Basic Mechanical Engineering Courses

DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

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- An equation which involves unknown function and its derivatives
 - ordinary differential equation (ode) : not involve partial derivatives
 - partial differential equation (pde) : involves partial derivatives
 - order of the differential equation is the order of the highest derivatives

Examples:

- $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \frac{dy}{dx} = 3x \sin y$ $\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} + x \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = \frac{x+t}{x-t}$
- → second order ordinary differential equation
- → first order partial differential equation

Modeling via Differential Equations

Note that the set of equations is called a **Model for the system**. How do we build a Model?

The basic steps in building a model are:

Step 1: Clearly state the assumptions on which the model will be based. These assumptions should describe the relationships among the quantities to be studied.

Step 2: Completely describe the parameters and variables to be used in the model.

Step 3: Use the assumptions (from Step 1) to derive mathematical equations relating the parameters and variables (from Step 2).

Some Application of Differential Equation in Engineering





⇒ A linear differential equation of order n is a differential equation written in the following form:

$$a_{n}(x)\frac{d^{n}y}{dx^{n}} + a_{n-1}(x)\frac{d^{n-1}y}{dx^{n-1}} + \ldots + a_{1}(x)\frac{dy}{dx} + a_{0}(x)y = f(x)$$

where $a_n(x)$ is not the zero function

- ⇒ General solution : looking for the unknown function of a differential equation
- Particular solution (Initial Value Problem) : looking for the unknown function of a differential equation where the values of the unknown function and its derivatives at some point are known
- ⇒ Issues in finding solution : **existence** and **uniqueness**

The differential equation M(x,y)dx + N(x,y)dy = 0 is separable if the equation can be written in the form:

$$f_1(x)g_1(y)dx + f_2(x)g_2(y)dy = 0$$

Solution :

1. Multiply the equation by integrating factor:

2. The variable are separated :

$$\frac{f_{1}(x)}{f_{2}(x)}dx + \frac{g_{2}(y)}{g_{1}(y)}dy = 0$$

3. Integrating to find the solution:

$$\int \frac{f_1(x)}{f_2(x)} dx + \int \frac{g_2(y)}{g_1(y)} dy = C$$



Examples:

1. Solve : $4x dy - y dx = x^2 dy$

Examples:

- 1. Solve :
 - Answer:



Examples:

2. Find the particular solution of :

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y^2 - 1}{x}$$
; $y(1) = 2$

1st Order DE - Homogeneous Equations

Homogeneous Function

f(*x*,*y*) is called homogenous of degree *n* if : $f(\lambda x, \lambda y) = \lambda^n f(x, y)$ Examples:

$$f(x,y) = x^{4} - x^{3}y \quad \Rightarrow \text{homogeneous of degree 4}$$
$$f(\lambda x, \lambda y) = (\lambda x)^{4} - (\lambda x)^{3}(\lambda y)$$
$$= \lambda^{4} (x^{4} - x^{3}y) = \lambda^{4} f(x, y)$$

 $f(x,y) = x^{2} + \sin x \cos y \quad \Rightarrow \text{ non-homogeneous}$ $f(\lambda x, \lambda y) = (\lambda x)^{2} + \sin(\lambda x) \cos(\lambda y)$ $= \lambda^{2} x^{2} + \sin(\lambda x) \cos(\lambda y)$ $\neq \lambda^{n} f(x, y)$

1st Order DE - Homogeneous Equations

The differential equation M(x,y)dx + N(x,y)dy = 0 is homogeneous if M(x,y) and N(x,y) are homogeneous and of the same degree

Solution :

- 1. Use the transformation to : $y = vx \implies dy = v dx + x dv$
- 2. The equation become separable equation:

P(x,v)dx + Q(x,v)dv = 0

3. Use solution method for separable equation

$$\int \frac{f_1(x)}{f_2(x)} dx + \int \frac{g_2(v)}{g_1(v)} dv = C$$

4. After integrating, v is replaced by y/x

1st Order DE – Homogeneous Equations

Examples:

1. Solve: $(x^3 + y^3)dx - 3xy^2 dy = 0$

1st Order DE - Homogeneous Equations

Examples:

2. Solve :

 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2x + 5y}{2x + y}$

The differential equation M(x,y)dx + N(x,y)dy = 0 is an exact equation if : $\partial M = \partial N$

