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§2.4 NONHOMOGENEOUS EQUATIONS, PART 2.

Ex. 2.4.9: $y'' - 3y' - 4y = -8e^t(\cos 2t) \Rightarrow$ Guess $Y = e^t(A\cos 2t + B\sin 2t)$.

$$\text{Then } Y' = e^t((A+2B)\cos 2t + (-2A+B)\sin 2t)$$

$$\text{And } Y'' = e^t[(-3A+4B)\cos 2t + (-4A-3B)\sin 2t]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } Y'' - 3Y' - 4Y &= -8e^t\cos 2t \\ \Rightarrow e^t[(-3A+4B)\cos 2t + (-4A-3B)\sin 2t] &+ e^t[(A+2B)\cos 2t + (-2A+B)\sin 2t] \\ &+ e^t[A\cos 2t + B\sin 2t] = -8e^t\cos 2t \end{aligned}$$

After simplifying, we get

$$10A + 2B = 8 \quad \& \quad 2A - 10B = 0$$

$\Rightarrow A = \frac{10}{13}, B = \frac{2}{13}$. Thus a particular solution to the DE is

$$Y(t) = e^t\left[\frac{10}{13}\cos 2t + \frac{2}{13}\sin 2t\right]$$

Theorem 2.4.10 If $Y_1(t)$ is a particular solution to

$$y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = g_1(t),$$

and $Y_2(t)$ is a particular solution to $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = g_2(t)$,

then $c_1Y_1(t) + c_2Y_2(t)$ is a particular solution to

$$y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = c_1g_1(t) + c_2g_2(t),$$

where c_1 & c_2 are constants.

That is, if the function on the right $g(t)$ is ~~the sum~~ a linear combination of (simpler) functions, we can find a particular solution to the non-homogeneous DE by finding particular solutions to DEs where we replace $g(t)$ with the individual simpler functions, and then take the results and combine them to get the solution to the full equation.

Example 2.4.11: Find a particular solution to

$$y'' - 3y' - 4y = 3e^{2t} + 2\sin t - 8e^t\cos 2t$$

Solution:

By splitting the right side into 3 functions we get the 3 following DEs:

$$\begin{aligned}y'' - 3y' - 4y &= 3e^{2t} \\y'' - 3y' - 4y &= 2\sin t \\y'' - 3y' - 4y &= -8e^t \cos 2t\end{aligned}$$

particular

We've already computed the solutions to these 3 DEs:

$$Y_1 = -\frac{1}{2}e^{2t}, \quad Y_2 = -\frac{5}{17}\sin t + \frac{3}{17}\cos t, \quad Y_3 = e^t\left[\frac{10}{13}\cos 2t + \frac{2}{13}\sin 2t\right]$$

respectively.

Hence a particular solution to the full DE is

$$Y = -\frac{1}{2}e^{2t} - \frac{5}{17}\sin t + \frac{3}{17}\cos t + e^t\left[\frac{10}{13}\cos 2t + \frac{2}{13}\sin 2t\right].$$

Sometimes the guess-and-check approach as we've seen it so far comes up short:

Example 2.4.12: Find a particular solution to $y'' - 3y' - 4y = 2e^{-t}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Guess } Y = Ae^{-t}$$

$$\Rightarrow Y' = -Ae^{-t}, \quad Y'' = Ae^{-t}$$

$$\text{So } Y'' - 3Y' - 4Y = (Ae^{-t}) - 3(-Ae^{-t}) - 4(Ae^{-t}) = (A + 4A - 4A)e^{-t} = 0$$

Problem: ~~No~~ $Y'' - 3Y' - 4Y = 0$ regardless of the choice of A , so no value of A will make $Y'' - 3Y' - 4Y = 2e^{-t}$.

Why is this? This is because e^{-t} is already a solution to the homogeneous equation $y'' - 3y' - 4y = 0$; (i.e. $L[Ae^{-t}] = 0$, $L = \frac{d^2}{dt^2} - 3\frac{d}{dt} - 4$).

Solution: As in the case with characteristic equations with repeated roots, try $Y = v(t)e^{-t}$.

$$\text{Then } Y' = (v' - v)e^{-t}$$

$$Y'' = (v - 2v' + v'')e^{-t}$$

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$$\text{So } Y'' - 3Y' - 4Y = (v'' - 2v' + v'')e^{-t} - 3(v' - v')e^{-t} - 4ve^{-t} \\ = e^{-t}(v'' - 5v')$$

$$\text{Set } = 2e^{-t}$$

Thus we must have $v'' - 5v' = 2$ Linear

Let $w = v'$; then we get the first-order DE

$$w' - 5w = 2$$

To solve, let $\mu(t) = e^{\int -5 dt} = e^{-5t}$

$$\Rightarrow w = \frac{1}{\mu(t)} \left(\int \mu(t) g(t) dt + C \right) \\ = e^{5t} \left(\int 2e^{-5t} dt + C \right) \\ = e^{5t} \left(-\frac{2}{5} e^{-5t} + C \right) \\ = -\frac{2}{5} + Ce^{5t}$$

$$\text{And } v' = w \Rightarrow v = -\frac{2}{5}t + Ce^{5t} + D, \quad C' = \frac{C}{5}$$

$$\text{And } Y = ve^{-t} \Rightarrow Y = -\frac{2}{5}te^{-t} + Ce^{4t} + De^{-t}$$

This is in fact the full general solution to $y'' - 3y' - 4y = 2e^{-t}$.
A specific solution is therefore given by $C = D = 0$,
i.e. $Y = -\frac{2}{5}t$

Caution: unlike with repeated roots, $v(t)$ is not always equal to t .

