

## The non-homogeneous equation of order n

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Consider the  $n$ th order LDE with constant coefficients

$$L(y) \equiv y^{(n)} + a_1 y^{(n-1)} + a_2 y^{(n-2)} + \dots + a_{n-1} y' + a_n y = b(x),$$

$\longrightarrow \textcircled{1}$

where  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  are constants, and  $b(x)$  is continuous on  $I$ .  
If  $\psi_p$  is a particular soln of  $\textcircled{1}$ , then  $\psi$  is any other soln

$$L(\psi - \psi_p) = L(\psi) - L(\psi_p) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow \psi - \psi_p$  is a soln of  $L(y) = 0$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Any soln of  $\textcircled{1}$  can be written as

$$\psi = \psi_p + c_1 \phi_1 + c_2 \phi_2 + \dots + c_n \phi_n.$$

where  $\psi_p$  is a p. soln of  $L(y) = b(x)$ ,  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$  are constants.

### Method of variation of parameters

Theorem (To find a particular soln  $\psi_p$ ).

Let  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n$  are  $n$  l. independent solns of  $L(y) = 0$  on  $I$ . Then every soln  $\psi(x)$  of  $L(y) = b(x)$  can be written as

$$\psi = \psi_p + c_1 \phi_1 + c_2 \phi_2 + \dots + c_n \phi_n.$$

where  $\psi_p$  is a p. soln of  $L(y) = b(x)$ .

A particular soln  $\psi_p$  can be obtained by the following formula:

$$\psi_p(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n \phi_k(x) u_k(x),$$

where

$$u_k(x) = \int_{x_0}^x \frac{W_k(t) b(t)}{W(\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n)(t)} dt, \quad x_0 \in I.$$

with

$$W_k(t) = \begin{vmatrix} \phi_1(t) & \phi_2(t) & \dots & \phi_{k-1}(t) & 0 & \phi_{k+1}(t) & \dots & \phi_n(t) \\ \phi_1'(t) & \phi_2'(t) & \dots & \phi_{k-1}'(t) & 0 & \phi_{k+1}'(t) & \dots & \phi_n'(t) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \phi_1^{(n-1)}(t) & \phi_2^{(n-1)}(t) & \dots & \phi_{k-1}^{(n-1)}(t) & 1 & \phi_{k+1}^{(n-1)}(t) & \dots & \phi_n^{(n-1)}(t) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$k=1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Further,  $\psi_p(x_0) = \psi_p'(x_0) = \dots = \psi_p^{(n-1)}(x_0) = 0.$

Example

$$y''' + y'' + y' + y = 1.$$

Soln

The char poly is

$$P(r) = r^3 + r^2 + r + 1$$

The roots are  $i, -i, -1$ .

$$\therefore \phi_1(x) = \cos x, \quad \phi_2(x) = \sin x, \quad \phi_3(x) = e^{-x}$$

are 2 independent solns of  $L(y)=0$ ,

$$W(\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3)(x) = \begin{vmatrix} \cos x & \sin x & e^{-x} \\ -\sin x & \cos x & -e^{-x} \\ -\cos x & -\sin x & e^{-x} \end{vmatrix}$$

(W.K.T  $W(\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3)(x) = e^{-x} W(\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3)(0) \quad (\because a_1=1)$ )

$$= e^{-x} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 2e^{-x}$$

$x_0=0$

$$u_1(x) = \oint_x = \int_0^x \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & \sin t & e^{-t} \\ 0 & \cos t & -e^{-t} \\ 1 & -\sin t & e^{-t} \end{vmatrix}}{2e^{-t}} \cdot 1 \cdot dt$$

$$= \int_0^x \frac{1}{2} e^t (-e^{-t} \sin t - \cos t e^{-t}) dt$$

$$= \int_0^x -\frac{1}{2} (\cos t + \sin t) dt = -\frac{1}{2} (\sin t - \cos t) \Big|_0^x$$
$$= -\frac{1}{2} [\sin x - \cos x + 1]$$

