

Summary of sections 3.1, 3, 4: Solve linear homogeneous 2nd order DE with constant coefficients.

Solve $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$. Educated guess $y = e^{rt}$, then

$$ar^2e^{rt} + bre^{rt} + ce^{rt} = 0 \text{ implies } ar^2 + br + c = 0,$$

Suppose $r = r_1, r_2$ are solutions to $ar^2 + br + c = 0$

$$r_1, r_2 = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

If $r_1 \neq r_2$, then $b^2 - 4ac \neq 0$. Hence a general solution is $y = c_1e^{r_1t} + c_2e^{r_2t}$.

3.1) 2 real solns
If $b^2 - 4ac > 0$, general solution is $y = c_1e^{r_1t} + c_2e^{r_2t}$.

3.3) 2 complex solns
If $b^2 - 4ac < 0$, change format to linear combination of real-valued functions instead of complex valued functions by using Euler's formula.

general solution is $y = c_1e^{dt} \cos(nt) + c_2e^{dt} \sin(nt)$ where $r = d \pm in$

If $b^2 - 4ac = 0$, $r_1 = r_2$, so need 2nd (independent) solution: te^{r_1t}
3.4) 7 repeated root
Hence general solution is $y = c_1e^{r_1t} + c_2te^{r_1t}$.

Initial value problem: use $y(t_0) = y_0, y'(t_0) = y'_0$ to solve for c_1, c_2 to find unique solution.

First find complete sol'n to entire problem

Examples:

Ex 1: Solve $y'' - 3y' - 4y = 0, y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 2$.

If $y = e^{rt}$, then $y' = re^{rt}$ and $y'' = r^2e^{rt}$

$$r^2e^{rt} - 3re^{rt} - 4e^{rt} = 0$$

$r^2 - 3r - 4 = 0$ implies $(r-4)(r+1) = 0$. Thus $r = 4, -1$

Hence general solution is $y = c_1e^{4t} + c_2e^{-t}$

Solution to IVP:

Need to solve for 2 unknowns, c_1 & c_2 ; thus need 2 eqns:

$$y = c_1e^{4t} + c_2e^{-t}, \quad y(0) = 1 \text{ implies } 1 = c_1 + c_2$$

$$y' = 4c_1e^{4t} - c_2e^{-t}, \quad y'(0) = 2 \text{ implies } 2 = 4c_1 - c_2$$

Thus $3 = 5c_1$ & hence $c_1 = \frac{3}{5}$ and $c_2 = 1 - c_1 = 1 - \frac{3}{5} = \frac{2}{5}$

Thus IVP soln: $y = \frac{3}{5}e^{4t} + \frac{2}{5}e^{-t}$

Ex 2: Solve $y'' - 3y' + 4y = 0$.

$y = e^{rt}$ implies $r^2 - 3r + 4 = 0$ and hence

$$r = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{(-3)^2 - 4(1)(4)}}{2} = \frac{3}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{9-16}}{2} = \frac{3}{2} \pm i\frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}$$

Hence general sol'n is $y = c_1e^{\frac{3}{2}t} \cos(\frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}t) + c_2e^{\frac{3}{2}t} \sin(\frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}t)$

Ex 3: $y'' - 6y' + 9y = 0$ implies $r^2 - 6r + 9 = (r-3)^2 = 0$

Repeated root, $r = 3$ implies

general solution is $y = c_1e^{3t} + c_2te^{3t}$

Back to our classes

Compare to solving linear homogeneous differential eqn:

Ex: $ay'' + by' + cy = g(t)$

For ch 3 & 4 Step 1

Step 1.) Easily solve homogeneous DE: $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$
 $y = e^{rt} \Rightarrow ar^2 + br + c = 0 \Rightarrow y = c_1\phi_1 + c_2\phi_2$ for homogeneous solution (see sections 3.1, 3.3, 3.4).

