

Section 9: Method of Undetermined Coefficients

Using superposition as needed, begin with assumption:

$$y_p = y_{p_1} + \cdots + y_{p_k}$$

where y_{p_i} has the same **general form** as $g_i(x)$.

Case I: y_p as first written has no part that duplicates the complementary solution y_c . Then this first form will suffice.

Case II: y_p has a term y_{p_i} that duplicates a term in the complementary solution y_c . Multiply that term by x^n , where n is the smallest positive integer that eliminate the duplication.

Find the form of the particular solution

$$y'' - 4y' + 4y = \sin(4x) + xe^{2x}$$

Find y_c : $y'' - 4y' + 4y = 0$

Ch. eqn $m^2 - 4m + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow (m-2)^2 = 0$ $m=2$
repeated

$$y_1 = e^{2x}, y_2 = xe^{2x}$$
$$y_c = C_1 e^{2x} + C_2 x e^{2x}$$

For y_p consider $y'' - 4y' + 4y = \sin(4x)$ $g_1(x)$

and $y'' - 4y' + 4y = xe^{2x}$ $g_2(x)$

For $g_1(x) = \sin 4x$ guess

$$y_{p_1} = A \sin(4x) + B \cos(4x)$$

This will work as written.

For $g_2(x) = x e^{2x}$

$$y_{p_2} = (Cx + D) e^{2x} = Cx e^{2x} + D e^{2x}$$

won't work, these duplicate y_c

Update

$$y_{p_2} = (Cx + D)x e^{2x} = Cx^2 e^{2x} + Dx e^{2x}$$

Still won't work due to $Dx e^{2x}$ term

Update
again

$$y_{p2} = (Cx + D)x^2 e^{2x} = Cx^3 e^{2x} + Dx^2 e^{2x}$$

This works

So

$$y_p = A \sin(4x) + B \cos(4x) + Cx^3 e^{2x} + Dx^2 e^{2x}$$

Find the form of the particular solution

$$y''' - y'' + y' - y = \cos x + x^4$$

Find y_c : $y''' - y'' + y' - y = 0$

Ch. eqn $m^3 - m^2 + m - 1 = 0$

factor by grouping $m^2(m-1) + (m-1) = 0$

$$(m-1)(m^2+1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m=1 \quad \text{or} \quad m^2+1=0 \Rightarrow m = \pm i$$

$$\alpha \pm i\beta$$

$$\alpha=0 \quad \beta=1$$

$$y_1 = e^x, \quad y_2 = e^{0x} \cos x = \cos x, \quad y_3 = e^{0x} \sin x = \sin x$$

$$y_c = C_1 e^x + C_2 \cos x + C_3 \sin x$$

Let $g_1(x) = \cos x$

$$y_{p_1} = A \cos x + B \sin x$$

won't work, duplicates y_2, y_3 in y_c

Try again $y_{p_1} = (A \cos x + B \sin x) x = Ax \cos x + Bx \sin x$

This will work.

$$\text{let } g_2(x) = x^4$$

$$y_{p_2} = Cx^4 + Dx^3 + Ex^2 + Fx + G$$

this works

$$y_p = Ax \cos x + Bx \sin x + Cx^4 + Dx^3 + Ex^2 + Fx + G$$

Find the form of the particular solution

$$y'' - 2y' + 5y = e^x + 7\sin(2x)$$

Find y_c : $y'' - 2y' + 5y = 0$

Ch. eqn $m^2 - 2m + 5 = 0$

Complete the square $m^2 - 2m + 1 - 1 + 5 = 0$

$$(m-1)^2 + 4 = 0$$

$$(m-1)^2 = -4 \Rightarrow m-1 = \pm 2i$$

$$m = 1 \pm 2i$$
$$\alpha \pm i\beta$$

$$\alpha = 1, \beta = 2$$

$$y_1 = e^x \cos(2x) \quad , \quad y_2 = e^x \sin(2x)$$

$$y_c = c_1 e^x \cos(2x) + c_2 e^x \sin(2x)$$

let $g_1(x) = e^x$

$$y_{p_1} = A e^x$$

This works as written.

let $g_2(x) = \sin(2x)$

$$y_{p_2} = B \sin(2x) + C \cos(2x)$$

works as written.

$$y_p = A e^x + B \sin(2x) + C \cos(2x) .$$

Solve the IVP

$$y'' - 4y' + 4y = 8x - 4 \quad y(0) = 3, \quad y'(0) = -2$$

From before $y_c = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 x e^{2x}$

