

* Linear non-homogeneous differential equation with constant coefficients:

Exp. Solve $y'' + 3y' - 4y = e^{-4x} + x e^{-x}$

Sol. Given non-homogeneous, linear second-order differential equation.

$$y'' + 3y' - 4y = e^{-4x} + x e^{-x} \quad (1)$$

Thus, homogeneous diff. Eqn.

$$y'' + 3y' - 4y = 0$$

$$f(x) = e^{-4x} + x e^{-x}$$

The auxiliary Eqn is

$$m^2 + 3m - 4 = 0$$

$$m = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{9 + 4 \times 4 \times 1}}{2} = \frac{-3 \pm 5}{2}$$

the roots: $m_1 = 1, -4$ then complementary function

Hence $y_0 = C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{-4x}$ (ii)

Since, first part (term) of $f(x)$ is e^{-4x} , which is solution of homogeneous equation, we

assume the particular solution is

$$y_p = x^s e^{-4x} (A_1) + e^{-x} (A_2 x + A_3)$$

where $s = 1$ -fold root then

$$y_p = x \cdot e^{-4x} A_1 + x e^{-x} A_2 + e^{-x} A_3 \quad (iii)$$

$$y_p = A_1 x e^{-4x} + A_2 x e^{-x} + A_3 e^{-x} \quad (3)$$

Where A_1, A_2, A_3 are constants to be determined.

Differentiating Eq (3) w.r to x

$$y'_p = A_1 (e^{-4x} \cdot 1 + x \cdot e^{-4x} \cdot (-4)) + A_2 [x \cdot e^{-x} \cdot (-1) + e^{-x}] + A_3 e^{-x} \cdot (-1)$$

$$y'_p = A_1 e^{-4x} - 4A_1 x e^{-4x} + A_2 e^{-x} - A_2 x e^{-x} - A_3 e^{-x}$$

Again differentiating it.

$$y''_p = A_1 e^{-4x} (-4) - 4A_1 (-4x e^{-4x} + e^{-4x}) - A_2 e^{-x} - A_2 (-x e^{-x} + e^{-x}) + A_3 e^{-x}$$

$$y''_p = -4A_1 e^{-4x} + 16A_1 x e^{-4x} - 4A_1 e^{-4x} - A_2 e^{-x} + A_2 x e^{-x} - A_2 e^{-x} + A_3 e^{-x}$$

on substituting y'' , y' and y in Eq (1) then equating terms of coefficients.

$$-8A_1 e^{-4x} + 16A_1 x e^{-4x} - 2A_2 e^{-x} + A_2 x e^{-x} + A_3 e^{-x}$$

$$+ 3(A_1 e^{-4x} - 4A_1 x e^{-4x} + A_2 e^{-x} - A_2 x e^{-x} - A_3 e^{-x})$$

$$- 4(A_1 x e^{-4x} + A_2 x e^{-x} + A_3 e^{-x}) = e^{-4x} + x \cdot e^{-x}$$

$$e^{-4x} (-8A_1 + 3A_1) + x e^{-4x} (16A_1 - 12A_1 - 4A_1)$$

$$+ x e^{-x} (A_2 - 3A_2 - 4A_2) + e^{-x} (A_2 - 2A_2 + A_3 + 3$$

$$- 3A_3) - 4A_3 = e^{-4x} + x \cdot e^{-x}$$

$$-5A_1 = 1 \Rightarrow A_1 = -\frac{1}{5}$$

$$-6A_2 = 1 \Rightarrow A_2 = -\frac{1}{6}$$

$$A_2 + 6A_3 = 0$$

$$A_2 = -6A_3$$

$$A_3 = \frac{A_2}{6} = -\frac{1}{6} \times \frac{1}{6} = -\frac{1}{36}$$

Putting these values A_1, A_2, A_3 in Eqn (3)

$$y_p = -\frac{1}{5}x e^{-4x} - \frac{1}{6}x e^{-x} - \frac{1}{36}e^{-x}$$

$$= -\frac{x}{5}e^{-4x} - \frac{1}{6}e^{-x}\left(x + \frac{1}{6}\right)$$

Hence the complete solution is

$$y = y_0 + y_p$$

$$y = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{-4x} - \frac{x}{5}e^{-4x} - \frac{1}{6}e^{-x}\left(x + \frac{1}{6}\right)$$

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