $y = (A + Bx)e^{-x}$.

The particular integral is $y = \lambda \cos 2x + \mu \sin 2x$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = -2\lambda \sin 2x + 2\mu \cos 2x$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -4\lambda \cos 2x - 4\mu \sin 2x$$

Substitute in *.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } (-4\lambda \cos 2x - 4\mu \sin 2x) + 2(-2\lambda \sin 2x + 2\mu \cos 2x) \\ + (\lambda \cos 2x + \mu \sin 2x) = 25 \cos 2x \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Equate coefficients of } \cos 2x: \quad -3\lambda + 4\mu = 25 \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$\text{Equate coefficients of } \sin 2x: \quad -3\mu - 4\lambda = 0 \quad \textcircled{2}$$

$$\text{Solve equations } \textcircled{1} \text{ and } \textcircled{2}: \quad 3 \times \textcircled{1} + 4 \times \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow -25\lambda = 75$$

$$\therefore \lambda = -3$$

$$\text{Substitute into } \textcircled{1} \quad 9 + 4\mu = 25 \quad \therefore \mu = 4 \text{ [check in } \textcircled{2}.]$$

$$\therefore \text{ The particular integral is } y = 4 \sin 2x - 3 \cos 2x$$

$$\therefore \text{ General solution is } y = (A + Bx)e^{-x} + 4 \sin 2x - 3 \cos 2x.$$

The complementary function is of the form $y = (A + Bx)e^{\alpha x}$.
The particular integral is $\lambda \cos 2x + \mu \sin 2x$.

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Exercise D, Question 7

Question:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 81y = 15e^{3x}$$

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 81y = 15e^{3x} \quad *$$

First solve $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 81y = 0$

This has auxiliary equation

$$m^2 + 81 = 0$$

$$\therefore m = \pm 9i$$

The complementary function is $y = A \cos 9x + B \sin 9x$.

The particular integral is $y = \lambda e^{3x}$

Then $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3\lambda e^{3x}$ and $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 9\lambda e^{3x}$

Substitute into *.

Then $9\lambda e^{3x} + 81\lambda e^{3x} = 15e^{3x}$

$$\therefore 90\lambda e^{3x} = 15e^{3x}$$

So $\lambda = \frac{15}{90} = \frac{1}{6}$

$$\therefore \text{The particular integral is } \frac{1}{6}e^{3x}$$

$$\therefore \text{The general solution is } y = A \cos 9x + B \sin 9x + \frac{1}{6}e^{3x}.$$

The auxiliary equation has imaginary roots, so the complementary function is of the form $A \cos \omega x + B \sin \omega x$.

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Exercise D, Question 8

Question:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4y = \sin x$$

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4y = \sin x \quad *$$

First solve $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4y = 0$.

This has auxiliary equation

$$m^2 + 4 = 0$$

$$\therefore m = \pm 2i$$

The complementary function is $y = A \cos 2x + B \sin 2x$

The particular integral is $y = \lambda \cos x + \mu \sin x$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = -\lambda \sin x + \mu \cos x$$

and $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -\lambda \cos x - \mu \sin x$

Substitute into *.

$$\text{Then } -\lambda \cos x - \mu \sin x + 4(\lambda \cos x + \mu \sin x) = \sin x$$

Equate coefficients of $\cos x$: $3\lambda = 0$

$$\therefore \lambda = 0$$

Equate coefficients of $\sin x$: $3\mu = 1$

$$\therefore \mu = \frac{1}{3}$$

So the particular integral is $\frac{1}{3} \sin x$

The general solution is $y = A \cos 2x + B \sin 2x + \frac{1}{3} \sin x$.

The complementary function is of the form $A \cos \omega x + B \sin \omega x$, as the auxiliary equation has imaginary roots.

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Exercise D, Question 9

Question:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 4\frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = 25x^2 - 7$$

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 4\frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = 25x^2 - 7 \quad *$$

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

This has auxiliary equation

$$m^2 - 4m + 5 = 0$$

$$\therefore m = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 20}}{2} \\ = 2 \pm 2i$$

The complementary function is $y = e^{2x}(A \cos 2x + B \sin 2x)$

The particular integral is $y = \lambda + \mu x + \nu x^2$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \mu + 2\nu x$$

and $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 2\nu$

Substitute into *.

Then $2\nu - 4\mu - 8\nu x + 5\lambda + 5\mu x + 5\nu x^2 = 25x^2 - 7$

Equate coefficients of x^2 : $5\nu = 25 \Rightarrow \nu = 5$

coefficients of x : $5\mu - 8\nu = 0 \Rightarrow \mu = 8$

constant terms: $2\nu - 4\mu + 5\lambda = -7$

$$\therefore 10 - 32 + 5\lambda = -7$$

$$\therefore 5\lambda = 15 \Rightarrow \lambda = 3$$

So the particular integral is $3 + 8x + 5x^2$

The general solution is $y = e^{2x}(A \cos 2x + B \sin 2x) + 3 + 8x + 5x^2$.

The P.I is of the form
 $y = \lambda + \mu x + \nu x^2$

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Exercise D, Question 10

Question:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2\frac{dy}{dx} + 26y = e^x$$

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2\frac{dy}{dx} + 26y = e^x \quad *$$

First solve $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2\frac{dy}{dx} + 26y = 0$

This has auxiliary equation

$$m^2 - 2m + 26 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore m &= \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4 \times 26}}{2} \\ &= \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{-100}}{2} \\ &= 1 \pm 5i \end{aligned}$$

The auxiliary equation has complex roots and so the complementary function is of the form $e^{px}(A \cos qx + B \sin qx)$.

\therefore the complementary function is $y = e^x(A \cos 5x + B \sin 5x)$.

The particular integral is λe^x , so $\frac{dy}{dx} = \lambda e^x$ and

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \lambda e^x$$

Substitute into equation $*$.

$$\text{Then } \lambda e^x - 2\lambda e^x + 26\lambda e^x = e^x$$

$$\text{i.e. } 25\lambda e^x = e^x$$

$$\therefore \lambda = \frac{1}{25}$$

The particular integral is $\frac{1}{25}e^x$.

\therefore The general solution is

$$y = e^x(A \cos 5x + B \sin 5x) + \frac{1}{25}e^x.$$

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Exercise D, Question 11

Question:

- a** Find the value of λ for which $\lambda x^2 e^x$ is a particular integral for the differential equation

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

- b** Hence find the general solution.

Solution:

a $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2\frac{dy}{dx} + y = e^x \quad *$

Given $y = \lambda x^2 e^x$ is a particular integral

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

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \lambda x^2 e^x + 2\lambda x e^x + 2\lambda x e^x + 2\lambda e^x$$

Substitute into $*$.

$$\text{Then } (\lambda x^2 + 4\lambda x + 2\lambda)e^x - (2\lambda x^2 + 4\lambda x)e^x + \lambda x^2 e^x = e^x$$

$$\therefore 2\lambda e^x = e^x$$

$$\therefore \lambda = \frac{1}{2}$$

So $y = \frac{1}{2}x^2 e^x$ is a particular integral.

b Now solve $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2\frac{dy}{dx} + y = 0$

This has auxiliary equation $m^2 - 2m + 1 = 0$

$$\therefore (m - 1)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore m = 1 \text{ only}$$

So the complementary function is $(A + Bx)e^x$

The general solution is $y = (A + Bx + \frac{1}{2}x^2)e^x$.

The auxiliary equation has equal roots and so the complementary function has the form $y = (A + Bx)e^{ax}$

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Exercise E, Question 1

Question:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 5\frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = 12e^x$$

$$y = 1 \text{ and } \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \text{ at } x = 0$$

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 5\frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = 12e^x \quad *$$

Find complementary function.