Find y_p : From $g(x) = 8x - 4$, guess $y_p = Ax + B$

$$y_p = Ax + B$$

$$y_p' = A$$

$$y_p'' = 0$$

$$y_p'' - 4y_p' + 4y_p = 8x - 4$$

$$0 - 4(A) + 4(Ax + B) = 8x - 4$$

$$\underline{4Ax} + \underline{(-4A + 4B)} = \underline{8x} - \underline{4}$$

$$4A = 8 \Rightarrow A = 2$$

$$-4A + 4B = -4 \Rightarrow 4B = -4 + 4A = -4 + 8 = 4 \Rightarrow B = 1$$

$$\text{so } y_p = 2x + 1$$

The general solution is

$$y = C_1 e^{2x} + C_2 x e^{2x} + 2x + 1$$

$$\text{Apply } y(0) = 3, \quad y'(0) = -2$$

$$y' = 2C_1 e^{2x} + C_2 e^{2x} + 2C_2 x e^{2x} + 2$$

$$y(0) = c_1 e^0 + c_2 \cdot 0 e^0 + 2 \cdot 0 + 1 = 3$$

$$c_1 + 1 = 3 \Rightarrow c_1 = 2$$

$$y'(0) = 2c_1 e^0 + c_2 e^0 + 2c_2 \cdot 0 e^0 + 2 = -2$$

$$2c_1 + c_2 + 2 = -2$$

$$c_2 = -2 - 2 - 2c_1 = -4 - 4 = -8$$

The soln to the IVP is

$$y = 2e^{2x} - 8xe^{2x} + 2x + 1.$$

Solve the IVP

$$y'' - y = 4e^{-x} \quad y(0) = -1, \quad y'(0) = 1$$

Find y_c : Ch. eqn $m^2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow m = \pm 1$

$$y_1 = e^x, \quad y_2 = e^{-x} \quad y_c = C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{-x}$$

Find y_p : $y_p = Ae^{-x}$ won't work

try $y_p = (Ae^{-x})x = Axe^{-x}$

This will work.

$$y_p = Ax e^{-x}$$

$$y_p' = A e^{-x} - Ax e^{-x}$$

$$y_p'' = -A e^{-x} - A e^{-x} + Ax e^{-x} = -2A e^{-x} + Ax e^{-x}$$

$$y_p'' - y_p = 4 e^{-x}$$

$$-2A e^{-x} + Ax e^{-x} - Ax e^{-x} = 4 e^{-x}$$

$$-2A e^{-x} = 4 e^{-x} \Rightarrow A = -2$$

$$y_p = -2x e^{-x}$$

General Solution

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

Apply $y(0) = -1$, $y'(0) = 1$

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

$$y(0) = c_1 e^0 + c_2 e^0 - 2 \cdot 0 e^0 = -1 \Rightarrow c_1 + c_2 = -1$$

$$y'(0) = c_1 e^0 - c_2 e^0 - 2e^0 + 2 \cdot 0 e^0 = 1 \Rightarrow c_1 - c_2 = 3$$

add $2c_1 = 2$

$$c_1 = 1$$

$$C_2 = -1 - C_1 = -1 - 1 = -2$$

The soln to the IVP is

$$y = e^x - 2e^{-x} - 2xe^{-x}.$$

Section 10: Variation of Parameters

Consider the equation $y'' + y = \tan x$. What happens if we try to find a particular solution **having the same form** as the right hand side?

Suppose we guess that

$$y_p = A \tan x \quad \text{then}$$

$$y_p = A \sec^2 x \quad \leftarrow \text{we may have to match } \sec^2 x$$

$$\text{Try } y_p = A \tan x + B \sec^2 x, \text{ then}$$

$$y_p' = A \sec^2 x + 2B \sec^2 x \tan x \quad \leftarrow \text{need to account for } \sec^2 x \tan x$$

Try

$$y_p = A \tan x + B \sec^2 x + C \sec^2 x \tan x$$

$$y_p' = A \sec^2 x + 2B \sec^2 x \tan x + C \sec^4 x + 2 \sec^2 x \tan^2 x$$

We can't account for all functions that come up when taking derivatives.

Consider the equation $x^2 y'' + xy' - 4y = e^x$. What happens if we assume $y_p = Ae^x$?

$$y_p' = Ae^x, \quad y_p'' = Ae^x$$

$$x^2 y_p'' + x y_p' - 4 y_p = e^x$$

$$x^2 Ae^x + x Ae^x - 4Ae^x = e^x$$

We can't match due to $x^2 e^x$ and

$x e^x$ terms.

We need another method!

For the equation in standard form

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + P(x)\frac{dy}{dx} + Q(x)y = g(x),$$

suppose $\{y_1(x), y_2(x)\}$ is a fundamental solution set for the associated homogeneous equation. We seek a particular solution of the form

$$y_p(x) = u_1(x)y_1(x) + u_2(x)y_2(x)$$

where u_1 and u_2 are functions we will determine (in terms of y_1 , y_2 and g).

This method is called **variation of parameters**.

Variation of Parameters: Derivation of y_p

$$y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = g(x)$$

Set $y_p = u_1(x)y_1(x) + u_2(x)y_2(x)$

We'll substitute this into the ODE

$$y_p' = u_1 y_1' + u_2 y_2' + \underbrace{u_1' y_1 + u_2' y_2}_{\text{assume this sum is zero}}$$

$$y_p'' = u_1' y_1' + u_2' y_2' + u_1 y_1'' + u_2 y_2''$$

Remember that $y_i'' + P(x)y_i' + Q(x)y_i = 0$, for $i = 1, 2$

We'll pick this up on Thursday.