Step 2.) More work: Find one solution to $ay'' + by' + cy = g(t)$ (see sections 3.5, 3.6) Step 2 for non homog

If $y = \psi(t)$ is a soln, then general soln to $ay'' + by' + cy = g(t)$ is

$$y = (c_1\phi_1 + c_2\phi_2) + \psi$$

Check: $a\phi_1'' + b\phi_1' + c\phi_1 = 0$

$$a\phi_2'' + b\phi_2' + c\phi_2 = 0$$

$$a\psi'' + b\psi' + c\psi = g(t)$$

To solve $ay'' + by' + cy = g_1(t) + g_2(t)$ ✓

1.) Solve $ay'' + by' + cy = 0 \Rightarrow y = c_1\phi_1 + c_2\phi_2$ for homogeneous solution.

2a.) Solve $ay'' + by' + cy = g_1(t) \Rightarrow y = \psi_1$

2b.) Solve $ay'' + by' + cy = g_2(t) \Rightarrow y = \psi_2$

Divide problem into simpler parts

General solution to $ay'' + by' + cy = g_1(t) + g_2(t)$ is

$$y = c_1\phi_1 + c_2\phi_2 + \psi_1 + \psi_2 + g_1(t) + g_2(t)$$

IVP plug in initial values to find c_1 & c_2

to final 4 general soln

If plug into LHS \Rightarrow RHS

Monday's chalk board example

3.5: Solving 2nd order linear non-homogeneous DE using method of undetermined coefficients.

Example: Solve $y'' + 4y = 12t + 8\sin(2t)$.

Step 1: Solve homogeneous system, $y'' + 4y = 0$

$$r^2 + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow r^2 = -4 \Rightarrow r = \pm\sqrt{-4} = 0 \pm 2i$$

Hence homogeneous soln is $y = c_1 \cos(2t) + c_2 \sin(2t)$

Step 2a: Find one solution to $y'' + 4y = 12t$

Possible guess: $y = At + B$. Then $y' = A$ and $y'' = 0$.

$$\text{Plug in: } 0 + 4(At + B) = 12t \Rightarrow 4At + 4B = 12t + 0$$

$$\text{Thus } 4A = 12 \text{ and } 4B = 0 \Rightarrow A = 3 \text{ and } B = 0$$

Thus $y = 3t$ is a solution to $y'' + 4y = 12t$.

Simpler guess: since there is no y' term, we didn't need the B term in our guess. We could have guessed $y = At$ instead for this particular problem (and other analogous problems). If you make similar observations when you do your HW, you can save time when you do comparable problems.

Step 2b: Find one solution to $y'' + 4y = 8\sin(2t)$

Incorrect guess: $y = A\sin(2t)$. Then $y' = 2A\cos(2t)$ and $y'' = -4A\sin(2t)$.

Note: since no y' term, did not include a $B\cos(2t)$ term in guess.

$y = A\sin(2t)$ is homog soln

Plug in: $-4A\sin(2t) + 4A\sin(2t) = 8\sin(2t)$.

Thus $0 = 8\sin(2t)$.

Thus equation has no solution for A . Hence guess is wrong.

Note this guess is wrong because $y = \sin(2t)$ is a homogeneous solution. This is why we always solve homogeneous equations first. If a function is a solution to a homogeneous equation, then no constant multiple of that function can be a solution to a non-homogeneous solution since it is a homogeneous solution.

If your normal guess is a homogeneous solution:

Multiply it by t

until it is no longer a homogeneous solution.

Incorrect guess: $y = A\sin(2t)$.

Then $y' = A\sin(2t) + 2A\cos(2t)$ and

$$\begin{aligned}y'' &= 2A\cos(2t) + 2A\cos(2t) - 4A\sin(2t) \\ &= 4A\cos(2t) - 4A\sin(2t).\end{aligned}$$

Plug into $y'' + 4y = 8\sin(2t)$:

$$4A\cos(2t) - 4A\sin(2t) + 4A\sin(2t) = 8\sin(2t)$$

But this equation has no solution for A . Note we need to add a cosine term to our guess so that we can cancel out the cosine term on LHS:

Better guess: $y = t[A\sin(2t) + B\cos(2t)]$.

