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Mathematics

PAPER – II

**GROUP THEORY, FOURIER SERIES
AND
DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS**

UNIT-V

Differential Equation - IV

Syllabus:**Unit – V**

Homogeneous linear differential equation of n^{th} order and Equation reducible to the homogeneous linear form, higher order exact differential equations.

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Lecture Notes
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5.1. Homogeneous linear differential equation of n^{th} order:

Definition 5.1.1: A differential equation of the form

$$a_0 x^n \frac{d^n y}{d x^n} + a_1 x^{n-1} \frac{d^{n-1} y}{d x^{n-1}} + \dots + a_{n-2} x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{d x^2} + a_{n-1} x \frac{d y}{d x} + a_n y = f(x) \quad (1)$$

where $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}, a_n$ are constants is called homogeneous linear differential equation of n^{th} order and is also called Cauchy-Euler equation.

5.1.2 Reducible to homogeneous linear differential equation of n^{th} order (Cauchy-Euler equation) to linear differential equation of n^{th} order with constant coefficients:

Consider homogeneous linear differential equation of n^{th} order of the form

$$a_0 x^n \frac{d^n y}{d x^n} + a_1 x^{n-1} \frac{d^{n-1} y}{d x^{n-1}} + \dots + a_{n-2} x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{d x^2} + a_{n-1} x \frac{d y}{d x} + a_n y = f(x) \quad (1)$$

where $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}, a_n$ are constants.

We transform the Eq. (1) to linear differential equation of n^{th} order with constant coefficients by changing the independent variable x to z i.e.

$$x = e^z \quad \text{or} \quad z = \log x \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d z}{d x} = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\text{Now,} \quad \frac{d y}{d x} = \frac{d y}{d z} \cdot \frac{d z}{d x} = \frac{d y}{d z} \cdot \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\therefore \frac{d y}{d x} = \frac{1}{x} \frac{d y}{d z} \Rightarrow x \frac{d y}{d x} = \frac{d y}{d z}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and} \quad \frac{d^2 y}{d x^2} &= \frac{d}{d x} \left(\frac{d y}{d x} \right) = \frac{d}{d x} \left(\frac{1}{x} \frac{d y}{d z} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{x} \frac{d}{d x} \left(\frac{d y}{d z} \right) - \frac{1}{x^2} \frac{d y}{d z} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{x} \frac{d}{dz} \left(\frac{dy}{dz} \right) \frac{dz}{dx} - \frac{1}{x^2} \frac{dy}{dz} \\
&= \frac{1}{x} \frac{d}{dz} \left(\frac{dy}{dz} \right) \frac{dz}{dx} - \frac{1}{x^2} \frac{dy}{dz} \\
&= \frac{1}{x} \frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} \left(\frac{1}{x} \right) - \frac{1}{x^2} \frac{dy}{dz} \quad \left(\because \frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{1}{x} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{x^2} \frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} - \frac{1}{x^2} \frac{dy}{dz} \\
&= \frac{1}{x^2} \left(\frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} - \frac{dy}{dz} \right) \\
\therefore \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} &= \frac{1}{x^2} \left(\frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} - \frac{dy}{dz} \right) \Rightarrow x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} - \frac{dy}{dz}
\end{aligned}$$

On putting $\frac{d}{dz} = D$,

$$\text{Since } x \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dz} = Dy \quad \therefore x \frac{dy}{dx} = Dy \quad (2)$$

$$\text{and } x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} - \frac{dy}{dz} = D^2 y - Dy = (D^2 - D)y = D(D-1)y$$

$$\therefore x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = D(D-1)y \quad (3)$$

$$\text{In general, } x^m \frac{d^m y}{dx^m} = D(D-1)\dots\dots(D-(m-1))y \quad (4)$$

Substitute Eqs.(2), (3) and (4) in Eq. (1) i.e.

$$\begin{aligned}
&a_0 D(D-1)\dots\dots(D-(n-1))y + a_1 D(D-1)\dots\dots(D-(n-2))y + \\
&\dots\dots + a_{n-2} D(D-1)y + a_{n-1} Dy + a_n y = f(e^z) \\
\Rightarrow &\left[a_0 D(D-1)\dots\dots(D-(n-1)) + a_1 D(D-1)\dots\dots(D-(n-2)) + \right. \\
&\quad \left. \dots\dots + a_{n-2} D(D-1) + a_{n-1} D + a_n \right] y = f(e^z) \\
&\Rightarrow F(D)y = f(e^z) \quad (5)
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
F(D) &= a_0 D(D-1)\dots\dots(D-(n-1)) + a_1 D(D-1)\dots\dots(D-(n-2)) + \\
&\quad \dots\dots + a_{n-2} D(D-1) + a_{n-1} D + a_n
\end{aligned}$$

Which is the linear differential equation of n^{th} order with constant coefficients in y and z can be solved.

If $y = \psi(z)$ be a solution of Eq. (5), then the solution of Eq. (1) is $y = \psi(\log x)$ ($\because z = \log x$).

Example: Solve the following

1. $x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 7x \frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = 0$
2. $x^3 D^3 y + 2x^2 D^2 y + 2y = 0$
3. $x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 2x \frac{dy}{dx} - 20y = x$
4. $x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 5x \frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = x \log x$
5. $\frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} - \frac{4}{x} \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \frac{5}{x^2} \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{2}{x^3} y = 1$

Solution:

1. The given equation is $x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 7x \frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = 0$ (1)

This is the homogeneous linear differential equation.

