

### 3.3 1<sup>st</sup> Order Higher Degree Equation

►  $p = \frac{dy}{dx}$  and we will solve equations involving function of  $p$ .

► **Lagrange's Equation**: Form:  $y = xf(p) + g(p)$ . Now,  $y = xf(p) + g(p) \Rightarrow p = f(p) + xf'(p)\frac{dp}{dx} + g'(p)\frac{dp}{dx} \Rightarrow p - f(p) = [xf'(p) + g'(p)]\frac{dp}{dx} \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dp} - \left[\frac{f'(p)}{p-f(p)}\right]x = \frac{g'(p)}{p-f(p)}$ .

► **Clairaut's Equation**: Form:  $y = px + g(p)$ . Now, It has two types of solution: Complete Primitive or, General Solution:  $y = cx + g(c)$  and Singular Solution: Through  $p - disc = 0$  and  $c - disc = 0$ .

► **Equation Solvable for  $p$** : Ex.  $x^2p^2 - 2xyp + y^2 = x^2y^2 + x^4$ .

► **Equation Solvable for  $y$** : Ex.  $y = px + p^2x \Rightarrow p = p + x\frac{dp}{dx} + p^2 + 2xp\frac{dp}{dx}$ .

► **Equation Solvable for  $x$** : Ex.  $x = py - p^2 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{p} = p + y\frac{dp}{dy} - 2p\frac{dp}{dy}$ .

**Example 3.7.** Find the general solution: i)  $y = xp^2 + \ln(p)$  ii)  $y = px + f(p)$ .

$\Rightarrow$  The given Ode is  $y = xp^2 + \ln(p) \Rightarrow p = p^2 + 2xp\frac{dp}{dx} + \frac{1}{p}\frac{dp}{dx} \Rightarrow p - p^2 = (2xp + \frac{1}{p})\frac{dp}{dx} \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dp} + \frac{2p}{p^2-p}x = \frac{1}{p(p-p^2)} \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dp} + \frac{2}{p-1}x = \frac{1}{p(p-p^2)}$ .

[Note: Here we lost solution  $p = 0, p = 1$  i.e.  $y = 0, y = x$ . It leads to singular solution].

Now I.F. =  $\exp\left[\int \frac{2}{p-1}dp\right] = (p-1)^2$ . Therefore

$(p-1)^2\frac{dx}{dp} + 2(p-1)x = \frac{1-p}{p^2} \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dp}[(p-1)^2x] = \frac{1-p}{p^2} \Rightarrow (p-1)^2x = -\frac{1}{p} - \ln(p) + c \Rightarrow x = \frac{c - \frac{1}{p} - \ln(p)}{(p-1)^2}$ . Again,  $y = \frac{cp^2 - p - p^2 \ln(p)}{(p-1)^2} + \ln(p) = \frac{cp^2 - p - (2p-1)\ln(p)}{(p-1)^2}$ .

So the general solution in parametric form is:  $x = \frac{c - \frac{1}{p} - \ln(p)}{(p-1)^2}$ ,  $y = \frac{cp^2 - p - (2p-1)\ln(p)}{(p-1)^2}$ .

Note: Eliminating  $p$  from these equations we get the general solution in form of  $f(x, y) = 0$ .

Although it is not easy.

□ The given Ode is  $y = px + f(p) \Rightarrow p = p + x\frac{dp}{dx} + f'(p)\frac{dp}{dx} \Rightarrow (x + f'(p))\frac{dp}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dp}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow p = c$ .

So the general solution is  $y = cx + f(c)$ .

[Do It Yourself] 3.47. Find the general solution: i)  $x^2p^2 - 2xyp + y^2 = x^2y^2 + x^4$  ii)  $y = px + p^2x$ , iii)  $x = py - p^2$ .

### 3.4 Higher Order Linear ODE

► 2<sup>nd</sup> order linear ODE:  $a_2(x)\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + a_1(x)\frac{dy}{dx} + a_0(x)y = b(x)$  with  $a_2(x) \neq 0$ .

► 2<sup>nd</sup> order linear Homogeneous ODE:  $a_2(x)\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + a_1(x)\frac{dy}{dx} + a_0(x)y = 0$  with  $a_2(x) \neq 0$ .

