

## CHAPTER # 2

### SECOND ORDER LINEAR ODE'S

Homogenous Linear ODE of Second order:

A second order linear ODE is

$$y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = \gamma(x) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Then

(i) If  $\gamma(x) = 0$ , eq. (1) is called homogeneous linear ODE.

(ii) If  $\gamma(x) \neq 0$ , eq. (1) is called non-homogeneous linear ODE.

e.g. (a)  $y'' + 2y' + y = 0$  Homogeneous

(b)  $y'' + y = \tan x$  non-homogeneous

Superposition Principle:

A second order homogeneous linear ODE is

$$y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Let  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  be solution of (1), then linear combination of  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  i.e.  $C_1y_1 + C_2y_2$  is also solution of (1)

Example: 1 (Page 47)

Let  $\cos x$  and  $\sin x$  are solution of homogeneous linear ODE

$$y'' + y = 0$$

Sol: Verification:

Let  $y_1 = \cos x$  and  $y_2 = \sin x$

$$y_1'' = -\cos x \quad y_2'' = -\sin x$$

Now,

$$y_1'' + y_1 = -\cos x + \cos x = 0$$

$$y_2'' + y_2 = -\sin x + \sin x = 0$$

$\cos x$  and  $\sin x$  are solution of  $y'' + y = 0$ , verified.

To verify  $y = C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2$ ,

By superposition principle,

$y = C_1 \cos x + C_2 \sin x$  is also a solution of  
 $y'' + y = 0$

Verification:

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

$$y'' + y = 0$$

Thus  $y = C_1 \cos x + C_2 \sin x$  is also solution of  
 $y'' + y = 0$

**Fundamental theorem for the homogeneous linear ODE:**

**Statement:** For a homogeneous linear ODE  
 $y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = 0$  — (1)

then any linear combination of two solutions of eq. (1) is again a solution of eq. (1)

**Proof:**

Let  $y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = 0$  — (1) be the second order linear ODE and let  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  be the solution of (1), then we shall show that  $C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2$  be again be the solution of (1).

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} y_1'' + P(x)y_1' + Q(x)y_1 = 0 \\ y_2'' + P(x)y_2' + Q(x)y_2 = 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{--- (2)}$$

Let  $y = C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2$

$$y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = (C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2)'' + P(x)(C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2)' \\ + Q(x)(C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2)$$

$$= c_1 y_1'' + c_2 y_2'' + P(x)(c_1 y_1' + c_2 y_2') + Q(x)(c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2)$$

$$= c_1 (y_1'' + P(x)y_1' + Q(x)y_1) + c_2 (y_2'' + P(x)y_2' + Q(x)y_2)$$

by using ②

$$= c_1 \cdot 0 + c_2 \cdot 0$$

$$= 0$$

$\therefore y = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$  is solution of ①

**Note:** Theorem is applicable for only homogeneous linear ODE.

**Example 2:** (A non-homogeneous linear ODE) (Page 48)

Let  $y_1 = 1 + \cos x$  and  $y_2 = 1 + \sin x$  are solutions of  $y'' + y = 1$  — ①

**Sol:**

We will check validation of superposition principle

$$y_1'' + y_1 = (1 + \cos x)'' + (1 + \cos x)$$

$$= 0 - \cos x + 1 + \cos x$$

$$y_1'' + y_1 = 1$$

Similarly,

$$y_2'' + y_2 = (1 + \sin x)'' + (1 + \sin x)$$

$$= 0 - \sin x + 1 + \sin x$$

$$y_2'' + y_2 = 1$$

$\Rightarrow y_1$  and  $y_2$  are solutions of ①

Now for

$$y = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$$

$$y'' + y = (c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2)'' + (c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2)$$

$$= [c_1 (1 + \cos x) + c_2 (1 + \sin x)]'' + [c_1 (1 + \cos x) + c_2 (1 + \sin x)]$$

$$= (c_1 + c_1 \cos x + c_2 + c_2 \sin x)'' + (c_1 + c_1 \cos x + c_2 + c_2 \sin x)$$

$$= 0 - C_1 \cos x + 0 - C_2 \sin x + C_1 + C_2 + C_1 \cos x + C_2 \sin x$$

$$y'' + y = C_1 + C_2$$

$$\text{if } C_1 = 1, C_2 = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow C_1 + C_2 = 3$$

$$y'' + y = 3 \neq 1$$

Thus  $y = C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2$  is not a solution of ①

Hence fundamental theorem is not applicable

for non-homogeneous ODE.

