

- Non-homogeneous ODE with constant coefficients.
- Method of undetermined coefficients.

**Theory:**

Non-homogeneous ODE with constant coefficients:

$$a_n y^{(n)} + a_{n-1} y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_1 y' + a_0 y = f(x)$$

One way to solve this type of ODE is method of undetermined coefficient.

1. We solve the homogeneous ODE (  $f(x) = 0$  ); we call the solution  $y_h$ .
2. We then find a particular solution of the non-homogeneous case  $y_p$ .
3. The solution of non-homogeneous ODE is  $y = y_h + y_p$

To find  $y_p$ , we focus on  $f(x)$ . We have six cases:

1.  $f(x)$  is a polynomial.

$f(x)$	$y_p$
$5x - 7$	$Ax + B$
$6x^2 + 5x - 7$	$Ax^2 + Bx + C$
$x^3 - 1$	$Ax^3 + Bx^2 + Cx + D$

2.  $f(x)$  is trigonometric.

$f(x)$	$y_p$
$\sin 3x$	$A \sin 3x + B \cos 3x$
$\cos 6x$	$A \sin 6x + B \cos 6x$

3.  $f(x)$  is exponential.

$f(x)$	$y_p$
$e^{7x}$	$Ae^{7x}$
$e^{-3x}$	$Ae^{-3x}$

4.  $f(x)$  is multiplication of polynomial and exponential.

$f(x)$	$y_p$
$(3x - 8)e^{4x}$	$(Ax + B)e^{4x}$
$(x^2)e^{3x}$	$(Ax^2 + Bx + C)e^{3x}$

5.  $f(x)$  is multiplication of trigonometric and exponential.

$f(x)$	$y_p$
$e^{5x} \sin 7x$	$(A \sin 7x + B \cos 7x)e^{5x}$

6.  $f(x)$  is multiplication of trigonometric polynomial.

$f(x)$	$y_p$
$3x^2 \sin 5x$	$(Ax^2 + Bx + C) \sin 5x + (Ax^2 + Bx + C) \cos 5x$

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**Solve the following:**

Example 1:

$$y'' - 5y' + 6y = x^2 - x + 1$$

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$$y'' - 5y' + 6y = 0$$

$$\text{Characteristic equation: } \lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 6 = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 3) = 0$$

$$\lambda = 2, 3$$

$$y_1 = e^{2x} \text{ and } y_2 = e^{3x}; y_h = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{3x}$$

$$\text{Let } y_p = Ax^2 + Bx + C$$

$$y_p' = 2Ax + B$$

$$y_p'' = 2A$$

Substituting values of  $y_p, y_p', y_p''$  in the given ODE

$$2A - 5(2Ax + B) + 6(Ax^2 + Bx + C) = x^2 - x + 1$$

$$(6A)x^2 - (10A - 6B)x + (2A - 5B + 6C) = x^2 - x + 1$$

$$6A = 1$$

$$10A - 6B = 1$$

$$2A - 5B + 6C = 1$$

$$A = \frac{1}{6}; B = \frac{1}{9}; C = \frac{11}{54}$$

$$y_p = \frac{1}{6}x^2 + \frac{1}{9}x + \frac{11}{54}$$

$$y = y_h + y_p$$

$$y = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{3x} + \frac{1}{6}x^2 + \frac{1}{9}x + \frac{11}{54}$$

Example 2:

$$y'' + y' - 6y = e^x + \sin 3x$$

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$$y'' + y' - 6y = 0$$

$$\text{Characteristic equation: } \lambda^2 + \lambda - 6 = 0$$

$$(\lambda + 3)(\lambda - 2) = 0$$

$$\lambda = 2, -3$$

$$y_1 = e^{2x} \text{ and } y_2 = e^{-3x}; y_h = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{-3x}$$

$$\text{Let } y_p = Ae^x + B \sin 3x + C \cos 3x$$

$$y_p' = Ae^x + 3B \cos 3x - 3C \sin 3x$$

$$y_p'' = Ae^x - 9B \sin 3x - 9C \cos 3x$$

Substituting values of  $y_p, y_p', y_p''$  in the given ODE

$$Ae^x - 9B \sin 3x - 9C \cos 3x + Ae^x + 3B \cos 3x - 3C \sin 3x - 6(Ae^x + B \sin 3x + C \cos 3x) = e^x + \sin 3x$$

$$(A + A - 6A)e^x + (-9B - 3C - 6B) \sin 3x + (-9C + 3B - 6C) \cos 3x = e^x + \sin 3x + 0 \cdot \cos 3x$$

$$-4A = 1$$

$$-15B - 3C = 1$$

$$-15C + 3B = 1$$

$$A = -\frac{1}{4}; B = -\frac{5}{78}; C = -\frac{1}{78}$$

$$y_p = -\frac{1}{4}e^x - \frac{5}{78}\sin 3x - \frac{1}{78}\cos 3x$$

$$y = y_h + y_p$$

$$y = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{-3x} - \frac{1}{4}e^x - \frac{5}{78}\sin 3x - \frac{1}{78}\cos 3x$$

This method fails for some problems.