 $\partial y \quad \partial x$ The solutions are given by the implicit equation F(x,y) = Cwhere : $\partial F / \partial x = M(x,y)$ and $\partial F / \partial y = N(x,y)$ Solution :

1. Integrate either M(x,y) with respect to x or N(x,y) to y. Assume integrating M(x,y), then :

$$F(x,y) = \int M(x,y) dx + \theta(y)$$

2. Now

ow:
$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[\int M(x, y) dx \right] + \theta'(y) = N(x, y)$$

or: $\theta'(y) = N(x, y) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[\int M(x, y) dx \right]$

3. Integrate $\theta'(y)$ to get $\theta(y)$ and write down the result F(x,y) = C

Examples:

1. Solve:
$$(2x^3 + 3y)dx + (3x + y - 1)dy = 0$$

Examples:

2. Solve: $4xy + 1 + (2x^2 + \cos y)\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

The differential equation M(x,y)dx + N(x,y)dy = 0 is a non exact equation if : $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \neq \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$

The solutions are given by using integrating factor to change the equation into exact equation

Solution :

1. Check if : $\frac{\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}}{N} = f(x) \Rightarrow \text{function of } x \text{ only}$ then integrating factor is $e^{\int f(x) dx}$

or if :
$$\frac{\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y}}{M} = g(y) \Rightarrow \text{ function of } y \text{ only}$$

then integrating factor is $e^{\int g(y) dy}$

- 2. Multiply the differential equation with integrating factor which result an exact differential equation
- 3. Solve the equation using procedure for an exact equation

Examples:

1. Solve : $(x^2 + y^2 + x)dx + xy dy = 0$

Examples:

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

1st Order DE – Linear Equation

A first order linear differential equation has the following general form: dv

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + p(x)y = q(x)$$

Solution :

1. Find the integrating factor:

$$u(x) = e^{\int p(x) dx}$$

2. Evaluate :

$$\int u(x)q(x)dx$$

3. Find the solution:

$$y = \frac{\int u(x)q(x)dx + C}{u(x)}$$

1st Order DE – Linear Equation

Examples: 1. Solve : $\frac{dy}{dx} + 2xy = 4x$

1st Order DE – Linear Equation

Examples:

2. Find the particular solution of :

$$y' + \tan(x)y = \cos^2(x), \quad y(0) = 2$$

2nd Order DE – Linear Equation

A **second order** differential equation is an equation involving the unknown function *y*, its derivatives *y*' and *y*", and the variable *x*. We will consider explicit differential equations of the form :

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = f(y, y', x)$$

A linear second order differential equations is written as:

$$a(x)y''+b(x)y'+c(x)y=d(x)$$

When d(x) = 0, the equation is called **homogeneous**, otherwise it is called **nonhomogeneous**

2nd Order DE – Linear Equation

To a nonhomogeneous equation

$$a(x)y'' + b(x)y' + c(x)y = d(x) \qquad (NH)$$

we associate the so called **associated homogeneous equation** $a(x)y'' + b(x)y' + c(x)y = 0 \qquad (H)$

Main result:

The general solution to the equation (NH) is given by:

$$\boldsymbol{y} = \boldsymbol{y}_h + \boldsymbol{y}_p$$

where:

- (i) y_h is the general solution to the associated homogeneous equation (*H*);
- (ii) y_p is a particular solution to the equation (*NH*).

2nd Order DE – Linear Equation

Basic property

Consider the homogeneous second order linear equation

$$a(x)y''+b(x)y'+c(x)y=0$$

or the explicit one

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$$

Property:

If y_1 and y_2 are two solutions, then: $y(x) = c_1y_1(x) + c_2y_2(x)$

is also a solution for any arbitrary constants c_1 , c_2

2nd Order DE – Reduction of Order

Reduction of Order Technique

This technique is very important since it helps one to find a second solution independent from a known one.

Let y_1 be a non-zero solution of: y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0Then, a second solution y_2 independent of y_1 can be found as:

$$y_2(x) = y_1(x)v(x)$$

Where:

$$v(x) = \int \frac{1}{y_1^2(x)} e^{-\int p(x) dx} dx$$

The general solution is then given by

$$y(x) = c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x)$$

2nd Order DE – Reduction of Order

Examples:

1. Find the general solution to the Legendre equation $(1-x^2)y'' - 2xy' + 2y = 0$

Using the fact that : $y_1 = x$ is a solution.