Auxiliary equation is $m^2 + 5m + 6 = 0$

$$\therefore (m + 3)(m + 2) = 0$$

$$\therefore m = -3 \text{ or } -2$$

\therefore complementary function is $y = Ae^{-3x} + Be^{-2x}$

Then find particular integral

Let $y = \lambda e^x$

$$\text{Then } \frac{dy}{dx} = \lambda e^x \text{ and } \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \lambda e^x$$

Substitute into *. Then $(\lambda + 5\lambda + 6\lambda)e^x = 12e^x$

$$\therefore 12\lambda e^x = 12e^x$$

$$\therefore \lambda = 1$$

So particular integral is $y = e^x$

\therefore General solution is $Ae^{-3x} + Be^{-2x} + e^x = y \quad \ddagger$

But $y = 1$ when $x = 0 \quad \therefore A + B + 1 = 1$

$$\text{i.e. } A + B = 0 \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -3Ae^{-3x} - 2Be^{-2x} + e^x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \text{ when } x = 0 \quad \therefore -3A - 2B + 1 = 0$$

$$\therefore 3A + 2B = 1 \quad \textcircled{2}$$

From $\textcircled{1}$ $B = -A$, substitute into equation $\textcircled{2}$

$$3A - 2A = 1 \Rightarrow A = 1$$

$$\therefore B = -1$$

Substitute these values into \ddagger

The particular solution is $y = e^{-3x} - e^{-2x} + e^x$

Solve the equation to find the general solution, then substitute $y = 1$ when $x = 0$ to obtain an equation relating A and B . Obtain a second equation by using $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ at $x = 0$, and solve to find A and B .

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Exercise E, Question 2

Question:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2\frac{dy}{dx} = 12e^{2x}$$

$$y = 2 \text{ and } \frac{dy}{dx} = 6 \text{ at } x = 0$$

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2\frac{dy}{dx} = 12e^{2x} \quad *$$

Find complementary function (c.f.):

Auxiliary equation is $m^2 + 2m = 0$

$$\therefore m(m + 2) = 0$$

$$\therefore m = 0 \text{ or } -2$$

$$\therefore \text{ c.f. is } y = Ae^{0x} + Be^{-2x} \\ = A + Be^{-2x}$$

Particular integral (p.i.) is of the form $y = \lambda e^{2x}$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = 2\lambda e^{2x}, \quad \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 4\lambda e^{2x}$$

Substitute into *.

$$\text{Then } (4\lambda + 4\lambda)e^{2x} = 12e^{2x}$$

$$\text{i.e. } 8\lambda e^{2x} = 12e^{2x} \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{12}{8} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\therefore \text{ p.i. is } \frac{3}{2}e^{2x}$$

$$\therefore \text{ General solution is } y = A + Be^{-2x} + \frac{3}{2}e^{2x} \quad \dagger$$

$$\text{But } y = 2 \text{ when } x = 0 \quad \therefore 2 = A + B + \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\text{i.e. } A + B = \frac{1}{2} \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -2Be^{-2x} + 3e^{2x}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 6 \text{ when } x = 0 \quad \therefore 6 = -2B + 3$$

$$\therefore -2B = 3 \Rightarrow B = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$\text{Substitute into equation } \textcircled{1} \quad A - \frac{3}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore A = 2$$

Substitute A and B into \dagger

$$\therefore \text{ The particular solution is } y = 2 - \frac{3}{2}e^{-2x} + \frac{3}{2}e^{2x}$$

The general solution is $y = A + Be^{-2x} + \frac{3}{2}e^{2x}$.

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Exercise E, Question 3

Question:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - \frac{dy}{dx} - 42y = 14$$

$$y = 0 \text{ and } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{6} \text{ at } x = 0$$

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - \frac{dy}{dx} - 42y = 14 \quad *$$

Find c.f.: The auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 - m - 42 = 0$$

$$\therefore (m - 7)(m + 6) = 0$$

$$\therefore m = -6 \text{ or } 7$$

$$\therefore \text{c.f. is } y = Ae^{-6x} + Be^{7x}$$

Find p.i.: The particular integral is $y = \lambda$. Substitute in *.

$$\therefore -42\lambda = 14$$

$$\therefore \lambda = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$\therefore \text{The general solution is } y = Ae^{-6x} + Be^{7x} - \frac{1}{3} \quad \dagger$$

$$\text{When } x = 0, y = 0 \quad \therefore 0 = A + B - \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\therefore A + B = \frac{1}{3} \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -6Ae^{-6x} + 7Be^{7x}$$

$$\text{When } x = 0, \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{6} \quad \therefore \frac{1}{6} = -6A + 7B$$

$$\text{i.e. } -6A + 7B = \frac{1}{6} \quad \textcircled{2}$$

Solve equations ① and ② by forming $6 \times \textcircled{1} + \textcircled{2}$

$$\therefore \begin{aligned} 13B &= 2\frac{1}{6} \\ B &= \frac{1}{6} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Substitute into } \textcircled{1} \quad \therefore A + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{6}$$

Substitute values of A and B into \dagger

$$\therefore y = \frac{1}{6}e^{-6x} + \frac{1}{6}e^{7x} - \frac{1}{3} \text{ is required solution}$$

Find the general solution, then use the boundary conditions to find the constants A and B .

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Exercise E, Question 4

Question:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 9y = 16 \sin x$$

$$y = 1 \text{ and } \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \text{ at } x = 0$$

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 9y = 16 \sin x \quad *$$

Find c.f.: The auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 + 9 = 0$$

$$\therefore m = \pm 3i$$

$$\therefore \text{The c.f. is } y = A \cos 3x + B \sin 3x$$

Find p.i. use $y = \lambda \cos x + \mu \sin x$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\lambda \sin x + \mu \cos x$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -\lambda \cos x - \mu \sin x$$

\therefore Substituting into $*$ gives

$$-\lambda \cos x - \mu \sin x + 9\lambda \cos x + 9\mu \sin x = 16 \sin x$$

Equating coefficients of $\cos x$: $8\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 0$

$$\sin x: 8\mu = 16 \Rightarrow \mu = 2$$

\therefore The particular integral is $y = 2 \sin x$

\therefore The general solution is $y = A \cos 3x + B \sin 3x + 2 \sin x$ †

Given also that $y = 1$ at $x = 0 \therefore 1 = A$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -3A \sin 3x + 3B \cos 3x + 2 \cos x$$

$$\text{Using } \frac{dy}{dx} = 8 \text{ at } x = 0 \therefore 8 = 3B + 2 \therefore B = 2$$

Substituting A and B into †

$$y = \cos 3x + 2 \sin 3x + 2 \sin x \text{ is the required solution.}$$

The auxiliary equation has imaginary roots and so the complementary function has the form $y = A \cos \omega x + B \sin \omega x$.

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Exercise E, Question 5

Question:

$$4\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4\frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = \sin x + 4\cos x \quad y = 0 \text{ and } \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \text{ at } x = 0$$

Solution:

$$4\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4\frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = \sin x + 4\cos x \quad *$$

Find c.f.: the auxiliary equation is

$$4m^2 + 4m + 5 = 0$$

$$\therefore m = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 80}}{8} = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{-64}}{8} = \frac{-4 \pm 8i}{8}$$

$$\therefore m = -\frac{1}{2} \pm i$$

\therefore The c.f. is $y = e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} (A \cos x + B \sin x)$

The p.i. is $y = \lambda \cos x + \mu \sin x$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = -\lambda \sin x + \mu \cos x$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -\lambda \cos x - \mu \sin x$$

Substitute into *

$$\text{Then } -4\lambda \cos x - 4\mu \sin x - 4\lambda \sin x + 4\mu \cos x + 5\lambda \cos x + 5\mu \sin x = \sin x + 4\cos x$$

$$\text{Equating coefficients of } \cos x: \lambda + 4\mu = 4 \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$\sin x: \mu - 4\lambda = 1 \quad \textcircled{2}$$

Add equation $\textcircled{2}$ to 4 times equation $\textcircled{1}$

$$\therefore 17\mu = 17 \Rightarrow \mu = 1$$

$$\text{Substitute into equation } \textcircled{1} \quad \therefore \lambda + 4 = 4 \Rightarrow \lambda = 0$$

\therefore p.i. is $y = \sin x$

\therefore The general solution is

$$y = e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} (A \cos x + B \sin x) + \sin x \quad \ddagger$$

As $y = 0$ when $x = 0$

$$\therefore 0 = A$$

$$\therefore y = Be^{-\frac{1}{2}x} \sin x + \sin x$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = Be^{-\frac{1}{2}x} \cos x - \frac{1}{2}Be^{-\frac{1}{2}x} \sin x + \cos x$$

$$\text{As } \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \text{ when } x = 0$$

$$0 = B + 1 \Rightarrow B = -1$$

Substituting these values for A and B into \ddagger

$$\therefore y = \sin x (1 - e^{-\frac{1}{2}x}) \text{ is the required solution.}$$

The auxiliary equation has complex roots and so the complementary function has the form $y = e^{\mu x}(A \cos qx + B \sin qx)$.

