

Linear Homogeneous Differential Equation of Higher Order

A diff. eqn of the form $x^n \frac{d^ny}{dx^n} + P_1 x^{n-1} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \dots + P_{n-1} x \frac{dy}{dx} + P_n y = Q$, is known as linear homogeneous differential equation of order n where P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n are constant and x is a function of x .

Ex. $x^3 \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} + x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 3x \frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = x^3$
 $x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + y = \log x$

NOTE

Since, eqn (i) is linear homogeneous
 Then putting $x = e^z$ i.e. $\log x = z$.
 Now,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dz} \cdot \frac{dz}{dx}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{dy}{dz}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x} \cdot D y, \text{ where } D = \frac{d}{dz}$$

$$\therefore x \frac{dy}{dx} = D y$$

Again $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{x^2} \cdot D^2 y \cdot \frac{dz}{dx} - \frac{1}{x^2} \cdot D y$

$$= \frac{1}{x^2} \cdot D^2 y - \frac{1}{x^2} D y$$

$$= \frac{1}{x^2} D(D-1)y$$

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

Then with this values the eqn (i) reduces to linear diff. eqn.

■ Solve: $x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = 2 \log x$. \rightarrow (i)

Eqⁿ (i) is 2nd order linear homogeneous.

\therefore putting $x = e^z$, the above eqⁿ reduces

to

$$D(D-1)y - Dy + y = 2z, \quad \text{where } D = \frac{d}{dz}$$

$$\text{or, } (D^2 - 2D + 1)y = 0. \quad \rightarrow \text{(ii)}$$

Eqⁿ (i) is 2nd order linear

Let, $y = e^{mz} (\neq 0)$ be a ^{trivial} trial solⁿ of

$$(D^2 - 2D + 1)y = 0$$

\therefore its A.E is $(m^2 - 1)^2 = 0$.

$$\text{or, } m = \pm 1$$

$$\therefore \text{C.F.} = \cancel{(C_1 + C_2 z)} e^z$$

$$= (C_1 + C_2 \log x) x.$$

$$P.I = \frac{1}{D^2 - 2D + 1} \cdot 2z$$

$$= \frac{1}{(D^2 - 2D + 1)^{-1}} \cdot 2z$$

$$= [1 - \frac{D^2 - 2D}{(D^2 - 2D + 1)^2} + \dots] \cdot 2z$$

$$= 2z + 4$$

$$= 2(z + 2)$$

$$= 2(\log x + 2)$$

\therefore general solⁿ, $y = (C_1 + C_2 \log x) x + 2 \log x + 4$.

(Ans)