

Cauchy's Equation

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- **Definition:** An equation of the form
- $x^n \frac{d^n y}{dx^n} + p_1 x^{n-1} \frac{d^{n-1} y}{dx^{n-1}} + p_2 x^{n-2} \frac{d^{n-2} y}{dx^{n-2}} + \dots + p_{n-1} x \frac{dy}{dx} + p_n y = X$
- where p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n are constants and X is a function of x is called **homogeneous linear differential equation of order n** .
- The equation is also known as **Cauchy's equation**.

for example $x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 3x \frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = \sin(\log x)$

↓ Substitution

$$\rightarrow \frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} - p_1 \frac{dy}{dz} + p_2 y = X$$

METHOD OF SOLUTION

- The equation can be transformed into an equation with constant coefficients by the substitution

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

• Now, $\because z = \log x, \frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{1}{x}$ and

$$y \rightarrow z \rightarrow x$$

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

.....(i)

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

• $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = -\frac{1}{x^2} \frac{dy}{dz} + \frac{1}{x} \frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} \cdot \frac{dz}{dx} = -\frac{1}{x^2} \frac{dy}{dz} + \frac{1}{x} \frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} = \frac{1}{x^2} \left(\frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} - \frac{dy}{dz} \right)$ (ii)

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x} \frac{dy}{dz} \rightarrow x \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dz}$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = -\frac{1}{x^2} \frac{dy}{dz} + \frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{d}{dz} \left(\frac{dy}{dz} \right) \cdot \frac{dz}{dx} = -\frac{1}{x^2} \frac{dy}{dz} + \frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{d}{dz} \left(\frac{dy}{dz} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{x}$$

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$$\Rightarrow x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} - \frac{dy}{dz}$$

- Similarly, it can be shown that $\frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} = \frac{1}{x^3} \left(\frac{d^3 y}{dz^3} - 3 \frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} + 2 \frac{dy}{dz} \right)$ (iii) and so on.

- If we put $D = \frac{d}{dz}$ then we get, from (i), (ii), (iii), $\rightarrow x^3 \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} = \frac{d^3 y}{dz^3} - 3 \frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} + 2 \frac{dy}{dz}$.

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 $= D^3 y - 3D^2 y + 2Dy$
- $x \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dz} = Dy$
- $x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} - \frac{dy}{dz} = D^2 y - Dy = D(D-1)y$
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$$x \frac{dy}{dx} = Dy, \quad x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = D(D-1)y, \quad x^3 \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} = D(D-1)(D-2)y$$

$$x^4 \frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} = D(D-1)(D-2)(D-3)y$$

- Further the r.h.s. X by the substitution of $x = e^z$ changes to a function of z only say Z.
- Thus, the given equation by the substitution $x = e^z$ changes to a linear differential equation with constant coefficients of the form $f(D)y = Z$ and can be solved by the methods studied in the previous exercise.

EXAMPLE-1: $x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 3x \frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = \sin(\log x)$

Solⁿ :- Put $z = \log x$ i.e. $x = e^z$ and $\frac{d}{dz} = D$ we get

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

The given D.E. changes to

$$D(D-1)y - 3Dy + 5y = \sin z$$

$$D^2 y - 4Dy + 5y = \sin z$$

$$(D^2 - 4D + 5)y = \sin z$$

A.E is $m^2 - 4m + 5 = 0$

$$m = 2 \pm i$$

$$\therefore y_c = e^{2z} (C_1 \cos z + C_2 \sin z)$$

$$P.I = y_p = \frac{1}{D^2 - 4D + 5} \sin z$$

$$\text{Sub } D^2 = -1^2 = -1$$

$$= \frac{1}{4-4D} \sin z$$

$$= \frac{1(1+D)}{4(1-D)(1+D)} \sin z$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}(1+D) \cdot \frac{1}{1-D^2} \sin z$$

$$\text{Put } D^2 = -1$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}(1+D) \cdot \frac{1}{1-(-1)} \sin z = \frac{1}{8}(1+D) \sin z$$

$$y_p = \frac{1}{8}(\sin z + \cos z)$$

$$\therefore y = y_c + y_p = e^{2z} (c_1 \cos z + c_2 \sin z) + \frac{1}{8}(\sin z + \cos z)$$

resubstituting $z = \log x$

$$y = x^2 \left[c_1 \cos(\log x) + c_2 \sin(\log x) \right] + \frac{1}{8} \left[\sin(\log x) + \cos(\log x) \right]$$