2nd Order DE – Homogeneous LE with Constant Coefficients

Homogeneous Linear Equations with Constant Coefficients

- A second order homogeneous equation with constant coefficients is written as: ay'' + by' + cy = 0 $(a \neq 0)$
- where *a*, *b* and *c* are constant
- The steps to follow in order to find the general solution is as follows: *(1) Write down the characteristic equation*

$$a\lambda^2 + b\lambda + c = 0$$
 $(a \neq 0)$

This is a quadratic. Let λ_1 and λ_2 be its roots we have

$$\lambda_{1,2} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

2nd Order DE – Homogeneous LE with Constant Coefficients

(2) If λ_1 and λ_2 are distinct real numbers (if **b2 - 4ac > 0**), then the general solution is: $y = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 x} + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 x}$

(3) If $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$ (if **b2 - 4ac = 0**), then the general solution is: $y = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 x} + c_2 x e^{\lambda_1 x}$

(4) If λ_1 and λ_2 are complex numbers (if **b2 - 4ac < 0**), then the general solution is:

Where:

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

$$Where:$$

$$\alpha = \frac{-b}{2a} \text{ and } \beta = \frac{\sqrt{4ac - b^2}}{2a}$$

2nd Order DE – Homogeneous LE with Constant Coefficients

1. Find the solution to the Initial Value Problem

y'' + 2y' + 2y = 0; $y(\pi/4) = 2$; $y'(\pi/4) = -2$

2nd Order DE – Non Homogeneous LE

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We will guess the form of y_p and then plug it in the equation to find it. However, it works only under the following two conditions:

- □ the associated homogeneous equations has constant coefficients
- \Box the nonhomogeneous term d(x) is a special form

$$d(x) = P_n(x)e^{\alpha x}\cos(\beta x)$$
 or $d(x) = L_n(x)e^{\alpha x}\sin(\beta x)$

where $P_n(x)$ and $L_n(x)$ are polynomial functions of degree *n* <u>Note</u>: we may assume that d(x) is a sum of such functions

Then a particular solution *yp* is given by:

$$y_{\rho}(x) = x^{s} \left(T_{n}(x) e^{\alpha x} \cos(\beta x) + R_{n}(x) e^{\alpha x} \sin(\beta x) \right)$$

Where:

$$T_{n}(x) = A_{0} + A_{1}x + A_{2}x^{2} + \dots + A_{n}x^{n}$$
$$R_{n}(x) = B_{0} + B_{1}x + B_{2}x^{2} + \dots + B_{n}x^{n}$$

The steps to follow in applying this method:

- 1. Check that the two conditions are satisfied
- 2. Write down the characteristic equation and find its root

$$a\lambda^2 + b\lambda + c = 0$$

- 3. Write down the number $\alpha + \beta i$
- 4. Compare this number to the roots of the characteristic equation
 - If: $\alpha + \beta i$ is not one of the roots $\Rightarrow s = 0$ $\alpha + \beta i$ is one of the distinction $\Rightarrow s = 1$ $\alpha + \beta i$ is equal to both roots $\Rightarrow s = 2$
- 5. Write down the form of particular solution $y_{p}(x) = x^{s} (T_{n}(x)e^{\alpha x}\cos(\beta x) + R_{n}(x)e^{\alpha x}\sin(\beta x))$ Where: $T_{n}(x) = A_{0} + A_{1}x + A_{2}x^{2} + ... + A_{n}x^{n}$ $R_{n}(x) = B_{0} + B_{1}x + B_{2}x^{2} + ... + B_{n}x^{n}$
- 6. Find constant A and B by plugging y_p solution to original equation

1. Find a particular solution to the equation

 $y''-3y'-4y=2\sin(x)$

If the nonhomogeneous term d(x) consist of several terms:

$$d(x) = d_1(x) + d_2(x) + ... + d_N(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{i=N} d_i(x)$$

We split the original equation into N equations

$$a(x)y'' + b(x)y' + c(x)y = d_1(x)$$

$$a(x)y'' + b(x)y' + c(x)y = d_2(x)$$

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$$a(x)y'' + b(x)y' + c(x)y = d_N(x)$$

Then find a particular solution y_{pi}

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1. Find a particular solution to the equation

$$y'' - 3y' - 4y = 3e^{2x} - 8e^{-x}$$