

Art - Reciprocal property of Adjoint Equation

If $\overline{L_n(y)} = 0$ — ① is the Adjoint equation

of $L_n(y) = 0$ — ②

then adjoint equation $\overline{L_n(y)} = 0$ is the equation $L_n(y) = 0$

This is called reciprocal property of Adjoint equation.

Art - Self-Adjoint

An n th order linear equation $L_n(y) = 0$ is said to be self Adjoint if it is identical with its Adjoint equation.

$$\text{i.e. } \overline{L_n(y)} = L_n(y)$$

ex - check the equation for self Adjoint

$$y'' - xy = 0 \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$\rightarrow L_2(y) = \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - xy = 0$$

$$\overline{L_2(y)} = (-1)^2 \frac{d^2}{dx^2} (y) + (-1)^1 \frac{d}{dx} (0 \cdot y) - xy = 0$$

$$\overline{L_2}(y) = \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - xy = 0$$

$$L_2(y) = \overline{L_2}(y)$$

The given linear equation is self Adjoint

Ex - Show that $L_2(y) = (1-x^2) \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{dy}{dx} + n(n+1)y$ is self Adjoint.

$$\Rightarrow \overline{L_2}(y) = (-1)^2 \frac{d^2}{dx^2} ((1-x^2)y) + (-1)^1 \frac{d}{dx} (-2xy) + n(n+1)y = 0$$

$$= \frac{d}{dx} \left[(1-x^2) \frac{dy}{dx} - 2xy \right] + \left[2x \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y \right] + n(n+1)y = 0$$

$$= (1-x^2) \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{dy}{dx} - 2x \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y + 2x \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y + n(n+1)y = 0$$

$$= (1-x^2) \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 4x \frac{dy}{dx} + 2x \frac{dy}{dx} + n(n+1)y = 0$$

$$= (1-x^2) \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{dy}{dx} + n(n+1)y = 0$$

Since $\bar{L}_2(y) = L_2(y)$

The given linear equation is self-Adjoint

Theorem : The necessary and sufficient condition for the equation

$$L_2(y) = a_0(x) \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + a_1(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + a_2(x) y = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

be a Self-Adjoint that

$$a_0'(x) = a_1(x) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

→ The adjoint of given linear eqn is

$$\bar{L}_2(y) = (-1)^2 \frac{d^2}{dx^2} [a_0(x)y] + (-1)^1 \frac{d}{dx} [a_1(x)y] + a_2(x)y = 0$$

$$= \frac{d}{dx} \left[a_0(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + a_0'(x)y \right] - \frac{d}{dx} [a_1(x)y] + a_2(x)y = 0$$

$$= a_0(x) \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + a_0'(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + a_0''(x)y - \left[a_1(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + a_1'(x)y \right] + a_2(x)y = 0$$

$$= a_0(x) \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + [2a_0'(x) - a_1(x)] \frac{dy}{dx} + [a_0''(x) - a_1'(x) + a_2(x)] y = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Condition is Necessary

Given that equation (1) is Self Adjoint

$$\bar{L}_2(y) = L_2(y)$$

comparing (1) and (3)

$$\textcircled{1} \quad 2a_0'(x) - a_1(x) = a_1(x) \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$2a_0'(x) = 2a_1(x)$$

$$a_0'(x) = a_1(x) \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$a_0''(x) - a_1'(x) + a_2(x) = a_2(x)$$

$$a_0''(x) - a_1'(x) = 0$$

$$a_0''(x) = a_1'(x) \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

Integrating (5)

$$a_0'(x) = a_1(x) + C \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

Putting in eqn (4)

$$a_1(x) + C = a_1(x)$$

$$C = 0$$

Put in (6)

$$\boxed{a_0'(x) = a_1(x)}$$

condition is sufficient

$$\text{Given that } a_0'(x) = a_1(x)$$

Differentiate w.r.t x

$$a_0''(x) = a_1'(x)$$

Put in (3)

we get,

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{L}_2(y) &= a_0(x) \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + [2a_1(x) - a_1(x)] \frac{dy}{dx} \\ &\quad + [a_1'(x) - a_1'(x) + a_2(x)] y = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$= a_0(x) \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + a_1(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + a_2(x) y = 0$$

$$\bar{L}_2(y) = L_2(y)$$

$L_2(y)$ is self Adjoint