Best guess: $y = B\cos(2t)$

Then $y' = B\cos(2t) - 2B\sin(2t)$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{and } y'' &= -2B\sin(2t) - 2B\sin(2t) - 4B\cos(2t) \\ &= -4B\sin(2t) - 4B\cos(2t)\end{aligned}$$

Plug into $y'' + 4y = 8\sin(2t)$

$$-4B\sin(2t) - 4B\cos(2t) + 4B\cos(2t) = 8\sin(2t)$$

$$-4B\sin(2t) = 8\sin(2t) \Rightarrow -4B = 8 \Rightarrow B = -2$$

Thus $y = -2t\cos(2t)$ is a solution to

$$y'' + 4y = 8\sin(2t)$$

Note: Guessing wrong is NOT a big deal. You can use your wrong guess to determine a correct guess (though guessing right the first time will save you time).

Recall you are looking for ONE solution to your NON-homogeneous equation.

- If you find an infinite number of solns, choose one.
 - If your guess gives you one solution, use it.
 - If your guess leads to no solutions, than make a different (improved) educated guess.
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To find general solution to non-homogeneous LINEAR differential equation: combine all solutions

plug into LHS

$$y = c_1\cos(2t) + c_2\sin(2t) + 3t - 2t\cos(2t)$$

RHS = $0 + 12t + 8\sin(2t)$

Diagram description: The equation above shows the general solution. A blue bracket underlines the homogeneous part $c_1\cos(2t) + c_2\sin(2t)$, with an arrow pointing down to a blue '0' in the RHS. A red bracket underlines the particular solution $3t - 2t\cos(2t)$, with an arrow pointing down to a red $12t$ in the RHS. A blue bracket underlines the $8\sin(2t)$ term in the RHS.

Guess a possible non-homog soln for the following DEs:

Step 1 Note homogeneous solution to $y'' - 4y' - 5y = 0$ is $y = c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 e^{5t}$ since $r^2 - 4r - 5 = (r - 5)(r + 1) = 0$

1.) $y'' - 4y' - 5y = 4e^{2t}$

Guess: $y = Ae^{2t}$

2.) $y'' - 4y' - 5y = t^2 - 2t + 1$

Same for $y'' - 4y' - 5y = t^2$

Guess: $y = At^2 + Bt + C$

3.) $y'' - 4y' - 5y = 4\sin(3t)$

Same guess
Guess: $y = A\cos(3t) + B\sin(3t)$

If have degree 2 polynomial \Rightarrow guess is degree 2 polynomial for this problem

4.) $y'' - 4y' - 5y = 4\sin(3t) + 5\cos(3t)$

Guess: $y = A\sin(3t) + B\cos(3t)$

5.) $y'' - 4y' - 5y = 4e^{-t}$

Note need t since $y = e^{-t}$ is a homog soln

Guess: $y = Ate^{-t}$

6.) $y'' - 4y' - 5y = e^t + e^{-t} + 2t^3 + 3t^2 + 4\sin(3t) + 5\cos(3t)$

Guess: $y = (A_1 e^t) + (A_2 t e^{-t}) + (A_3 t^3 + B_3 t^2 + C_3 t + D_3) + (A_4 \sin(3t) + B_4 \cos(3t))$

7.) $y'' - 4y' - 5y = e^t + e^{-t} + 2t^3 + 3t^2 + 4\sin(3t) + 5\cos(t)$

Guess: $y = (Ae^t) + (Be^{-t}t) + (Ct^3 + Dt^2 + Et + F) + (A\sin 3t + B\cos(3t)) + (A\sin t + B\cos t)$

$$8.) y'' - 4y' - 5y = 4(t^2 - 2t - 1)e^{2t}$$

Guess: $y = (At^2 + Bt + C) \cdot e^{2t}$

Note homogeneous solution to $y'' - 6y' + 9y = 0$ is $y = c_1 e^{3t} + c_2 t e^{3t}$ (since $r^2 - 6r + 9 = (r-3)(r-3) = 0$ is repeated root)