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Exercise E, Question 6

Question:

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} - 3\frac{dx}{dt} + 2x = 2t - 3$$

$$x = 2 \text{ and } \frac{dx}{dt} = 4 \text{ when } t = 0$$

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} - 3\frac{dx}{dt} + 2x = 2t - 3 \quad *$$

Find c.f.: the auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 - 3m + 2 = 0$$

$$\therefore (m - 2)(m - 1) = 0$$

$$\therefore m = 1 \text{ or } 2$$

$$\therefore \text{c.f. is } x = Ae^t + Be^{2t}$$

$$\text{The p.i. is } x = \lambda + \mu t, \frac{dx}{dt} = \mu, \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = 0$$

$$\text{Substitute into } * \text{ to give } -3\mu + 2\lambda + 2\mu t = 2t - 3$$

$$\text{Equate coefficients of } t: 2\mu = 2 \Rightarrow \mu = 1$$

$$\text{Equate constant terms: } 2\lambda - 3\mu = -3 \quad \therefore \lambda = 0$$

The particular integral is t .

$$\therefore \text{The general solution is } x = Ae^t + Be^{2t} + t \quad \ddagger$$

$$\text{Given that } x = 2 \text{ when } t = 0 \quad \therefore 2 = A + B \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$\text{Also } \frac{dx}{dt} = Ae^t + 2Be^{2t} + 1$$

$$\text{As } \frac{dx}{dt} = 4 \text{ when } t = 0 \quad \therefore 4 = A + 2B + 1$$

$$\therefore A + 2B = 3 \quad \textcircled{2}$$

$$\text{Subtract } \textcircled{2} - \textcircled{1} \Rightarrow B = 1$$

$$\text{Substitute into } \textcircled{1} \quad \therefore A = 1$$

Substituting the values of A and B back into \ddagger

$$x = e^t + e^{2t} + t$$

This time t is the independent variable, and x the dependent variable. The method of solution is the same as in the questions connecting x and y .

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Exercise E, Question 7

Question:

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} - 9x = 10 \sin t$$

$$x = 2 \text{ and } \frac{dx}{dt} = -1 \text{ when } t = 0$$

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} - 9x = 10 \sin t \quad *$$

Find c.f.: auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 - 9 = 0$$

$$\therefore m = \pm 3$$

$$\therefore \text{ c.f. is } x = Ae^{3t} + Be^{-3t}$$

p.i. is of the form $x = \lambda \cos t + \mu \sin t$

$$\therefore \frac{dx}{dt} = -\lambda \sin t + \mu \cos t$$

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -\lambda \cos t - \mu \sin t$$

Substitute into equation *.

$$\text{Then } -\lambda \cos t - \mu \sin t - 9\lambda \cos t - 9\mu \sin t = 10 \sin t$$

$$\text{Equate coefficients of } \cos t: \therefore -10\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 0$$

$$\text{Equate coefficients of } \sin t: \therefore -10\mu = 10 \Rightarrow \mu = -1$$

$$\therefore \text{ p.i. is } -\sin t$$

$$\therefore \text{ General solution is } x = Ae^{3t} + Be^{-3t} - \sin t \quad \dagger$$

$$\text{When } t = 0, x = 2 \quad \therefore 2 = A + B \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 3Ae^{3t} - 3Be^{-3t} - \cos t$$

$$\text{When } t = 0, \frac{dx}{dt} = -1 \quad \therefore -1 = 3A - 3B - 1$$

$$\therefore 0 = 3A - 3B \quad \textcircled{2}$$

Solving equations ① and ②, $A = B = 1$

\therefore Substitute values of A and B into \dagger

$$\therefore x = e^{3t} + e^{-3t} - \sin t \text{ is the required solution.}$$

The particular integral is of the form $\lambda \cos t + \mu \sin t$.

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Exercise E, Question 8

Question:

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} - 4\frac{dx}{dt} + 4x = 3te^{2t}$$

$$x = 0 \text{ and } \frac{dx}{dt} = 1 \text{ when } t = 0$$

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} - 4\frac{dx}{dt} + 4x = 3te^{2t} \quad *$$

The complementary function has the form $x = (A + Bt)e^{at}$.

Find c.f.: auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 - 4m + 4 = 0$$

$$\therefore (m - 2)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore m = 2 \text{ only}$$

$$\therefore \text{ c.f. is } x = (A + Bt)e^{2t}$$

Find p.i.: Let p.i. be $x = \lambda t^3 e^{2t}$

$$\text{Then } \frac{dx}{dt} = 2\lambda t^3 e^{2t} + 3\lambda t^2 e^{2t}$$

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = 4\lambda t^3 e^{2t} + 6\lambda t^2 e^{2t} + 6\lambda t^2 e^{2t} + 6\lambda t e^{2t}$$

Substitute into *.

$$\text{Then } (4\lambda t^3 + 12\lambda t^2 + 6\lambda t - 8\lambda t^3 - 12\lambda t^2 + 4\lambda t^3)e^{2t} = 3te^{2t}$$

$$\therefore 6\lambda = 3 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore \text{ p.i. is } x = \frac{1}{2} t^3 e^{2t}$$

$$\therefore \text{ General solution is } x = \left((A + Bt) + \frac{1}{2} t^3 \right) e^{2t} \quad \dagger$$

$$\text{But } x = 0 \text{ when } t = 0 \quad \therefore 0 = A$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 2\left[A + Bt + \frac{1}{2} t^3\right] e^{2t} + \left[B + \frac{3}{2} t^2\right] e^{2t}$$

$$\text{As } \frac{dx}{dt} = 1 \text{ when } t = 0 \text{ and } A = 0$$

$$\therefore 1 = B$$

Substitute $A = 0$ and $B = 1$ into \dagger

Then $x = \left(t + \frac{1}{2} t^3 \right) e^{2t}$ is the required solution.

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Exercise E, Question 9

Question:

$$25 \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 36x = 18$$

$$x = 1 \text{ and } \frac{dx}{dt} = 0.6 \text{ when } t = 0$$

Solution:

$$25 \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 36x = 18 \quad *$$

Find c.f.: auxiliary equation is

$$25m^2 + 36 = 0$$

$$\therefore m^2 = -\frac{36}{25} \text{ and } m = \pm \frac{6}{5}i$$

$$\therefore \text{ c.f. is } x = A \cos \frac{6}{5}t + B \sin \frac{6}{5}t$$

Let p.i. be $x = \lambda$. Substitute into *

$$\text{Then } 36\lambda = 18$$

$$\therefore \lambda = \frac{18}{36} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore \text{ General solution is } x = A \cos \frac{6}{5}t + B \sin \frac{6}{5}t + \frac{1}{2} \quad \ddagger$$

$$\text{When } t = 0, x = 1 \quad \therefore 1 = A + \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -\frac{6}{5}A \sin \frac{6}{5}t + \frac{6}{5}B \cos \frac{6}{5}t$$

$$\text{When } t = 0, \frac{dx}{dt} = 0.6 \quad \therefore 0.6 = \frac{6}{5}B$$

$$\therefore B = 0.5 = \frac{1}{2}$$

Substitute values for A and B into \ddagger

$$\text{Then } x = \frac{1}{2} \left(\cos \frac{6}{5}t + \sin \frac{6}{5}t + 1 \right)$$

The auxiliary equation has imaginary roots and so $x = A \cos \omega t + B \sin \omega t$ is the form of the complementary function.

