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Plan : \*  $y'' + a_1 y' + a_0 y = b(t).$

\* Method of undetermined coefficients

\* Examples.

(3.5)

Notation : Given functions  $p, q,$

$$L(y) = y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y.$$

So, the equation

$$y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = f(t)$$

can be written as

$$L(y) = f$$

non-homogeneous

$$L(y) = 0$$

homogeneous.

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\* Preliminary results on  $L(y) = y'' + P(t)y' + q(t)y$

Propos. For all continuously differentiable functions  $y_1, y_2 : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and all  $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  holds

$$L(c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2) = c_1 L(y_1) + c_2 L(y_2).$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} L(c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2) &= (c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2)'' + P(t)(c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2)' \\ &\quad + q(t)(c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= c_1 y_1'' + c_1 P(t) y_1' + c_1 q(t) y_1 \\ &\quad + c_2 y_2'' + c_2 P(t) y_2' + c_2 q(t) y_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$= c_1 L(y_1) + c_2 L(y_2)$$

Propos.

Let  $L(y) = y'' + P(t)y' + Q(t)y$ .

If  $y_1, y_2$  are fundamental sols. of

$$L(y) = 0, \quad (1)$$

and  $y_p$  is a solution of

$$L(y_p) = f, \quad (2)$$

then any other solution of (2) is given by

$$y(t) = c_1 y_1(t) + c_2 y_2(t) + y_p(t), \quad (3)$$

where  $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Notation: The expression for  $y$  in (3) is called the general solution of the non-homogeneous eq (2).

Propos.

If  $f(t) = f_1(t) + \dots + f_n(t)$ ,  $n \geq 1$ ,

and there exist

$$y_1(t), \dots, y_n(t)$$

such that

$$L(y_i) = f_i, \quad i=1, \dots, n,$$

then

$$y_p(t) = y_1(t) + \dots + y_n(t)$$

is solution of

$$L(y_p) = f.$$

\* The method of undetermined coefficients

- [ This is a method to find solns. to linear, non-homogeneous eqs. ]

- [ It consist in guessing the solution  $y_p$  of the non-homogeneous eq.  
$$L(y_p) = f$$
 for particular source functions  $f$ . ]

\* Summary of the method.

- Problem: Given  $L(y) = y'' + a_1 y' + a_0 y,$   
 with  $a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R},$  find all solutions to  
 $L(y) = f. \tag{4}$

(1) Find the general solution of the homogeneous eq.

$$L(y_h) = 0.$$

(2) If  $f(t) = f_1(t) + \dots + f_n(t), \quad n \geq 1,$

then look for  $y_{p_i}$  solution of

$$L(y_{p_i}) = f_i.$$

Once  $y_{p_i}$  are found, a particular solution of (4) is

$$y_p = y_{p_1} + \dots + y_{p_n}.$$

(3) Given  $f_i(t)$ , guess  $y_{p_i}(t)$  as follows:

$f_i(t)$ (given)	$y_{p_i}(t)$ (guess) (k not given).
$K e^{at}$	$k e^{at}$
$K t^m, m \geq 0$	$k_m t^m + k_{m-1} t^{m-1} + \dots + k_0$
$K \cos(at)$ or $K \sin(at)$	$k_1 \cos(at) + k_2 \sin(at)$
$K e^{at} \cos(bt)$ or $K e^{at} \sin(bt)$	$e^{at} (k_1 \cos(bt) + k_2 \sin(bt))$
$K t^m e^{at}$	$e^{at} (k_m t^m + \dots + k_0).$

(4) If any guess  $y_{p_i}$  above satisfies the homogeneous eq.

$$L(y_{p_i}) = 0,$$

then change the guess to

$$t^s y_{p_i}, \quad s \geq 1,$$

such that

$$L(t^s y_{p_i}) \neq 0.$$

(5) Impose the condition

$$L(y_{p_i}) = f_i$$

to find the constants  $k_1, \dots, k_m$ .

(6) The general solution of  $L(y) = f$  is

$$y(t) = y_h(t) + y_{p_1}(t) + \dots + y_{p_n}(t).$$



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Example [ Find all solutions to ]  
$$y'' - 3y' - 4y = 3e^{2t}$$

Sol:

$$\boxed{L(Y) = Y'' - 3Y' - 4Y} \quad , \quad \boxed{f(t) = 3e^{2t}}$$

- First, find sols. to.  $\boxed{L(Y_h) = 0.}$

$$P(r) = r^2 - 3r - 4 = 0$$

$$r = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{9 + 16}}{2} = \frac{3 \pm 5}{2}$$

$$\boxed{r_1 = 4}$$

$$\boxed{r_2 = -1}$$

$$\boxed{y_h(t) = c_1 e^{4t} + c_2 e^{-t}}$$

- Table says: Guess

$$\boxed{y_p(t) = k e^{2t}}$$

- Since  $\boxed{L(Y_p) \neq 0}$ , we do not modify the guess.