Now, $x = e^z$ or $z = \log x$

$$\therefore x \frac{dy}{dx} = Dy \quad \& \quad x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = D(D-1)y, \quad \left(\frac{d}{dz} = D \right)$$

Eq. (1) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} D(D-1)y + 7Dy + 5y &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow (D(D-1) + 7D + 5)y &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow (D^2 - D + 7D + 5)y &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow (D^2 + 6D + 5)y &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Which is linear differential equation with constant coefficients in y and z .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{A.E. is } m^2 + 6m + 5 &= 0 \Rightarrow m^2 + 5m + m + 5 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow m(m + 5) + (m + 5) &= 0 \Rightarrow (m + 1)(m + 5) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow m = -1 \quad \& \quad m = -5. \quad \text{The roots are real and distinct.} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the solution of Eq. (2) is $y = c_1 e^{-z} + c_2 e^{-5z}$ (3)

But $z = \log x$, Eq. (3) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e. } y &= c_1 e^{-\log x} + c_2 e^{-5 \log x} = c_1 e^{\log x^{-1}} + c_2 e^{\log x^{-5}} \\ &= c_1 x^{-1} + c_2 x^{-5} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore y = c_1 x^{-1} + c_2 x^{-5}$ is the required solution of Eq. (1).

2. The given equation is $x^3 D^3 y + 2x^2 D^2 y + 2y = 0$ (1)

This is the homogeneous linear differential equation.

Now, $x = e^z$ or $z = \log x$

$$\therefore x D y = D_1 y, \quad x^2 D^2 y = D_1(D_1 - 1)y \quad \&$$

$$x^3 D^3 y = D_1(D_1 - 1)(D_1 - 2)y \left(\frac{d}{dx} = D \quad \& \quad \frac{d}{dz} = D_1 \right)$$

Eq. (1) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} & D_1(D_1 - 1)(D_1 - 2)y + 2D_1(D_1 - 1)y + 2y = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & (D_1(D_1 - 1)(D_1 - 2) + 2D_1(D_1 - 1) + 2)y = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & ((D_1^2 - D_1)(D_1 - 2) + 2(D_1^2 - D_1) + 2)y = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & (D_1^3 - 2D_1^2 - D_1^2 + 2D_1 + 2D_1^2 - 2D_1 + 2)y = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & (D_1^3 - D_1^2 + 2)y = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Which is linear differential equation with constant coefficients in y and z .

A.E. is $m^3 - m^2 + 2 = 0$ a cubic equation.

Let $m = 1$, $1 - 1 + 2 = 2 \neq 0$ is not a root

& $m = -1$, $-1 - 1 + 2 = 0$ is a root

By Synthetic division,

	1	- 1	0	2
- 1		- 1	2	- 2
	1	- 2	2	0

The cubic equation can be rewritten as $(m + 1)(m^2 - 2m + 2) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow m = -1 \quad \& \quad m = 1 \pm i$$

One root is real and other root is complex i.e. it occurs in pairs.

Therefore, the solution of Eq. (2) is $y = c_1 e^{-z} + e^z (c_2 \cos z + c_3 \sin z)$ (3)

But $z = \log x$, Eq. (3) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e. } y &= c_1 e^{-\log x} + e^{\log x} (c_2 \cos(\log x) + c_3 \sin(\log x)) \\ &= c_1 e^{\log x^{-1}} + e^{\log x} (c_2 \cos(\log x) + c_3 \sin(\log x)) \\ &= c_1 x^{-1} + x (c_2 \cos(\log x) + c_3 \sin(\log x)) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore y = c_1 x^{-1} + x (c_2 \cos(\log x) + c_3 \sin(\log x))$ is the required solution of Eq. (1).

3. The given equation is $x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 2x \frac{dy}{dx} - 20y = x$. (1)

This is the homogeneous linear differential equation.

Now, $x = e^z$ or $z = \log x$

$$\therefore x \frac{dy}{dx} = Dy \quad \& \quad x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = D(D-1)y \quad \left(\because \frac{d}{dz} = D \right)$$

Eq. (1) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} D(D-1)y + 2Dy - 20y &= e^z \\ \Rightarrow (D(D-1) + 2D - 20)y &= e^z \\ \Rightarrow (D^2 - D + 2D - 20)y &= e^z \\ \Rightarrow (D^2 + D - 20)y &= e^z \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Which is linear differential equation with constant coefficients in y and z .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{A.E. is } m^2 + m - 20 &= 0 \Rightarrow m^2 + 5m - 4m - 20 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow m(m+5) - 4(m+5) &= 0 \Rightarrow (m-4)(m+5) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow m = 4 \quad \& \quad m = -5, \text{ the roots are real and different.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{C.F.} = c_1 e^{4z} + c_2 e^{-5z}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \& \quad \text{P.I.} &= \frac{1}{D^2 + D - 20} e^z = \frac{1}{(1)^2 + (1) - 20} e^z \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + 1 - 20} e^z = \frac{1}{-18} e^z = -\frac{1}{18} e^z \end{aligned}$$

The solution of Eq. (2) is $y = \text{C.F.} + \text{P.I.}$

$$= c_1 e^{4z} + c_2 e^{-5z} - \frac{1}{18} e^z \quad (3)$$

But $z = \log x$, Eq. (3) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e. } y &= c_1 e^{4\log x} + c_2 e^{-5\log x} - \frac{1}{18} e^{\log x} \\ &= c_1 e^{\log x^4} + c_2 e^{\log x^{-5}} - \frac{1}{18} e^{\log x} \\ &= c_1 x^4 + c_2 x^{-5} - \frac{1}{18} x \\ \therefore y &= c_1 x^4 + c_2 x^{-5} - \frac{1}{18} x \text{ is the required solution of Eq. (1).} \end{aligned}$$

$$4. \quad \text{The given equation is } x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 5x \frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = x \log x. \quad (1)$$

This is the homogeneous linear differential equation.