$$9.) y'' - 6y' + 9y = 7e^{3t}$$

Guess: $y = A t e^{3t}$ ← since $y = e^{3t}$ & $y = t e^{3t}$ are homog solns

$$10.) y'' - 6y' + 9y = 7e^{-3t}$$

Guess: $y = A e^{-3t}$

Some special cases:

$$11.) y'' - 5y = 4 \sin(3t)$$

plus in 1 term
no y term
⇒ no cosine term

no y' term

Best Guess: $y = A \sin(3t) + B \cos(3t)$

$$12.) y'' - 4y' = t^2 - 2t + 1$$

Guess: $y = A t^3 + B t^2 + C t + D$

no y-term
⇒ need t^3 term to get y^2 term out

any D will work so take D=0 so don't need t

Thm: Suppose $c_1\phi_1(t) + c_2\phi_2(t)$ is a general solution to $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$,

If ψ is a solution to

nonhom $ay'' + by' + cy = g(t)$ [*],

Then $\psi + c_1\phi_1(t) + c_2\phi_2(t)$ is also a solution to [*].

Moreover if γ is also a solution to [*], then there exist constants c_1, c_2 such that

nonhom $\gamma = \psi + c_1\phi_1(t) + c_2\phi_2(t)$

Or in other words, $\psi + c_1\phi_1(t) + c_2\phi_2(t)$ is a general solution to [*].

Proof:

Define $L(f) = af'' + bf' + cf$.

Recall L is a linear function.

Let $h = c_1\phi_1(t) + c_2\phi_2(t)$. Since h is a solution to the differential equation, $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$,

homog sol $ah'' + bh' + ch = 0$

Since ψ is a solution to $ay'' + by' + cy = g(t)$,

$a\psi'' + b\psi' + c\psi = g$

We will now show that $\psi + (c_1\phi_1(t) + c_2\phi_2(t)) = \psi + h$ is also a solution to [*].

$$a(\psi+h)'' + b(\psi+h)' + c(\psi+h)$$

$$(a\psi'' + b\psi' + c\psi) + (ah'' + bh' + ch) = g + 0 = g$$

Since γ a solution to $ay'' + by' + cy = g(t)$,

$$a\gamma'' + b\gamma' + c\gamma = g$$

$$a\psi'' + b\psi' + c\psi = g$$

We will first show that $\gamma - \psi$ is a solution to the differential equation $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$.

$$a(\gamma - \psi)'' + b(\gamma - \psi)' + c(\gamma - \psi) = g - g = 0$$

Since $\gamma - \psi$ is a solution to $ay'' + by' + cy = \underline{0}$ and

$c_1\phi_1(t) + c_2\phi_2(t)$ is a general solution to $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$,

there exist constants c_1, c_2 such that

$$\gamma - \psi = \frac{\underbrace{c_1\phi_1 + c_2\phi_2}_{\text{homog}}}{\underbrace{1}_{\text{nonhom}}}$$

Thus $\gamma = \psi + c_1\phi_1(t) + c_2\phi_2(t)$.

$$11.) y'' - 4y' - 5y = 4\sin(3t) + 5\cos(3t)$$

$$12.) y'' - 4y' - 5y = 4e^{-t}$$

To solve $ay'' + by' + cy = g_1(t) + g_2(t) + \dots g_n(t)$ [**]

Step 1.) Find the general solution to $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$:
 solve homog $c_1\phi_1 + c_2\phi_2$

2.) For each g_i , find a solution to $ay'' + by' + cy = g_i$:
 ψ_i

This includes plugging guessed solution ψ_i into $ay'' + by' + cy = g_i$.

The general solution to [**] is

$$c_1\phi_1 + c_2\phi_2 + \psi_1 + \psi_2 + \dots \psi_n$$

3.) If initial value problem:

$$g_1 + g_2 + g_2$$

Once general solution is known, can solve initial value problem (i.e., use initial conditions to find c_1, c_2).

can break up to simpler problems