$$u_2(x) = \frac{1}{2} (\sin x + \cos x) - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$u_3(x) = \frac{1}{2} e^x - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore \psi_p(x) = \phi_1(x)u_1(x) + \phi_2(x)u_2(x) + \phi_3(x)u_3(x)$$

$$= \cos x \left( -\frac{1}{2} \sin x + \frac{1}{2} \cos x - \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$+ \sin x \left( \frac{1}{2} \sin x + \frac{1}{2} \cos x - \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$+ e^x \left( \frac{1}{2} e^x - \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\cos^2 x) - \frac{1}{2} \cos x + \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 x - \frac{1}{2} \sin x$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} e^{2x} - \frac{1}{2} e^x$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cos x - \frac{1}{2} \sin x - \frac{1}{2} e^x + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{2} (\cos x + \sin x + e^x)$$

$\therefore$  The g. soln is

$$\phi(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{2} (\cos x + \sin x + e^x)$$

$$+ \tilde{C}_1 \cos x + \tilde{C}_2 \sin x + \tilde{C}_3 e^x$$

$$= 1 + C_1 \cos x + C_2 \sin x + C_3 e^x$$

$$u_2(x) = \int_0^x \frac{\begin{vmatrix} \cos x & 0 & e^{-x} \\ -\sin x & 0 & -e^{-x} \\ -\cos x & 1 & e^{-x} \end{vmatrix}}{2e^{-t}} dt$$

$$= - \int_0^x (-e^{-t} \cos t + e^{-t} \sin t) \frac{1}{2e^{-t}} dt$$

$$= - \int_0^x \frac{(\sin t - \cos t)}{2} dt$$

$$= \left. \frac{\cos t + \sin t}{2} \right|_0^x$$

$$= \frac{\cos x + \sin x}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$$

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Theorem. Let  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n$  be  $n$  (~~linearly independent~~) solns of

$$L(y) \equiv y^{(n)} + a_1(x)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_{n-1}(x)y' + a_n(x)y = 0 \text{ on } I.$$

Let  $x_0 \in I$ . Then

$$W(\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n)(x) = e^{-\int_{x_0}^x a_1(t) dt} \cdot W(\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n)(x_0)$$

Corollary

Let  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n$  be  $n$  solns of  $L(y) = 0$  on  $I$  containing  $x_0$ . Then they are l. independent <sub>on I</sub> iff

$$W(\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n)(x_0) \neq 0.$$



Method of undetermined coefficients.

Consider the LODE with const  
 $\hookrightarrow (y) = b(x)$

$b(x) \rightarrow$  linear combination of elementary functions

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It is not applicable when

Example

$$b(x) = \ln x, \frac{1}{x}, \tan x, \sin^{-1} x$$

Assume  
 Suppose that

$b(x) = \begin{cases} p(x) \rightarrow \text{polynomial} \end{cases}$

$$p(x) e^{\alpha x}$$

$$p(x) e^{\alpha x} \sin \beta x$$

$$p(x) e^{\alpha x} \cos \beta x$$

If  $y_p$  is a p. soln, then  
 $y_p = a_0 y^{(n)} + a_1 y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_{n-1} y' + a_n y$

$\Rightarrow$  we may assume that  $y_p$  has the same form as  $b(x)$ .

Solve

$$y'' + 4y' - 2y = 2x^2 - 3x + 6$$

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Soln

The auxiliary eqn  $p(r) = m^2 + 4m - 2$

$$p(r) = 0 \Rightarrow -2 - \sqrt{6}, -2 + \sqrt{6}$$

The C.F. is  $e^{(-2+\sqrt{6})x}, e^{(-2-\sqrt{6})x}$  are fund. soln.

