

Chapter -4-

Linear O.D.E. with constant coefficients

The general form of non-homo. linear O.D.E. with constant coefficients of n order is:-

$$\dots\dots(*)y^{(n)} + a_1y^{(n-1)} + a_2y^{(n-2)} + \dots \dots \dots a_{n-1}y' + a_ny = f(x)$$

Where $a_1, a_2, \dots \dots \dots a_{n-1}, a_n$ are constant

If $f(x)=0$ then the equation(*) it's become homo.

Ex:-

1- $y'' - 2y' + 3y = 0$

2- $y'' - 4y' + y = e^x$

3- $xy^{(4)} = \sin x$

4- $y^{(4)} = \frac{\sin x}{x}, x \neq 0$

Def.-1- :- The functions $y_1(x), y_2(x), \dots \dots \dots, y_n(x)$ are linearly dependent on I if there is a set of constants $c_1, c_2, \dots \dots \dots, c_n$

Not all zero s.t. $c_1y_1 + c_2y_2 + \dots + c_ny_n = 0$ In $a \leq x \leq b \dots \dots (*)$

The left member of (*) is called a linear combination of the functions

$$y_1, y_2, \dots \dots y_n.$$

The functions $y_i(x), i = 1, 2, 3, \dots \dots n$

Are linearly independent if the only set of constants $c_1, c_2, \dots \dots c_n$ for which (*) holds is the set $c_1 = c_2 = \dots \dots = c_n = 0$

Ex.-1- prove that the functions $y_1 = e^x$, $y_2 = e^{2x}$

Are linear independent.

Solution:-

$$c_1y_1 + c_2y_2 = 0$$

$$c_1e^x + c_2e^{2x} = 0$$

$$(\text{derivative w.r.t } x)c_1e^x + 2c_2e^{2x} = 0$$

$$-c_2e^{2x} = 0$$

$$e^{2x} \neq 0 \rightarrow c_2 = 0$$

$$\therefore c_1 = 0$$

$$\therefore c_1 = c_2 = 0$$

the functions are linear independent for any x .

Ex.-2- prove that $f_1(x) = \cos^2(x)$, $f_2(x) = \sin^2(x)$, $f_3 = \sec^2(x)$,

$f_4(x) = \tan^2(x)$ Are linearly dependent on the interval $\left(\frac{-\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$

Solution:

$$c_1\cos^2(x) + c_2\sin^2(x) + c_3\sec^2(x) + c_4\tan^2(x) = 0$$

$$c_1 = c_2 = 1 \rightarrow \cos^2(x) + \sin^2(x) = 1$$

$$c_3 = -1, c_4 = 1 \rightarrow -\tan^2(x) + \sec^2(x) = 1$$

$$\tan^2(x) - \sec^2(x) = -1$$

$$\cos^2(x) + \sin^2(x) - \sec^2(x) + \tan^2(x) = 0$$

The functions are linearly dependent.

Theorem-1-

Let y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n

Be solutions of the homo. n-th order linear O.D.E. on an interval I then the linear combination $y = c_1y_1 + c_2y_2 + \dots + c_ny_n$

Where c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n are arbitrary constants is a solution on I

Corollaries:-

1- A constant multiple $y = c_1y_1(x)$

of a solution $y_1(x)$ of a homo. linear O.D.E. is also solution

2- A homo. . linear O.D.E. always has the trivial solution $y = 0$

Def.-2-:-The function $y = c_1y_1 + c_2y_2 + \dots + c_ny_n$

Which is a linear combination for solutions is a general solution for homo. linear O.D.E. if y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n is linear independent.

Ex.:- The functions $y_1 = x^2, y_2 = x^2 \ln x$ are solution of the equation

$$0 \text{ on } (0, \infty) \text{ then } x^3y''' - 2xy' + 4y =$$

is a solution of this eq. on $(0, \infty) y = c_1x^2 + c_2x^2 \ln x$

Is called general solution.

Def.-3-:- suppose each of the function y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n

Has at least (n-1) derivative; the determinate

$$w = w(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 & \dots & \dots & y_n \\ y'_1 & y'_2 & \dots & \dots & y'_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ y^{(n-1)}_1 & y^{(n-1)}_2 & \dots & \dots & y^{(n-1)}_n \end{vmatrix}$$

Where the primes denoted derivative is called the **wronskian** of the functions.

Theorem-2:-

The solutions y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n for homo. linear O.D.E. are linear dependent iff $w(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) = 0$

And y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n are linear independent iff $w(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \neq 0$

Ex.-1-prove that the functions $e^x, 4e^x, 3e^{-2x}$

Are linear dependent for all x .

