

Worksheet 4

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1 Non-homogeneous second order linear ODEs

The first part of the worksheet discusses how to treat second order linear constant-coefficient ODEs with non-homogeneous right-hand-side. The second part of the worksheet is about mass-damper-spring systems as an illustration of homogeneous second order linear ODEs.

Introduction: Non-homogeneous Second Order Linear ODEs.

In the last worksheet, we have explored the different dynamics that one can capture in systems of the form.

$$ay_h'' + by_h' + cy_h = 0 \quad (1)$$

These solutions y_h will be called homogeneous solutions as they solve the homogeneous problem (i.e. the right side of the equation is 0.)

In applications, we frequently observe ODEs of the form:

$$ay'' + by' + cy = f(t) \quad (2)$$

We will discuss: How can we find a solution? What is the form of a general solution to equation (2)?

Problem: The form of the general solution. Let $y_{p,1}$ and $y_{p,2}$ are two particular solutions to the non-homogeneous differential equation (2). Show: The two particular solution only differ by a homogeneous solution. Hint: Consider $y = y_{p,1} - y_{p,2}$.

$$\begin{aligned} ay'' + by' + cy &= ay_{p,1}'' - ay_{p,2}'' + by_{p,1}' - by_{p,2}' + cy_{p,1} - cy_{p,2} \\ &= ay_{p,1}'' + by_{p,1}' + cy_{p,1} - (ay_{p,2}'' + by_{p,2}' + cy_{p,2}) \\ &= f(t) - f(t) = 0 \Rightarrow y \text{ solves the homogeneous equation} \end{aligned}$$

Conclusion: The General Solution.

Thus, the general solution to equation (2) is given by $y(t) = y_p(t) + y_h(t)$, where y_p is any (guessed) non-homogeneous solution and y_h is a homogeneous solution.

Introduction: Method of Undetermined Coefficients: Guessing y_p .

To obtain a particular solution, sometimes educated guessing is the most straight-forward approach. We use versions of the inhomogeneity $f(t)$ as a guess for the particular solution y_p . In the following subsections, we explore polynomial, oscillatory, and exponential inhomogeneities $f(t)$.

1.1 Method of Undetermined Coefficients: $f(t)$ is a Polynomial.

Problem: Polynomial $f(t)$.

Find a particular solution to:

$$y'' + 2y' + 2y = 5t + 1, \quad (3)$$

Example: Educated Guess: Polynomial.

1. Identify $f(t) = 5t + 1$
2. $f(t)$ is a polynomial. Mimic $f(t)$ by guessing a polynomial with undetermined coefficients.

$$y_p(t) = At + B$$

3. Substitute $y_p(t)$ into equation (3).

$$2A + 2At + 2B = 5t + 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 2A = 5 \quad 2A + 2B = 1$$

4. Determine A, B .

$$\begin{aligned} 2A &= 5 \quad (\text{for the linear coeff to agree}) \Rightarrow A = \frac{5}{2} \\ 2A + 2B &= 1 \Rightarrow 5 + 2B = 1 \Rightarrow B = \frac{-4}{2} = -2 \end{aligned}$$

Problem: General solution and IVP.

Find the general solution to equation (3). Solve the IVP $y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 2$

Example: General Solution.

1. Find the general homogeneous solution y_h . $y'' + 2y' + 2y = 0$ (Homog. eq)

$$\Rightarrow r^2 + 2r + 2 = 0 \quad r_{1,2} = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 8}}{2} = -1 \pm \sqrt{-4} = -1 \pm 2i$$

$$y_h(t) = e^{-t} [\alpha \cos(2t) + \beta \sin(2t)]$$

2. Combine:

$$y(t) = y_h(t) + y_p(t) = e^{-t} [\alpha \cos(2t) + \beta \sin(2t)] + \left[\frac{5}{2}t - 2 \right]$$

3. Solve the IVP. $y(0) = 1 \Rightarrow \alpha - 2 = 1 \Rightarrow \alpha = 3$

$$y(t) = e^{-t} [\alpha \cos(2t) + \beta \sin(2t)] + \frac{5}{2}t - 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2 = y'(0) &= -[\alpha] + [2\beta] + \frac{5}{2} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad 2\beta = 2 + 3 - \frac{5}{2} = \frac{5}{2} \\ &\quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \beta = \frac{5}{4} \end{aligned}$$

$$y(t) = e^{-t} \left[3 \cos(2t) + \frac{5}{4} \sin(2t) \right] + \left[\frac{5}{2}t - 2 \right]$$