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Exercise E, Question 10

Question:

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} - 2\frac{dx}{dt} + 2x = 2t^2$$

$$x = 1 \text{ and } \frac{dx}{dt} = 3 \text{ when } t = 0$$

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} - 2\frac{dx}{dt} + 2x = 2t^2 \quad *$$

Find c.f.: auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 - 2m + 2 = 0$$

$$\therefore m = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 8}}{2} = 1 \pm i$$

$$\therefore \text{ c.f. is } x = e^t (A \cos t + B \sin t)$$

$$\text{Let p.i. be } x = \lambda + \mu t + \nu t^2$$

$$\text{then } \frac{dx}{dt} = \mu + 2\nu t$$

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = 2\nu$$

Substitute into *

$$\text{Then } 2\nu - 2(\mu + 2\nu t) + 2(\lambda + \mu t + \nu t^2) = 2t^2$$

$$\text{Equate coefficients of } t^2: 2\nu = 2 \Rightarrow \nu = 1$$

$$\text{coefficients of } t: -4\nu + 2\mu = 0 \Rightarrow \mu = 2$$

$$\text{constants: } 2\nu - 2\mu + 2\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 1$$

$$\therefore \text{ p.i. is } x = 1 + 2t + t^2$$

$$\therefore \text{ General solution is } x = e^t (A \cos t + B \sin t) + 1 + 2t + t^2 \quad \dagger$$

$$\text{But } x = 1 \text{ when } t = 0 \quad \therefore 1 = A + 1 \quad \therefore A = 0$$

$$\text{As } x = Be^t \sin t + 1 + 2t + t^2$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = Be^t \cos t + Be^t \sin t + 2 + 2t$$

$$\text{As } \frac{dx}{dt} = 3 \text{ when } t = 0$$

$$\therefore 3 = B + 2$$

$$\therefore B = 1$$

Substitute $A = 0$ and $B = 1$ into the general solution \dagger

$$\therefore x = e^t \sin t + 1 + 2t + t^2 \quad \text{or} \quad x = e^t \sin t + (1 + t)^2$$

The particular integral has the form $x = \lambda + \mu t + \nu t^2$.

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Exercise F, Question 1

Question:

$$x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 6x \frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = 0$$

Solution:

$$x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 6x \frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = 0 \quad *$$

$$\text{As } x = e^u, \frac{dx}{du} = e^u = x$$

$$\text{From the chain rule } \frac{dy}{du} = \frac{dy}{dx} \times \frac{dx}{du}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{du} = x \frac{dy}{dx} \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also } \frac{d^2y}{du^2} &= \frac{d}{du} \left(x \frac{dy}{dx} \right) \\ &= \frac{dx}{du} \times \frac{dy}{dx} + x \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \times \frac{dx}{du} \\ &= \frac{dy}{du} + x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d^2y}{du^2} - \frac{dy}{du} \quad \textcircled{2}$$

Use the results ① and ② to change the variable in *

$$\therefore \frac{d^2y}{du^2} - \frac{dy}{du} + 6 \frac{dy}{du} + 4y = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{d^2y}{du^2} + 5 \frac{dy}{du} + 4y = 0 \quad \dagger$$

This has auxiliary equation

$$m^2 + 5m + 4 = 0$$

$$\therefore (m + 4)(m + 1) = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } m = -4 \text{ or } -1$$

\therefore The solution of the differential equation \dagger is

$$y = Ae^{-4u} + Be^{-u}$$

$$\text{But } e^u = x$$

$$\therefore e^{-u} = x^{-1} = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\text{and } e^{-4u} = x^{-4} = \frac{1}{x^4}$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{A}{x^4} + \frac{B}{x}$$

First express $x \frac{dy}{dx}$ as $\frac{dy}{du}$ and
 $x \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ as $\frac{d^2y}{du^2} - \frac{dy}{du}$.

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Exercise F, Question 2

Question:

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

Solution:

$$x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 5x \frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = 0 \quad *$$

$$\text{As } x = e^u, \quad x \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \quad \text{and} \quad x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d^2y}{du^2} - \frac{dy}{du}$$

(See solution to question 1 for proof of this.)

Use these results to change the variable in *.

$$\therefore \frac{d^2y}{du^2} - \frac{dy}{du} + 5 \frac{dy}{du} + 4y = 0.$$

$$\therefore \frac{d^2y}{du^2} + 4 \frac{dy}{du} + 4y = 0 \quad \dagger$$

This has auxiliary equation

$$m^2 + 4m + 4 = 0$$

$$\therefore (m + 2)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore m = -2 \text{ only}$$

The solution of the differential equation † is thus

$$y = (A + Bu)e^{-2u}$$

$$\text{As } x = e^u \quad \therefore e^{-2u} = x^{-2} = \frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$\text{and} \quad u = \ln x$$

$$\therefore y = (A + B \ln x) \times \frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$\text{Use } x \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \quad \text{and}$$

$$x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d^2y}{du^2} - \frac{dy}{du}.$$

Ensure that you can prove these two results.

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Exercise F, Question 3

Question:

$$x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 6x \frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = 0$$

Solution:

$$x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 6x \frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = 0 \quad *$$

$$\text{As } x = e^u, x \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \text{ and } x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d^2y}{du^2} - \frac{dy}{du}$$

(See solution to question 1 for proof of this.)

Use these results to change the variable in *.

$$\therefore \frac{d^2y}{du^2} - \frac{dy}{du} + 6 \frac{dy}{du} + 6y = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{d^2y}{du^2} + 5 \frac{dy}{du} + 6y = 0 \quad \ddagger$$

This has auxiliary equation

$$m^2 + 5m + 6 = 0$$

$$\therefore (m + 2)(m + 3) = 0$$

$$\therefore m = -2 \text{ or } -3$$

The solution of the differential equation \ddagger is thus

$$y = Ae^{-2u} + Be^{-3u}$$

$$\text{As } x = e^u, e^{-2u} = x^{-2} = \frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$\text{and } e^{-3u} = x^{-3} = \frac{1}{x^3}$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{A}{x^2} + \frac{B}{x^3}$$

Use $x \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du}$ and

$$x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d^2y}{du^2} - \frac{dy}{du}.$$

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Exercise F, Question 4

Question:

$$x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4x \frac{dy}{dx} - 28y = 0$$

Solution:

$$x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4x \frac{dy}{dx} - 28y = 0 \quad *$$

$$\text{As } x = e^u, \quad x \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \text{ and } x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d^2y}{du^2} - \frac{dy}{du}$$

Substitute these results into equation *

$$\therefore \frac{d^2y}{du^2} - \frac{dy}{du} + 4 \frac{dy}{du} - 28y = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{d^2y}{du^2} + 3 \frac{dy}{du} - 28y = 0 \quad \ddagger$$

This has auxiliary equation:

$$m^2 + 3m - 28 = 0$$

$$\therefore (m + 7)(m - 4) = 0$$

$$\therefore m = -7 \text{ or } 4$$

$$\therefore y = Ae^{-7u} + Be^{4u} \text{ is the solution to } \ddagger.$$

$$\text{As } x = e^u, \quad \therefore e^{-7u} = \frac{1}{x^7}$$

$$\text{and } e^{4u} = x^4$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{A}{x^7} + Bx^4$$

