

17 - method of undetermined coefficients

for non-homogeneous equations with constant coefficients

↳ these kind of equations can be solved with variation of parameter method, but it is easier with undetermined coefficients (only special forms)

$$y^{(n)} + a_1 y^{(n-1)} + a_2 y^{(n-2)} + \dots + a_n y = b(t) \rightarrow y(t) = \underbrace{y_h(t)}_{b(t)=0} + \underbrace{y_p(t)}_{\text{guess}}$$

ex: $y'' - y = 6e^{3t} \rightarrow y_h(t) = \lambda^2 - 1 = 0 \quad \lambda = 1, -1 = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-t}$

guess: Ae^{3t}
 $y_p(t) = \frac{3}{4} e^{3t}$

$$(Ae^{3t})'' - Ae^{3t} = 6e^{3t} \rightarrow (A - A)e^{3t} = 6e^{3t} \quad A = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$y(t) = y_h(t) + y_p(t) = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-t} + \frac{3}{4} e^{3t}$$

ex: $y'' + 3y' + 2y = \cos t \rightarrow y_h(t) = \lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 2 = 0 \quad \lambda = -2, -1 = c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2 e^{-t}$

guess = $A \cos t + B \sin t \rightarrow (A + 3B) \cos t + (B - 3A) \sin t = \cos t$

$$\begin{cases} A + 3B = 1 \\ B - 3A = 0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} 10B = 1 \\ 10A = 1 \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} B = \frac{1}{10} \\ A = \frac{1}{10} \end{matrix}$$

$$y(t) = c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2 e^{-t} + \frac{\cos t}{10} + \frac{3 \sin t}{10}$$

ex: $y'' - y = e^t \rightarrow y_h(t) = \lambda^2 - 1 = 0 \quad \lambda = 1, -1 = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-t}$

guess = can't be $Ae^t \rightarrow Ate^t$

$$(Ate^t)'' - Ate^t = e^t \quad 2Ae^t = e^t \quad A = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$y(t) = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-t} + \frac{1}{2} te^t$$

annihilators (how to guess y_p)

$D = \frac{d}{dt} \rightarrow$ differentiation operator

$Dy \rightarrow y'$
 $D^2 y \rightarrow y''$
 $(D^3 + 4D - 7)y = y''' + 4y' - 7y$

$$y^{(n)} + a_1 y^{(n-1)} + a_2 y^{(n-2)} + \dots + a_n y = b(t) \rightarrow (D^n + a_1 D^{n-1} + a_2 D^{n-2} + \dots + a_n) y = b(t)$$

if $h > 0 \rightarrow$ char. equation $\rightarrow (D - \lambda_1)(D - \lambda_2) \dots (D - \lambda_n) \cdot y = b$

$$L(D) \cdot b(t) = 0$$

function $b(t) \rightarrow$ annihilator

e^{3t}	$D - 3$
1	D
$t e^{3t}$	$(D - 3)^2$
t	D^2

steps: $L(D) \cdot y = b(t)$

① annihilator of $b(t) = M(D)$

② $M(D) \cdot L(D) \cdot y = \underbrace{b(t)}_0 \cdot \underbrace{M(D)}_0 = 0$

③ \dots

- ③ solve $m(D)u(D)y=0$ for y_H
 ④ eliminate duplicates (main y_H and ③ y_H)

annihilators of combinations of them:

$$f(t) = \underbrace{e^{-2t}}_{(D+2)} + \underbrace{t^2 e^{-2t}}_{(D+2)^2} + \underbrace{\cos(\sqrt{3}t)}_{(3+D^2)} + \underbrace{t}_{D^2} \rightarrow M(D) = (D+2)^3 (D^2+3) D^2$$

$\cos(at) \rightarrow e^{(a+bi)t}$
 $e^{at} \sin bt / e^{at} \cos bt$ (same for both)
 $(D+a)^2 (D^2-b^2)$
 $D^2 - 2aD + (a^2 + b^2)$
 $e^{at} (D-\lambda) \rightarrow (e^{at})' - \lambda e^{at} = 0$
 $(\cos(at) \cdot (D^2+a^2)) = (\cos(at))'' + a^2 \cos(at)$
 $= -a^2 \cos(at) + a^2 \cos(at) = 0$

ex: $y'' - y = e^{2t}$
 $y_H = \lambda^2 - 1 = 0 \rightarrow \lambda = 1, -1 \rightarrow \{e^t, e^{-t}\}$
 $e^{2t} \rightarrow (D-2)$
 $(D-2)(D^2-1)y = e^{2t} (D-2) = 0$
 $D = 2, 1, -1$
 $y = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-t} + c_3 e^{2t}$
 (put it to original eq)

$(D^2-1)(c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-t} + c_3 e^{2t}) = e^{2t}$
 $4c_3 e^{2t} - c_1 e^{2t} = e^{2t} \quad 3c_3 e^{2t} = e^{2t} \quad c_3 = \frac{1}{3}$
 $\rightarrow y = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-t} + \frac{e^{2t}}{3}$

ex: $y''' + 4y' = t$

$y_H \rightarrow \lambda^3 + 4\lambda = 0 \quad \lambda = 0, -2i, +2i \rightarrow \{e^{-2it}, e^{2it}, 1\}$

$D^2(D^2+4)y = t D^2 = 0 \rightarrow D^3(D^2+4)y = 0$
 $D = 0, -2i, +2i$

$\rightarrow \cos(2t), \sin(2t), 1, t, t^2$
 $\rightarrow t, t^2$

$(a+bi)^t \rightarrow e^a (\cos(bt) + i \sin(bt))$
 $e^{2i} \rightarrow e^0 (\cos(2t) + i \sin(2t))$
 $= \cos 2t + i \sin 2t$
 $= c_1 \cos 2t, c_2 \sin 2t$
 $y_H = \{ \cos 2t, \sin 2t, 1 \}$

$(D^3+4D)(c_4 t + c_5 t^2) = t$
 $4c_4 + 4 \cdot 2c_5 t = t$
 $c_4 = 0 \quad c_5 = \frac{1}{8}$

$y = c_1 (\cos 2t) + c_2 (\sin 2t) + c_3 + \frac{t^2}{8}$

↳ with guess:

$\lambda^3 + 4\lambda = 0 \quad y_H = \sin 2t, \cos 2t, 1$
 $b(t) = At$
 $y''' + 4y' = t \rightarrow 0 + 4A = t \quad \times$
 $b(t) = At^2$
 $0 + 8At = t \rightarrow A = \frac{1}{8}$

not safe
does not
give all the
solutions