Now, $x = e^z$ or $z = \log x$

$$\therefore x \frac{dy}{dx} = Dy \quad \& \quad x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = D(D-1)y \quad \left(\because \frac{d}{dz} = D \right)$$

Eq. (1) becomes

$$D(D-1)y + 5Dy + 4y = z e^z$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Rightarrow D(D-1)y + 5Dy + 4y = ze^z \\
&\Rightarrow (D(D-1) + 5D + 4)y = ze^z \\
&\Rightarrow (D^2 - D + 5D + 4)y = ze^z \\
&\Rightarrow (D^2 + 4D + 4)y = e^{3z} \\
&\Rightarrow (D + 2)^2 y = e^{3z} \quad (2)
\end{aligned}$$

Which is linear differential equation with constant coefficients in y and z .

A.E. is $(m + 2)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow m = -2, -2$. The roots are real and equal.

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{C.F.} &= (c_1 + c_2 z)e^{-2z} \\
\& \quad \text{P.I.} &= \frac{1}{(D + 2)^2} ze^z = e^z \frac{1}{((D + 1) + 2)^2} z \\
&= e^z \frac{1}{(D + 3)^2} z = e^z \frac{1}{D^2 + 6D + 9} z \\
&= e^z \frac{1}{9(1 + \frac{D^2}{9} + \frac{6}{9}D)} z = e^z \frac{1}{9\left[1 + \left(\frac{D^2}{9} + \frac{2}{3}D\right)\right]} z \\
&= \frac{e^z}{9} \left[1 + \left(\frac{D^2}{9} + \frac{2}{3}D\right)\right]^{-1} z = \frac{e^z}{9} \left[1 - \left(\frac{D^2}{9} + \frac{2}{3}D\right)\right] z \\
&= \frac{e^z}{9} \left[1 - \frac{D^2}{9} - \frac{2}{3}D\right] z = \frac{e^z}{9} \left[z - \frac{D^2 z}{9} - \frac{2}{3}Dz\right] \\
&= \frac{e^z}{9} \left[z - 0 - \frac{2}{3}\right] = \frac{e^z}{9} \left[z - \frac{2}{3}\right] = \frac{e^z}{9} \left[\frac{3z - 2}{3}\right] \\
&= \frac{e^z}{27} (3z - 2)
\end{aligned}$$

The solution of Eq. (2) is $y = \text{C.F.} + \text{P.I.}$

$$= (c_1 + c_2 z)e^{-2z} + \frac{e^z}{27} (3z - 2) \quad (3)$$

But $z = \log x$, Eq. (3) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{i.e. } y &= (c_1 + c_2 (\log x))e^{-2\log x} + \frac{e^{\log x}}{27} (3(\log x) - 2) \\
&= (c_1 + c_2 \log x)e^{\log x^{-2}} + \frac{e^{\log x}}{27} (3\log x - 2) \\
&= (c_1 + c_2 \log x)x^{-2} + \frac{x}{27} (3\log x - 2)
\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore y = (c_1 + c_2 \log x)x^{-2} + \frac{x}{27}(3\log x - 2)$ is the required solution of Eq. (1).

5. The given equation is $\frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} - \frac{4}{x} \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \frac{5}{x^2} \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{2}{x^3} y = 1$.

Multiply by x^3 i.e. $x^3 \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} - 4x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 5x \frac{dy}{dx} - 2y = x^3$ (1)

This is the homogeneous linear differential equation.

Now, $x = e^z$ or $z = \log x$

$$\therefore x \frac{dy}{dx} = Dy, \quad x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = D(D-1)y \quad \&$$

$$x^3 \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} = D(D-1)(D-2)y \quad \left(\because \frac{d}{dz} = D \right)$$

Eq. (1) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} D(D-1)(D-2)y - 4D(D-1)y + 5Dy - 2y &= (e^z)^3 \\ \Rightarrow (D(D-1)(D-2) - 4D(D-1) + 5D - 2)y &= e^{3z} \\ \Rightarrow ((D^2 - D)(D-2) - 4(D^2 - D) + 5D - 2)y &= e^{3z} \\ \Rightarrow (D^3 - 2D^2 - D^2 + 2D - 4D^2 + 4D + 5D - 2)y &= e^{3z} \\ \Rightarrow (D^3 - 7D^2 + 11D - 2)y &= e^{3z} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Which is linear differential equation with constant coefficients in y and z .

A.E. is $m^3 - 7m^2 + 11m - 2 = 0$ a cubic equation.

Let $m = 1$, $1 - 7 + 11 - 2 = 3 \neq 0$ is not a root.

$m = -1$, $-1 - 7 - 11 - 2 = -21 \neq 0$ is not a root.

& $m = 2$, $8 - 28 + 22 - 2 = 0$ is a root.

By Synthetic division,

	1	- 7	11	- 2
2		2	-10	2
	1	- 5	1	0

The cubic equation can be rewritten as $(m - 2)(m^2 - 5m + 1) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow m = 2 \quad \& \quad m = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{21}}{2} = \frac{5}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{21}}{2}.$$

One root is real and other root is irrational i.e. it occurs in pairs.

$$\text{C.F.} = c_1 e^{2z} + c_2 e^{\left(\frac{5}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{21}}{2}\right)z} + c_3 e^{\left(\frac{5}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{21}}{2}\right)z}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= c_1 e^{2z} + e^{\frac{5}{2}z} \left(c_2 e^{\frac{\sqrt{21}}{2}z} + c_3 e^{-\frac{\sqrt{21}}{2}z} \right) \\
&\& \text{P.I.} = \frac{1}{D^3 - 7D^2 + 11D - 2} e^{3z} = \frac{1}{(3)^3 - 7(3)^2 + 11(3) - 2} e^{3z} \\
&= \frac{1}{27 - 63 + 33 - 2} e^{3z} = \frac{1}{-5} e^{3z} = -\frac{1}{5} e^{3z}
\end{aligned}$$

