

3.5 Nonhomogeneous Equations: Method of Undetermined Coefficients (Continue)

$$y'' + ay' + by = g(t)$$

↑
nonhomogeneous term.

AIM: Find a particular solution

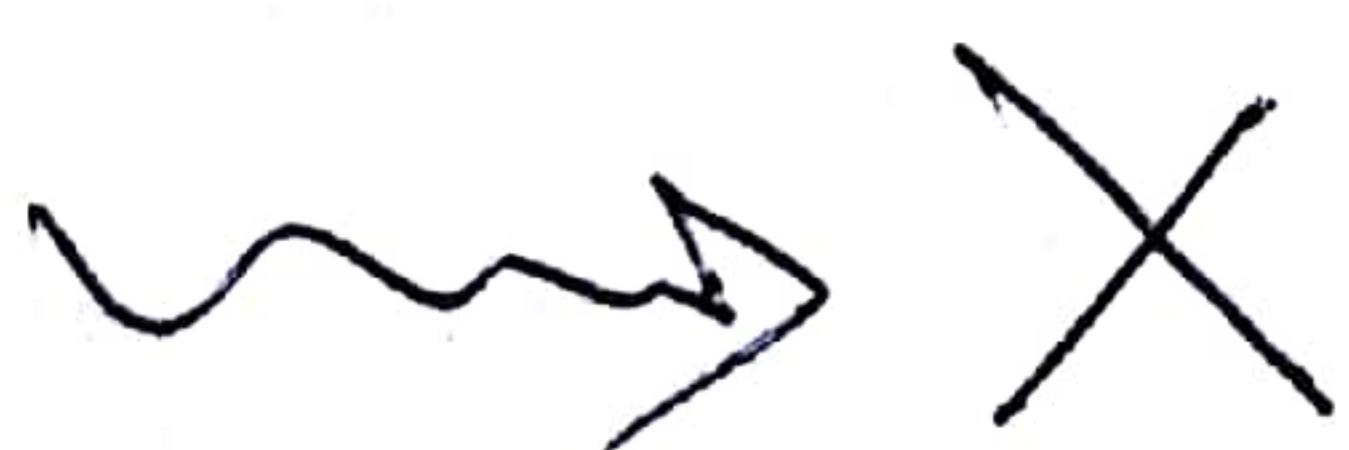
Simple Calculations:

$$\frac{d^k}{dt^k} \{ \text{Polynomials} \} \rightarrow \text{Polynomials}$$

$$\frac{d^k}{dt^k} \{ \text{exponential functions} \} \rightsquigarrow \{ \text{exponential functions} \}$$

$$\frac{d^k}{dt^k} \{ \text{sines, cosines} \} \rightsquigarrow \{ \text{sines, cosines} \}$$

$$\frac{d^k}{dt^k} \{ \text{Sum, product of Polynomials, exponential functions or sines, cosines} \} \triangleq X$$



$$\Rightarrow (Lf \triangleq f'' + af' + bf)$$

$$Lx \rightarrow x.$$

Conclusion: If $g \in X$, i.e. g is the sum, product of functions from polynomial, exponential functions, sines or cosines, then one can expect a particular solution $y \in X$, s.t. $Ly = g$.

Ex1 Find a particular solution of

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

Sol. Try get solutions of the form Ae^{st} . Then

$$\begin{aligned} y'' - 3y' - 4y &= A(2^2 - 3 \cdot 2 - 4)e^{2t} \\ &= -6Ae^{2t} = 3e^{2t} \end{aligned}$$

We get $A = -\frac{1}{2}$, and thus find a particular solution

$$y(t) = -\frac{1}{2}e^{2t}$$

Ex Find a particular solution of

$$y'' - 3y' - 4y = 2\sin t$$

Sol ① Try $Y(t) = A \sin t$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} y'' - 3y' - 4y &= (-A - 4) \sin t - 3A \cos t \\ &= A \sin t. \end{aligned}$$

Need

$$\begin{cases} -A - 4 = A \\ -3A = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \text{No such } A!$$

\Rightarrow No solution of the form $A \sin t$.