**Example 3: (A Nonlinear ODE) (Page 48)**

let  $y_1 = x^2$  and  $y_2 = 1$  are solutions of non-linear ODE

$$y''y - xy' = 0 \quad \text{--- ①}$$

**Solution:**

Verification:

$$\begin{aligned} y_1''y_1 - xy_1' &= (x^2)'' \cdot x^2 - x(x^2)' \\ &= 2x^2 - x \cdot 2x = 2x^2 - 2x^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$y_1''y_1 - xy_1' = 0$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} y_2''y_2 - xy_2' &= (1)'' \cdot 1 - x(1)' \\ &= 0 \cdot 1 - x \cdot 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$y_2''y_2 - xy_2' = 0$$

Now,

$$y = C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} y''y - xy' &= (C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2)'' (C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2) - x(C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2)' \\ &= (C_1 x^2 + C_2)'' (C_1 x^2 + C_2) - x(C_1 x^2 + C_2)' \\ &= 2C_1 (C_1 x^2 + C_2) - x(2C_1 x) \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow y = C_1 x^2 + C_2$  is not solution of eq. ①

Thus fundamental theorem is not applicable for non-linear ODE.

Solve the initial value problem.

Example:  $y'' + 2y' + 2y = 0$      $y(0) = 2, y'(0) = 1$

Sol:

Auxiliary eq. is

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

$$a = 1, b = 2, c = 2$$

$$m = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

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

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

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

$$= \frac{-2 \pm 2i}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-1 \pm 1i}{1}$$

$\alpha \leftarrow \rightarrow \beta$

we know

$$y = e^{\alpha x} (C_1 \cos \beta(x) + C_2 \sin \beta(x))$$

$$\alpha = -1, \beta = 1$$

$$y(x) = e^{-x} (C_1 \cos(x) + C_2 \sin(x)) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

using condition  $y(0) = 2$

$$y(0) = e^0 (C_1 \cos(0) + C_2 \sin(0))$$

$$\boxed{2 = C_1} \text{ put in (1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow y(x) = e^{-x} (2 \cos(x) + C_2 \sin(x)) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

taking derivative

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

Now using condition  $y'(0) = 1$

$$y'(0) = e^0(-2\sin(0) + C_2\cos(0)) - (2\cos(0) + C_2\sin(0))$$

$$1 = C_2 - 2$$

$$\Rightarrow C_2 = 1 + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{C_2 = 3} \text{ Put in } \textcircled{1} \textcircled{2}$$

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

Example 4: (Page 49)

Solve the initial value problem.

$$y'' + y = 0 \quad y(0) = 3, \quad y'(0) = -0.5$$

Sol:

The auxiliary eq. is

$$m^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$m^2 = -1$$

$$m = \pm\sqrt{-1} = 0 \pm 1i$$

$$m = 0 \pm 1i,$$

we know

$$y(x) = e^{\alpha x}(C_1 \cos B(x) + C_2 \sin B(x))$$

$$\alpha = 0, \quad B = 1$$

$$y(x) = e^{0(x)}(C_1 \cos x + C_2 \sin x)$$

$$y(x) = C_1 \cos x + C_2 \sin x \text{ --- } \textcircled{1}$$

using initial condition  $y(0) = 3$

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

$$\boxed{3 = C_1} \text{ Put in } \textcircled{1}$$

$$y(x) = 3 \cos x + C_2 \sin x \text{ --- } \textcircled{2}$$

taking derivative

$$y'(x) = -3 \sin x + C_2 \cos x$$

Now using initial condition  $y'(0) = -0.5$

$$y'(0) = -3 \sin(0) + C_2 \cos(0)$$

$$\boxed{-0.5 = C_2} \text{ put in } \textcircled{2}$$

$$y(x) = 3\cos x - 0.5\sin x$$

Reduce to first order and solve

$$(1) \quad y'' + y' = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Sol:

First we need to reduce the eq. to first order.

$$\text{Let } z = y' \Rightarrow z' = y''$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow z' - z = 0$$

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = z$$

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Now, variables are separated, integrating both side

$$\int \frac{dz}{z} = \int 1 dx$$

$$\ln|z| = x + C$$

$$e^{\ln|z|} = e^{x+C}$$

$$z = e^x \cdot e^C$$

$$z = C_1 e^x \quad \therefore e^C = C_1$$

$$\Rightarrow y' = C_1 e^x \quad \therefore z = y'$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = C_1 e^x$$

$$dx$$

$$dy = C_1 e^x dx$$

Variables are separated again, integrating both sides

$$\int 1 dy = C_1 \int e^x dx$$

$$y = C_1 e^x + C_2$$