- Introduce  $y_p$  in:  $\mathcal{L}(y_p) = f$

$$(k^4 - 3k^2 - 4k) e^{2t} = 3 e^{2t}$$

$$4k - 6k - 4k = 3$$

$$-6k = 3$$

$$k = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$y_p(t) = -\frac{1}{2} e^{2t}$$

- The general solution of the non-homogeneous eq. is

$$y(t) = c_1 e^{4t} + c_2 e^{-t} - \frac{1}{2} e^{2t}$$

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Example : [ Find the general sol. of ]  
$$y'' - 3y' - 4y = 3e^{4x}$$

Sol:

We know that the general sol. to the homogeneous eq. is

$$y_h = c_1 e^{4x} + c_2 e^{-x}$$

Following the table, the guess  $y_p$  is

$$y_p = k e^{4x}$$

However, this guess satisfies:

$$L(y_p) = 0$$

So we modify the guess to:

$$y_p(x) = k x e^{4x}$$

$$y_p'(t) = k e^{4t} + 4k t e^{4t}$$

$$y_p''(t) = 4k e^{4t} + 4k e^{4t} + 16k t e^{4t}$$

- Introduce  $y_p$  into  $L(y_p) = f$ .

$$\begin{aligned} [(8k + 16k t) - 3(k + 4k t) - 4k t] e^{4t} \\ = 3 e^{4t} \end{aligned}$$

$$[(8 + 16t) - (3 + 12t) - 4t] k = 3$$

$$[5 + \underbrace{(16 - 12 - 4)}_{=0} t] k = 3$$

$$5k = 3$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$k = \frac{3}{5}$$

So:

$$y_p(t) = \frac{3}{5} t e^{4t}$$

and

$$y(t) = c_1 e^{4t} + c_2 e^{-t} + \frac{3}{5} t e^{4t}$$

Example [ Find the general sol. of  $y'' - 3y' - 4y = 2 \sin(t)$  ]

Sol:

- The sols. to the homogeneous eq. are

$$y_h(t) = c_1 e^{4t} + c_2 e^{-t}$$

- The table says that a guess for  $y_p$  is

$$y_p(t) = k_1 \cos(t) + k_2 \sin(t).$$

- check:  $L(y_p) \neq 0$ . ✓

- compute:

$$y_p'(t) = -k_1 \sin(t) + k_2 \cos(t)$$

$$y_p''(t) = -k_1 \cos(t) - k_2 \sin(t).$$

- Introduce  $Y_p$  into  $L(Y_p) = f$ .

$$(-k_1 \cos(t) - k_2 \sin(t))$$

$$- 3(-k_1 \sin(t) + k_2 \cos(t))$$

$$- 4(k_1 \cos(t) + k_2 \sin(t)) = 2 \sin(t)$$

$$(-k_1 - 3k_2 - 4k_1) \cos(t)$$

$$+ (-k_2 + 3k_1 - 4k_2) \sin(t) = 2 \sin(t)$$

$$(-5k_1 - 3k_2) \cos(t) + (3k_1 - 5k_2) \sin(t) = 2 \sin(t)$$

$$t=0$$

$$-5k_1 - 3k_2 = 0$$

$$t = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$3k_1 - 5k_2 = 2$$

$$k_1 = -\frac{3}{5} k_2$$

$$\left( 3 \left( -\frac{3}{5} \right) - 5 \right) k_2 = 2$$

$$\left( -\frac{9}{5} - 5 \right) k_2 = 2$$

$$-\frac{(9+25)}{5} k_2 = 2$$

$$k_2 = -\frac{10}{34}$$

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$$k_2 = -\frac{5}{17}$$

$$k_1 = \frac{3}{17}$$

So:

$$y_p(t) = \frac{1}{17} [ 3 \cos(t) - 5 \sin(t) ]$$

and

$$y(t) = c_1 e^{4t} + c_2 e^{-t} + \frac{1}{17} [ 3 \cos(t) - 5 \sin(t) ]$$

Example : [ Find the general sol. of  $y'' - 3y' - 4y = 3e^{2x} + 2\sin(x)$  ]

Sol.

We know that the sol.  $y$  is given by

$$y(x) = y_h(x) + y_{p_1}(x) + y_{p_2}(x)$$

where,

$$y_h(x) = c_1 e^{4x} + c_2 e^{2x}$$

and  $y_{p_1}$  is sol. of

$$L(y_{p_1}) = 3e^{2x}$$

and  $y_{p_2}$  is sol. of

$$L(y_{p_2}) = 2\sin(x).$$

We have found that,

$$y_{p_1}(x) = -\frac{1}{2} e^{2x}$$

$$y_{p_2}(x) = \frac{1}{17} (3 \cos(x) - 5 \sin(x))$$



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So: 
$$y(t) = c_1 e^{4t} + c_2 e^{-t} - \frac{1}{2} e^{2t} + \frac{1}{17} [3 \cos(t) - 5 \sin(t)]$$

Examples:

For: 
$$y'' - 3y' - 4y = 3 e^{2t} \sin(t)$$

guess: 
$$y_p(t) = [k_1 \sin(t) + k_2 \cos(t)] e^{2t}$$

For: 
$$y'' - 3y' - 4y = 3 t^2 e^{2t}$$

guess: 
$$y_p(t) = (k_0 + k_1 t + k_2 t^2) e^{2t}$$

For: 
$$y'' - 3y' - 4y = 3 t \sin(t)$$

guess: 
$$y_p(t) = (1 + k_1 t) (k_2 \sin(t) + k_3 \cos(t))$$