② Note that $(\sin t)' = \cos t$, $(\cos t)' = -\sin t$. One

may try $Y(t) = A \sin t + B \cos t$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} y'' - 3y' - 4y &= (3B - 5A) \sin t - (3A + 5B) \cos t \\ &= 2 \sin t \end{aligned}$$

We need

$$\begin{cases} 3B - 5A = 2 \\ -3A - 5B = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} A = -\frac{5}{17} \\ B = \frac{3}{17} \end{cases}$$

Therefore

$$Y(t) = -\frac{5}{17} \sin t + \frac{3}{17} \cos t.$$

Ex Find a particular solution of

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

Sol. Try solution

$$Y(t) = (A \cos 2t + B \sin 2t) e^{4t}$$

Then

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

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

Substituting Y and Y'' into the P.D.E \rightarrow

$$\begin{cases} 10A + 2B = 8 \\ 2A - 10B = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{b}{13} \quad B = \frac{2}{13}$$

$$\Rightarrow Y(t) = \frac{10}{13} e^{4t} \cos 2t + \frac{2}{13} e^{4t} \sin 2t.$$

Example Find a particular solution to

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

Sol. Try to find solution of form $Y(t) = Ae^{-t}$. Then

$$Y'' - 3Y' - 4Y = A(1+3-4) = 0 \\ \neq 2e^{-t}!$$

⇒ No solution of the form Ae^{-t} .

Check $r = -1$ is a root of

$$r^2 - 3r - 4 = 0. \quad (\text{CF})$$

$$r_1 = -1, r_2 = 4$$

$$(\text{CF}) \Leftrightarrow (r+1)(r-4) = 0$$

Calculate

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt} + 1 \right) \left(\frac{d}{dt} - 4 \right) \\ = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{d}{dt} - 4 \right) + \frac{d}{dt} - 4 = \frac{d^2}{dt^2} - 4 \frac{d}{dt} + \frac{d}{dt} - 4$$

$$\Rightarrow = \frac{d^2}{dt^2} - 3 \frac{d}{dt} - 4$$

$$y'' - 3y' - 4y = \left(\frac{d}{dt} + 1 \right) \left(\frac{d}{dt} - 4 \right) y$$

Then

$$y' - 3y' - 4y = 2e^{-t} \quad (\text{ODE})$$

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt} - 4\right)\left(\frac{d}{dt} + 1\right)y = 2e^{-t}$$

Set

$$x(t) = \left(\frac{d}{dt} + 1\right)y \quad \text{ie } x = y' + y$$

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt} - 4\right)x(t) = 2e^{-t}, \quad \text{ie } x' - 4x = 2e^{-t}$$

$$x(t) = e^{\int 4t dt} \int_{-4t}^{4t} 2e^{-t} dt = 2e^{\int 4t dt} \int_{-4t}^{4t} e^{-t} dt$$

$$= -\frac{2}{5} e^{4t} e^{-4t} = -\frac{2}{5} e^{-t}.$$

Recalling

$$y' + y = x$$

$$y' + y = -\frac{2}{5} e^{-t}$$

$$y = e^{-t} \left(-\frac{2}{5}\right) \int e^t e^{-t} dt$$

$$= -\frac{2}{5} t e^{-t}$$

$y(t) = -\frac{2}{5} t e^{-t}$ is a particular sol to (ODE)

More generally

$$y'' + ay' + by = P_1(t)e^{\alpha t} \quad (\text{ODE})$$

Choose $P_1(t) = t$ as example

$$r^2 + ar + b = 0 \quad (\text{CF})$$

r_1, r_2 roots may be repeated/complex.