$$y_h(x) = c_1 e^{(-2+\sqrt{6})x} + c_2 e^{(-2-\sqrt{6})x}$$

Let

$$y_p(x) = Ax^2 + Bx + C \rightarrow (1)$$

is the p. soln of (2). Then

$$y_p'(x) = 2Ax + B$$

$$y_p''(x) = 2A$$

$$1. \quad y_p'' + 4y_p' - 2y_p = 2x^2 - 3x + 6$$

$$\Rightarrow 2A + 8Ax + 4B - 2Ax^2 - 2Bx - 2C = 2x^2 - 3x + 6$$

$$\Rightarrow -2Ax^2 + (8A - 2B)x + (2A + 4B - 2C) = 2x^2 - 3x + 6$$

$$\Rightarrow -2A = 2 \Rightarrow \boxed{A = -1}$$

$$8A - 2B = -3 \Rightarrow -8 - 2B = -3$$

$$-2B = 5$$

$$\boxed{B = -\frac{5}{2}}$$

$$2A + 4B - 2C = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow -2 - 10 - 2C = 6$$

$$-2C = 18$$

$$\boxed{C = -9}$$

$$\therefore y_p(x) = -x^2 - \frac{5}{2}x - 9$$

$$y = y_c(x) + y_p(x)$$



Example 2

Find a p.s.  $y'' - y' + y = 2 \sin 3x$ .  $\rightarrow$  ①

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Soln  
Let  $y_p(x) = A \cos 3x + B \sin 3x$  be a p.s. of ①.

$$y_p'(x) = -3A \sin 3x + 3B \cos 3x$$

$$y_p''(x) = -9A \cos 3x - 9B \sin 3x$$

$$\therefore y_p'' - y_p' + y = 2 \sin 3x$$

$$\Rightarrow -9A \cos 3x - 9B \sin 3x + 3A \sin 3x - 3B \cos 3x + A \cos 3x + B \sin 3x = 2 \sin 3x$$

$$\Rightarrow (-8A - 3B) \cos 3x + (3A - 8B) \sin 3x = 2 \sin 3x$$

(w.k.  $\cos 3x, \sin 3x$  are l.i.).  $\therefore$

$$-8A - 3B = 0 \quad \text{and}$$

$$3A - 8B = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{6}{13}, \quad B = -\frac{16}{13}$$

$$\therefore y_p(x) = \frac{\frac{6}{13} \cos 3x - \frac{16}{13} \sin 3x}{1}$$

Ex.

$$y'' - 2y' - 3y = 4x - 5 + \boxed{6xe^{2x}}$$

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Soln

$$p(x) = x^2 - 2x - 3$$

$$\Rightarrow y_c(x) = c_1 e^{-x} + c_2 e^{3x}$$

$$y_p(x) = Ax + B + Cxe^{2x} + Ee^{2x}$$

$$\Rightarrow -3Ax - 2A - 3B - 3Cxe^{2x} + (2C - 3E)e^{2x} = 4x - 5 + 6xe^{2x}$$

$$\Rightarrow -3A = 4$$

$$-2A - 3B = -5$$

$$-3C = 6$$

$$2C - 3E = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A = -4/3, B = 23/9, C = -2, E = -4/3.$$

Trial p. solns

$b(x)$

Form of  $y_p$

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A

$5x+7$

$Ax+B$

$3x^2-7$

$Ax^2+Bx+C$

~~2~~  $x^3-x+1$

$Ax^3+Bx^2+Cx+E$

$8\sin 4x$

$A \cos 4x + B \sin 4x$

~~8cos~~

$e^{5x}$

$Ae^{5x}$

$(4x-2)e^{5x}$

$(Ax+B)e^{5x}$



Ex. A glitch in the method

$$y'' - 5y' + 4y = 8e^x$$

$$y_c(x) = \underline{\underline{C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{4x}}}$$

