

Lecture 7

Question 6

$$\frac{dr}{d\theta} + (\sec \theta) r = \cos \theta$$

Comparing the given differential equation with standard form of linear 1st order differential equation;

$$\frac{dr}{d\theta} + P(\theta)r = Q(\theta)$$

$$\implies P(\theta) = \sec \theta \text{ and } Q(\theta) = \cos \theta$$

Now the integrating factor;

$$IF = e^{\int P(\theta)d\theta} = e^{\int \sec \theta d\theta} = e^{\ln|\sec \theta + \tan \theta|} \quad \because \int \sec \theta d\theta = \ln|\sec \theta + \tan \theta|$$

$$IF = \sec \theta + \tan \theta \quad \because e^{\ln t} = t \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}^+$$

\therefore its solution is given by;

$$(\text{Integrating Factor}) \times (\text{Dependent variable}) = \int ((\text{Integrating Factor}) \times RHS) d\theta$$

$$\implies (\sec \theta + \tan \theta) r = \int (\sec \theta + \tan \theta) \cos \theta d\theta$$

$$\implies (\sec \theta + \tan \theta) r = \int \left(\frac{1}{\cos \theta} + \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \sin \theta \right) \cos \theta d\theta$$

$$\implies (\sec \theta + \tan \theta) r = \int \left(\frac{1}{\cos \theta} \cos \theta + \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \sin \theta \cos \theta \right) d\theta$$

$$\implies (\sec \theta + \tan \theta) r = \int (1 + \sin \theta) d\theta = \int 1 d\theta + \int \sin \theta d\theta$$

$$\implies (\sec \theta + \tan \theta) r = \theta + (-\cos \theta) + K, \text{ where } K \text{ is the constant of integra-}$$

tion.

$$\implies \boxed{r = \frac{1}{\sec \theta + \tan \theta} (\theta - \cos \theta + K)}, \text{ is the required solution.}$$