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Problem: 1.1. Find ~~particular~~ solutions to

$$y'' + y = t. \quad (4)$$

$$y(t) = At + B \Rightarrow At + B = t \Rightarrow A = 1, B = 0 \Rightarrow y_p(t) = t$$

$$r^2 + 1 = 0 \quad \alpha = \pm i \Rightarrow y_h(t) = \alpha \cos(t) + \beta \sin(t)$$

$$y(t) = \alpha \cos(t) + \beta \sin(t) + t$$

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Problem: 1.2. Find the solution to

$$y'' + 2y' + y = t^2 \quad (5)$$

that satisfies the conditions $y(0) = -1, y'(0) = 0$.

$$y_p(t) = At^2 + Bt + C \quad y'(t) = 2At + B \quad y'' = 2A$$

$$2A + 2(2At + B) + (At^2 + Bt + C)$$

$$= At^2 + (4A + B)t + 2A + 2B + C \stackrel{!}{=} t^2 + 0t + 0$$

Compare coefficients: 1 1

$$t^2: \boxed{A = 1}$$

$$t: 4A + B = 4 + B = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{B = -4}$$

$$t^0: 2A + 2B + C = 2 - 8 + C = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{C = 6}$$

$$\rightarrow y_p(t) = t^2 - 4t + 6$$

$$y_h(t): r^2 + 2r + 1 = (r+1)^2 \stackrel{r=-1}{=} y_h(t) = \alpha e^{-t} + \beta t e^{-t}$$

$$y(t) = y_h(t) + y_p(t) = \alpha e^{-t} + \beta t e^{-t} + t^2 - 4t + 6$$

$$-1 = y(0) = \alpha + 6 \Rightarrow \alpha = -7$$

$$0 = y'(0) = \underbrace{-\alpha}_{=7} + \beta \underbrace{-4}_{=3} \Rightarrow \beta = -3$$

$$y(t) = -7e^{-t} - 3te^{-t} + t^2 - 4t + 6$$

1.2 Method of Undetermined Coefficients: $f(t)$ is Periodic.

Problem: Periodic $f(t)$.

Find a particular solution to:

$$y'' - 4y' + 4y = \cos(4t), \quad (6)$$

Example: Educated Guess: Cosines and Sines.

1. Identify $f(t) = \cos(4t)$
2. $f(t)$ undergoes periodic motion. Mimic $f(t)$ by guessing a periodic function with undetermined coefficients.

$$y_p(t) = A\cos(4t) + B\sin(4t)$$

3. Substitute $y_p(t)$ into equation (6).

$$y_p'(t) = -4A\sin(4t) + 4B\cos(4t)$$

$$y_p''(t) = -16A\cos(4t) - 16B\sin(4t)$$

$$-16A\cos(4t) - 16B\sin(4t) - 4 \cdot [-4A\sin(4t) + 4B\cos(4t)] + 4[A\cos(4t) + B\sin(4t)] = \cos(4t)$$

4. Determine A, B . Comparison of cosines & sines:

$$\begin{aligned} \cos: (-16A - 16B + 4A) &= 1 & \text{From second eq: } A &= \frac{1}{16} \text{ and } 12B = \frac{3}{4}B \\ \sin: (-16B + 16A + 4B) &= 0 & \text{From first: } -12A - 16B &= -9B - 16B \\ & & &= -25B = 1 \Rightarrow B = -\frac{1}{25} \end{aligned}$$

Problem: General solution.

Find the general solution to equation (6).

Example: General solution.

$$A = -\frac{3}{100}$$

1. Find the general homogeneous solution y_h .

$$r^2 - 4r + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow (r - 2)^2 : r_1 = r_2 = 2$$

$$y_h(t) = e^{2t} \cdot (\alpha + \beta t)$$

2. Combine:

$$\leftarrow y(t) = y_h(t) + y_p(t) = e^{2t}(\alpha + \beta t) - \frac{3}{100}\cos(4t) - \frac{1}{25}\sin(4t)$$

Problem: 2.1. Find particular solutions to

$$y'' - y = \sin(t). \quad y_p(t) = A \sin(t) + B \cos(t) \quad (7)$$

$$-A \sin(t) - B \cos(t) - A \sin(t) - B \cos(t) = \sin(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow A = -\frac{1}{2} \quad B = 0$$

$$y_p(t) = -\frac{1}{2} \sin(t)$$

Problem: 2.2. Find a particular solution to

$$y'' + y = \sin(t). \quad (8)$$

1. Determine the homogeneous solution y_h , first.

$$r^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$y_h = \alpha \cos(t) + \beta \sin(t)$$

2. Observe, that the previous guess fails.

$$\text{Using } y_p(t) = A \cos(t) + B \sin(t) \text{ yields } y_p''(t) + y_p = 0$$

3. Now, try the guess $y_p(t) = At \cos(t) + Bt \sin(t)$. Hypothesize, what one can do, when the educated guess coincides with a homogeneous solution.

$$y_p(t) = t \cdot [A \cos(t) + B \sin(t)]$$

$$y_p' = [A \cos(t) + B \sin(t)] + t \cdot [-A \sin(t) + B \cos(t)]$$

$$y_p'' = [-A \sin(t) + B \cos(t)] + [-A \sin(t) + B \cos(t)] + t \cdot [-A \cos(t) - B \sin(t)]$$

$$y_p'' + y_p' = -2A \sin(t) + 2B \cos(t) \stackrel{!}{=} \sin(t)$$

$$\boxed{A = -\frac{1}{2}} \quad \boxed{B = 0}$$

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$$y_p(t) = -\frac{1}{2} t \cos(t)$$

$$\text{Use } y_p(t) = t \cdot y_{\text{guess}}(t)$$

1.3 Method of Undetermined Coefficients: $f(t)$ grows Exponentially.

Problem: Exponential $f(t)$.

