

Chapter 51: Second Order Differential Equations of the Form

$$a \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + b \frac{dy}{dx} + cy = f(x)$$

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Complementary Function and Particular Integral (1/3)

- If in the differential equation
$$a \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + b \frac{dy}{dx} + cy = f(x) \quad (1)$$
 the substitution $y = u + v$ is made then:
$$a \frac{d^2(u+v)}{dx^2} + b \frac{d(u+v)}{dx} + c(u+v) = f(x)$$
- Rearrange gives:
$$\left(a \frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} + b \frac{du}{dx} + cu\right) + \left(a \frac{d^2 v}{dx^2} + b \frac{dv}{dx} + cv\right) = f(x)$$

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Complementary Function and Particular Integral (2/3)

- If we let

$$a \frac{d^2v}{dx^2} + b \frac{dv}{dx} + cv = f(x) \quad (2)$$

then

$$a \frac{d^2u}{dx^2} + b \frac{du}{dx} + cu = 0 \quad (3)$$

- The **general solution**, u , of equation (3) will contain two unknown constants, as required for the general solution of equation (1).

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Complementary Function and Particular Integral (3/3)

- The method of solution of equation (3) is shown in Chapter 50. The function u is called the **complementary function (C.F.)**.
- If the **particular solution**, v , of equation (2) can be determined without containing any unknown constants then $y = u + v$ will give the general solution of equation (1).
- The function v is called the **particular integral (P.I.)**.
- Hence the general solution of equation (1) is given by: $y = \text{C.F.} + \text{P.I.}$

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Procedure (1/2)

- Rewrite the given differential equation as $(aD^2 + bD + c)y = f(x)$.
- Substitute m for D , and solve the auxiliary equation $am^2 + bm + c = 0$ for m .
- Obtain the complementary function u .
- To determine the particular integral, v , firstly assume a particular integral which is suggested by $f(x)$, but which contains undetermined coefficients.

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Procedure (2/2)

- Substitute the suggested P.I. into the differential equation $(aD^2 + bD + c)v = f(x)$ and equate relevant coefficients to find the constants introduced.
- The general solution is given by $y = \text{C.F.} + \text{P.I.}$, i.e., $y = u + v$.
- Given boundary conditions, arbitrary constants in the C.F. may be determined and the particular solution of the differential equation obtained.

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Type	Straightforward cases Try as particular integral:	'Snag' cases Try as particular integral:	See problem
$f(x) = C$	$v = k$	$v = kx$ (used when C.F. contains a constant)	1 , 2
$f(x) = L + Mx + Nx^2 + \dots$	$v = a + bx + cx^2 + \dots$		3
$f(x) = Ae^{ax}$	$v = ke^{ax}$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> $v = kxe^{ax}$ (used when e^{ax} appears in the C.F.) $v = kx^2e^{ax}$ (used when e^{ax} and xe^{ax} both appear in the C.F.) 	4 , 5 , 6
$f(x) = a \sin px + b \cos px$	$v = A \sin px + B \cos px$	$v = x(A \sin px + B \cos px)$ (used when $\sin px$ and/or $\cos px$ appears in the C.F.)	7 , 8
$f(x) =$ a sum, e.g., <ul style="list-style-type: none"> $f(x) = 4x^2 - 3\sin 2x$ $f(x) = 2 - x + e^{3x}$ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> $v = ax^2 + bx + c + d \sin 2x + e \cos 2x$ $v = ax + b + ce^{3x}$ 		9
$f(x) =$ a product, e.g., $f(x) = 2e^x \cos 2x$	$v = e^x(A \sin 2x + B \cos 2x)$		10

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Worked Problems – $f(x)$: A Constant or Polynomial

- Problem 1.** Solve the differential equation

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

$$[y = Ae^x + Be^{-2x} - 2]$$

- Problem 2.** Determine the particular solution of the equation $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 3\frac{dy}{dx} = 9$, given the boundary conditions that when $x = 0$, $y = 0$ and $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$.

$$[y = e^{3x} - 3x - 1]$$

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Worked Problems – $f(x)$: A Constant or Polynomial & Exercise 190

- Problem 3.** Solve the differential equation

$$2\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 11\frac{dy}{dx} + 12y = 3x - 2.$$

$$[y = Ae^{3x/2} + Be^{4x} + x/4 + 1/16]$$

Find the particular solution of the given differential equation.