Use $x \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du}$ and

$$x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d^2y}{du^2} - \frac{dy}{du}.$$

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Exercise F, Question 5

Question:

$$x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 4x \frac{dy}{dx} - 14y = 0$$

Solution:

$$x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 4x \frac{dy}{dx} - 14y = 0 \quad *$$

$$\text{As } x = e^u, x \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \text{ and } x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d^2y}{du^2} - \frac{dy}{du}$$

Substituting these results into * gives

$$\frac{d^2y}{du^2} - \frac{dy}{du} - 4 \frac{dy}{du} - 14y = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{d^2y}{du^2} - 5 \frac{dy}{du} - 14y = 0 \quad \ddagger$$

This has auxiliary equation:

$$m^2 - 5m - 14 = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } (m - 7)(m + 2) = 0$$

$$\therefore m = 7 \text{ or } -2$$

\therefore The solution of the differential equation \ddagger is

$$y = Ae^{7u} + Be^{-2u}$$

$$\text{But } x = e^u, \therefore e^{7u} = x^7$$

$$\text{and } e^{-2u} = x^{-2} = \frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$\therefore y = Ax^7 + \frac{B}{x^2}$$

Use $x \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du}$ and
 $x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d^2y}{du^2} - \frac{dy}{du}$.

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Exercise F, Question 6

Question:

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

Solution:

$$x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 3x \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = 0 \quad *$$

$$\text{As } x = e^u, \quad x \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \quad \text{and} \quad x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d^2y}{du^2} - \frac{dy}{du}$$

Substitute these results into * to give:

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

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \frac{d^2y}{du^2} + 2 \frac{dy}{du} + 2y = 0 \quad \ddagger$$

This has auxiliary equation:

$$m^2 + 2m + 2 = 0$$

$$\therefore \quad m = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 8}}{2} \\ = -1 \pm i$$

The solution of the differential equation \ddagger is thus

$$y = e^{-u} [A \cos u + B \sin u]$$

$$\text{As } x = e^u, \quad e^{-u} = x^{-1} = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\text{and} \quad u = \ln x$$

$$\therefore \quad y = \frac{1}{x} [A \cos \ln x + B \sin \ln x]$$

$$\text{Use } x \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \quad \text{and} \\ x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d^2y}{du^2} - \frac{dy}{du}.$$

A proof of these results is given in the book in Section 5.6.

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Exercise F, Question 7

Question:

Use the substitution $y = \frac{z}{x}$ to transform the differential equation

$$x \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + (2 - 4x) \frac{dy}{dx} - 4y = 0 \text{ into the equation } \frac{d^2z}{dx^2} - 4 \frac{dz}{dx} = 0.$$

Hence solve the equation $x \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + (2 - 4x) \frac{dy}{dx} - 4y = 0$, giving y in terms of x .

Solution:

$$y = \frac{z}{x} \text{ implies } xy = z$$

$$\therefore x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = \frac{dz}{dx}$$

$$\text{Also } x \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d^2z}{dx^2}$$

$$\therefore \text{ The equation } x \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + (2 - 4x) \frac{dy}{dx} - 4y = 0$$

$$\text{becomes } \frac{d^2z}{dx^2} - 4 \left(\frac{dz}{dx} - y \right) - 4y = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{d^2z}{dx^2} - 4 \frac{dz}{dx} = 0 \quad *$$

The equation $*$ has auxiliary equation

$$m^2 - 4m = 0$$

$$\therefore m(m - 4) = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } m = 0 \text{ or } 4$$

$$\therefore z = A + Be^{4x} \text{ is the solution of } *$$

$$\text{But } z = xy$$

$$\therefore xy = A + Be^{4x}$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x} e^{4x}$$

Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ in terms of $\frac{dz}{dx}$ and $\frac{d^2z}{dx^2}$.

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Exercise F, Question 8

Question:

Use the substitution $y = \frac{z}{x^2}$ to transform the differential equation

$$x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2x(x+2) \frac{dy}{dx} + 2(x+1)^2 y = e^{-x} \text{ into the equation } \frac{d^2z}{dx^2} + 2 \frac{dz}{dx} + 2z = e^{-x}.$$

Hence solve the equation $x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2x(x+2) \frac{dy}{dx} + 2(x+1)^2 y = e^{-x}$, giving y in terms of x .

Solution:

$y = \frac{z}{x^2}$ implies $z = yx^2$ or $x^2y = z$

$$\therefore x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy = \frac{dz}{dx} \quad \text{①}$$

$$\text{Also } x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2x \frac{dy}{dx} + 2x \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = \frac{d^2z}{dx^2} \quad \text{②}$$

The differential equation:

$$x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2x(x+2) \frac{dy}{dx} + 2(x+1)^2y = e^{-x} \text{ can be written}$$

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

Using the results ① and ②

$$\frac{d^2z}{dx^2} + 2 \frac{dz}{dx} + 2z = e^{-x} \quad \ddagger$$

This has auxiliary equation

$$m^2 + 2m + 2 = 0$$

$$\therefore m = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4-8}}{2}$$

$$m = -1 \pm i$$

$\therefore z = e^{-x} (A \cos x + B \sin x)$ is the complementary function

A particular integral of \ddagger is $z = \lambda e^{-x}$

$$\therefore \frac{dz}{dx} = -\lambda e^{-x} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d^2z}{dx^2} = \lambda e^{-x}$$

Substituting into \ddagger

$$(\lambda - 2\lambda + 2\lambda)e^{-x} = e^{-x}$$

$$\therefore \lambda = 1$$

So $z = e^{-x}$ is a particular integral.

\therefore The general solution of \ddagger is

$$z = e^{-x} (A \cos x + B \sin x + 1)$$

But $z = x^2y$

$\therefore y = \frac{e^{-x}}{x^2} (A \cos x + B \sin x + 1)$ is the general solution of the given differential equation.

Express $\frac{dz}{dx}$ and $\frac{d^2z}{dx^2}$ in terms of $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ respectively.

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Exercise F, Question 9

Question:

Use the substitution $z = \sin x$ to transform the differential equation

$$\cos x \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \sin x \frac{dy}{dx} - 2y \cos^3 x = 2 \cos^5 x \text{ into the equation } \frac{d^2y}{dz^2} - 2y = 2(1 - z^2).$$

Hence solve the equation $\cos x \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \sin x \frac{dy}{dx} - 2y \cos^3 x = 2 \cos^5 x$, giving y in terms of x .

Solution:

$$z = \sin x \text{ implies } \frac{dz}{dx} = \cos x$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dz} \times \cos x$$

$$\text{And } \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d^2y}{dz^2} \cos^2 x - \frac{dy}{dz} \sin x$$

$$\therefore \text{ The equation } \cos x \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \sin x \frac{dy}{dx} - 2y \cos^3 x = 2 \cos^5 x$$

$$\text{becomes } \cos^3 x \frac{d^2y}{dz^2} - \cos x \sin x \frac{dy}{dz} + \cos x \sin x \frac{dy}{dz} - 2y \cos^3 x = 2 \cos^5 x$$

\therefore Divide by $\cos^3 x$ gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2y}{dz^2} - 2y &= 2 \cos^2 x \\ &= 2(1 - z^2) \quad \text{[as } \cos^2 x = 1 - \sin^2 x = 1 - z^2] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{First solve } \frac{d^2y}{dz^2} - 2y = 0$$

This has auxiliary equation

$$m^2 - 2 = 0$$

$$\therefore m = \pm \sqrt{2}$$

\therefore The complementary function is $y = Ae^{\sqrt{2}z} + Be^{-\sqrt{2}z}$.

