

Answer on Question #84315 – Math – Differential Equations

Question

Using method of variation of parameters, solve the equation.

$$d^2y/dx^2 + y = \operatorname{cosec} x$$

Solution

We have the equation: $y'' + y = \operatorname{cosec}(x)$, or $y'' + y = \frac{1}{\sin(x)}$.

Solve the homogeneous equation: $y'' + y = 0$. We solve its characteristic equation: $k^2 + 1 = 0$, $k_1 = i$, $k_2 = -i$. The general solution to the equation will be: $y^* = C_1 \cos(x) + C_2 \sin(x)$.

We vary the parameters. $y^* = C_1(x) \cos(x) + C_2(x) \sin(x)$.

We make the system of equations:

$$C_1'(x) \cos(x) + C_2'(x) \sin(x) = 0,$$

$$-C_1'(x) \sin(x) + C_2'(x) \cos(x) = \frac{1}{\sin(x)}.$$

From the first equation of the system we get the following: $C_1'(x) \cos(x) = -C_2'(x) \sin(x)$, $C_1'(x) = -C_2'(x) \tan(x)$. Substitute $C_1'(x)$ in the second equation of the system. We get:

$$C_2'(x) \tan(x) \sin(x) + C_2'(x) \cos(x) = \frac{1}{\sin(x)}, \quad C_2'(x) = \frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x) \times ((\cos(x))^2 - (\sin(x))^2)}, \quad \text{or}$$

$$d(C_2(x)) = \frac{\cos(x) dx}{\sin(x) \times ((\cos(x))^2 - (\sin(x))^2)}.$$

We integrate the extreme expression. We get: $\int d(C_2'(x)) = \int \frac{\cos(x) dx}{\sin(x) \times ((\cos(x))^2 - (\sin(x))^2)}$, or

$$\begin{aligned} C_2(x) &= \int \frac{\cos(x) dx}{\sin(x) \times ((\cos(x))^2 - (\sin(x))^2)} = \int \frac{\cos(x) dx}{\sin(x) \times (1 - 2\sin^2(x))} \\ &= \int \frac{dt}{t(1-2t^2)} = \int \frac{A}{t} + \frac{Bt+C}{1-2t^2} = \int \frac{1}{t(1-2t^2)}, \quad B-2A=0, \quad C=0, \quad A=1, \quad B=2 \\ &= \int \frac{dt}{t} + \int \frac{2tdt}{1-2t^2} = \ln|t| - \frac{1}{2} \ln|1-2t^2| + C_2^* \\ &= \ln|\sin(x)| - \frac{1}{2} \ln|1-2(\sin(x))^2| + C_2. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Further. We have } C_1'(x) &= -C_2'(x) \tan(x) = \frac{-\cos(x)}{\sin(x) \times ((\cos(x))^2 - (\sin(x))^2)} \times \tan(x) = \frac{1}{-(\cos(x))^2 - (\sin(x))^2} \\ &= \frac{-1}{\cos(2x)}. \text{ Then, } d(C_1'(x)) = \frac{-dx}{\cos(2x)}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int d(C_1'(x)) &= - \int \frac{dx}{\cos(2x)}; \quad C_1(x) = - \int \frac{dx}{\cos(2x)} = - \frac{1}{2} \ln \left| \tan\left(x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \right| + C_1. \text{ We get the general solution of the} \\ \text{equation: } y &= C_1(x) \cos(x) + C_2(x) \sin(x) = - \frac{1}{2} \times \cos(x) \times \ln \left| \tan\left(x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \right| + C_1 \cos(x) + \sin(x) \times \\ &\ln \left| \frac{\sin(x)}{\sqrt{(1-2(\sin(x))^2)}} \right| + C_2 \sin(x). \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Answer: } y = - \frac{1}{2} \cos(x) \ln \left| \tan\left(x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \right| + C_1 \cos(x) + \sin(x) \ln \left| \frac{\sin(x)}{\sqrt{(1-2(\sin(x))^2)}} \right| + C_2 \sin(x).$$