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If  $y_p(x) = A e^x$  is a p. soln / Then

$$0 = 8e^x \rightarrow \leftarrow$$

nope guess

$$y_p(x) = A x e^x$$

$$\Rightarrow y_p(x) = -\frac{8}{3} x e^x$$

$$e^{3x} \sin 4x$$

$$5x^2 \sin 4x$$

$$x e^{3x} \cos 4x$$

$$A e^{3x} \cos 4x + B e^{3x} \sin 4x$$

$$(Ax^2 + Bx + C) \cos 4x + (Ex^2 + Fx + G) \sin 4x$$

$$(Ax + B) e^{3x} \cos 4x + (Cx + E) e^{3x} \sin 4x$$

$$y'' + 5y' + 6y = 4e^{-x} + 5 \sin x$$

$$y_c(x) = C_1 e^{-2x} + C_2 e^{-3x}$$

$$y_p(x) = A e^{-x} + B \sin x + C \cos x$$

$$\Rightarrow A = 2, B = \frac{1}{2}, C = -\frac{1}{2}$$

## Inverse operator Technique

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Consider

$$\frac{1}{f(D)} y = b(x) \rightarrow (1)$$

If  $y = \frac{1}{f(D)} b(x)$  then it satisfies (1).

$\Rightarrow f(D), \frac{1}{f(D)}$  are inverse operators.

$$X = b(x)$$

(1).  $f(D) = D$ . Then

$$\frac{1}{D} f(x) = \int b(x) dx$$

Proof

$$D\left(\frac{1}{D} b(x)\right) = D y \Rightarrow D\left(\int b(x) dx\right) = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\Rightarrow b(x) = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$b(x) = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{y = \int b(x) dx}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\frac{1}{D} b(x) = \int b(x) dx}$$

$$\begin{aligned} D\left(\frac{1}{D} b(x)\right) &= D\left(\int b(x) dx\right) \\ &= b(x) \end{aligned}$$

(2).  $\frac{1}{(D-a)} b(x) = e^{ax} \int b(x) e^{-ax} dx$   $f(D) = D-a$

$$\begin{aligned} &(D-a) \left( e^{ax} \int b(x) e^{-ax} dx \right) \\ &= e^{ax} \cdot b(x) e^{-ax} + \frac{d}{dx} \left( e^{ax} \int b(x) e^{-ax} dx \right) \cdot a e^{ax} \\ &= b(x) - a e^{ax} \int b(x) e^{-ax} dx + a e^{ax} \int b(x) e^{-ax} dx \\ &= b(x) \end{aligned}$$

## Rules for find P.I.

Consider the D.E

$$y^{(n)} + a_1 y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_n y = b(x) \longrightarrow (1)$$

(or)  $f(D)y = b(x),$

where  $f(D) \equiv D^n + \cancel{a_1} D^{n-1} + \dots + a_n I$

Case (i) :

$$b(x) = e^{ax}$$

$$D e^{ax} = a e^{ax}$$

$\vdots$

$$D^n e^{ax} = a^n e^{ax}$$

$$\therefore f(D)(e^{ax}) = (a^n + \cancel{a_1} a^{n-1} + \dots + a_n) e^{ax}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(D) e^{ax} = f(a) e^{ax}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{f(D)} (f(D) e^{ax}) = \frac{1}{f(D)} (f(a) e^{ax})$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{ax} = f(a) \frac{1}{f(D)} (e^{ax})$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{1}{f(D)} (e^{ax}) = \frac{1}{f(a)} e^{ax} \text{ if } f(a) \neq 0}$$

If  $f(a) = 0$ ,

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$$\textcircled{f} \quad f(x) = (D-a) \phi(x), \quad \phi(a) \neq 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{f(x)} e^{ax} = \frac{1}{D-a} \left[ \textcircled{\frac{1}{\phi(x)}} e^{ax} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{D-a} \left( \frac{1}{\phi(a)} e^{ax} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\phi(a)} \left( \frac{1}{D-a} e^{ax} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\phi(a)} e^{ax} \int e^{ax} e^{-ax} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\phi(a)} \textcircled{x} e^{ax}$$

$$\left( \text{Since } f'(x) = (D-a) \phi(x) + 1 \cdot \phi(x) \right)$$

$$f'(a) = 0 + 1 \cdot \phi(a)$$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{f(x)} e^{ax} = \frac{1}{f'(a)} x e^{ax}}$$

if  $f(a) = 0$   
 $f'(a) \neq 0$

In general,

$$\frac{1}{f(x)} e^{ax} = \frac{x^n}{f^{(n)}(a)} e^{ax} \quad \text{if } \begin{matrix} f(a) = 0 \\ f'(a) = 0 \\ \vdots \\ f^{(n-1)}(a) = 0 \\ f^{(n)}(a) \neq 0 \end{matrix}$$