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

Soln :- put $z = \log x$ ie $x = e^z$ and $D = \frac{d}{dz}$ we get

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

The given D.E. changes to

$$D(D-1)(D-2)y - D(D-1)y + 2Dy - 2y = e^{3z} + 3e^z$$

$$(D^3 - 4D^2 + 5D - 2)y = e^{3z} + 3e^z$$

A.E is $m^3 - 4m^2 + 5m - 2 = 0$

$$m = 1, 1, 2$$

The C.F is $y_c = (c_1 + c_2 z) e^z + c_3 e^{2z}$

$$P.I. = y_p = \frac{1}{D^3 - 4D^2 + 5D - 2} (e^{3z} + 3e^z)$$

$$= \frac{1}{D^3 - 4D^2 + 5D - 2} e^{3z} + 3 \cdot \frac{1}{D^3 - 4D^2 + 5D - 2} e^z$$

put $D = 3$

put $D = 1$

denominator becomes zero

$$= \frac{1}{4} e^{3z} + \frac{3 \cdot z}{3D^2 - 8D + 5} e^z$$

put $D = 1$, denominator $\neq 0$

$$= \frac{1}{4} e^{3z} + \frac{3 \cdot z^2}{6D - 8} e^z$$

put $D = 1$

$$y_p = \frac{1}{4} e^{3z} - \frac{3}{2} z^2 e^z$$

$$\therefore y = y_c + y_p$$

$$= (c_1 + c_2 z) e^z + c_3 e^{2z} + \frac{1}{4} e^{3z} - \frac{3}{2} z^2 e^z$$

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Resubstituting $z = \log x$, $x = e^z$

$$y = [c_1 + c_2(\log x)] x + c_3 x^2 + \frac{1}{4} x^3 - \frac{3}{2} x (\log x)^2$$

EXAMPLE-3: $x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 3x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = \frac{(\sin \log x) + 1}{x}$

Soln :- put $z = \log x$ ie $x = e^z$, $D = \frac{d}{dz}$ we get

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

The given D.E. changes to

$$D(D-1)y - 3Dy + y = \frac{\sin z + 1}{e^z} = e^{-z} (\sin z + 1)$$

$$(D^2 - 4D + 1)y = e^z \sin z + e^{-z}$$

A.E is $m^2 - 4m + 1 = 0$
 $m = 2 \pm \sqrt{3}$

$$y_c = e^{2z} [c_1 \cosh(\sqrt{3}z) + c_2 \sinh(\sqrt{3}z)]$$

$$y_p = \frac{1}{D^2 - 4D + 1} e^{-z} \sin z + \frac{1}{D^2 - 4D + 1} e^{-z}$$

$$\frac{1}{D^2 - 4D + 1} e^{-z} = \frac{1}{6} e^{-z}$$

put $z = -1$

$$\frac{1}{D^2 - 4D + 1} e^{-z} \sin z = e^{-z} \cdot \frac{1}{6} \sin z$$

$$\frac{1}{D^2 - 4D + 1} e^{-z} \sin z = e^{-z} \cdot \frac{1}{(D-1)^2 - 4(D-1) + 1} \sin z$$

$$= e^{-z} \cdot \frac{1}{D^2 - 6D + 6} \sin z$$

put $D^2 = -1$

$$= e^{-z} \cdot \frac{1}{5 - 6D} \sin z$$

$$= e^{-z} \frac{(5 + 6D)}{25 - 36D^2} \sin z$$

put $D^2 = -1$

$$= \frac{e^{-z}}{61} (5 + 6D) \sin z$$

$$= \frac{e^{-z}}{61} [5 \sin z + 6 \cos z]$$

$$\therefore y_p = \frac{e^{-z}}{61} [5 \sin z + 6 \cos z] + \frac{1}{6} e^{-z}$$

$$y = y_c + y_p$$

$$= e^{2z} [c_1 \cosh(\sqrt{3}z) + c_2 \sinh(\sqrt{3}z)]$$

$$- \frac{e^{-z}}{61} [5 \sin z + 6 \cos z] + \frac{1}{6} e^{-z}$$

$$z = \log x, \quad x = e^z$$

$$y = x^2 \left[C_1 \cosh(\sqrt{3} \log x) + C_2 \sinh(\sqrt{3} \log x) \right] - \frac{1}{61x} \left[5 \sin(\log x) + 6 \cos(\log x) \right] + \frac{1}{6x}$$

EXAMPLE-4: $x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = \log x \cdot \sin(\log x)$