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MATHEMATICS II- BE02R00011

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Assignment – 6

1. Explain Homogeneous Linear ODEs with Constant Coefficients

A homogeneous linear ordinary differential equation (ODE) with constant coefficients is an equation of the form

$$a_n y^{(n)} + a_{n-1} y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_1 y' + a_0 y = 0$$

where a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n are constants and $y^{(k)}$ denotes the k -th derivative of y with respect to the independent variable. The term *homogeneous* indicates that the equation equals zero (no forcing function).

The *linear* property means that y and its derivatives appear only to the first power and are not multiplied together. Such equations are solved by assuming a solution of the form $y = e^{mx}$, which leads to the characteristic (auxiliary) equation:

$$a_n m^n + a_{n-1} m^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 m + a_0 = 0.$$

The roots of this equation determine the general solution:

- **Real and distinct roots** m_1, m_2, \dots : solution is $y = C_1 e^{m_1 x} + C_2 e^{m_2 x} + \dots$
- **Repeated real root** m of multiplicity k : terms like $e^{mx}, x e^{mx}, \dots, x^{k-1} e^{mx}$ appear.
- **Complex conjugate roots** $\alpha \pm i\beta$: terms like $e^{\alpha x} (C_1 \cos \beta x + C_2 \sin \beta x)$ appear.

These ODEs frequently arise in engineering systems, such as in circuit analysis (RLC circuits) and mechanical vibrations, where they describe natural responses without external inputs.

2. Solve the Following ODEs

(i) $y'' - 9y = 0$, with $y(0) = 2$, $y'(0) = -1$

Given:

ODE: $y'' - 9y = 0$; ICs: $y(0) = 2$, $y'(0) = -1$

To Find:

Particular solution satisfying the initial conditions.

Solution:

1. Characteristic equation: $m^2 - 9 = 0 \Rightarrow m = \pm 3$.
2. General solution: $y(x) = C_1 e^{3x} + C_2 e^{-3x}$.
3. Apply $y(0) = 2$:
 $C_1 + C_2 = 2$.

4. Derivative: $y'(x) = 3C_1e^{3x} - 3C_2e^{-3x}$.

Apply $y'(0) = -1$:

$$3C_1 - 3C_2 = -1 \Rightarrow C_1 - C_2 = -\frac{1}{3}.$$

5. Solve simultaneously:

$$\text{Adding: } 2C_1 = \frac{5}{3} \Rightarrow C_1 = \frac{5}{6}.$$

$$\text{Then } C_2 = 2 - \frac{5}{6} = \frac{7}{6}.$$

Final Answer:

$$y(x) = \frac{5}{6}e^{3x} + \frac{7}{6}e^{-3x}$$

(ii) $\frac{d^4y}{dx^4} + \frac{dy}{dx} - 2y = 0$

Characteristic equation: $m^4 + m - 2 = 0$.

By inspection, $m = 1$ is a root. Factor: $(m - 1)(m^3 + m^2 + m + 2) = 0$.

Cubic $m^3 + m^2 + m + 2 = 0$ has one real root $m \approx -1.353$ and complex pair $m \approx 0.1765 \pm 1.2028i$.

General solution:

$$y(x) = C_1e^x + C_2e^{-1.353x} + e^{0.1765x}(C_3\cos(1.2028x) + C_4\sin(1.2028x))$$

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(iii) $(D - 2)(D^2 + D + 1)^2y = 0$, $D = \frac{d}{dt}$

Characteristic equation: $(m - 2)(m^2 + m + 1)^2 = 0$.

Roots: $m_1 = 2$ (real), $m_{2,3} = -\frac{1}{2} \pm i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ (complex, multiplicity 2).

General solution:

$$y(t) = C_1e^{2t} + e^{-t/2} \left[(C_2 + C_3t)\cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right) + (C_4 + C_5t)\sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right) \right]$$

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(iv) $x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy}{dx} - y = 0$

This is a Cauchy-Euler equation. Assume $y = x^m$.

Substitute: $x^2m(m - 1)x^{m-2} + x \cdot mx^{m-1} - x^m = 0$

$\Rightarrow [m(m - 1) + m - 1]x^m = 0 \Rightarrow m^2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow m = 1, -1$.

General solution:

$$y(x) = C_1x + \frac{C_2}{x}$$

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$$(v) 3x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - x \frac{dy}{dx} - y = 0$$

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$$\text{Substitute: } 3x^2 m(m-1)x^{m-2} - x \cdot mx^{m-1} - x^m = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow [3m(m-1) - m - 1]x^m = 0 \Rightarrow 3m^2 - 3m - m - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow 3m^2 - 4m - 1 = 0.$$

$$\text{Solve: } m = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16}}{6} = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{28}}{6} = \frac{4 \pm 2\sqrt{7}}{6} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{7}}{3}.$$

General solution:

$$y(x) = C_1 x^{\frac{2+\sqrt{7}}{3}} + C_2 x^{\frac{2-\sqrt{7}}{3}}$$

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

$$\text{Characteristic: } 3m^2 - 3m + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow m = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{9-24}}{6} = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{-15}}{6} = \frac{3 \pm i\sqrt{15}}{6} = \frac{1}{2} \pm i \frac{\sqrt{15}}{6}.$$

General solution:

$$y(x) = e^{x/2} \left(C_1 \cos \left(\frac{\sqrt{15}}{6} x \right) + C_2 \sin \left(\frac{\sqrt{15}}{6} x \right) \right)$$

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$$4. y'' + 4y = 0$$

$$\text{Characteristic: } m^2 + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow m = \pm 2i.$$

General solution:

$$y(x) = C_1 \cos(2x) + C_2 \sin(2x)$$

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$$5. y'' + y' - 6y = 0$$

$$\text{Characteristic: } m^2 + m - 6 = 0 \Rightarrow (m+3)(m-2) = 0 \Rightarrow m = -3, 2.$$

General solution:

$$y(x) = C_1 e^{-3x} + C_2 e^{2x}$$

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$$6. y'' + 2y' - 35y = 0$$

$$\text{Characteristic: } m^2 + 2m - 35 = 0 \Rightarrow (m+7)(m-5) = 0 \Rightarrow m = -7, 5.$$

General solution:

$$y(x) = C_1 e^{-7x} + C_2 e^{5x}$$

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