

Answer on Question #64620 – Math – Differential Equations

Question

Solve the following differential equation:

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

Solution

Consider the following problem:

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

The reduced equation is

$$(D^3 - D^2 - 4D + 4)y = 0$$

Let $y = Ae^{mx}$ be a trial solution of reduced equation and then the auxiliary equation is

$$\begin{aligned} m^3 - m^2 - 4m + 4 &= 0; \\ (m - 1)(m - 2)(m + 2) &= 0; \\ m &= -2, 1, 2. \end{aligned}$$

The complementary function is

$$y = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^x + c_3 e^{-2x}.$$

$$Q(x) = e^{2x}.$$

A particular solution to the inhomogeneous equation is

$$x \cdot \frac{1}{f'(2)} e^{2x}.$$

Compute

$$\begin{aligned} (D^3 - D^2 - 4D + 4)' &= 3D^2 - 2D - 4 \\ f'(2) &= 3 \cdot 2^2 - 2 \cdot 2 - 4 = 4. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$x \cdot \frac{1}{f'(2)} e^{2x} = \frac{1}{4} x e^{2x}.$$

Hence the general solution is

$$y = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^x + c_3 e^{-2x} + \frac{1}{4} x e^{2x}.$$

Answer: $y = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^x + c_3 e^{-2x} + \frac{1}{4} x e^{2x}.$