

Homogeneous equation of Euler's and Legendre's type

The general form of linear equation of second order is given by $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} +$

$$p \frac{dy}{dx} + Qy = R$$

Where P,Q and R are functions of x only

Linear equation of second order with variable coefficient

Homogeneous equation

Non homogenous equation

Euler type or Cauchy –Euler type

Legendre's type

No general method to solve

Homogeneous equation of Euler type (Cauchy type)

Linear differential equation with variable coefficients:

An equation of the form

$$\frac{x^n d^n y}{dx^n} + a_1 x^{n-1} \frac{d^{n-1} y}{dx^{n-1}} + a_2 x^{n-2} \frac{d^{n-2} y}{dx^{n-2}} + \dots + a_n y = f(x)$$

Where a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n are constants and $f(x)$ is a function of x

Equation (1) can be reduced to linear differential equation with constant coefficients by putting substitution

$$x = e^t \text{ (or) } t = \log x$$

Now $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{1}{x} \frac{dy}{dt}$

$$x \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \text{ (or) } x \frac{dy}{dx} = Dy \quad \text{where } D = \frac{d}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{1}{x} \frac{dy}{dt} \right]$$

$$= \frac{-1}{x^2} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{1}{x} \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dy}{dt} \right)$$

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$$= \frac{-1}{x^2} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{1}{x} \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} \left(\frac{1}{x} \right)$$

$$= \frac{-1}{x^2} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{1}{x^2} \frac{d^2y}{dt^2}$$

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

$$= (D^2 - D)y$$

$$= D(D - 1)y$$

Similarly $x^3 \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} = D(D - 1)(D - 2)y$ and so on

Problems based on Cauchy's type

Example1

Solve $(x^2 D^2 + 4x D + 2)y = x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}$

Solution:

$$\text{Put } t = \log x \Rightarrow x = e^t$$

$$xD = D$$

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

$$\therefore [D(D - 1) + 4D + 2]y = (e^t)^2 + \frac{1}{(e^t)^2}$$

$$(D^2 - D + 4D + 2)y = e^{2t} + e^{-2t}$$

$$(D^2 + 3D + 2)y = e^{2t} + e^{-2t}$$

Auxiliary Equation is $m^2 + 3m + 2 = 0$

$$(m + 1)(m + 2) = 0$$

$$m = -1, -2$$

$$\text{C.F} = Ae^{-t} + Be^{-2t}$$

$$P.I_1 = \frac{1}{D^2+3D+2} e^{2t} \quad \text{Replace D by 2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4+6+2} e^{2t}$$

$$= \frac{1}{12} e^{2t}$$

$$P.I_2 = \frac{1}{D^2+3D+2} e^{-2t} \quad \text{Replace D by -2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{0} e^{-2t}$$

$$= \frac{t}{2D+3} e^{-2t}$$

$$= -te^{-2t} \quad \text{Replace D by -2}$$

The general solution is $y = C.F + P.I_1 + P.I_2$

$$= Ae^{-t} + Be^{-2t} + \frac{e^{2t}}{12} - te^{-2t}$$

$$= Ax^{-1} + Bx^{-2} + \frac{x^2}{12} - x^{-2} \log x$$

Example:2

Solve $(x^2 D^2 - xD + 4)y = \sin(\log x)$

Solution:

Put $t = \log x \Rightarrow x = e^t$

$$xD = D$$

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

$$[D(D - 1) - D + 4]y = \sin t$$

$$(D^2 - 2D + 4D)y = \sin t$$

Auxiliary Equation is $m^2 - 2m + 4 = 0$

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

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

$$= \frac{2 \pm 2i\sqrt{3}}{2} = 1 \pm i\sqrt{3}$$

$$\alpha = 1 \quad \beta = \sqrt{3}$$

$$C.F = e^t [A \cos \sqrt{3} t + B \sin \sqrt{3} t]$$

$$P.I = \frac{1}{D^2 - 2D + 4} \sin t$$

Replace D^2 by -1

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{-1-2D+4} \sin t \\
 &= \frac{1}{3-2D} \sin t \\
 &= \frac{3+2D}{(3+2D)(3-2D)} \sin t \\
 &= \frac{(3+2D)}{9-4D^2} \sin t \quad \text{Replace } D^2 \text{ by } -1 \\
 &= \frac{3 \sin t + 2D(\sin t)}{9-16(-1)} \sin t \\
 &= \frac{3 \sin t + 2 \cos t}{25}
 \end{aligned}$$