Let $y = \lambda z^2 + \mu z + \nu$ be a particular integral of the differential equation \ddagger .

$$\text{Then } \frac{dy}{dz} = 2\lambda z + \mu \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d^2y}{dz^2} = 2\lambda$$

Substitute into \ddagger

$$\text{Then } 2\lambda - 2(\lambda z^2 + \mu z + \nu) = 2(1 - z^2)$$

$$\text{Compare coefficients of } z^2: -2\lambda = -2 \quad \therefore \lambda = 1$$

$$\text{Compare coefficients of } z: -2\mu = 0 \quad \therefore \mu = 0$$

$$\text{Compare constants: } 2\lambda - 2\nu = 2 \quad \therefore \nu = 0$$

$\therefore z^2$ is the particular integral.

\therefore The general solution of \ddagger is

$$y = Ae^{\sqrt{2}z} + Be^{-\sqrt{2}z} + z^2.$$

But $z = \sin x$

$$\therefore y = Ae^{\sqrt{2} \sin x} + Be^{-\sqrt{2} \sin x} + \sin^2 x$$

Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of $\frac{dy}{dz}$ and find $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ in terms of $\frac{d^2y}{dz^2}$ and $\frac{dy}{dz}$.

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Exercise G, Question 1

Question:

Find the general solution of the differential equation $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{dy}{dx} + y = 0$

Solution:

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

Auxiliary equation is

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

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore m &= \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4}}{2} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i\end{aligned}$$

\therefore The solution of the equation is

$$y = e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} \left(A \cos \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x + B \sin \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x \right)$$

The auxiliary equation has complex roots and so the solution is of the form $y = e^{mx} (A \cos qx + B \sin qx)$.

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Exercise G, Question 2

Question:

Find the general solution of the differential equation $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 12\frac{dy}{dx} + 36y = 0$

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 12\frac{dy}{dx} + 36y = 0$$

The auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 - 12m + 36 = 0$$

$$\therefore (m - 6)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore m = 6 \text{ only}$$

\therefore The solution of the equation is

$$y = (A + Bx)e^{6x}.$$

The auxiliary equation has a repeated solution and so the solution is of the form $y = (A + Bx)e^{ax}$.

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Exercise G, Question 3

Question:

Find the general solution of the differential equation $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 4\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

Solution:

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

The auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 - 4m = 0$$

$$\therefore m(m - 4) = 0$$

$$\therefore m = 0 \text{ or } 4$$

\therefore The solution of the equation is

$$\begin{aligned} y &= Ae^{0x} + Be^{4x} \\ &= A + Be^{4x} \end{aligned}$$

The auxiliary equation has two distinct roots, but one of them is zero.

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Exercise G, Question 4

Question:

Find y in terms of k and x , given that $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + k^2y = 0$ where k is a constant, and $y = 1$ and $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1$ at $x = 0$.

Solution:

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

The auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 + k^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore m = \pm ik$$

The solution of the equation is

$$y = A \cos kx + B \sin kx. \quad [\text{This is the general solution.}]$$

But $y = 1$ when $x = 0$

$$\therefore 1 = A + 0 \Rightarrow A = 1$$

$$\therefore y = \cos kx + B \sin kx$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -k \sin kx + Bk \cos kx$$

Also $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1$ when $x = 0$

$$\therefore 1 = Bk \Rightarrow B = \frac{1}{k}$$

$$\therefore y = \cos kx + \frac{1}{k} \sin kx.$$

The auxiliary equation has imaginary solutions and so the general solution has the form $y = A \cos \omega x + B \sin \omega x$. A and B can be found by using the boundary conditions.

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Exercise G, Question 5

Question:

Find the solution of the differential equation $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2\frac{dy}{dx} + 10y = 0$ for which $y = 0$ and $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3$ at $x = 0$.

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2\frac{dy}{dx} + 10y = 0$$

This has auxiliary equation

$$m^2 - 2m + 10 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore m &= \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 40}}{2} \\ &= 1 \pm 3i\end{aligned}$$

The general solution of the equation is

$$y = e^x (A \cos 3x + B \sin 3x)$$

As $y = 0$ when $x = 0$,

$$\therefore 0 = A + 0 \Rightarrow A = 0$$

$$\therefore y = Be^x \sin 3x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3Be^x \cos 3x + Be^x \sin 3x$$

Also $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3$ when $x = 0$

$$\therefore 3 = 3B + 0 \Rightarrow B = 1$$

$\therefore y = e^x \sin 3x$ is the required solution.

The auxiliary equation has complex roots and so the general solution is of the form $y = e^{px} (A \cos qx + B \sin qx)$.

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Exercise G, Question 6

Question:

Given that the differential equation $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 4\frac{dy}{dx} + 13y = e^{2x}$ has a particular integral of the form ke^{2x} , determine the value of the constant k and find the general solution of the equation.

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 4\frac{dy}{dx} + 13y = e^{2x} \quad *$$

First find the complementary function (c.f.):

the auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 - 4m + 13 = 0$$

$$\therefore m = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 52}}{2}$$

$$= 2 \pm 3i$$

\therefore The c.f. is $y = e^{2x} (A \cos 3x + B \sin 3x)$

Let the particular integral (p.i.) be $y = ke^{2x}$

$$\text{Then } \frac{dy}{dx} = 2ke^{2x} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 4ke^{2x}.$$

Substitute in $*$ to give

$$(4k - 8k + 13k)e^{2x} = e^{2x}$$

$$\text{i.e. } 9ke^{2x} = e^{2x}$$

$$\therefore k = \frac{1}{9}$$

\therefore The general solution of $*$ is $y = \text{c.f.} + \text{p.i.}$

$$\text{i.e. } y = e^{2x} (A \cos 3x + B \sin 3x) + \frac{1}{9}e^{2x}.$$

Use the fact that the general solution = complementary function + particular integral.

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Exercise G, Question 7

Question:

Given that the differential equation $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - y = 4e^x$ has a particular integral of the form kxe^x , determine the value of the constant k and find the general solution of the equation.

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - y = 4e^x \quad *$$

First find the c.f.

The auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$\therefore m = \pm 1$$

$$\therefore \text{The c.f. is } y = Ae^x + Be^{-x}$$

Let the p.i. be $y = kxe^x$

$$\text{Then } \frac{dy}{dx} = kxe^x + ke^x$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = kxe^x + ke^x + ke^x$$

Substitute into *.

$$\text{Then } kxe^x + 2ke^x - kxe^x = 4e^x$$

$$\therefore k = 2$$

So the p.i. is $y = 2xe^x$

The general solution is $y = \text{c.f.} + \text{p.i.}$

$$\therefore y = Ae^x + Be^{-x} + 2xe^x.$$

Use general solution = complementary function + particular integral.

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Exercise G, Question 8

Question:

The differential equation $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 4\frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = 4e^{2x}$ is to be solved.

- a** Find the complementary function.
- b** Explain why **neither** λe^{2x} **nor** $\lambda x e^{2x}$ can be a particular integral for this equation.
- c** Determine the value of the constant k and find the general solution of the equation.

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 4\frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = 4e^{2x} \quad *$$

- a** First find the c.f.

The auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 - 4m + 4 = 0$$

$$\therefore (m - 2)^2 = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } m = 2 \text{ only}$$

$$\therefore \text{The c.f. is } y = (A + Bx)e^{2x}$$

The auxiliary equation has a repeated root and so the c.f. is of the form $y = (A + Bx)e^{ax}$.

- b** Ae^{2x} and Bxe^{2x} are part of the c.f. so satisfy the equation $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 4\frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = 0$.

The p.i. must satisfy *.