The solution of Eq. (2) is $y = \text{C.F.} + \text{P.I.}$

$$= c_1 e^{2z} + e^{\frac{5}{2}z} \left(c_2 e^{\frac{\sqrt{21}}{2}z} + c_3 e^{-\frac{\sqrt{21}}{2}z} \right) - \frac{1}{5} e^{3z} \quad (3)$$

But $z = \log x$, Eq. (3) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{i.e. } y &= c_1 e^{2 \log x} + e^{\frac{5}{2} \log x} \left(c_2 e^{\frac{\sqrt{21}}{2} \log x} + c_3 e^{-\frac{\sqrt{21}}{2} \log x} \right) - \frac{1}{5} e^{3 \log x} \\
&= c_1 e^{\log x^2} + e^{\log x^{5/2}} \left(c_2 e^{\log x^{\sqrt{21}/2}} + c_3 e^{\log x^{-\sqrt{21}/2}} \right) - \frac{1}{5} e^{\log x^3} \\
&= c_1 x^2 + x^{5/2} \left(c_2 x^{\sqrt{21}/2} + c_3 x^{-\sqrt{21}/2} \right) - \frac{1}{5} x^3 \\
\therefore y &= c_1 x^2 + x^{5/2} \left(c_2 x^{\sqrt{21}/2} + c_3 x^{-\sqrt{21}/2} \right) - \frac{1}{5} x^3 \text{ is the required solution of}
\end{aligned}$$

Eq. (1).

Definition 5.1.3 : A differential equation of the form

$$\begin{aligned}
&a_0(a+bx)^n \frac{d^n y}{dx^n} + a_1(a+bx)^{n-1} \frac{d^{n-1} y}{dx^{n-1}} + \dots + a_{n-2}(a+bx)^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \\
&+ a_{n-1}(a+bx) \frac{dy}{dx} + a_n y = f(x)
\end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}, a_n$ and a, b are constants is called homogeneous linear differential equation of n^{th} order and is also called Legendre's form of equation.

5.1.4.Reducible to homogeneous linear differential equation of n^{th} order (Legendre's form of equation) to linear differential equation of n^{th} order with constant coefficients:

Consider homogeneous linear differential equation of n^{th} order of the form

$$\begin{aligned}
& a_0(a+bx)^n \frac{d^n y}{dx^n} + a_1(a+bx)^{n-1} \frac{d^{n-1} y}{dx^{n-1}} + \dots + a_{n-2}(a+bx)^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \\
& + a_{n-1}(a+bx) \frac{dy}{dx} + a_n y = f(x)
\end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

where $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}, a_n$ and a, b are constants.

We transform the Eq. (1) to linear differential equation of n^{th} order with constant coefficients by changing the independent variable x to z i.e.

$$a + bx = e^z \quad \text{or} \quad z = \log(a + bx) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{b}{a + bx}$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dz} \cdot \frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dz} \cdot \left(\frac{b}{a + bx} \right)$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \left(\frac{b}{a + bx} \right) \frac{dy}{dz} \Rightarrow (a + bx) \frac{dy}{dx} = b \frac{dy}{dz}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{and } \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} &= \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\left(\frac{b}{a + bx} \right) \frac{dy}{dz} \right) \\
&= \left(\frac{b}{a + bx} \right) \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dy}{dz} \right) - \left(\frac{b}{(a + bx)^2} \times b \right) \frac{dy}{dz} \\
&= \left(\frac{b}{a + bx} \right) \frac{d}{dz} \left(\frac{dy}{dz} \right) \frac{dz}{dx} - \left(\frac{b^2}{(a + bx)^2} \right) \frac{dy}{dz} \\
&= \left(\frac{b}{a + bx} \right) \frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} \left(\frac{b}{a + bx} \right) - \left(\frac{b^2}{(a + bx)^2} \right) \frac{dy}{dz} \quad \left(\because \frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{b}{a + bx} \right) \\
&= \left(\frac{b^2}{(a + bx)^2} \right) \frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} - \left(\frac{b^2}{(a + bx)^2} \right) \frac{dy}{dz} = \left(\frac{b^2}{(a + bx)^2} \right) \left(\frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} - \frac{dy}{dz} \right) \\
\therefore \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} &= \left(\frac{b^2}{(a + bx)^2} \right) \left(\frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} - \frac{dy}{dz} \right) \\
\Rightarrow (a + bx)^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} &= b^2 \left(\frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} - \frac{dy}{dz} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

On putting $\frac{d}{dz} = D$,

$$\text{Since } (a + bx) \frac{dy}{dx} = b \frac{dy}{dz} = bDy \quad \therefore (a + bx) \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = bDy \tag{2}$$

and $(a + bx)^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = b^2 \left(\frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} - \frac{dy}{dz} \right) = b^2 (D^2 y - Dy) = b^2 (D^2 - D)y = b^2 D(D-1)y$

$$\therefore (a + bx)^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = b^2 D(D-1)y \quad (3)$$

In general, $(a + bx)^m \frac{d^m y}{dx^m} = b^m D(D-1).....(D-(m-1))y \quad (4)$

Substitute Eqs.(2), (3) and (4) in Eq. (1) i.e.

$$a_0 b^n D(D-1).....(D-(n-1))y + a_1 b^{n-1} D(D-1).....(D-(n-2))y +$$

$$..... + a_{n-2} b^2 D(D-1)y + a_{n-1} b D y + a_n y = f\left(\frac{e^z - a}{b}\right)$$

$$\left(\because a + bx = e^z \Rightarrow x = \frac{e^z - a}{b} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[a_0 b^n D(D-1)...(D-(n-1)) + a_1 b^{n-1} D(D-1)...(D-(n-2)) \right] y = f\left(\frac{e^z - a}{b}\right)$$

$$+ + a_{n-2} b^2 D(D-1) + a_{n-1} b D + a_n$$

$$\Rightarrow F(D) y = f\left(\frac{e^z - a}{b}\right) \quad (5)$$

where

$$F(D) = a_0 b^n D(D-1)...(D-(n-1)) + a_1 b^{n-1} D(D-1)...(D-(n-2))$$

$$+ + a_{n-2} b^2 D(D-1) + a_{n-1} b D + a_n$$

Which is the linear differential equation of n^{th} order with constant coefficients in y and z can be solved.