The general solution is $y = C.F + P.I$

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= e^t [A \cos \sqrt{3}t + B \sin \sqrt{3}t] + \frac{3 \sin t + 2 \cos t}{25} \\
 &= x [A \cos(\sqrt{3} \log x) + B \sin(\sqrt{3} \log x)] + \frac{3 \sin(\log x) + 2 \cos(\log x)}{25}
 \end{aligned}$$

Example: 3

Solve $(x^2 D^2 - 2xD - 4)y = 16(\log x)^2$

Solution:

Put $t = \log x \Rightarrow x = e^t$

$$[D(D - 1) - 2D - 4]y = 16t^2$$

$$(D^2 - 3D - 4)y = 16t^2$$

A.E is $m^2 - 3m - 4 = 0$

$$m = -1, 4$$

$$C.F = Ae^{-t} + Be^{4t}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P.I &= \frac{1}{D^2-3D-4} 16t^2 \\
 &= 16 \frac{1}{-4 \left[1 - \left(\frac{D^2-3D}{4} \right) \right]} t^2 \\
 &= -4 \left[1 - \left(\frac{D^2-3D}{4} \right) \right]^{-1} t^2 \\
 &= -4 \left[1 + \frac{D^2-3D}{4} + \left(\frac{D^2-3D}{4} \right)^2 \right] t^2 \\
 &= -4 \left[1 + \frac{D^2}{4} - \frac{3D}{4} + \frac{9D^2}{16} \right] t^2 \\
 &= -4 \left[t^2 + \frac{2}{4} - \frac{6t}{4} + \frac{9}{16} (2) \right] \\
 &= -4 \left[t^2 + \frac{2}{4} - \frac{6t}{4} + \frac{9}{8} \right] \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2} (8t^2 - 12t + 13)
 \end{aligned}$$

The general solution is $y = C.F + P.I$

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= Ae^{-t} + Be^{4t} - \frac{1}{2} (8t^2 - 12t + 13) \\
 &= Ax^{-1} + Bx^4 - \frac{1}{2} [8(\log x)^2 - 12(\log x) + 13]
 \end{aligned}$$

Example:4

Solve $(x^2D^2 - xD + 4)y = x^2 \sin(\log x)$

Solution:

Put $t = \log x \Rightarrow x = e^t$

$xD = D$

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

$$[D(D - 1) - D + 4]y = e^{2t} \sin t$$

$$(D^2 - 2D + 4)y = e^{2t} \sin t$$

Auxiliary Equation is $m^2 - 2m + 4 = 0$

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

$$= \frac{2 \pm 2i\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$= 1 \pm i\sqrt{3} \quad \alpha = 1 \quad \beta = \sqrt{3}$$

$$C.F = e^t [A \cos \sqrt{3} t + B \sin \sqrt{3} t]$$

$$P.I = \frac{1}{D^2 - 2D + 4} e^{2t} \sin t \quad \text{Replace } D \text{ by } D + 2$$

$$= e^{2t} \frac{1}{(D+2)^2 - 2(D+2) + 4} \sin t$$

$$= e^{2t} \frac{1}{D^2 + 4D + 4 - 2D - 4 + 4} \sin t$$

$$= e^{2t} \frac{1}{D^2 + 2D + 4} \sin t$$

$$= e^{2t} \frac{1}{-1 + 2D + 4} \sin t$$

$$= e^{2t} \frac{1}{3 + 2D} \sin t$$

$$= e^{2t} \frac{3 - 2D}{(3 - 2D)(3 + 2D)} \sin t$$

$$= e^{2t} \frac{3 - 2D}{9 - 4D^2} \sin t$$

Replace D^2 by -1

$$= \frac{e^{2t}(3 \sin t - 2 \cos t)}{13}$$

The general solution is $y = C.F + P.I$

$$y = e^t [A \cos \sqrt{3}t + B \sin \sqrt{3}t] + e^{2t} \frac{[3 \sin t - 2 \cos t]}{13}$$

$$= x [A \cos(\sqrt{3} \log x) + B \sin(\sqrt{3} \log x)] + \frac{x^2(3 \sin(\log x) - 2 \cos(\log x))}{13}$$

Example:5

Solve $(x^2 D^2 - 3x D + 4)y = x^2 \cos(\log x)$

Solution:

Put $\log x = t \Rightarrow x = e^t$

$x D = D$

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

$[D(D - 1) - 3D + 4]y = e^{2t} \sin t$

$(D^2 - 4D + 4)y = e^{2t} \sin t$

Auxiliary Equation is $m^2 - 4m + 4 = 0$

$m = 2, 2$

C.F = $(At + B)e^{2t}$

$P.I = \frac{1}{D^2 - 4D + 4} e^{2t} \sin t$

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

Replace D by $D + 2$

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

$= e^{2t} \frac{1}{D^2} \sin t$

Replace D by -1

$$= e^{2t} \frac{1}{-1} \sin t = -e^{2t} \sin t$$

The general solution is $y = C.F + P.I$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= (At + B)e^{2t} - e^{2t} \cos t \\ &= (A \log x + B)x^2 - x^2 \cos \log x \end{aligned}$$

Example :6

Solve $(x^2 D^2 - xD + 1)y = \left(\frac{\log x}{x}\right)^2$

Solution:

Put $t = \log x \Rightarrow x = e^t$

$$xD = D$$

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

$$[D(D - 1) - D + 1]y = \left(\frac{t}{e^t}\right)^2$$

$$(D^2 - 2D + 1)y = t^2 e^{-2t}$$

Auxiliary Equation is $m^2 - 2m + 1 = 0$

$$m = 1, 1$$

$$C.F = (At + B)e^t$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{(D-1)^2} e^{-2t} t^2 \quad \text{Replace } D \text{ by } D - 2$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= e^{-2t} \frac{1}{(D-3)^2} t^2 \\
 &= e^{-2t} \frac{1}{9\left(1-\frac{D}{3}\right)^2} t^2 \\
 &= \frac{e^{-2t}}{9} \left(1 - \frac{D}{3}\right)^2 t^2 \\
 &= \frac{e^{-2t}}{9} \left[1 + \frac{2D}{3} + 3\left(\frac{D}{3}\right)^2\right] t^2 \\
 &= \frac{e^{-2t}}{9} \left[t^2 + \frac{2D}{3}(t^2) + \frac{3}{9}D^2(t^3)\right] \\
 &= \frac{e^{-2t}}{9} \left[\frac{3t^2 + 4t + 2}{3}\right] \\
 &= \frac{e^{-2t}}{27} [3t^2 + 4t + 2]
 \end{aligned}$$

The general solution is $y = \text{C.F} + \text{P.I}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= (At + B)e^t + \frac{e^{2t}}{27} (3t^2 + 4t + 2) \\
 &= (A \log x + B)x + \frac{1}{27x^2} [3(\log x)^2 - 4 \log x + 2]
 \end{aligned}$$

Legendre's Linear Differential Equation

An equation of the form

$$(ax + b)^n \frac{d^n y}{dx^n} + k_j (ax + b)^{n-1} \frac{d^{n-1} y}{dx^{n-1}} + \dots + x_n y = 0 \dots (1)$$

Where k 's are constant and Q is a function of x is called such equations are reduced by using substitution

$$ax + b = e^t$$

$$t = \log(ax + b)$$

$$(ax + b)D = aD$$

$$(ax + b)^2 D^2 = a^2 D(D - 1) \text{ and so on.}$$

After making these substitution in (1) it reduces to a linear differential equation with constant coefficients

Problems based on Legendre's Linear Differential Equation

Example: 1

$$\text{Solve } (3x + 2)^2 y'' + 3(3x + 2)y' - 36y = 3x^2 + 4x + 3$$

Solution:

$$\text{Put } t = \log(3x+2)$$

$$3x + 2 = e^t; \quad x = \frac{e^t - 2}{3}$$

$$(3x + 2)D = 3D$$

$$(3x + 2)^2 D^2 = 9D(D - 1)$$

$$[9D(D - 1) + 9D - 36]y = 3\left(\frac{e^t - 2}{3}\right)^2 + 4\left(\frac{e^t - 2}{3}\right) + 1$$

$$[9D^2 - 9D + 9D - 36]y = 3\frac{(e^{2t} - 4e^t + 4)}{9} + 4\left(\frac{e^t - 2}{3}\right) + 1$$