Example

Find P.I.  $(D^2 + 5D + 6)y = e^x$

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Soln

$$P.I = y_p(x) = \frac{1}{(D^2 + 5D + 6)} e^x$$

$$= \frac{1}{1^2 + 5 + 6} e^x$$

$$= \frac{e^x}{12}$$

Example

$$(D+2)(D-1)^2 y = \frac{-2x}{e} + \cancel{e^x}$$

Soln

$$P.I = y_p(x) = \frac{1}{(D+2)(D-1)^2} \left( \frac{-2x}{e} + \cancel{e^x} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(D+2)(D-1)^2} (e^{-2x}) + \cancel{\frac{1}{(D+2)(D-1)^2} e^x}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(D+2)} \left[ \frac{1}{(-2-1)^2} e^{-2x} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{(D+2)} \left( \frac{1}{9} e^{-2x} \right) = \frac{1}{9} \frac{1}{D+2} e^{-2x}$$

$$= \frac{1}{9} \cdot x e^{-2x}$$

$$f(D) = x+2 \\ f(-2) = 1$$

(case ii)  $b(x) = \sin(ax+b)$  or  $\cos(ax+b)$

$$\frac{1}{f(D^2)} \sin(ax+b) = \frac{1}{f(-a^2)} \sin(ax+b) \quad \text{provided } f(-a^2) \neq 0$$

$$= \frac{x}{f'(-a^2)} \sin(ax+b) \quad \text{provided } f(-a^2) = 0 \text{ but } f'(-a^2) \neq 0$$

Example

Find the P.I. of

$$(D^3+1)y = \cos(2x-1)$$

Soln

$$y_p(x) = \frac{1}{(D^3+1)} \cos(2x-1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(+D \cdot D^2+1)} \cos(2x-1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(-4D+1)} \cos(2x-1) \quad (\text{replace } D^2 = -2^2 = -4)$$

$$= \frac{(1+4D)}{(1-4D)(1+4D)} \cos(2x-1)$$

$$= \frac{(1+4D)}{(1-16D^2)} \cos(2x-1)$$

$$= \frac{(1+4D)}{65} \cos(2x-1) = \frac{1}{65} (\cos(2x-1) - 8 \sin(2x-1))$$

ExampleCase iii)

$$b(x) = x^m$$

P.I.

$$P.I = \frac{1}{f(D)} x^m = (f(D))^{-1} x^m$$

Example

P.I. of

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 + 2x + 4$$

Sol

$$P.I = \frac{1}{(D^2 + D)} (x^2 + 2x + 4)$$

$$= \frac{1}{D(D+1)} (x^2 + 2x + 4)$$

$$= \frac{1}{D} (1+D)^{-1} (x^2 + 2x + 4)$$

$$= \frac{1}{D} \left\{ (1 - D + D^2 - D^3 + \dots) (x^2 + 2x + 4) \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{D} (x^2 + 2x + 4 - (2x + 2) + 2)$$

$$= \int (x^2 + 4) dx$$

$$= \frac{x^3}{3} + 4x$$

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Case (iv)  $b(x) = e^{ax} v(x)$ ,  $v$  being a fn of  $x$ .

$$\frac{1}{f(D)}(e^{ax} v) = e^{ax} \frac{1}{f(D+a)} v(x).$$

Ex.  $(D^2 - 2D + 4)y = e^x \cos x$

Soln  
P.I.  $= \frac{1}{(D^2 - 2D + 4)} (e^x \cos x)$

$$= e^x \frac{1}{(D+1)^2 - 2(D+1) + 4} (\cos x)$$

$$= e^x \frac{1}{(D^2 + 3)} \cos x$$

$$= e^x \frac{1}{-1+3} \cos x$$

$$= \frac{e^x \cos x}{2}$$