

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow m = 1 \pm 2i \quad \alpha \pm i\beta \quad \alpha = 1, \beta = 2$$

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

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

Let $g_1(x) = e^x$ $y_{p_1} = A e^x$ Doesn't match y_c
will work as written

Let $g_2(x) = 7 \sin(2x)$ $y_{p_2} = B \sin(2x) + C \cos(2x)$
will work doesn't match y_c

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

Solve the IVP

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

Find y_c : $y'' - 4y' + 4y = 0$, $m^2 - 4m + 4 = 0$

$$y_1 = e^{2x}, \quad y_2 = xe^{2x}$$

$$(m-2)^2 = 0 \quad m=2 \text{ repeated}$$

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

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

$$y_p' = A, \quad y_p'' = 0$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$y_p = 2x + 1$$

The general solution is

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

Apply $y(0) = 3, y'(0) = -2$

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

$$y(0) = C_1 e^0 + C_2 \cdot 0 e^0 + 2 \cdot 0 + 1 = 3 \Rightarrow C_1 + 1 = 3 \Rightarrow C_1 = 2$$

$$y'(0) = 2C_1 e^0 + C_2 e^0 + 2C_2 \cdot 0 e^0 + 2 = -2$$

$$C_2 = -2 - 2 - 2C_1 = -8$$

The solution 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 : $y'' - y = 0$ $m^2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow m = 1$ or $m = -1$

$$y_1 = e^x, \quad y_2 = e^{-x} \quad \text{so } y_c = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{-x}$$

Find y_p : $g(x) = 4e^{-x}$, $y_p = Ae^{-x}$ *Duplicates $c_2 y_2$*

Modify $y_p = (Ae^{-x})x = Ax e^{-x}$ *This will work.*

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

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

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

we require

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

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

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

$$-2A = 4 \Rightarrow A = -2$$

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

The general solution is

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

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 $2c_1 = 2 \Rightarrow c_1 = 1$

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

The solution 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

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

$$y_p' = A \sec^2 x \quad \text{we may need to match } \sec^2 x \text{ terms}$$

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

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

we may need to match $\sec^2 x \tan x$ terms

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

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

We can't account for every type of function that can arise due to differentiation.

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

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

We need $x^2 y_p'' + xy_p' - 4y_p = e^x$

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

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

We can't match to the right w/ x^2e^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 $y_p = u_1(x)y_1(x) + u_2(x)y_2(x)$

Substitute into the ODE

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

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

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

We need $y_p'' + P(x)y_p' + Q(x)y_p = g(x)$

$$u_1'y_1' + u_2'y_2' + u_1y_1'' + u_2y_2'' + P(x)(u_1y_1' + u_2y_2') + Q(x)(u_1y_1 + u_2y_2) = g(x)$$

$$u_1'y_1' + u_2'y_2' + u_1 \underbrace{(y_1'' + P(x)y_1' + Q(x)y_1)}_{0''} + u_2 \underbrace{(y_2'' + P(x)y_2' + Q(x)y_2)}_{0''} = g(x)$$

Since y_1, y_2 solve the homogeneous equation.

We have 2 equations for u_1 and u_2

$$u_1' y_1 + u_2' y_2 = 0$$

$$u_1' y_1' + u_2' y_2' = g(x)$$

We'll solve using Cramer's rule

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1' \\ u_2' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ g \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Let } W_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & y_2 \\ g & y_2' \end{vmatrix} = 0 - g y_2 = -g y_2$$

$$\text{and } W_2 = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & 0 \\ y_1' & g \end{vmatrix} = y_1 g - 0 = y_1 g$$

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix} = y_1 y_2' - y_1' y_2$$

$$\text{Then } u_1' = \frac{W_1}{W} \quad \text{and} \quad u_2' = \frac{W_2}{W}$$

We have the formulas

$$u_1(x) = \int \frac{-y_2(x) g(x)}{W} dx$$

and

$$u_2(x) = \int \frac{y_1(x) g(x)}{W} dx$$