If $y = \phi(z)$ be a solution of Eq. (5), then the solution of Eq. (1) is

$$y = \phi(\log(a + bx)) \quad (\because z = \log(a + bx)).$$

Example: Solve the following

1. $(5 + 2x)^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 6(5 + 2x) \frac{dy}{dx} + 8y = 0$

2. $(3x + 2)^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 3(3x + 2) \frac{dy}{dx} - 36y = 0$

3. $(x + a)^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 4(x + a) \frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = x$

Solution:

1. The given equation is $(5 + 2x)^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 6(5 + 2x) \frac{dy}{dx} + 8y = 0 \quad (1)$

This is the homogeneous linear differential equation.

Now, $5 + 2x = e^z$ or $z = \log(5 + 2x)$

$$\therefore (5 + 2x) \frac{dy}{dx} = 2Dy \text{ \& } (5 + 2x)^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 2^2 D(D-1)y \left(\frac{d}{dz} = D \text{ \& } b=2 \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow (5 + 2x) \frac{dy}{dx} = 2Dy \text{ \& } (5 + 2x)^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 4D(D-1)y$$

Eq. (1) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} 4D(D-1)y - 6(2Dy) + 8y &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow (4D^2 - 4D - 12D + 8)y &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow (4D^2 - 16D + 8)y &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Which is linear differential equation with constant coefficients in y and z .

$$\text{A.E. is } 4m^2 - 16m + 8 = 0 \Rightarrow m^2 - 4m + 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m = 2 \pm \sqrt{2}, \text{ the roots are irrational.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, the solution of Eq. (2) is } y &= c_1 e^{(2+\sqrt{2})z} + c_2 e^{(2-\sqrt{2})z} \\ &= e^{2z} (c_1 e^{\sqrt{2}z} + c_2 e^{-\sqrt{2}z}) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

But $z = \log(5 + 2x)$, Eq. (3) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e. } y &= e^{2\log(5+2x)} (c_1 e^{\sqrt{2}\log(5+2x)} + c_2 e^{-\sqrt{2}\log(5+2x)}) \\ &= e^{\log(5+2x)^2} (c_1 e^{\log(5+2x)^{\sqrt{2}}} + c_2 e^{\log(5+2x)^{-\sqrt{2}}}) \\ &= (5 + 2x)^2 (c_1 (5 + 2x)^{\sqrt{2}} + c_2 (5 + 2x)^{-\sqrt{2}}) \\ \therefore y &= (5 + 2x)^2 (c_1 (5 + 2x)^{\sqrt{2}} + c_2 (5 + 2x)^{-\sqrt{2}}) \text{ is the required} \end{aligned}$$

solution of Eq. (1).

$$2. \text{ The given equation is } (3x + 2)^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 3(3x + 2) \frac{dy}{dx} - 36y = 0 \quad (1)$$

This is the homogeneous linear differential equation.

Now, $3x + 2 = e^z$ or $z = \log(3x + 2)$

$$\therefore (3x + 2) \frac{dy}{dx} = 3Dy \text{ \& } (3x + 2)^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 3^2 D(D-1)y \left(\frac{d}{dz} = D \text{ \& } b=3 \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow (3x + 2) \frac{dy}{dx} = 3Dy \text{ \& } (3x + 2)^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 9D(D-1)y$$

Eq. (1) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} 9D(D-1)y + 3(3Dy) - 36y &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow (9D^2 - 9D + 9D - 36)y &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow (9D^2 - 36)y &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Which is linear differential equation with constant coefficients in y and z .

$$\text{A.E. is } 9m^2 - 36 = 0 \Rightarrow m^2 - 4 = 0 \Rightarrow m^2 = 4$$

$\Rightarrow m = \pm 2$, the roots are real and different.

$$\text{Therefore, the solution of Eq. (2) is } y = c_1 e^{2z} + c_2 e^{-2z} \quad (3)$$

But $z = \log(3x + 2)$, Eq. (3) becomes

$$\text{i.e. } y = c_1 e^{2 \log(3x + 2)} + c_2 e^{-2 \log(3x + 2)}$$

$$= c_1 e^{\log(3x + 2)^2} + c_2 e^{\log(3x + 2)^{-2}}$$

$$= c_1 (3x + 2)^2 + c_2 (3x + 2)^{-2}$$

$$\therefore y = c_1 (3x + 2)^2 + c_2 (3x + 2)^{-2} \text{ is the required solution of Eq. (1).}$$

$$3. \text{ The given equation is } (x + a)^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 4(x + a) \frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = x \quad (1)$$

This is the homogeneous linear differential equation.

$$\text{Now, } x + a = e^z \text{ or } z = \log(x + a)$$

$$\therefore (x + a) \frac{dy}{dx} = 1Dy \text{ \& } (x + a)^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = 1^2 D(D - 1)y \left(\frac{d}{dz} = D \text{ \& } b = 1 \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + a) \frac{dy}{dx} = Dy \text{ \& } (x + a)^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = D(D - 1)y$$

