

Exercise 1Solve the DE:  $y'' - 4y' + 13y = 0$ Solution.

The characteristic equation of the DE is:

$$r^2 - 4r + 13 = 0 \iff (r-2)^2 - 4 + 13 = 0$$

$$\iff (r-2)^2 + 9 = 0 \iff (r-2+3i)(r-2-3i) = 0$$

So the roots are  $r_1 = 2 + 3i$  and  $r_2 = \overline{r_1}$ .

Thus the G.S of the given DE is:

$$y = c_1 e^{2x} \cos(3x) + c_2 e^{2x} \sin(3x)$$

Exercise 2.Find a 3<sup>rd</sup> order DE with  $y = Ae^x + Be^{2x} + Cxe^{2x} + e^{-x}$  as general solution.Solution. $y = Ae^x + Be^{2x} + Cxe^{2x} + e^{-x}$  is the G.S of aDE of the form  $ay''' + by'' + cy' + dy = f(x)$ , with $y_c = Ae^x + Be^{2x} + Cxe^{2x}$  is the complementary sol.and  $y_p = e^{-x}$  is a particular solution.

The roots of the characteristic equation of the associated homogeneous DE are

$$r_1 = 1, \quad r_2 = r_3 = 2.$$

Hence the char. eqn is

$$(r-1)(r-2)(r-2) = 0 \iff (r-1)(r^2 - 4r + 4) = 0$$

$$\iff r^3 - 5r^2 + 8r - 4 = 0$$

Hence the Homogeneous DE is:

$$y^{(3)} - 4y^{(2)} + 8y' - 4y = 0$$

The required DE is

$$y^{(3)} - 4y^{(2)} + 8y' - 4y = f(x)$$

As  $y_p = e^{-x}$  is a particular solution, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= y_p^{(3)} - 4y_p^{(2)} + 8y_p' - 4y_p \\ &= -e^{-x} - 4e^{-x} + 8(-e^{-x}) - 4e^{-x} \\ &= -17e^{-x} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the required DE is:

$$y^{(3)} - 4y^{(2)} + 8y' - 4y = -17e^{-x}$$

Exercise 3. Use variation of parameters to find a particular solution of the DE

$$y'' + y = 2 \cos x$$

Solution.

The characteristic equation of the associated homogeneous DE is:

$$r^2 + 1 = 0 \iff r = \pm i$$

The complementary solution is  $y_c = c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x$

Let  $y_1 = \cos x$ ,  $y_2 = \sin x$ ; then

$$W(y_1, y_2) = \begin{vmatrix} \cos x & \sin x \\ -\sin x & \cos x \end{vmatrix} = \cos^2 x + \sin^2 x = 1$$

We seek a solution  $y = u_1(x) \cos x + u_2(x) \sin x$

$$\text{with } u_1'(x) = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & \sin x \\ 2 \cos x & \cos x \end{vmatrix}}{1} = -2(\sin x)(\cos x)$$

$$\text{and } u_2'(x) = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} \cos x & 0 \\ -\sin x & 2 \cos x \end{vmatrix}}{1} = 2 \cos^2 x$$

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$$\text{So } u_1(x) = \int -2(\sin x)(\cos x) dx$$

$$= - \int \sin(2x) dx = \frac{1}{2}(\cos(2x) + C), \text{ we take } u_1(x) = -\sin(2x)$$

$$u_2(x) = \int 2 \cos^2 x dx = \int \frac{1 + \cos(2x)}{2} dx$$

$$= \frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \sin(2x) + C$$

Thus, just take  $u_2(x) = \frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \sin(2x)$

It follows that  $y_p(x) = \frac{1}{2}(\cos 2x)(\cos x) + \left(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \sin(2x)\right) \sin x$

Therefore, the G.S. of the given DE is:

$$y = \underline{C_1 \cos x + C_2 \sin x + \frac{1}{2}(\cos x)(\cos 2x) + (\sin x)\left(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \sin(2x)\right)}$$

### Exercise 4.

Find the form of a particular solution of the following DE:

$$y^{(3)} - 2y^{(2)} + y' = e^x + x.$$

### Solution.

The characteristic equation of the associated homogeneous DE is:

$$r^3 - 2r^2 + r = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow r(r-1)^2 = 0$$