Example 2.4.13: Find a particular solution to
 $y'' - 8y' + 16y = 3e^{4t}$

$$\text{Guess } Y = v(t)e^{4t}$$

$$\text{Then } Y' = (v' + 4v)e^{4t}$$

$$Y'' = (v'' + 8v' + 16v)e^{4t}$$

$$\text{So } Y'' - 8Y' + 16Y = (v'' + 8v' + 16v)e^{4t} - 8(v' + 4v)e^{4t} + 16ve^{4t} \\ = e^{4t}(v'')$$

$$\text{Set } = 3e^{4t}$$

Hence we must have $V'' = 3$

$$\Rightarrow V = \frac{3}{2}t^2 + At + B$$

And $Y = Ve^{4t}$

So $y'' = 3t^2e^{4t} + Ate^{4t} + Be^{4t}$ is the full general solution to the DE;

A specific solution is $Y = 3t^2e^{4t}$.

To Sum

- Sometimes for the DE $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = g(t)$, guessing $Y = Ag(t)$ doesn't work, as $y = g(t)$ is already a solution to the DE $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0$. $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$
- In that case, guess $Y = At \cdot g(t)$.
- Sometimes both $g(t)$ and $tg(t)$ are solutions to the DE $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$ (i.e. when the CE has equal roots).
- In this case to find a particular solution to $ay'' + by' + cy = g(t)$, guess $Y = At^2g(t)$.
- We are guaranteed that for linear 2nd-order DE's with constant coefficients, we will never need to go beyond multiplying $g(t)$ by t^2 to find a particular solution.
- Again, this technique (guess $Y = v(t)g(t)$) is more general and can be applied to DEs where the coefficients are not constant. Guessing $Y = v_1(t)y_1(t) + v_2(t)y_2(t)$, where $y_1(t)$ & $y_2(t)$ are a fundamental basis to the homogeneous DE $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0$, is the method of variation of parameters (Boyce 3.6).
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Finally, let's use the method of undetermined coefficients to solve an IVP.

Example 2.4.14: Solve the IVP $4t - 5e^{4t}$

$$y'' + 3y' - 4y = 3e^{4t}, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 0$$

Solution: • First, solve the homogeneous DE $y'' + 3y' - 4y = 0$

$$\text{CE: } r^2 + 3r - 4 = 0$$

$$\text{So } r = -4 \text{ or } r = 1$$

Hence the general solution is $y = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-4t}$.

• Next, Let $g_1(t) = 4t$, $g_2(t) = -5e^{-4t}$ & $g(t) = g_1(t) + g_2(t)$
we find a particular solution of $y'' + 3y' - 4y = g(t) = 3t$.

Guess $Y_1 = At + B$, since $4t$ is a degree 1 polynomial

$$\Rightarrow Y_1' = A$$

$$Y_1'' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow Y_1'' + 3Y_1' - 4Y_1 = 3A - 4At - 4B = 4t$$

$$\text{So } -4A = 4 \Rightarrow A = -1$$

$$\& \quad 3A - 4B = 0 \Rightarrow B = -\frac{3}{4}$$

$$\text{Hence } Y_1(t) = -t - \frac{3}{4}$$

• Now we find a particular solution to

$$y'' + 3y' - 4y = g_2(t) = -5e^{-4t}$$

Since e^{-4t} is a solution to the homogeneous equation $y'' + 3y' - 4y = 0$,

$$\text{Guess } Y_2(t) = A \cdot t \cdot e^{-4t}$$

$$\Rightarrow Y_2' = A e^{-4t} (A - 4At)$$

$$Y_2'' = e^{-4t} (-8A + 16At)$$

$$\text{Hence } Y_2'' + 3Y_2' - 4Y_2 = e^{-4t} (-8A + 16At + 3(A - 4At) - 4At)$$

$$= e^{-4t} (-5A + 0)$$

$$= -5A e^{-4t}$$

$$\&t \quad = -5e^{-4t}$$

$$\text{So } A = 1$$

$$\text{And hence } Y_2(t) = t e^{-4t}$$

Thus the full general solution to $y'' + 3y' - 4y = 4t - 5e^{-4t}$

$$\text{is } y = Y_1(t) + Y_2(t) + c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-4t} = -t - \frac{3}{4} + t e^{-4t} + c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-4t}$$

Now apply ICs:

$$y(0)=1 \Rightarrow 1 = -\frac{3}{4} + C_1 + C_2$$
$$\Rightarrow C_1 + C_2 = \frac{7}{4}$$

$$\text{And } y' = -1 + e^{-4t} - 4te^{-4t} + C_1 e^t - 4C_2 e^{-4t}$$

$$\text{So } y'(0)=0 \Rightarrow 0 = -1 + 1 + C_1 - 4C_2$$
$$\Rightarrow C_1 - 4C_2 = 0$$

Solving the system of linear equations in C_1 & C_2 yields

$$C_1 = \frac{7}{5}, \quad C_2 = \frac{7}{20}$$

Hence the solution to the IVP is

$$y = -\frac{3}{4} - t + te^{-4t} + \frac{7}{5}e^t + \frac{7}{20}e^{-4t}$$