Eq. (1) becomes,

$$\begin{aligned} D(D - 1)y - 4(Dy) + 6y &= e^z - a \quad (\because x + a = e^z) \\ \Rightarrow (D(D - 1) - 4D + 6)y &= e^z - a \\ \Rightarrow (D^2 - D - 4D + 6)y &= e^z - a \\ \Rightarrow (D^2 - 5D + 6)y &= e^z - a \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Which is linear differential equation with constant coefficients in y and z .

$$\text{A.E. is } m^2 - 5m + 6 = 0 \Rightarrow (m - 2)(m - 3) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow m = 2, 3$, the roots are real and different.

$$\text{C.F.} = c_1 e^{2z} + c_2 e^{3z}$$

$$\& \text{ P.I.} = \frac{1}{D^2 - 5D + 6} (e^z - a)$$

$$= \frac{1}{D^2 - 5D + 6} e^z - \frac{1}{D^2 - 5D + 6} a$$

$$= \frac{1}{D^2 - 5D + 6} e^z - a \frac{1}{D^2 - 5D + 6} e^{0z}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(1)^2 - 5(1) + 6} e^z - a \frac{1}{(0)^2 - 5(0) + 6} e^{0z}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{1 - 5 + 6} e^z - a \frac{1}{0 - 0 + 6} \\
&= \frac{1}{2} e^z - \frac{a}{6}
\end{aligned}$$

The solution of Eq. (2) is $y = \text{C.F.} + \text{P.I.}$

$$= c_1 e^{2z} + c_2 e^{3z} + \frac{1}{2} e^z - \frac{a}{6} \quad (3)$$

But $z = \log(x + a)$, Eq. (3) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{i.e. } y &= c_1 e^{2 \log(x+a)} + c_2 e^{3 \log(x+a)} + \frac{1}{2} e^{\log(x+a)} - \frac{a}{6} \\
&= c_1 e^{\log(x+a)^2} + c_2 e^{\log(x+a)^3} + \frac{1}{2} e^{\log(x+a)} - \frac{a}{6} \\
&= c_1 (x+a)^2 + c_2 (x+a)^3 + \frac{1}{2} (x+a) - \frac{a}{6} \\
\therefore y &= c_1 (x+a)^2 + c_2 (x+a)^3 + \frac{1}{2} (x+a) - \frac{a}{6} \text{ is the required solution}
\end{aligned}$$

of Eq. (1).

5.2. Derivation of Condition for Exactness of the Linear Differential Equations:

$$P_0 \frac{d^3 y}{d x^3} + P_1 \frac{d^2 y}{d x^2} + P_2 \frac{d y}{d x} + P_3 y = f(x) \quad (1)$$

Where P_0, P_1, P_2, P_3 are functions of x or constants.

If it is an exact differential equation it must have been obtained from an equation of next lower order, simply by differentiation. Since the first term is

$$P_0 \frac{d^3 y}{d x^3} \text{ which can be obtained by differentiation of } P_0 \frac{d^2 y}{d x^2}.$$

Let us assume the solution of the differential equation (1) be

$$P_0 \frac{d^2 y}{d x^2} + Q_1 \frac{d y}{d x} + Q_2 y = \int f(x) d x + c \quad (2)$$

We now find the condition of exactness by using the fact that, differentiating (2) is given by (1).

$$\left[P_0 \frac{d^3 y}{d x^3} + P_0' \frac{d^2 y}{d x^2} \right] + \left[Q_1 \frac{d^2 y}{d x^2} + Q_1' \frac{d y}{d x} \right] + \left[Q_2 \frac{d y}{d x} + Q_2' y \right] = f(x)$$

Rearranging the terms

$$\text{i.e. } P_0 \frac{d^3 y}{d x^3} + \left[P_0' + Q_1 \right] \frac{d^2 y}{d x^2} + \left[Q_1' + Q_2 \right] \frac{d y}{d x} + Q_2' y = f(x) \quad (3)$$

Comparing (1) and (3) i.e. coefficients for $\frac{d^3 y}{d x^3}, \frac{d^2 y}{d x^2}, \frac{d y}{d x}, y$

$$\therefore P_0 = P_0$$

$$P_1 = P_0' + Q_1$$

$$P_2 = Q_1' + Q_2$$

$$P_3 = Q_2'$$

$$\text{Since } P_1 = P_0' + Q_1 \Rightarrow Q_1 = P_1 - P_0' = P_1 - P_0'$$

$$\therefore Q_1 = P_1 - P_0'$$

$$P_2 = Q_1' + Q_2 \Rightarrow Q_2 = P_2 - Q_1' = P_2 - (P_1 - P_0')' = P_2 - (P_1' - P_0'')$$

$$= P_2 - P_1' + P_0''$$

$$\therefore Q_2 = P_2 - P_1' + P_0''$$

$$P_3 = Q_2' = (P_2 - P_1' + P_0'')' = P_2' - P_1'' + P_0'''$$

$$\therefore P_3 = P_2' - P_1'' + P_0'''$$

$$\Rightarrow P_3 - P_2' + P_1'' - P_0''' = 0 \quad (4)$$

The given equation (1) satisfies the above condition i.e. (4) then the differential equation is said to be exact and its solution i.e. equation (2) becomes

$$P_0 \frac{d^2 y}{d x^2} + (P_1 - P_0') \frac{d y}{d x} + (P_2 - P_1' + P_0'') y = \int f(x) d x + c \quad (5)$$

This is the solution of equation (1).

Example-1: Show that the equation $\sin x \frac{d^2 y}{d x^2} - \cos x \frac{d y}{d x} + 2 y \sin x = 0$ is exact.