- c** Let $y = kx^2e^{2x}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2kx^2e^{2x} + 2kxe^{2x}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 4kx^2e^{2x} + 4kxe^{2x} + 2kx \times 2e^{2x} + 2ke^{2x}$$

Substitute into *

$$\therefore (4kx^2 + 8kx + 2k - 8kx^2 - 8kx + 4kx^2)e^{2x} = 4e^{2x}$$

$$\therefore 2ke^{2x} = 4e^{2x}$$

$$\therefore k = 2$$

So the p.i. is $2x^2e^{2x}$

$$\therefore \text{The general solution is } y = (A + Bx + 2x^2)e^{2x}.$$

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Exercise G, Question 9

Question:

Given that the differential equation $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 4y = 5 \cos 3t$ has a particular integral of the form $k \cos 3t$, determine the value of the constant k and find the general solution of the equation. Find the solution which satisfies the initial conditions that when $t = 0$, $y = 1$ and $\frac{dy}{dt} = 2$.

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 4y = 5 \cos 3t \quad *$$

The p.i. is $y = k \cos 3t$.

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -3k \sin 3t$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = -9k \cos 3t$$

The auxiliary equation has imaginary roots so the c.f. is $y = A \cos \omega t + B \sin \omega t$. 't' is the independent variable in this question.

Substitute into *

$$\text{Then } -9k \cos 3t + 4k \cos 3t = 5 \cos 3t$$

$$\therefore -5k \cos 3t = 5 \cos 3t$$

$$\therefore k = -1$$

\therefore The p.i. is $-\cos 3t$.

The c.f. is found next.

The auxiliary equation is $m^2 + 4 = 0$.

$$\therefore m = \pm 2i$$

\therefore The c.f. is $y = A \cos 2t + B \sin 2t$

\therefore The general solution is $y = A \cos 2t + B \sin 2t - \cos 3t$

$$\text{When } t = 0, y = 1 \quad \therefore 1 = A - 1 \Rightarrow A = 2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -2A \sin 2t + 2B \cos 2t + 3 \sin 3t$$

$$\text{When } t = 0, \frac{dy}{dt} = 2 \quad \therefore 2 = 2B \Rightarrow B = 1$$

$$\therefore y = 2 \cos 2t + \sin 2t - \cos 3t$$

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Exercise G, Question 10

Question:

Given that the differential equation $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 3\frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = 4x + e^{2x}$ has a particular integral of the form $\lambda + \mu x + kxe^{2x}$, determine the values of the constants λ , μ and k and find the general solution of the equation.

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 3\frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = 4x + e^{2x} \quad *$$

$$\text{P.I. is } y = \lambda + \mu x + kxe^{2x}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \mu + 2kxe^{2x} + ke^{2x}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 2kx \times 2e^{2x} + 2ke^{2x} + 2ke^{2x}$$

Substitute into $*$.

$$\text{Then } (4kx + 4k)e^{2x} - 3\mu - (6kx + 3k)e^{2x} + 2\lambda + 2\mu x + 2kxe^{2x} = 4x + e^{2x}$$

$$\therefore ke^{2x} + (2\lambda - 3\mu) + 2\mu x = 4x + e^{2x}.$$

Equating coefficients of e^{2x} : $k = 1$

$$x: 2\mu = 4 \Rightarrow \mu = 2$$

$$\text{constants: } 2\lambda - 3\mu = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 3$$

$$\therefore y = 3 + 2x + xe^{2x} \text{ is the particular integral.}$$

The auxiliary equation for $*$ is

$$m^2 - 3m + 2 = 0$$

$$\therefore (m - 2)(m - 1) = 0$$

$$\therefore m = 1 \text{ or } 2$$

$$\therefore \text{The c.f. is } y = Ae^x + Be^{2x}$$

$$\therefore \text{The general solution is } y = Ae^x + Be^{2x} + 3 + 2x + xe^{2x}.$$

Find the complementary function and add to the particular integral to give the general solution.

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Exercise G, Question 11

Question:

Find the solution of the differential equation $16\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 8\frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = 5x + 23$ for which $y = 3$ and $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3$ at $x = 0$. Show that $y \approx x + 3$ for large values of x .

Solution:

$$16 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 8 \frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = 5x + 23 \quad \text{①}$$

The auxiliary equation is

$$16m^2 + 8m + 5 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore m &= \frac{-8 \pm \sqrt{64 - 320}}{32} \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} \pm \frac{\sqrt{-256}}{32} \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} \pm \frac{1}{2}i \end{aligned}$$

\therefore The c.f. is $y = e^{-\frac{1}{4}x} (A \cos \frac{1}{2}x + B \sin \frac{1}{2}x)$

Let the p.i. be $y = \lambda x + \mu$.

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \lambda, \quad \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0$$

Substitute into ①

$$\therefore 8\lambda + 5\lambda x + 5\mu = 5x + 23$$

Equate coefficients of x : $\therefore 5\lambda = 5 \Rightarrow \lambda = 1$

$$\text{constant terms: } 8\lambda + 5\mu = 23 \Rightarrow \mu = 3$$

\therefore The p.i. is $y = x + 3$

The general solution is c.f. + p.i.

$$\text{i.e. } y = e^{-\frac{1}{4}x} (A \cos \frac{1}{2}x + B \sin \frac{1}{2}x) + x + 3.$$

As $y = 3$, when $x = 0$

$$\therefore 3 = A + 3 \Rightarrow A = 0$$

$$\therefore y = Be^{-\frac{1}{4}x} \sin \frac{1}{2}x + x + 3$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}Be^{-\frac{1}{4}x} \cos \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{4}Be^{-\frac{1}{4}x} \sin \frac{1}{2}x + 1$$

As $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3$ when $x = 0$

$$3 = \frac{1}{2}B + 1 \Rightarrow B = 4$$

$$\therefore y = 4e^{-\frac{1}{4}x} \sin \frac{1}{2}x + x + 3$$

As $x \rightarrow \infty$, $e^{-\frac{1}{4}x} \rightarrow 0$; $\therefore y \rightarrow x + 3$

$\therefore y \approx x + 3$ for large values of x .

The particular integral is of the form $y = \lambda x + \mu$.

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Exercise G, Question 12

Question:

Find the solution of the differential equation $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - \frac{dy}{dx} - 6y = 3 \sin 3x - 2 \cos 3x$ for which $y = 1$ at $x = 0$ and for which y remains finite for large values of x .

Solution:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - \frac{dy}{dx} - 6y = 3 \sin 3x - 2 \cos 3x \quad *$$

The auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 - m - 6 = 0$$

$$\therefore (m - 3)(m + 2) = 0$$

$$\therefore m = 3 \text{ or } -2$$

$$\therefore \text{The c.f. is } y = Ae^{3x} + Be^{-2x}.$$

Let the particular integral be $y = \lambda \sin 3x + \mu \cos 3x$.

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 $y = \lambda \sin 3x + \mu \cos 3x$.

$$\text{Then } \frac{dy}{dx} = 3\lambda \cos 3x - 3\mu \sin 3x$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -9\lambda \sin 3x - 9\mu \cos 3x$$

Substitute into *

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } -9\lambda \sin 3x - 9\mu \cos 3x - 3\lambda \cos 3x + 3\mu \sin 3x - 6\lambda \sin 3x - 6\mu \cos 3x \\ = 3 \sin 3x - 2 \cos 3x. \end{aligned}$$

Equate coefficients of $\sin 3x$:

$$-9\lambda + 3\mu - 6\lambda = 3 \quad \text{i.e.} \quad 3\mu - 15\lambda = 3 \quad \textcircled{1}$$

Equate coefficients of $\cos 3x$:

$$-9\mu - 3\lambda - 6\mu = -2 \quad \text{i.e.} \quad -15\mu - 3\lambda = -2 \quad \textcircled{2}$$

Solve equations ① and ② to give $\lambda = -\frac{1}{6}$ $\mu = \frac{1}{6}$

$$\therefore \text{P.I. is } y = \frac{1}{6} (\cos 3x - \sin 3x)$$

\therefore The general solution is

$$y = Ae^{3x} + Be^{-2x} + \frac{1}{6} (\cos 3x - \sin 3x)$$

$$\text{As } y = 1 \text{ when } x = 0, 1 = A + B + \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\therefore A + B = \frac{5}{6}$$

As y remains finite for large values of x ,

$$A = 0$$

$$\therefore B = \frac{5}{6}$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{5}{6} e^{-2x} + \frac{1}{6} (\cos 3x - \sin 3x)$$

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Exercise G, Question 13

Question:

Find the general solution of the differential equation $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 2\frac{dx}{dt} + 10x = 27 \cos t - 6 \sin t$.

