

Differential Equations

Solving Non-Homogeneous Second-Order Linear Differential Equations

Given:
The differential equation to solve is:

$$[y'' + 3y' - 10y = te^t \cos(t)]$$

Step 1: Introduction and Homogeneous Solution

The solution process involves finding the general solution of the non-homogeneous differential equation, which consists of a homogeneous solution (complementary function) and a particular solution.

First, solve the homogeneous differential equation:

$$[y'' + 3y' - 10y = 0]$$

Step 2: Characteristic Equation

To solve the homogeneous part, form the characteristic equation:

$$[r^2 + 3r - 10 = 0]$$

Step 3: Solve the Characteristic Equation

Use the quadratic formula to find the roots:

$$[r = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}]$$

where $a = 1$, $b = 3$, and $c = -10$.

$$[r = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{3^2 - 4(1)(-10)}}{2(1)}] \quad [r = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{9 + 40}}{2}] \quad [r = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{49}}{2}] \quad [r = \frac{-3 \pm 7}{2}]$$

Step 4: Determine the Roots

$$[r_1 = \frac{-3 + 7}{2} = 2] \quad [r_2 = \frac{-3 - 7}{2} = -5]$$

Step 5: Write the Homogeneous Solution

The homogeneous solution y_h is a combination of the solutions corresponding to the roots:

$$[y_h = C_1 e^{2t} + C_2 e^{-5t}]$$

Step 6: Find the Particular Solution

Given the differential equation:

$$[y'' + 3y' - 10y = te^t \cos(t)]$$

Use the method of undetermined coefficients. Assume a solution of the form:

$$[y_p = t (A e^t \cos(t) + B e^t \sin(t))]$$

Step 7: Differentiate the Assumed Particular Solution

Calculate the first derivative y_p' :

$$\begin{aligned} y_p' &= A e^t \cos(t) + B e^t \sin(t) + t e^t (A (\cos(t) - \sin(t)) + B (\sin(t) + \cos(t))) \\ y_p' &= e^t [(A+B)t \cos(t) + (A-B)t \sin(t) + (A \cos(t) + B \sin(t))] \end{aligned}$$

Calculate the second derivative y_p'' :

$$\begin{aligned} y_p'' &= e^t [(A+B)t (\cos(t) - \sin(t)) + (A-B)t (\sin(t) + \cos(t)) + 2(A \cos(t) + B \sin(t)) + (A \cos(t) - A \sin(t) + B \sin(t) + B \cos(t))] \\ y_p'' &= e^t [(A+B)t \cos(t) + (A+B)t \sin(t) + (A-B)t \sin(t) + (A-B)t \cos(t)] \end{aligned}$$

Step 8: Substitute into the Original Equation

Substitute y_p , y_p' , and y_p'' into the original differential equation and simplify to find A and B .

Equate the coefficients of $e^t \cos(t)$ and $e^t \sin(t)$ to solve for A and B .

Step 9: Form the Particular Solution

After finding A and B , write the particular solution y_p :

$$y_p = t (A e^t \cos(t) + B e^t \sin(t))$$

Step 10: General Solution

Combine the homogeneous and particular solutions to get the general solution:

$$y = y_h + y_p \quad y = C_1 e^{2t} + C_2 e^{-5t} + t (A e^t \cos(t) + B e^t \sin(t))$$

Final Solution

The general solution of the differential equation:

$$y'' + 3y' - 10y = te^t \cos(t)$$

is:

$$y = C_1 e^{2t} + C_2 e^{-5t} + t (A e^t \cos(t) + B e^t \sin(t))$$

This completes the general solution.

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