So the complementary solution is

$$y_c = C_1 + C_2 e^x + C_3 x e^x$$

The DE:  $y^{(3)} - 2y^{(2)} + y' = e^x$  has a particular solution of the form  $y = x^k A e^x$ , where  $k$  is the smallest positive integer such that no term of  $y_{p_k}$  is duplicated in  $y_c$ . So  $k = 2$ .

that is to say  $y_p = A x^2 e^x$ . ④

• Now, the DE:  $y^{(3)} - 2y^{(2)} + y' = x$  has a particular solution of the form  $y = x^s (Cx + D)$ , where  $s$  is the smallest integer such that no term of  $y_{p_2}$  is duplicated in  $y$ . Thus  $s=1$ ; and

$$y_{p_2} = x(Cx + D).$$

It follows that  $y = y_p + y_{p_2} = A x^2 e^x + x(Cx + D)$  is the form of a particular solution of the given DE.

Exercise 5. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -4 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

① Show that the characteristic polynomial of  $A$  is  $\det(\lambda I - A) = (\lambda - 1)^2 (\lambda - 3)$ .

② Diagonalize  $A$ .

③ Use Cayley-Hamilton theorem to find  $A^{-1}$ ,  $A^3$ ,  $A^4$ .

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{① } \det(\lambda I - A) &= \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda - 1 & 0 \\ 4 & -4 & \lambda - 1 \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda - 1) \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 3 & 0 \\ 4 & \lambda - 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (\lambda - 1) (\lambda - 3) (\lambda - 1) = (\lambda - 1)^2 (\lambda - 3) \end{aligned}$$

②. The eig. velt associated with  $\lambda_1 = 1$ .

Let us solve the homogeneous linear system  $(A - I)K = 0$ , where  $K = [\alpha \ \beta \ \gamma]^T$ .

$$\begin{cases} 2\alpha - 2\beta = 0 \\ -4\alpha + 4\beta = 0 \end{cases} \iff \alpha = \beta. \text{ Thus } K = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \alpha \\ \gamma \end{bmatrix} = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \gamma \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus the eig. space  $E_1$  is spanned by the vectors (5)

$$u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

• Eig. vect. assoc. with  $\lambda = 3$

Let us solve the system  $(A - 3I)K = 0$ , where  $K = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{bmatrix}$ :

$$\begin{cases} -2\beta = 0 \\ -2\beta = 0 \\ -4\alpha + 4\beta - 2\gamma = 0 \end{cases} \iff \begin{cases} \beta = 0 \\ \gamma = -2\alpha \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Thus } K = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ 0 \\ -2\alpha \end{bmatrix} = \alpha \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let  $u_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $P = [u_1 | u_2 | u_3] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ ; then

$$P^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

(3) By Cayley-Hamilton theorem, we have

$$(A - 3I)(A^2 - 2A + I) = 0; \text{ that is}$$

$$A^3 - 5A^2 + 7A - 3I = 0.$$

$$\text{Hence } I = A \left[ \frac{1}{3} A^2 - \frac{5}{3} A + \frac{7}{3} I \right].$$

It follows that  $A$  is invertible and

$$\underline{A^{-1} = \frac{1}{3} A^2 - \frac{5}{3} A + \frac{7}{3} I.}$$

$$\underline{A^3 = 5A^2 - 7A + 3I.}$$

$$A^4 = 5A^3 - 7A^2 + 3A$$

$$= 5(5A^2 - 7A + 3I) - 7A^2 + 3A$$

$$= 8A^2 + 32A + 15I$$

Exercise 6: Is the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  diagonalizable? (6)

why?

Solution.

$$\bullet p_A(\lambda) = \det(\lambda I - A) = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 2 & -1 \\ 0 & \lambda - 2 \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda - 2)^2$$

The eig. vect. asso. with  $\lambda = 2$

Let us solve the system  $(A - 2I)K = 0$ , where  $K = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}$ :

$$\begin{cases} 0\alpha + \beta = 0 \\ 0\alpha + 0\beta = 0 \end{cases} \iff \beta = 0.$$

$$\text{So } K = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \alpha \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

It follows that  $E_2 = \text{Span}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right)$ , and  $\dim(E_2) = 1$

As  $\dim(E_2) = 1 \neq \text{mul}(2) = 2$ , the matrix  $A$  is not diagonalizable.