If there is any duplication between homogeneous solution  $y_h$  and your choice of  $y_p$  then this method fails.

To fix this issue instead of  $y_p$  we should consider  $x \cdot y_p$ . Now if  $x \cdot y_p$  and  $y_h$  have any duplication then we should consider  $x^2 \cdot y_p$ . So  $x \cdot y_p, x^2 \cdot y_p, \dots$  continued till there's no duplication.

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**Solve the following:**

Example 1:

$$y'' - 2y' - 8y = e^{-2x}$$

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$$y'' - 2y' - 8y = 0$$

$$\text{Characteristic equation: } \lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 6 = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 4)(\lambda + 2) = 0$$

$$\lambda = 4, -2$$

$$y_1 = e^{4x} \text{ and } y_2 = e^{-2x}; y_h = c_1 e^{4x} + c_2 e^{-2x}$$

$$\text{Let } y_p = Ae^{-2x}$$

Now we can see that there is a duplication between homogeneous solution  $y_h$  and your choice of  $y_p$

$$c_2 e^{-2x} \text{ and } Ae^{-2x}$$

$$\therefore y_p = Axe^{-2x}$$

$$y_p' = Ae^{-2x} - 2Axe^{-2x}$$

$$y_p'' = -4Ae^{-2x} + 4Axe^{-2x}$$

Substituting values of  $y_p, y_p', y_p''$  in the given ODE

$$y'' - 2y' - 8y = e^{-2x}$$

$$-4Ae^{-2x} + 4Axe^{-2x} - 2(Ae^{-2x} - 2Axe^{-2x}) - 8(Axe^{-2x}) = e^{-2x}$$

$$(-4A - 2A)e^{-2x} + (4A + 4A - 8A)xe^{-2x} = e^{-2x}$$

$$A = -\frac{1}{6}$$

$$y_p = -\frac{1}{6}xe^{-2x}$$

$$y = y_h + y_p$$

$$y = c_1e^{4x} + c_2e^{-2x} - \frac{1}{6}xe^{-2x}$$

Example 2:

$$y^{(4)} - y'' = 3x^2 - \sin 2x$$

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$$y^{(4)} - y'' = 0$$

$$\text{Characteristic equation: } \lambda^4 - \lambda^2 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2(\lambda - 1)(\lambda + 1) = 0$$

$$\lambda = 0, 0, 1, -1$$

$$y_1 = c_1, y_2 = c_2x, y_3 = e^x \text{ and } y_4 = e^{-x}; y_h = c_1 + c_2x + c_3e^x + c_4e^{-x}$$

$$\text{Let } y_p = Ax^2 + Bx + C + D \sin 2x + E \cos 2x$$

Now we can see that there is a duplication between homogeneous solution  $y_h$  and your choice of  $y_p$

$$c_1 + c_2x \text{ and } Bx + C$$

$$\therefore y_p = x(Ax^2 + Bx + C) + D \sin 2x + E \cos 2x$$

$$\therefore y_p = (Ax^3 + Bx^2 + Cx) + D \sin 2x + E \cos 2x$$

We can still see that there is a duplication between homogeneous solution  $y_h$  and your choice of  $y_p$

$$c_2x \text{ and } Cx$$

$$\therefore y_p = x^2(Ax^2 + Bx + C) + D \sin 2x + E \cos 2x$$

$$\therefore y_p = Ax^4 + Bx^3 + Cx^2 + D \sin 2x + E \cos 2x$$

$$y_p' = 4Ax^3 + 3Bx^2 + 2Cx + 2D \cos 2x - 2E \sin 2x$$

$$y_p'' = 12Ax^2 + 6Bx + 2C - 4D \sin 2x - 4E \cos 2x$$

$$y_p''' = 24Ax + 6B - 8D \cos 2x + 8E \sin 2x$$

$$y_p^{(4)} = 24A + 16D \sin 2x + 16E \cos 2x$$

Substituting values of  $y_p^{(4)}, y_p''$  in the given ODE

$$y^{(4)} - y'' = 3x^2 - \sin 2x$$

$$24A + 16D \sin 2x + 16E \cos 2x - 12Ax^2 - 6Bx - 2C + 4D \sin 2x + 4E \cos 2x = 3x^2 - \sin 2x$$

$$(-12A)x^2 + (-6B)x + (24A - 2C) - (-16D - 4D)\sin 2x + (16E - 4E)\cos 2x = 3x^2 + 0(x) + 0 - \sin 2x + 0 \cos x$$

$$-12A = 3$$

$$-6B = 0$$

$$24A - 2C = 0$$

$$-16D - 4D = 1$$

$$16E - 4E = 0$$

$$A = -\frac{1}{4}; B = 0; C = -3; D = -\frac{1}{20}; E = 0$$

$$\therefore y_p = -\frac{1}{4}x^4 - 3x^2 - \frac{1}{20}\sin 2x$$

$$y = y_h + y_p$$

$$y = c_1 + c_2x + c_3e^x + c_4e^{-x} + -\frac{1}{4}x^4 - 3x^2 - \frac{1}{20}\sin 2x$$