

# Second Order Differential Equation

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Given the ODE (constant coefficient):

$$ay'' + by' + cy = g(x)$$

The general solution of this equation is given by:

$$y = y_c + y_p$$

(General solution = Complement solution + Particular solution)

The Characteristics Equation:  $ar^2 + br + c = 0 \rightarrow r_1, r_2$

- Case 1:  $g(x) = 0$  (Homogeneous)

In this case:  $y_p = 0 \rightarrow y = y_c$

+  $r_1, r_2$  are distinct real roots:

$$y_c = C_1 e^{r_1 x} + C_2 e^{r_2 x}$$

+  $r_1, r_2$  are complex roots: ( $r_1 = \alpha + i\beta$ ;  $r_2 = \alpha - i\beta$ )

$$y_c = C_1 e^{\alpha x} \cos \beta x + C_2 e^{\alpha x} \sin \beta x$$

+  $r_1, r_2$  are double roots ( $r_1 = r_2 = r$ )

$$y_c = C_1 e^{rx} + C_2 x e^{rx}$$

- Case 2:  $g(x) = P_n(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$   
+  $c \neq 0$ :

$$y_p = Q_n(x)$$

+  $c = 0, b \neq 0$ :

$$y_p = x Q_n(x)$$

+  $c = b = 0$ :

$$y_p = x^2 Q_n(x)$$

- Case 3:  $g(x) = P_n(x) e^{\alpha x} = (a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0) e^{\alpha x}$   
+  $\alpha \neq r_1, r_2$ :

$$y_p = Q_n(x) e^{\alpha x}$$

+  $\alpha \equiv r_1$  (or  $r_2$ ) (Single root):

$$y_p = x Q_n(x) e^{\alpha x}$$

+  $\alpha \equiv r$  (double roots):

$$y_p = x^2 Q_n(x) e^{\alpha x}$$

- Case 4:  $g(x) = P_n(x) e^{\alpha x} \times \begin{cases} \cos \beta x \\ \sin \beta x \end{cases}$

+  $\alpha + i\beta \neq r_1, r_2$ :

$$y_p = e^{\alpha x} [Q_n(x) \cos \beta x + R_n(x) \sin \beta x]$$

+  $\alpha + i\beta \equiv r_1, r_2$ :

$$y_p = x e^{\alpha x} [Q_n(x) \cos \beta x + R_n(x) \sin \beta x]$$