Solution: Here $P_0 = \sin x$, $P_1 = -\cos x$, $P_2 = 2 \sin x$.

Since the equation is of second order, the condition for exactness is

$$P_2 - P_1' + P_0'' = 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Now } P_2 - P_1' + P_0'' &= 2\sin x - \sin x - \sin x \\ &= 2\sin x - 2\sin x = 0\end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow the equation is exact.

Example-2: Show that the equation $(1 - x^2)\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 3x\frac{dy}{dx} - y = 0$ is exact and solve.

Solution: Here $P_0 = 1 + x^2$, $P_1 = 3x$, $P_2 = 1$.

Since the equation is of second order, the condition for exactness is

$$P_2 - P_1' + P_0'' = 0.$$

$$\text{Now } P_2 - P_1' + P_0'' = -1 + 3 - 2 = 3 - 3 = 0$$

\Rightarrow the equation is exact.

Therefore the solution is $P_0 \frac{dy}{dx} + (P_1 - P_0')y = \int 0 dx + c_1$

$$\Rightarrow (1 - x^2)\frac{dy}{dx} + (-3x + 2x)y = \int 0 dx + c_1$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 - x^2)\frac{dy}{dx} - xy = c_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{x}{1 - x^2}y = \frac{c_1}{1 - x^2}$$

Which is linear differential equation of the form $\frac{dy}{dx} + Py = Q$ with

$$P = -\frac{x}{1 - x^2}, \quad Q = \frac{c_1}{1 - x^2}.$$

$$\text{Now I.F.} = e^{\int P dx} = e^{\int -\frac{x}{1 - x^2} dx} = e^{\frac{1}{2}\log(1 - x^2)} = e^{\log(1 - x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} = (1 - x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

and the solution is

$$y(\text{I.F.}) = \int (\text{I.F.}) Q dx + c_2$$

$$\Rightarrow y\left((1 - x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) = \int \left((1 - x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)\left(\frac{c_1}{1 - x^2}\right) dx + c_2$$

$$\text{or } y\sqrt{1-x^2} = \int \sqrt{1-x^2} \left(\frac{c_1}{1-x^2} \right) dx + c_2$$

$$\Rightarrow y\sqrt{1-x^2} = \int \frac{c_1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx + c_2$$

$$\Rightarrow y\sqrt{1-x^2} = c_1 \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx + c_2$$

$$\Rightarrow y\sqrt{1-x^2} = c_1 \sin^{-1} x + c_2$$

This is the required solution.

Example-3: Solve $x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy}{dx} - y = x^3$.

Solution: Here $P_0 = x^2$, $P_1 = x$, $P_2 = -1$.

Since the equation is of second order, the condition for exactness is

$$P_2 - P_1' + P_0'' = 0.$$

Now $P_2 - P_1' + P_0'' = -1 - 1 + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow$ the equation is exact.

Therefore the solution is $P_0 \frac{dy}{dx} + (P_1 - P_0') y = \int x^3 dx + c_1$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + (x - 2x) y = \frac{x^4}{4} + c_1$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} - xy = \frac{x^4}{4} + c_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{1}{x} y = \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{c_1}{x^2}.$$

Which is linear differential equation of the form $\frac{dy}{dx} + Py = Q$ with

$$P = -\frac{1}{x}, \quad Q = \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{c_1}{x^2}.$$

$$\text{Now I.F.} = e^{\int P dx} = e^{\int -\frac{1}{x} dx} = e^{-\log x} = e^{\log x^{-1}} = x^{-1} = \frac{1}{x}$$

and the solution is

$$y(IF.) = \int (IF.) Q dx + c_2$$

$$\Rightarrow y\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \int \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \left(\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{c_1}{x^2}\right) dx + c_2 = \int \left(\frac{x}{4} + \frac{c_1}{x^3}\right) dx + c_2$$

$$\Rightarrow y\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{x^2}{8} - \frac{c_1}{2x^2} + c_2$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{x^3}{8} - \frac{c_1}{2x} + c_2 x.$$

This is the required solution.

Example-4: Solve $(1 + x + x^2) \frac{d^3 y}{d x^3} + (3 + 6x) \frac{d^2 y}{d x^2} + 6 \frac{d y}{d x} = 0$.

Solution: Here $P_0 = 1 + x + x^2$, $P_1 = 3 + 6x$, $P_2 = 6$, $P_3 = 0$.

Since the equation is of third order, the condition for exactness is

$$P_3 - P_2' + P_1'' - P_0''' = 0.$$

Now $P_3 - P_2' + P_1'' - P_0''' = 0 - 0 + 0 + 0 = 0 \Rightarrow$ the equation is exact.

Therefore the solution is

$$P_0 \frac{d^2 y}{d x^2} + (P_1 - P_0') \frac{d y}{d x} + (P_2 - P_1' + P_0'') y = c_1$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 + x + x^2) \frac{d^2 y}{d x^2} + (3 + 6x - (1 + 2x)) \frac{d y}{d x} + (6 - 6 + 2) y = c_1$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 + x + x^2) \frac{d^2 y}{d x^2} + (2 + 4x) \frac{d y}{d x} + 2y = c_1 \text{ which is second order.}$$

Again, here $P_0 = 1 + x + x^2$, $P_1 = 2 + 4x$, $P_2 = 2$ and the condition for exactness is $P_2 - P_1' + P_0'' = 0$.

Now, $P_2 - P_1' + P_0'' = 2 - 4 + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow$ the equation is exact.