Then

$$(\text{CF}) \Leftrightarrow (r-r_1)(r-r_2) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow r_1 + r_2 = -a, \quad r_1 r_2 = b$$

Therefore

$$(\text{ODE}) \Leftrightarrow y'' - (r_1 + r_2)y' + r_1 r_2 y = P_1(t)e^{\alpha t}$$

Calculate

$$(\frac{d}{dt} - r_1)(\frac{d}{dt} - r_2)y$$

$$= (\frac{d^2}{dt^2} - (r_1 + r_2)\frac{d}{dt} + r_1 r_2)y$$

$$= y'' - (r_1 + r_2)y' + r_1 r_2 y$$

m: the multiplicity
of α as the root
of (CF)

$\begin{cases} m=0 & \text{if } \alpha \text{ is not a root} \\ m=1 & \text{if } \alpha \text{ is a root but not repeat} \\ m=2 & \text{if } \alpha \text{ is a repeated root} \end{cases}$

Therefore

(ODE) \Leftrightarrow

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt} - r_1\right)\left(\frac{d}{dt} - r_2\right)y = P_1(t)e^{\alpha t} = te^{\alpha t} \quad (\text{ODE})'$$

① $\alpha \neq r_1, \alpha \neq r_2$, look for solution, $m=0$.

$$Y(t) = Q_1(t)e^{\alpha t} = (At+B)e^{\alpha t}$$

$$\Rightarrow Y'(t) = A + \alpha(At+B)e^{\alpha t} = (A\alpha t + A + \alpha B)e^{\alpha t}$$

$$Y''(t) = A\alpha + \alpha(A\alpha t + A + \alpha B)e^{\alpha t}$$

$$= (A\alpha^2 t + 2A\alpha + \alpha^2 B)e^{\alpha t}$$

$$\Rightarrow Y'' + aY' + bY$$

$$= (A\alpha^2 t + 2A\alpha + \alpha^2 B + A\alpha at + (A + \alpha B)a + Abt + Bb)e^{\alpha t}$$

$$= [A(\alpha^2 + a\alpha + b)t + (\alpha + a\alpha + b)\alpha^2 B + (2\alpha + a)A]e^{\alpha t}$$

$$= te^{\alpha t}$$

require

$$\begin{cases} (\lambda^2 + \alpha\lambda + b)A = 1 \\ (\lambda^2 + \alpha\lambda + b)B + (\beta\lambda + a)A = 0 \end{cases}$$

Since $\lambda \neq r_1, \lambda \neq r_2 \Rightarrow (\lambda^2 + \alpha\lambda + b) \neq 0$

$\Rightarrow A, B$ are solvable.

$\Rightarrow \exists$ a particular solution of the form

$$Y(t) = R_1(t)e^{\lambda t} = t^0 R_1(t)e^{\lambda t} = t^m R_1(t)e^{\lambda t}$$

② $\lambda = r_1, \lambda \neq r_2$. (In this case $r_1 \neq r_2$) $m=1$

$$(ODE) \Leftrightarrow (ODE)'$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{d}{dt} - r_1 \right) \left(\frac{d}{dt} - r_2 \right) Y(t) = P_1(t) = te^{\lambda t}$$
$$= te^{r_1 t}$$

Set

$$X(t) = \left(\frac{d}{dt} - r_2 \right) Y(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{d}{dt} - r_1 \right) X = X' - r_1 X = te^{r_1 t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \chi(t) = e^{rt} \int e^{-rt} t e^{rt} dt = e^{rt} \frac{t^2}{2}$$

$$\Downarrow y' - r_2 y = \frac{t^2}{2} e^{rt}$$

$$\Downarrow y = e^{r_2 t} \int \frac{1}{2} \int t^2 e^{(r_1-r_2)t} dt$$

$$= e^{r_2 t} \left(\frac{t^2}{2(r_1-r_2)} - \frac{t}{(r_1-r_2)^2} - \frac{1}{(r_1-r_2)^3} \right)$$

a particular solution.

