

Non-homogeneous ODE (2nd order).

Problem 1. (Undetermined Coefficients).

Find a particular solution of $y'' + 4y' + 4y = 3e^{-2t}$.

First look at $y'' + 4y' + 4y = 0$. Its characteristic equation is $r^2 + 4r + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow r = -2$ (repeated).

So $y_1 = e^{-2t}$ and $y_2 = te^{-2t}$.

The right side $g(t) = 3e^{-2t}$ solves $y'' + 4y' + 4y = 0$.
(involve one of the fundamental solutions).

So $Y(t) = At^s e^{-2t}$ for some integer $s \geq 0$.

We must take $s = 2 \Rightarrow Y(t) = At^2 e^{-2t}$.

Then $Y'(t) = 2At e^{-2t} - 2At^2 e^{-2t}$ and $Y''(t) = 2Ae^{-2t} - 8At e^{-2t} + 4At^2 e^{-2t}$.

Plug in Y : $Y'' + 4Y' + 4Y = 2Ae^{-2t} = \text{right hand side } g(t)$
 $\Rightarrow 2A = 3 \text{ i.e. } A = \frac{3}{2}$.

Hence, $Y(t) = \frac{3}{2}t^2 e^{-2t}$ is a particular solution. *

Problem 2. (Variation of Parameters).

Find a particular solution of $y'' + 4y = 3 \csc(t)$.

First look at $y'' + 4y = 0$. Its characteristic equation

is $r^2 + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow r = \pm 2i$ ($\lambda = 0$ and $\mu = 2$).

So $y_1 = \cos(2t)$ and $y_2 = \sin(2t)$.

Right hand side $g(t) = 3 \csc(2t)$, assume $Y = u_1 y_1 + u_2 y_2$.

$$W(y_1, y_2) = \det \begin{pmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{pmatrix} = \det \begin{pmatrix} \cos(2t) & \sin(2t) \\ -2\sin(2t) & 2\cos(2t) \end{pmatrix} = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_1 &= \int \frac{-g(t)y_2(t)}{W(y_1, y_2)(t)} dt = - \int \frac{3 \csc(2t) \cdot \sin(2t)}{2} dt \\ &= -\frac{3}{2} \int \frac{1}{\sin(2t)} \cdot 2 \cdot \sin(2t) \cos(2t) dt = -3 \sin(2t) + C_1. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_2 &= \int \frac{g(t)y_1(t)}{W(y_1, y_2)(t)} dt = \int \frac{3 \csc(2t) \cos(2t)}{2} dt \\ &= \frac{3}{2} \int \csc(2t) \cdot (1 - 2\sin^2(2t)) dt = \frac{3}{2} \int \csc(2t) dt - 3 \int \sin(2t) dt \\ &= \frac{3}{2} \ln |\csc(2t) - \cot(2t)| + 3 \cos(2t) + C_2. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Y &= -3 \sin(2t) \cos(2t) + \frac{3}{2} \ln |\csc(2t) - \cot(2t)| \sin(2t) + 3 \cos(2t) \sin(2t) \\ &\quad + C_1 \cos(2t) + C_2 \sin(2t). \end{aligned}$$

Problem 3. (Power Series).

Assume $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n \cdot n \cdot (n-1) x^{n-2} = - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$, determine a_n .

Shift index: $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n \cdot n(n-1) x^{n-2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n+2} (n+2)(n+1) x^n$

So $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n+2} (n+2)(n+1) x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-a_n) x^n \Rightarrow a_{n+2} (n+2)(n+1) = -a_n$.

Hence $(n+2)! a_{n+2} = (-1) \cdot n! a_n$ for $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Let $n = 2m$, $(2m+2)! \cdot (-1)^{m+1} a_{2m+2} = (-1)^m (2m)! a_{2m} = \dots = a_0$.

Let $n = 2m+1$, $(2m+3)! \cdot (-1)^{m+1} a_{2m+3} = (-1)^m (2m+1)! a_{2m+1} = \dots = a_1$.

So $a_n = \begin{cases} (-1)^m a_0 / (2m)! & \text{if } n = 2m \\ (-1)^m a_1 / (2m+1)! & \text{if } n = 2m+1 \end{cases} \quad m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$