

To solve linear DE $ay'' + by' + cy = g_1 + g_2 + g_3$

Step 1: Solve homogeneous version: $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$ implies

$$ar^2 + br + c = 0 \text{ implies } \dots \quad y = c_1\phi_1 + c_2\phi_2.$$

Step 2a: Find one non-homogeneous solution, $y = f_1$, to $ay'' + by' + cy = g_1$

Step 2b: Find one non-homogeneous solution, $y = f_2$, to $ay'' + by' + cy = g_2$

Step 2c: Find one non-homogeneous solution, $y = f_3$, to $ay'' + by' + cy = g_3$

Step 3: Combine all solutions to create the general solution to the non-homogeneous DE:

$$y = c_1\phi_1 + c_2\phi_2 + f_1 + f_2 + f_3$$

Last step: If IVP, plug in initial values to find the constants c_1 and c_2 .

Guess a possible non-homog soln for the following DEs:

Note homogeneous solution to $y'' + 2y' + y = 0$ is

$$y = c_1e^{-t} + c_2te^{-t} \text{ since } r^2 + 2r + 1 = (r+1)(r+1) = 0$$

1.) $y'' + 2y' + y = 4e^{2t}$

Guess: $y = Ae^{2t}$

2.) $y'' + 2y' + y = 4e^t$

Guess: $y = Ae^t$

3.) $y'' + 2y' + y = 4e^{-t}$

Guess: $y = At^2e^{-t}$

plug $y = Ate^{-t}$ into LHS, we will get 0 on RHS since

$y = Ae^{-t}$ is a homogeneous soln, so if we plug in $y = Ae^{-t}$, we will get 0. Thus we don't get $4e^{-t}$, so guess is incorrect for non-homog soln.

If guess is wrong, multiply by t

homog & so need to multiply by t again

$2(A) + (At + B) = t + 0 \Rightarrow A = 1, 2A + B = 0$

4.) $y'' + 2y' + y = t$

Guess: $y = At + B$

unique soln exists

But $2A + At = t$

5.) $y'' + 2y' + y = t + 1$

Guess: $y = At + B$

needed constant term since constant term appears on LHS $\Rightarrow 2A = 0 \Rightarrow A = 1$ soln due to constant term, so add constant term

6.) $y'' + 2y' + y = 4\sin(2t)$

Guess: $y = A\sin(2t) + B\cos(2t)$

need $\cos(2t)$ term since will appear on LHS

7.) $y'' + 2y' + y = [4\sin(2t) + 5\cos(2t)] = g_1$

Guess: $y = A\cos(2t) + B\sin(2t)$

8.) $y'' + 2y' + y = [4\sin(2t) + 5\cos(3t)] = g_1 + g_2$

Guess for step 2a: $y = A\cos(2t) + B\sin(2t)$

Guess for step 2b: $y = A\cos(3t) + B\sin(3t)$

9.) $y'' + 2y' + y = [4\sin(2t) + [t + 1]] = g_1 + g_2$

$g_1 \Rightarrow$ Guess for step 2a: $y = A\cos(2t) + B\sin(2t)$

$g_2 \Rightarrow$ Guess for step 2b: $y = At + B$

10.) $y'' + 2y' + y = 4t\sin(2t)$

$y = (At + B) \cdot (A\cos(2t) + B\sin(2t))$

simpler than since when plug in will get 4 LINEAR equations to solve for 4 unknown

Guess: $y = a t \cos(2t) + b \cos(2t) + c t \sin(2t) + d \sin(2t)$

11.) $y'' + y = 4\sin(2t)$ \leftarrow don't need $+ B\cos(2t)$

Guess: $y = A\sin(2t)$

since no y' term (but $y = A\sin(2t) + B\cos(2t)$ also works) a, b, c, d

12.) $y'' + y = 4\sin(t)$

Guess: $y = At \sin(t) + Bt \cos(t)$

Solve homog $\Rightarrow r^2 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow r = \pm i \Rightarrow$ homog soln $y = c_1 \cos(t) + c_2 \sin(2t)$
 $y = A \sin t$ is a homog soln \Rightarrow so multiply NON simplified by t
 $y = B \cos t$ is also homog

3.5: Solving non-homogeneous linear DE using the undetermined coefficients method

- 1.) Step 1: Solve homogeneous version of DE.
- 2.) Step 2: Guess a non-homogeneous solution with undetermined coefficients. Plug into the non-homogeneous linear DE to solve for the undetermined coefficients.
- 3.) Combing general homogeneous solution with a non-homogeneous solution.

Starting guess:

If $ay'' + by' + cy = ke^{pt}$, guess $y = Ae^{pt}$

If $ay'' + by' + cy = k\sin(pt) + j\cos(pt)$, guess $y = A\sin(pt) + B\cos(pt)$

If $ay'' + by' + cy = \text{degree } n \text{ polynomial}$,
guess $y = \text{a degree } n \text{ polynomial including all terms}$
(with undetermined coefficients) including constant term.

If $ay'' + by' + cy = \text{a sum}$, guess a sum (but usually solve separately).

If $ay'' + by' + cy = \text{a product}$, guess a product.

2nd order $\Rightarrow y = c_1\phi_1 + c_2\phi_2 + \psi$
general homog
a non-homog
or to commute

Sometimes the above can be simplified:

If a term does not show up when you take the derivatives of y , you may be able to omit that term. E.g. $y'' + w^2y = \sin(pt)$ where $p \neq w$, then $y = A\sin(pt)$ is a simpler guess that works.

If the above does not work

Try multiplying non-simplified guess by t .

Example: If guess is a homogeneous solution, then that will not be a non-homogeneous solution. Thus must guess something else. Multiplying non-simplified guess by t until no longer homogeneous works.

Example: If y term missing, and $g(t) = \text{degree } n \text{ polynomial}$, then will need to multiply by t so that when you plug in guess, you will have a degree n polynomial on both sides of equal sign.

Note: you are multiplying the non-simplified guess by t . When you take derivatives of y , you must use the product rule. Thus extra terms appear when you take the derivative and you will need the non-simplified guess to cancel out these terms.

no y' term, so no cosine term appears on LHS when plug in guess, so don't need cosine term in guess

or see if a term shows up on LHS not in RHS, then add this term to guess