- Exercise 3.** $3\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \frac{dy}{dx} - 4y = 8$; when $x = 0$, $y = 0$ and $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$.

$$[y = 2(3e^{-4x/3} + 4e^x)/7 - 2]$$

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Exercise 190

- Exercise 5.** The charge q in an electric circuit at time t satisfies the equation $L\frac{d^2 q}{dt^2} + R\frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{1}{C}q = E$ where L , R , C , and E are constants. Solve the equation given $L = 2$ H, $C = 200 \times 10^{-6}$ F, and $E = 250$ V, when (a) $R = 200 \Omega$ and (b) R is negligible. Assume that when $t = 0$, $q = 0$, and $\frac{dq}{dt} = 0$.
 [(a) $q = 1/20 - (5t/2 + 1/20)e^{-50t}$
 (b) $q = (1 - \cos 50t)/20$]

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Worked Problems – $f(x)$: An Exponential Function

- Problem 4.** Solve the equation $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2\frac{dy}{dx} + y = 3e^{4x}$ given the boundary conditions that when $x = 0$, $y = -2/3$ and $\frac{dy}{dx} = 4\frac{1}{3}$
 $[y = (4x - 1)e^x + e^{4x}/3]$
- Problem 5.** Solve the differential equation $2\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - \frac{dy}{dx} - 3y = 5e^{3x/2}$.
 $[y = Ae^{3x/2} + Be^{-x} + xe^{3x/2}]$

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Worked Problems – $f(x)$: An Exponential Function & Exercise 191

- Problem 6.** Solve $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 4\frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = 3e^{2x}$.
 $[y = (Ax + B)e^{2x} + 3x^2e^{2x}/2]$

Find the general solution of the give differential equations.

- Exercise 2.** $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 3\frac{dy}{dx} - 4y = 3e^{-x}$
 $[y = Ae^{4x} + Be^{-x} - 3xe^{-x}/5]$

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Exercise 191

- Exercise 4.** $9\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - 6\frac{dy}{dt} + y = 12e^{t/3}$
 $[y = (At + B)e^{t/3} + 2t^2e^{t/3}/3]$

Find the particular solutions of the given differential equation.

- Exercise 5.** $5\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 9\frac{dy}{dx} - 2y = 3e^x$; when $x = 0$, $y = 1/4$ and $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$.
 $[y = 5(e^{-2x} - e^{x/5})/44 + e^x/4]$

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Worked Problems – $f(x)$: A Sine or Cosine Function

- Problem 7.** Solve the differential equation $2\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 3\frac{dy}{dx} - 5y = 6\sin 2x$.
 $[y = Ae^x + Be^{-5x/2} - 2(39\sin 2x + 18\cos 2x)/205]$
- Problem 8.** Solve $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 16y = 10\cos 4x$ given $y = 3$ and $\frac{dy}{dx} = 4$ when $x = 0$.
 $[y = 3\cos 4x + \sin 4x + 5x\sin 4x/4]$

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Exercise 192

- **Exercise 3.** Find the general solution of the given differential equation: $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + y = 4 \cos x$
[$y = A \cos x + B \sin x + 2x \sin x$]

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Exercise 192

- **Exercise 5.** A differential equation representing the motion of a body is $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + n^2y = k \sin pt$, where k , n and p are constants. Solve the equation (given $n \neq 0$ and $p^2 \neq n^2$) given that when $t = 0$, $\frac{dy}{dt} = 0$.

$$[y = \frac{k}{n^2 - p^2} (\sin pt - \frac{p}{n} \sin nt)]$$

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Worked Problems – $f(x)$: A Sum or A Product

- **Problem 9.** Solve $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{dy}{dx} - 6y = 12x - 50 \sin x$.
[$y = Ae^{2x} + Be^{-3x} - 2x - 1/3 + 7 \sin x + \cos x$]
- **Problem 10.** Solve the differential equation $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2\frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = 3e^x \cos 2x$, given that when $x = 0$, $y = 2$ and $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3$.
[$y = e^x(3 \cos x + \sin x) - e^x \cos 2x$]

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Exercise 193

Find the particular solutions of the given differential equations.

- **Exercise 5.** $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 7\frac{dy}{dx} + 10y = e^{2x} + 20$; when $x = 0$, $y = 0$ and $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{3}$.
[$y = 4e^{5x}/3 - 10e^{2x}/3 - xe^{2x}/3 + 2$]

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Exercise 193

- **Exercise 6.2** $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - \frac{dy}{dx} - 6y = 6e^x \cos x$; when $x = 0$, $y = -\frac{21}{29}$ and $\frac{dy}{dx} = -7\frac{12}{29}$
 $[y = 2e^{-3x/2} - 2e^{2x} + 3e^x(3\sin x - 7\cos x)/29]$