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Thm: Suppose  $c_1\phi_1(t) + c_2\phi_2(t)$  is a general solution to

$$ay'' + by' + cy = 0 \quad \text{homog}$$

If  $\psi$  is a solution to

$$ay'' + by' + cy = g(t) \quad [\star],$$

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

Moreover if  $\gamma$  is also a solution to  $[\star]$ , then there exist constants  $c_1, c_2$  such that

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

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

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  $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$ ,

$$L(h) = 0$$

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

$$L(\psi) = g(t)$$

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

~~$$L(h + \psi) = L(h) + L(\psi) = 0 + g = g$$~~

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

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

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

Solve  $y'' - 4y' - 5y = 4\sin(3t)$ ,  $y(0) = 6$ ,  $y'(0) = 7$ .

1.) Find the general solution to  $y'' - 4y' - 5y = 0$ :

Guess  $y = e^{rt}$  for HOMOGENEOUS equation:

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

$$y'' - 4y' - 5y = 0$$

$$r^2e^{rt} - 4re^{rt} - 5e^{rt} = 0$$

$$e^{rt}(r^2 - 4r - 5) = 0$$

$e^{rt} \neq 0$ , thus can divide both sides by  $e^{rt}$ :

$$r^2 - 4r - 5 = 0$$

$$(r+1)(r-5) = 0. \text{ Thus } r = -1, 5.$$

Thus  $y = e^{-t}$  and  $y = e^{5t}$  are both solutions to HOMOGENEOUS equation.

Thus the general solution to the 2nd order linear HOMOGENEOUS equation is

$$y = c_1e^{-t} + c_2e^{5t}$$

Thus  $y = (-\frac{14}{85})\sin(3t) + \frac{12}{85}\cos(3t)$  is one solution to the non-homogeneous equation.

Thus the general solution to the 2nd order linear nonhomogeneous equation is

$$y = c_1e^{-t} + c_2e^{5t} - (\frac{14}{85})\sin(3t) + \frac{12}{85}\cos(3t)$$

A general solution

3.) If initial value problem:

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

NOTE: you must know the GENERAL solution to the ODE BEFORE you can solve for the initial values. The homogeneous solution and the one nonhomogeneous solution found in steps 1 and 2 above do NOT need to satisfy the initial values.

Solve  $y'' - 4y' - 5y = 4\sin(3t)$ ,  $y(0) = 6$ ,  $y'(0) = 7$ .

General solution:  $y = c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 e^{5t} - \left(\frac{14}{85}\right)\sin(3t) + \frac{12}{85}\cos(3t)$

Thus  $y' = -c_1 e^{-t} + 5c_2 e^{5t} - \left(\frac{42}{85}\right)\cos(3t) - \left(\frac{36}{85}\right)\sin(3t)$ .

$$y(0) = 6: \quad 6 = c_1 + c_2 + \frac{12}{85} \quad \boxed{\frac{498}{85} = c_1 + c_2}$$

$$y'(0) = 7: \quad 7 = -c_1 + 5c_2 - \frac{42}{85} \quad \boxed{\frac{637}{85} = -c_1 + 5c_2}$$

$$6c_2 = \frac{498+637}{85} = \frac{1135}{85} = \frac{227}{17}. \text{ Thus } c_2 = \frac{227}{102}.$$

$$c_1 = \frac{498}{85} - c_2 = \frac{498}{85} - \frac{227}{102} = \frac{2988-1135}{510} = \frac{1853}{510} = \frac{109}{30}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Thus } y = \left(\frac{109}{30}\right)e^{-t} + \left(\frac{227}{102}\right)e^{5t} - \left(\frac{14}{85}\right)\sin(3t) + \frac{12}{85}\cos(3t).} \quad \text{→ 2 soln}$$

Partial Check:  $y(0) = \left(\frac{109}{30}\right) + \left(\frac{227}{102}\right) + \frac{12}{85} = 6$ .

$$y'(0) = -\frac{109}{30} + 5\left(\frac{227}{102}\right) - \frac{42}{85} = 7.$$

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

$$\gamma - \psi = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$$

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

Thm:

Suppose  $f_1$  is a solution to  $ay'' + by' + cy = g_1(t)$  and  $f_2$  is a solution to  $ay'' + by' + cy = g_2(t)$ , then  $f_1 + f_2$  is a solution to  $ay'' + by' + cy = g_1(t) + g_2(t)$

Proof:

Since  $f_1$  is a solution to  $ay'' + by' + cy = g_1(t)$ ,

Since  $f_2$  is a solution to  $ay'' + by' + cy = g_2(t)$ ,

We will now show that  $f_1 + f_2$  is a solution to  $ay'' + by' + cy = g_1(t) + g_2(t)$ .

Sidenote: The proofs above work even if  $a, b, c$  are functions of  $t$  instead of constants.

Examples:

Find a suitable form for  $\psi$  for the following differential equations: ~~homog soln~~  $y = c e^{\sqrt{c}t}, y = e^{\sqrt{c}t}$

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

$$y = A e^{-2t}$$

$$2.) y'' - 4y' - 5y = 4\sin(3t)$$

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

$$3.) y'' - 4y' - 5y = t^2 - 2t + 1$$

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

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

$$r^2 - 5 = 0 \\ r^2 = \pm \sqrt{5} \\ r = \pm \sqrt[4]{5}$$

Thus if guess won't work  
since it is a homog. soln.  
 $\Rightarrow$  multiply guess by  $t$

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

$$y = At^3 + Bt^2 + Ct$$

$$6.) y'' - 4y' - 5y = 4(t^2 - 2t - 1)e^{2t}$$

$$y = (At^2 + Bt + C)(e^{2t})$$

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

$$y = (Asin(3t) + Bcos(3t))(e^{2t})$$

$$8.) y'' - 4y' - 5y = 4(t^2 - 2t - 1)\sin(3t)e^{2t}$$

$$y = (At^2 + Bt + C)(Dsin(3t) + Ecos(3t))(e^{2t})$$

$$9.) y'' - 4y' - 5y = 4\sin(3t) + 4\sin(3t)e^{2t}$$

$$y = [Asin(3t) + Bcos(3t)] + [(Csin(3t) + Dcos(3t))e^{2t}]$$

$$10.) y'' - 4y' - 5y = 4\sin(3t)e^{2t} + 4(t^2 - 2t - 1)e^{2t}(t^2 - 2t - 1)$$

$$y = [(Asin(3t) + Bcos(3t))e^{2t}] + [(At^2 + Bt + C)e^{2t}]$$

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

$$y = Asin(3t) + Bcos(3t)$$

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

$$y = te^{-t}$$

To solve  $ay'' + by' + cy = g_1(t) + g_2(t) + \dots + g_n(t)$  [\*\*]  
1.) Find the general solution to  $ay'' + by' + cy = 0:$

$$c_1\phi_1 + c_2\phi_2$$

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

This includes plugging guessed solution into  
 $ay'' + by' + cy = g_i$  to find constant(s).

The general solution to [\*\*] is

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

3.) If initial value problem:

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

$$+ Ft^2 + Gt + H$$