► 2<sup>nd</sup> order linear Homogeneous ODE with Constant Coefficients:  $a_2\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + a_1\frac{dy}{dx} + a_0y = 0$  with  $a_2 \neq 0$ .

- ▶ 3<sup>rd</sup> order linear ODE:  $a_3(x)\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} + a_2(x)\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + a_1(x)\frac{dy}{dx} + a_0(x)y = b(x)$  with  $a_3(x) \neq 0$ .
- ▶ 3<sup>rd</sup> order linear Homogeneous ODE:  $a_3(x)\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} + a_2(x)\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + a_1(x)\frac{dy}{dx} + a_0(x)y = 0$  with  $a_3(x) \neq 0$ .
- ▶  $n^{\text{th}}$  order linear ODE:  $a_n(x)\frac{d^ny}{dx^n} + a_{n-1}(x)\frac{d^{n-1}y}{dx^{n-1}} + \dots + a_2(x)\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + a_1(x)\frac{dy}{dx} + a_0(x)y = b(x)$  with  $a_n(x) \neq 0$ .
- ▶ All  $a_i(x), b(x)$  are continuous on  $x \in [\alpha, \beta]$ .

[Do It Yourself] **3.49.** Determine the type of the Ode's: i)  $y'' + 3xy' + x^3y = e^x$ , ii)  $y''' + xy'' + 3x^2y' - 5y = \sin(x)$ , iii)  $y''' + 2y'' + 4xy' + x^2y = 0$ , iv)  $y''' - 2y'' - y' + 2y = 0$ .

### 3.4.1 Higher Order Linear ODE & Its Solution

- ▶ If  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$  be any  $n$  solutions of the  $n^{\text{th}}$ -order homogeneous linear differential equation  $a_n(x)\frac{d^ny}{dx^n} + a_{n-1}(x)\frac{d^{n-1}y}{dx^{n-1}} + \dots + a_2(x)\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + a_1(x)\frac{dy}{dx} + a_0(x)y = 0 \Rightarrow c_1f_1 + c_2f_2 + \dots + c_nf_n$  is also a solution of that DE, where  $c_i$ 's are arbitrary constants.
- ▶ The  $n^{\text{th}}$ -order homogeneous linear differential equation always possesses  $n$  solutions that are linearly independent. Here the set of  $n$  solutions  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$  is called a fundamental set of solutions. The function  $f(x) = c_1f_1(x) + c_2f_2(x) + \dots + c_nf_n(x)$  is called general solution, where  $c_i$ 's are arbitrary constants.

**Theorem 3.3.** The  $n$  solutions  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$  of the  $n^{\text{th}}$ -order homogeneous linear differential equation are linearly independent on  $a \leq x \leq b$  if and only if the Wronskian of  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$  is either identically zero on  $a < x < b$  or, else is never zero on  $a < x < b$ .

$$\text{The Wronskian is } W(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n) = \begin{vmatrix} f_1 & f_2 & \dots & f_n \\ f_1' & f_2' & \dots & f_n' \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ f_1^{(n-1)} & f_2^{(n-1)} & \dots & f_n^{(n-1)} \end{vmatrix}.$$

[Do It Yourself] **3.50.** Consider the differential equation  $y'' - 2y' + y = 0$ . i) Show that  $e^x$  and  $xe^x$  are linearly independent solutions of this equation on the interval  $-\infty < x < \infty$ . ii) Write the general solution of the given equation. iii) Find the solution that satisfies the condition  $y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 4$ . Explain why this solution is unique. Over what interval is it defined?

[Do It Yourself] **3.51.** Consider the differential equation  $x^2y'' + xy' - 4y = 0$ . i) Show that  $x^2$  and  $1/x^2$  are linearly independent solutions of this equation on the interval  $0 < x < \infty$ . ii) Write the general solution of the given equation. iii) Find the solution that satisfies the condition  $y(2) = 3, y'(2) = -1$ . Explain why this solution is unique. Over what interval is it defined?

**Theorem 3.4. Reducing Order:** Let  $f(x)$  be a nontrivial solution of the  $2^{\text{nd}}$ -order homogeneous linear DE  $\boxed{a_2(x)\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + a_1(x)\frac{dy}{dx} + a_0(x)y = 0}$ . Then the transformation  $\boxed{y = f(x)v}$  reduces the equation to a  $1^{\text{st}}$ -order homogeneous linear DE  $\boxed{b_1(x)\frac{dz}{dx} + b_0(x)z = 0}$ , where  $z = \frac{dv}{dx}$ . The new solution  $g(x) = f(x)v$  and  $f(x)$  are linearly independent. Hence the general solution is  $c_1f(x) + c_2g(x)$ .