The equation is used to model water flow in a reservoir. At time t days, the level of the water above a fixed level is x m. When $t = 0$, $x = 3$ and the water level is rising at 6 metres per day.

- a** Find an expression for x in terms of t .
- b** Show that after about a week, the difference between the lowest and highest water level is approximately 6 m.

Solution:

a $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 2\frac{dx}{dt} + 10x = 27 \cos t - 6 \sin t$ *

The auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 + 2m + 10 = 0$$

$$\therefore m = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 40}}{2}$$

$$= -1 \pm 3i$$

$$\therefore \text{The c.f. is } x = e^{-t} (A \cos 3t + B \sin 3t)$$

The p.i. is $x = \lambda \cos t + \mu \sin t$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -\lambda \sin t + \mu \cos t$$

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -\lambda \cos t - \mu \sin t$$

Substitute into *

$$\therefore -\lambda \cos t - \mu \sin t - 2\lambda \sin t + 2\mu \cos t + 10\lambda \cos t + 10\mu \sin t = 27 \cos t - 6 \sin t$$

Equate coefficients of $\cos t$: $9\lambda + 2\mu = 27$ ①

$\sin t$: $9\mu - 2\lambda = -6$. ②

Solve equations ① and ② to give $\lambda = 3$, $\mu = 0$.

$$\therefore \text{The p.i. is } x = 3 \cos t.$$

$$\therefore \text{The general solution is } x = 3 \cos t + e^{-t} (A \cos 3t + B \sin 3t)$$

But $x = 3$ when $t = 0$: $\therefore 3 = 3 + A \Rightarrow A = 0$

$$\therefore x = 3 \cos t + Be^{-t} \sin 3t$$

$$\therefore \frac{dx}{dt} = -3 \sin t + 3Be^{-t} \cos 3t - Be^{-t} \sin 3t$$

When $t = 0$, $\frac{dx}{dt} = 6$

$$\therefore 6 = 3B \Rightarrow B = 2$$

$$\therefore x = 3 \cos t + 2e^{-t} \sin 3t.$$

b After a week $t \approx 7$ days. $\therefore e^{-t} \rightarrow 0$.

$$\therefore x \approx 3 \cos t$$

In part **b** if t is large, then $e^{-t} \rightarrow 0$.

The distance between highest and lowest water level is $3 - (-3) = 6$ m.

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Exercise G, Question 14

Question:

- a** Find the general solution of the differential equation

$$x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4x \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = \ln x, \quad x > 0,$$

using the substitution $x = e^u$, where u is a function of x .

- b** Find the equation of the solution curve passing through the point (1, 1) with gradient 1.

Solution:

a Let $x = e^u$, then $\frac{dx}{du} = e^u$

and $\frac{dy}{du} = \frac{dy}{dx} \times \frac{dx}{du} = e^u \frac{dy}{dx} = x \frac{dy}{dx}$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^2y}{du^2} &= \frac{dx}{du} \times \frac{dy}{dx} + x \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \times \frac{dx}{du} \\ &= x \frac{dy}{dx} + x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4x \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = \ln x \Rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{du^2} + 3 \frac{dy}{du} + 2y = \ln x = u \quad *$$

The auxiliary equation is

$$m^2 + 3m + 2 = 0$$

$$\therefore (m + 2)(m + 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m = -1 \text{ or } -2$$

$$\therefore \text{The c.f. is } y = Ae^{-u} + Be^{-2u}$$

Let the p.i. be $y = \lambda u + \mu \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{du} = \lambda, \frac{d^2y}{du^2} = 0$

Substitute into *

$$\therefore 3\lambda + 2\lambda u + 2\mu = u$$

Equate coefficients of u : $2\lambda = 1 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{1}{2}$

constants: $3\lambda + 2\mu = 0 \quad \therefore \mu = -\frac{3}{4}$

$$\therefore \text{The p.i. is } y = \frac{1}{2}u - \frac{3}{4}$$

The general solution is $y = Ae^{-u} + Be^{-2u} + \frac{1}{2}u - \frac{3}{4}$.

But $x = e^u \rightarrow u = \ln x$.

Also $e^{-u} = x^{-1} = \frac{1}{x}$ and $e^{-2u} = x^{-2} = \frac{1}{x^2}$

$$\therefore \text{The general solution of the original equation is } y = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x^2} + \frac{1}{2}\ln x - \frac{3}{4}.$$

b But $y = 1$ when $x = 1$

$$\therefore 1 = A + B - \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow A + B = 1\frac{3}{4} \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{A}{x^2} - \frac{2B}{x^3} + \frac{1}{2x}$$

When $x = 1, \frac{dy}{dx} = 1$

$$\therefore 1 = -A - 2B + \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow A + 2B = -\frac{1}{2} \quad \textcircled{2}$$

Solve the simultaneous equations ① and ② to give $B = -2\frac{1}{4}$ and $A = 4$.

$$\therefore \text{The equation of the solution curve described is } y = \frac{4}{x} - \frac{9}{4x^2} + \frac{1}{2}\ln x - \frac{3}{4}.$$

Find $\frac{dy}{du}$ in terms of x and $\frac{dy}{dx}$, and show that $\frac{d^2y}{du^2} = x \frac{dy}{dx} + x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ then substitute into the differential equation.

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Exercise G, Question 15

Question:

Solve the equation $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \tan x \frac{dy}{dx} + y \cos^2 x = \cos^2 x e^{\sin x}$, by putting $z = \sin x$, finding the solution for which $y = 1$ and $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3$ at $x = 0$.

Solution:

$$z = \sin x \quad \therefore \frac{dz}{dx} = \cos x \text{ and } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dz} \times \cos x$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= -\frac{dy}{dz} \sin x + \cos x \frac{d^2y}{dz^2} \times \frac{dz}{dx} \\ &= -\frac{dy}{dz} \sin x + \cos^2 x \frac{d^2y}{dz^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \tan x \frac{dy}{dx} + y \cos^2 x = \cos^2 x e^{\sin x} \quad \dagger$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^2 x \frac{d^2y}{dz^2} - \sin x \frac{dy}{dz} + \tan x \cos x \frac{dy}{dz} + y \cos^2 x = \cos^2 x e^z$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dz^2} + y = e^z \quad *$$

The auxiliary equation is $m^2 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow m = \pm i$

\therefore The c.f. is $y = A \cos z + B \sin z$

The p.i. is $y = \lambda e^z \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dz} = \lambda e^z$ and $\frac{d^2y}{dz^2} = \lambda e^z$

Substitute in $*$ to give

$$2\lambda e^z = e^z \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{1}{2}$$

\therefore The general solution of $*$ is $y = A \cos z + B \sin z + \frac{1}{2}e^z$.

The original equation \dagger has solution

$$y = A \cos(\sin x) + B \sin(\sin x) + \frac{1}{2}e^{\sin x}$$

But $y = 1$ when $x = 0$

$$\therefore 1 = A + \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \cos x (-A \sin(\sin x)) + \cos x (B \cos(\sin x)) + \frac{1}{2} \cos x e^{\sin x}$$

As $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3$ when $x = 0$

$$\therefore 3 = B + \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow B = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{1}{2} \cos(\sin x) + \frac{5}{2} \sin(\sin x) + \frac{1}{2} e^{\sin x}$$

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