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} w(e^x, 4e^x, 3e^{-2x}) &= \begin{vmatrix} e^x & 4e^x & 3e^{-2x} \\ e^x & 4e^x & -6e^{-2x} \\ e^x & 4e^x & 12e^{-2x} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 4 \begin{vmatrix} e^x & e^x & 3e^{-2x} \\ e^x & e^x & -6e^{-2x} \\ e^x & e^x & 12e^{-2x} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

The functions $e^x, 4e^x, 3e^{-2x}$ Are linear dependent for all x .

Ex.:- prove that the functions x^2, x^3, x^{-2}

Are linear independent solutions for $x^3y''' - 6xy' + 12y = 0$

Solution:-

$$\begin{aligned} w(x^2, x^3, x^{-2}) &= \begin{vmatrix} x^2 & x^3 & x^{-2} \\ 2x & 3x^2 & -2x^{-3} \\ 2 & 6x & 6x^{-4} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 20 \\ &\neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Theorem-3:-

If $y = I(x)$ or y_p

Is a particular solution for non-homo. linear O.D.E. and $y=c(x)$ is a complementary function then the general solution for non-homo. linear O.D.E. is $y=c(x)+I(x)$.

Proof:-

.....(1) $y^{(n)} + a_1y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_ny = f(x)$ (non - homo.)

.....(2) $y^{(n)} + a_1y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_ny = 0$ (homo.)

$I(x)$ is a solution for (1) ; then:

$(I(x))^{(n)} + a_1(I(x))^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_n(I(x)) = f(x)$

$C(x)$ is a solution for (2) then :-

$(c(x))^{(n)} + a_1(c(x))^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_n(c(x)) = 0$

$(I(x) + c(x))^{(n)} + a_1(I(x) + c(x))^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_n(I(x) + c(x)) = f(x)$

$I(x)+c(x)$ is a solution for non-homo. O.D.E.

Ex.:- are the functions $\sin x, \cos x$ solution for $y'' + y = 0$?

and are these functions linear independent?

$y = \sin x \rightarrow y' = \cos x \rightarrow y'' = -\sin x$

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

$\sin x$ is a solution for this equation.:

$y = \cos x \rightarrow y' = -\sin x \rightarrow y'' = -\cos x$

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

$\cos x$ is a solution for this equation.:

$= -\sin^2 x - \cos^2 x = -1 \neq 0$ $w(\sin x, \cos x) = \begin{vmatrix} \sin x & \cos x \\ \cos x & -\sin x \end{vmatrix}$

$\sin x, \cos x$ are linear independent

$y = c_1 \sin x + c_2 \cos x$ is a general solution for this equation

Ex.:-the particular solution of eq. $y''' - 6y'' + 11y' - 6y = 3x$ is $y_p = \frac{-11}{12} - \frac{1}{2}x$

And general solution of this eq. is $y_c = c_1e^x + c_2e^{2x} + c_3e^{3x}$

Then find the general solution for this eq.

Solution:-

$$y = y_p + y_c$$

$$= c_1e^x + c_2e^{2x} + c_3e^{3x} - \frac{11}{12} - \frac{1}{2}x \text{ is the general solution of given eq.}$$

Dfe.-4-"fundamental set of solutions"

Any set $y_1, y_2 \dots \dots, y_n$ of n linearly independent solutions of the homo. linear n -th order diff. eq. on an interval I is said to be a fundamental set of solutions on the interval I .

Theorem-4-

There exist a fundamental set of solutions for the homo. linear n -th order diff. eq. on I .

Theorem-5-

Let $y_1, y_2 \dots \dots, y_n$ be a fundamental set of solutions of the homo. linear n -th order diff. eq. on interval I .

Then the general solution of the eq. on the interval I is

$$y = c_1y_1(x) + c_2y_2(x) + \dots \dots + c_ny_n(x)$$

Where $c_i, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots \dots n$ are arbitrary constants

Exercises

1- are the function linear dependent or independent for any interval?

(1) $2x - 2x^5, 5x^5 - x$ (2) $2x^2, -3x^2, x$ (3) $\sin x, x$ (4) xe^x, e^x, x^2e^x

(5) $x + 5, x + 1, x$ (6) $e^x \cos x, e^x \sin x$ (7) x^3, x^2, x (8) $6 - 2x, x - 3, e^x$

2-a) prove that e^x, e^{2x}

are solution for $y'' - 3y' + 2y = 0$.

Are the function e^x, e^{2x} are linear dependent or independent?

b) prove that $y_1 = e^{ax} \cos bx, y_2 = e^{ax} \sin bx$ are solutions for the equation

$$y'' - 2ay' + (a^2 + b^2)y = 0$$

and prove that y_1, y_2 are linear independent.