But, replacing $\alpha = r_1 \Rightarrow \frac{e^{rt}}{(r_1-r_2)^3}$ is a solution
to the homogeneous equation.

$$\Downarrow y = e^{rt} + \left(\frac{t}{2(r_1-r_2)} - \frac{1}{(r_1-r_2)^3} \right)$$

$$= t Q_1(t) e^{\alpha t} = t^m R_1(t) e^{\alpha t}$$

[is a particular solution to (ODE)].

$$③ \alpha = r_1 = r_2 \quad m = 2$$

(ODE) \Leftrightarrow (OPE)'

$$\Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{d}{dt} - \alpha \right)^2 y = P_1(t) = t e^{2t}$$

Set

$$x = y' - \alpha y$$

$$x' - \alpha x = t e^{2t}$$

$$x = e^{\alpha t} \int t dt = \frac{t^2}{2} e^{\alpha t}$$

$$y' - \alpha y = x = \frac{t^2}{2} e^{\alpha t}$$

$$y = e^{\alpha t} \int \frac{t^2}{2} dt = \frac{t^3}{6} e^{\alpha t}$$

$$= t^2 \left(\frac{t}{6} \right) e^{\alpha t} = t^m R_1(t) e^{\alpha t}$$

if α is a repeated root

then (ODE) has a particular solution

of the form $Y(t) = t^m R_1(t) e^{\alpha t}$.

Conclusion

$$y' + ay' + by = P(t)e^{xt} \quad (\text{ODE})$$

$$r^2 + ar + b = 0 \quad (\text{CE})$$

$m \triangleq$ multiplicity of α as a root of (CE)

$$= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \alpha \text{ is not a root} \\ 1 & \text{if } \alpha \text{ is a root, but not repeat} \\ 2 & \text{if } \alpha \text{ is a repeat root} \end{cases}$$

Then (ODE) has a particular solution of the form

$$Y(t) = t^m R_q(t) e^{xt}$$

More generally

$$y' + ay' + by = P_n(t)e^{xt}$$

has a particular solution of the form

$$Y(t) = t^m R_n(t) e^{xt}$$

$$m = \text{multiplicity of } \alpha \text{ as a root of (CE)}$$

Remark

- If α Complex, then $e^{\alpha t}$ complex
 \rightarrow Y(t) complex-valued.

But, we need real-valued solutions

Final Conclusion (Method of Undetermined Coefficients)

• Case I

$$y'' + ay' + by = P_n(t)e^{\alpha t}, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \quad (\text{ODE})$$

$$r^2 + ar + br = 0 \quad (\text{CES})$$

$m = \text{multiplicity of } \alpha \text{ as a root of CES}$

$$= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \alpha \text{ is not a root} \\ 1 & \text{if } \alpha \text{ is a root but not repeated} \\ 2 & \text{if } \alpha \text{ is a repeated root} \end{cases}$$

$$Y(t) = t^m Q_n(t) e^{\alpha t}$$

• Case II

$$y'' + ay' + by = P_n(t)(\cos \beta t e^{\alpha t} \text{ or } P_n(t)\sin \beta t e^{\alpha t}) \quad (\beta \neq 0)$$

($\beta \neq 0$, otherwise reduces to Case I)

$m = \text{multiplicity of } \alpha + i\beta \text{ as a root of OED}$

$$= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \alpha + i\beta \text{ is not a root} \\ 1 & \text{if } \alpha + i\beta \text{ is a root} \end{cases}$$

$$Y(t) = (Q_n(t)\cos\beta t + R_n(t)\sin\beta t)e^{\alpha t}$$

Ex Find a particular solution of

$$y' + y - 2y = \begin{cases} (i) t+1 \\ (ii) (t+2)e^{-2t} \\ (iii) -10\sin t \\ (iv) e^{t\cos t} \end{cases}$$

Sol. The characteristic equation

$$r^2 + r - 2 = 0, \quad r_1 = 1, \quad r_2 = -2.$$

(i) $g(t) = P_1(t)e^{ot}$

0 is not a root $\Rightarrow m = 0$

$$Y(t) = Q_1(t) = At + B$$

Substituting $y(t)$ into the ODE \Rightarrow

$$(At+B)'' + (At+B)' - 2(At+B) = t+1$$

$$\Downarrow -2At + A - 2B = t + 1$$

$$\begin{cases} -2A = 1 \\ A - 2B = 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} A = -\frac{1}{2} \\ B = -\frac{3}{4} \end{cases}$$