$$[9D^2 - 36]y = \frac{(e^{2t} - 4e^t + 4e^t + 4 - 8 + 3)}{3}$$

$$= \frac{e^{2t} - 1}{3}$$

$$(D^2 - 4)y = \frac{e^{2t} - 1}{27}$$

$$(D^2 - 4)y = \frac{1}{27}e^{2t} - \frac{1}{27}$$

Auxiliary Equation is $m^2 - 4 = 0$

$$m^2 = 4$$

$$m = \pm 2$$

$$\text{C.F} = Ae^{2t} + Be^{-2t}$$

$$P.I = \frac{1}{D^2-4} \frac{1}{27} e^{2t} \quad \text{Replace D by 2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{0} \frac{1}{27} e^{2t}$$

$$= \frac{t}{2D} \frac{1}{27} e^{2t}$$

$$= \frac{t}{108} e^{2t}$$

$$P.I_2 = \frac{1}{D^2-4} \left(\frac{-1}{27}\right) \quad \text{Replace D by 0}$$

$$= \frac{1}{-4} \left(\frac{-1}{27}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{108} \text{OBSERVE OPTIMIZE OUTSPREAD}$$

The general solution is $y = \text{C.F} + \text{P.I}$

$$y = Ae^{2t} + Be^{-2t} + \frac{t}{108}e^{2t} + \frac{1}{108}$$

$$y = A(3x + 2)^2 + B(3x + 2)^{-2} + (3x + 2)^2 \frac{\log x}{108} + \frac{1}{108}$$

Example: 2

Solve $(1 + x)^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + (1 + x) \frac{dy}{dx} + y = 4 \cos[\log(1 + x)]$

Solution:

Put $t = \log(1+x)$

$$(1+x) = e^t$$

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

$$[D(D-1) + D + 1]y = 4 \cos t$$

$$[D^2 + 1]y = 4 \cos t$$

Auxiliary Equation is $m^2 + 1 = 0$

$$m^2 = -1$$

$$m = \pm i$$

$$\alpha = 0, \beta = 1$$

$$C.F = A \cos t + B \sin t$$

$$P.I = \frac{1}{D^2+1} 4 \cos t \quad \text{Replace D by } -1$$

$$= \frac{1}{-1+1} 4 \cos t$$

$$= \frac{t}{2D} 4 \cos t$$

$$= 2t \sin t$$

The general solution is $y = C.F + P.I$

$$y = A \cos t + B \sin t + 2t \sin t$$

$$y = A \cos \log(1+x) + B \sin \log(1+x) + 2 \log(1+x) \sin \log(1+x)$$

Example:3

$$\text{Solve } (x + 2)^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - (x + 2) \frac{dy}{dx} + y = 3x + 4$$

Solution:

$$\text{Put } x + 2 = e^t$$

$$t = \log(x + 2)$$

$$x = e^t - 2$$

$$(x + 2)D = D$$

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

$$[D(D - 1) - D + 1]y = 3(e^t - 2) + 4$$

$$[D^2 - 2D + 1]y = 3e^t - 2$$

Auxiliary Equation is $m^2 - 2m + 1 = 0$

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

$$m = 1, 1$$

$$\text{C.F} = (At + B)e^t$$

$$= [A \log(x + 2) + B](x + 2)$$

$$P.I_1 = \frac{1}{(D-1)^2} 3e^t$$

Replace D by 1

$$= 3 \frac{1}{(1-1)^2} e^t$$

$$= 3 \frac{1}{0} e^t$$

$$= \frac{3t}{2(D-1)} e^t$$

Replace D by 1

$$= \frac{3t^2}{2} e^t$$

$$P.I_2 = \frac{1}{(D-1)^2} (-2e^{0t}) \quad \text{Replace } D \text{ by } 0$$

$$= -2$$

The general solution is $y = C.F + P.I_1 + P.I_2$

$$y = [A \log(x+2) + B](x+2) + \frac{3}{2} [\log(x+2)]^2 (x+2) - 2$$

Example:4

Solve $(2x+2)^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - (2x+3) \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = 6x$

Solution:

Put $2x+3 = e^t$

$t = \log(2x+3)$

$(2x+3)D = 2D$

$(2x+3)^2 D^2 = 4D(D-1)$

$[4D(D-1) - 2D - 12]y = 6 \left[\frac{e^t - 3}{2} \right]$

$[4D^2 - 4D - 2D - 12]y = 3e^t - 9$

$[4D^2 - 6D - 12]y = 3e^t - 9$

$\left[D^2 - \frac{3}{2}D - 3 \right] y = \frac{1}{4} (3e^t - 9)$

Auxiliary Equation is $m^2 - \frac{3}{2}m - 3 = 0$

$$m = \frac{\frac{3}{2} \pm \sqrt{\frac{9}{4} + 12}}{2}$$

$$m = \frac{\frac{3}{2} \pm \sqrt{\frac{57}{4}}}{2} = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{57}}{4}$$

Let $a = \frac{3 + \sqrt{57}}{4}$, $b = \frac{3 - \sqrt{57}}{4}$

$$C.F = Ae^{at} + Be^{bt}$$

$$= A(2x + 3)^a + B(2x + 3)^b$$

$$P.I_1 = \frac{1}{D^2 - \frac{3}{2}D - 3} \left(\frac{3e^t}{4} \right)$$

$$= \frac{3}{4} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{3}{2}D - 3} e^t$$

Replace D by 1

$$= \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{-2}{7} \right) e^t$$

$$= \frac{-3}{14} e^t$$

$$= \frac{-3}{14} (2x + 3)$$

$$P.I_2 = \frac{1}{D^2 - 3D - 3} \left(\frac{-9}{4} e^{0t} \right)$$

Replace D by 0

$$= \frac{3}{4}$$

The general solution is $y = C.F + P.I_1 + P.I_2$

$$y = [A(2x + 3)^a + B(2x + 3)^b] - \frac{3}{14} (2x + 3) + \frac{3}{4}$$

Where $a = \frac{3 + \sqrt{57}}{4}$; $b = \frac{3 - \sqrt{57}}{4}$

Example: 5

$$\text{Solve } (1+x)^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + (1+x) \frac{dy}{dx} + y = 2 \sin[\log(1+x)]$$

Solution:

$$\text{Put } 1+x = e^t$$

$$t = \log(1+x)$$

$$(1+x) \frac{dy}{dx} = Dy$$

$$(1+x)^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = D(D-1)y$$

$$[D(D-1) + D + 1]y = 2 \sin t$$

$$[D^2 + 1]y = 2 \sin t$$

$$\text{Auxiliary Equation is } m^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$m = \pm i$$

$$\text{C.F} = A \cos t + B \sin t$$

$$= A \cos [\log(1+x)] + B \sin [\log(1+x)]$$

$$P.I = \frac{1}{D^2+1} 2 \sin t \quad \text{Replace } D^2 \text{ by } -1$$

$$= 2 \frac{1}{0} \sin t$$

$$= \frac{2t}{2D} \sin t$$

$$= \frac{t}{D} \sin t$$

$$= -t \cos t$$

$$= -\log(1+x) \cos[\log(1+x)]$$

The general solution is $y = C.F + P.I$

$$y = A\cos[\log(1+x)] + B\sin[\log(1+x)] - \log(1+x)\cos[\log(1+x)]$$

Example:6

Solve $(2x - 1)^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 4(2x - 1) \frac{dy}{dx} + 8y = 8x$

Solution:

Put $2x - 1 = e^t$

$t = \log(2x - 1)$

$(2x - 1) \frac{dy}{dx} = 2Dy$

$(2x - 1)^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 4D(D - 1)y$

$[4D(D - 1) - 8D + 8]y = 8\left(\frac{e^t - 1}{2}\right)$

$[4D^2 - 4D - 8D + 8]y = 4(e^t + 1)$

$[4D^2 - 12D + 8]y = 4(e^t + 1)$

÷ by 4 $(D^2 - 3D + 2)y = e^t + 1$

Auxiliary Equation is $m^2 - 3m + 2 = 0$

$m = 2, 1$

C.F = $Ae^{2t} + Be^t$

$= A(2x - 1)^2 + B(2x - 1)$

$P.I_1 = \frac{1}{D^2 - 3D + 2} e^t$

$$= \frac{t}{2D-3} e^t \quad \text{Replace } D \text{ by } 1$$

$$= -te^t$$

$$P.I_2 = \frac{1}{D^2-3D+2} e^{0t} \quad \text{Replace } D \text{ by } 0$$

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

The general solution is $y = C.F + P.I_1 + P.I_2$

$$y = A(2x - 1)^2 + B(2x - 1) - (2x - 1) \log(2x - 1) + \frac{1}{2}$$