Therefore the solution is

$$P_0 \frac{d y}{d x} + (P_1 - P_0') y = \int c_1 dx + c_2$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 + x + x^2) \frac{d y}{d x} + (2 + 4x - (1 + 2x)) y = c_1 x + c_2$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 + x + x^2) \frac{d y}{d x} + (1 + 2x) y = c_1 x + c_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}[(1+x+x^2)y] = c_1 x + c_2$$

$$\Rightarrow ((1+x+x^2))y = \int (c_1 x + c_2) dx + c_3$$

$$\Rightarrow (1+x+x^2)y = c_1 \frac{x^2}{2} + c_2 x + c_3$$

This is the required solution.

5.2.1.Extension for Condition of Exactness

Condition for Exactness of the n^{th} order Linear Differential Equations:

Consider the n^{th} order linear differential equation of the form

$$P_0 \frac{d^n y}{dx^n} + P_1 \frac{d^{n-1} y}{dx^{n-1}} + P_2 \frac{d^{n-2} y}{dx^{n-2}} + \dots + P_n y = f(x) \quad (1)$$

Where $P_0, P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n$ are functions of x .

5.2.2.Derivation of Condition for Exactness:

If it is an exact differential equation it must have been obtained from an equation of next lower order, simply by differentiation. Since the first term is

$$P_0 \frac{d^n y}{dx^n} \text{ which can be obtained by differentiation of } P_0 \frac{d^{n-1} y}{dx^{n-1}}.$$

Let us assume the solution of the differential equation (1) be

$$P_0 \frac{d^{n-1} y}{dx^{n-1}} + Q_1 \frac{d^{n-2} y}{dx^{n-2}} + Q_2 \frac{d^{n-3} y}{dx^{n-3}} + \dots + Q_{n-1} y = \int f(x) dx + c \quad (2)$$

We now find the condition of exactness by using the fact that, differentiating (2) is given by (1).

$$\left[P_0 \frac{d^n y}{d x^n} + P_0' \frac{d^{n-1} y}{d x^{n-1}} \right] + \left[Q_1 \frac{d^{n-1} y}{d x^{n-1}} + Q_1' \frac{d^{n-2} y}{d x^{n-2}} \right] + \text{Rearr}$$

$$\left[Q_2 \frac{d^{n-2} y}{d x^2} + Q_2' \frac{d^{n-2} y}{d x^2} \right] + \dots + \left[Q_{n-1} \frac{d y}{d x} + Q_{n-1}' y \right] = f(x)$$

anging the terms

$$\text{i.e. } P_0 \frac{d^n y}{d x^n} + \left[P_0' + Q_1 \right] \frac{d^{n-1} y}{d x^{n-1}} + \left[Q_1' + Q_2 \right] \frac{d^{n-2} y}{d x^{n-2}} +$$

$$\left[Q_2' + Q_3 \right] \frac{d^{n-3} y}{d x^{n-3}} + \dots + \left[Q_{n-2}' + Q_{n-1} \right] \frac{d y}{d x} + Q_{n-1}' y =$$

$$\left[Q_2' + Q_3 \right] \frac{d^{n-3} y}{d x^{n-3}} + \dots + \left[Q_{n-2}' + Q_{n-1} \right] \frac{d y}{d x} + Q_{n-1}' y = f(x) \quad (3)$$

Comparing (1) and (3) i.e. coefficients for $\frac{d^n y}{d x^n}, \frac{d^{n-1} y}{d x^{n-1}}, \dots, y$

$$\therefore P_0 = P_0$$

$$P_1 = P_0' + Q_1$$

$$P_2 = Q_1' + Q_2$$

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$$P_{n-1} = Q_{n-2}' + Q_{n-1} \quad \text{and} \quad P_n = Q_{n-1}'$$

$$\text{Since } P_1 = P_0' + Q_1 \Rightarrow Q_1 = P_1 - P_0' = P_1 - (-1)^{1-1} P_0'$$

$$\therefore Q_1 = P_1 - (-1)^{1-1} P_0'$$

$$P_2 = Q_1' + Q_2 \Rightarrow Q_2 = P_2 - Q_1' =$$

$$P_2 - (P_1 - P_0')' = P_2 - (P_1' - P_0'') = P_2 - P_1' + P_0''$$

$$\therefore Q_2 = P_2 - P_1' - (-1)^{2-1} P_0''$$

$$\text{Similarly } Q_3 = P_3 - P_2' + P_1'' - (-1)^{3-1} P_0''' \dots\dots\dots$$

$$Q_{n-1} = P_{n-1} - P'_{n-2} + P''_{n-3} - \dots - (-1)^{(n-1)-1} P_0^{n-1}$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} P_n &= Q'_{n-1} = \left(P_{n-1} - P'_{n-2} + P''_{n-3} - \dots - (-1)^{(n-1)-1} P_0^{n-1} \right)' \\ &= P'_{n-1} - P''_{n-2} + P'''_{n-3} - \dots + (-1)^{n-1} P_0^n \\ \therefore P_n &= P'_{n-1} - P''_{n-2} + P'''_{n-3} - \dots + (-1)^{n-1} P_0^n \\ \Rightarrow P_n - P'_{n-1} + P''_{n-2} - P'''_{n-3} - \dots - (-1)^{n-1} P_0^n &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

The given equation (1) satisfies the above condition i.e. (4) then the differential equation is said to be exact and its solution i.e. equation (2) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} P_0 \frac{d^{n-1}y}{dx^{n-1}} + \left(P_1 - P'_0 \right) \frac{d^{n-2}y}{dx^{n-2}} + \left(P_2 - P'_1 + P''_0 \right) \frac{d^{n-3}y}{dx^{n-3}} + \dots \\ + \left(P_{n-1} - P'_{n-2} + P''_{n-3} - \dots - (-1)^{(n-1)-1} P_0^{n-1} \right) y = \int f(x) dx + c \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

This is the solution of equation (1).