$$y(t) = -\frac{t}{2} - \frac{3}{4}$$

$$(W) y(t) = (t+2)e^{-2t} = P_1(t)e^{-2t}, \quad \lambda = -2$$

$$\lambda = \lambda_2, \quad \lambda_2 \neq \lambda_1 \Rightarrow m = 1$$

$$Y(t) = t Q_1(t) e^{-2t} = t(At+B) e^{-2t}.$$

Substituting into (ODE) yields

$$e^{-2t}(-6At + 2A - 3B) = (t+2)e^{-2t}$$

$$\begin{cases} -6A = 1 \\ 2A - 3B = 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} A = -\frac{1}{6} \\ B = -\frac{7}{9} \end{cases}$$

$$Y(t) = \left(-\frac{t^2}{6} - \frac{7}{9}t\right) e^{-2t}$$

$$(iii) g(t) = -10\sin t = -10 \sin t e^{ot}$$

$\alpha + i\beta = 0 + i$ is not a root $\Rightarrow m=0$

$$Y(t) = A \cos t + B \sin t$$

Substituting $Y(t)$ into ODE yields

$$(3A+B)\cos t + (-A-3B)\sin t = -10\sin t$$

$$\begin{cases} -3A+B=0 \\ -A-3B=-10 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} A=1 \\ B=3 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow Y(t) = \cos t + 3\sin t.$$

$$(iv) g(t) = P(t) \cos t e^{ot}$$

$\alpha + i\beta = 1 + i$ is not a root of (CB)

$$\Rightarrow m=0$$

$$Y(t) = (A \cos t + B \sin t) e^{ot}$$

Substituting Y into ODE yields

$$[(8B-A)\cos t - (B+3A)\sin t]e^{ot} = \cos t e^{ot}$$

$$\begin{cases} 3B + A = 1 \\ B + 3A = 2 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} A = -\frac{1}{10} \\ B = \frac{3}{10} \end{cases}$$

$$Y(t) = \left(-\frac{e^{at}}{10} + \frac{3}{10} e^{3at} \right) e^t.$$

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Remark If $g(t) = g_1(t) + \dots + g_k(t)$

$$y'' + ay' + by = g(t)$$

A particular solution $Y(t)$ can be decomposed as

$$Y(t) = Y_1(t) + Y_2(t) + \dots + Y_k(t),$$

where

$$Y_i(t) + aY'_i(t) + bY''_i(t) = g_i(t), \quad i=1, 2, \dots, k.$$

Ex Find a particular solution of

$$y'' + y' - 2y = -10\sin t + e^{2t} \cos t$$

Sol $g_1 = -10\sin t, \quad g_2 = e^{2t} \cos t.$

$$Y(t) = Y_1(t) + Y_2(t)$$

For y_1

$$y_1'' + y_1' - 2y_1 = -10\sin t$$

By (6), we can choose

$$Y_1(t) = C_1 e^{2t} + 3 \sin t$$

For y_2

$$y_2'' + y_2' - 2y_2 = e^t \cos t,$$

By (6), we get

$$Y_2(t) = \left(-\frac{C_2}{10} + \frac{3}{10} \sin t \right) e^t$$

\Rightarrow

$$Y(t) = y_1 + y_2$$

$$= C_1 e^{2t} + 3 \sin t + \left(-\frac{C_2}{10} + \frac{3}{10} \sin t \right) e^t.$$

(a)

$$y'' - 2y' - 3y = 6e^{2t}$$

$$(y = -2e^{2t} + C_1 e^{3t} + C_2 e^{-t})$$

$$(b) y'' + 9y = t^2 e^{3t} + 18$$

$$(y = C_1 \cos 3t + C_2 \sin 3t + 2 + \frac{t^2}{18} - \frac{t}{27} + \frac{1}{16} e^{3t})$$

$$(c) 2y'' + 3y' + y = t^2 + 3 \cos t$$

$$(y = C_1 e^{-\frac{1}{2}t} + C_2 e^{-\frac{1}{2}t})$$

$$+ t^2 - 6t + 14 - \frac{3}{10} \cos t + \frac{9}{10} \sin t$$