**Example 3.9.** Given that  $y = x$  is a solution of  $(x^2 + 1)y'' - 2xy' + 2y = 0$ , find a linearly independent solution by reducing the order.

$\Rightarrow$  Here  $y = x$  is a solution of  $(x^2 + 1)y'' - 2xy' + 2y = 0$  [show].

Let,  $y = xv \Rightarrow y' = v + xv' \Rightarrow y'' = v' + v'' + v'$ . Put these values in the given equation we get,  $x(x^2 + 1)v'' + 2v' = 0$ .

Let,  $z = v' \Rightarrow z' = v''$ . Therefore  $x(x^2 + 1)z' + 2z = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dz}{z} + \frac{2}{x(x^2 + 1)}dx \Rightarrow zx^2 = c(x^2 + 1)$ .

So  $dv = c(1 + \frac{1}{x^2})dx \Rightarrow v = c(x - \frac{1}{x}) \Rightarrow y = c(x^2 - 1)$ .

So the new solution  $g(x) = x^2 - 1$  is linearly independent to the previous solution. Hence the general solution is  $y = c_1x + c_2(x^2 - 1)$ , where  $c_1, c_2$  are arbitrary constants.

[Do It Yourself] 3.52. Let  $y_1(x), y_2(x)$  be the linearly independent solutions of  $xy'' + 2y' + xe^x y = 0$ . If  $W(x) = y_1(x)y_2'(x) - y_2(x)y_1'(x)$  with  $W(1) = 2$  then find  $W(5)$ . [Hint :  $W'(x) = y_1y_2'' - y_2y_1''$ , Now try to remove  $y$  term from ode]

### 3.4.2 Solution of $n^{\text{th}}$ Order Linear System

► Consider  $n^{\text{th}}$ -order homogeneous linear differential equation  $a_n(x)\frac{d^ny}{dx^n} + a_{n-1}(x)\frac{d^{n-1}y}{dx^{n-1}} + \dots + a_2(x)\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + a_1(x)\frac{dy}{dx} + a_0(x)y = 0$ . The general solution of the homogeneous equation is called the complementary function and denoted by  $y_c$  for the corresponding non-homogeneous equation.

► Consider  $n^{\text{th}}$ -order non-homogeneous linear differential equation  $a_n(x)\frac{d^ny}{dx^n} + a_{n-1}(x)\frac{d^{n-1}y}{dx^{n-1}} + \dots + a_2(x)\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + a_1(x)\frac{dy}{dx} + a_0(x)y = b(x)$ . Any particular solution of involving no arbitrary constants is called a particular integral and denoted by  $y_p$ . The solution  $\boxed{y = y_c + y_p}$  is called the general solution of this non-homogeneous equation.

► The ode  $(a_2D^2 + a_1D + a_3)y = b(x)$  has solution  $y = y_c + y_p \Rightarrow (a_2y_c^{(2)} + a_1y_c^{(1)} + a_3y_c) + (a_2y_p^{(2)} + a_1y_p^{(1)} + a_3y_p) = 0 + b(x) = b(x)$

[Do It Yourself] 3.53. Given that  $y = x+1$  is a solution of  $(x+1)^2y'' - 3(x+1)y' + 3y = 0$ , find a linearly independent solution by reducing the order. Write the general solution.

[Do It Yourself] 3.54. Given that  $y = e^{2x}$  is a solution of  $(2x+1)y'' - 4(x+1)y' + 4y = 0$ , find a linearly independent solution by reducing the order. Write the general solution.

[Do It Yourself] 3.55. Consider the nonhomogeneous differential equation  $y'' - 3y' + 2y = 4x^2$ . i) Show that  $e^x$  and  $e^{2x}$  are linearly independent solutions of the corresponding homogeneous equation  $y'' - 3y' + 2y = 0$ . ii) What is the complementary function of the given non-homogeneous equation? iii) Show that  $2x^2 + 6x + 7$  is a particular integral of the given equation. iv) What is the general solution of the given equation?