Find a solution to

$$y'' - 2y' = e^{3t}, \quad (9)$$

that satisfies $y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 1$.

Example: Educated Guess: Exponential.

1. Identify $f(t) = e^{3t}$
2. $f(t)$ grows exponentially. Mimic $f(t)$ by guessing a periodic function with undetermined coefficients.

$$y_p(t) = Ae^{3t}$$

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3. Substitute $y_p(t)$ into equation (8).

$$9Ae^{3t} - 6Ae^{3t} = e^{3t} \Rightarrow 3A = 1 \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{3}$$

4. Determine A.

$$A = \frac{1}{3}$$

5. Find the general homogeneous solution y_h .

$$r^2 - 2r = r(r-2)$$

$$y_h(t) = \alpha + \beta e^{2t}$$

6. Combine:

$$y(t) = y_h(t) + y_p(t) = \alpha + \beta e^{2t} + \frac{1}{3}e^{3t}$$

7. Solve the IVP.

$$0 = y(0) = \alpha + \beta + \frac{1}{3}$$

$$1 = y'(0) = 2\beta + 1 \Rightarrow \beta = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$y(t) = -\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3}e^{3t}$$

Change // Problem: 2.1. Find ^{the general} particular solutions to

$$2y'' - 8y' = e^{-t} \quad (10)$$

$$y'' - 100y = e^{10t} \quad (11)$$

(10) Part: $y_p(t) = Ae^{-t}$

$$2Ae^{-t} + 8Ae^{-t} = e^{-t} \Rightarrow 10A = 1 \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{10}$$

Homog: $2(r^2 - 4r) = 0 \Leftrightarrow r(r-4) = 0 \Rightarrow r_1 = 0, r_2 = 4$

$$y_h(t) = \alpha + \beta e^{4t}$$

$$y(t) = \alpha + \beta e^{4t} + \frac{1}{10} e^{-t}$$

(11) Homog: $y_h(t) = \alpha e^{10t} + \beta e^{-10t}$ as $r^2 - 100 = 0 \Leftrightarrow r_1 = 10, r_2 = -10$
 e^{10t} is a homog. solution.

choose: $y_p(t) = Ate^{10t}$ $y_p' = Ae^{10t} + t \cdot 10Ae^{10t}$

$$y_p'' = 10Ae^{10t} + 10(Ae^{10t} + t \cdot 10Ae^{10t})$$

$$y_p'' - 100y_p = 20Ae^{10t} + t \cdot 100Ae^{10t} - 100tAe^{10t} \stackrel{!}{=} e^{10t} = p(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow 20Ae^{10t} = e^{10t} \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{20}$$

$$y(t) = y_h(t) + y_p(t)$$

$$= \alpha e^{10t} + \beta e^{-10t} + \frac{1}{20} te^{10t}$$

2 Application: Mass-Spring-Damper System

Introduction: Spring- Mass- Damper Systems.

To model mass-spring-damper systems, we use a second order system of the form

$$x'' + bx' + cx = 0,$$

where $b \geq 0$ models dampening and c is a positive spring-related constant. Let $x(t)$ denote the vertical displacement at time t . We distinguish four cases according to the diagram below depending on the roots of the system.

Problem: A damped oscillator. For the mass-spring damper system with varying dampening

$$x'' + bx' + 4x = 0, \quad (12)$$

find all b such that $x(t)$ exerts

- free motion,
- underdamped motion,
- critically-damped motion,
- overdamped motion.

$$r_{1,2} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 16}}{2} = -\frac{b}{2} \pm \sqrt{\frac{b^2 - 16}{4}}$$

Only for $b=0$: pure imaginary roots. Real Potentially imaginary

If $b^2 - 16 < 0$, then $\sqrt{b^2 - 16} = i\sqrt{16 - b^2} \rightarrow$ complex > 0

For $0 < b < 4$ underdamped.

For $b=4$: $r_{1,2} = -\frac{b}{2} \pm 0 \Rightarrow$ critically-damped.

For $4 < b$ $\sqrt{b^2 - 16} > 0$, i.e. $r_{1,2}$ real \Rightarrow overdamped.

