

## Section 4.4

## Finding particular solutions by undetermined coefficients

To solve a non-homogeneous higher order DE

- ① Solve the homogeneous case
- ② Note the solutions, as the solutions in the particular solution must be linearly independent to the solutions from the homogeneous case
- ③ If a repeating type pattern occurs with the derivatives of the  $f(x)$ , then undetermined coefficients method is an option. If not, try variation of parameters. (section 4.6)

### Example 1

$$\text{Solve } y'' + 3y' + 4y = 3x + 2$$

$$y_c \quad m^2 + 3m + 4 = 0$$

$$m = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{9 - 4(1)(4)}}{2(1)} = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{-7}}{2} = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{7}i}{2}$$

$$y_c = e^{-\frac{3}{2}x} \left[ c_1 \cos \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}x + c_2 \sin \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}x \right]$$

$$y_p \quad \text{pick } y_p = Ax + B$$

$$y_p = \frac{3}{4}x - \frac{1}{16}$$

$$0 + 3A + 4(Ax + B) = 3x + 2$$

$$3A + 4Ax + 4B = 3x + 2$$

$$y = Ax + B$$

$$y' = A$$

$$y'' = 0$$

$$\text{so } 4A = 3$$

$$A = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$3A + 4B = 2$$

$$3\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) + 4B = 2$$

$$4B = 2 - \frac{9}{4}$$

$$B = -\frac{1}{16}$$

Example 2

$$3y'' + y' - 2y = 2\cos x$$

$$y_{dc} \quad 3m^2 + m - 2 = 0$$
$$(3m - 2)(m + 1) = 0$$

$$m = \frac{2}{3} \quad m = -1$$

$$y_{dc} = c_1 e^{\frac{2}{3}x} + c_2 e^{-x}$$

$$y_p \quad \text{pick } y_p = A\cos x + B\sin x$$

$$y_p' = -A\sin x + B\cos x$$

$$y_p'' = -A\cos x - B\sin x$$

$$3(-A\cos x - B\sin x) + (-A\sin x + B\cos x)$$
$$- 2(A\cos x + B\sin x) = 2\cos x$$

$$-3A\cos x - 3B\sin x - A\sin x + B\cos x - 2A\cos x - 2B\sin x$$
$$= 2\cos x$$

$$\cos x (-3A + B - 2A) + \sin x (-3B - A - 2B) = 2\cos x$$

$$\cos x (-5A + B) + \sin x (-5B - A) = 2\cos x$$

$$-5A + B = 2$$
$$-5B - A = 0$$

$$y_p = \frac{-5}{13}\cos x + \frac{1}{13}\sin x$$

$$-A = 5B$$
$$A = -5B$$

$$-5(-5B) + B = 2$$
$$+25B + B = 2$$
$$26B = 2$$

$$B = \frac{1}{13}$$

$$A = -5\left(\frac{1}{13}\right) = \frac{-5}{13}$$

$$A = \frac{-5}{13}$$

Find the general form of the  $y_p$  (do not solve)

Example 3

$$y''' + 9y' = x \sin x + x^2 e^{2x}$$

$y_c$

$$m^3 + 9m = 0$$

$$m(m^2 + 9) = 0$$

$$m = 0 \quad m = \pm 3i$$

$$y_c = c_1 e^0 + e^0 (c_2 \cos 3x + c_3 \sin 3x)$$

$$y_c = c_1 + c_2 \cos 3x + c_3 \sin 3x$$

$y_{op}$

$$\text{pick } y_{op} = (Ax+B) \sin x + (Cx+D) \cos x + (Ex^2+Fx+G)(e^{2x})$$

Example 4

Find the form of  $y_{op}$

$$y'' + 6y' + 13y = e^{-3x} \cos 2x$$

$y_c$

$$m^2 + 6m + 13 = 0$$

$$m = \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 4(1)(13)}}{2} = -3 \pm 2i$$

$$y_c = e^{-3x} [c_1 \cos 2x + c_2 \sin 2x]$$

$y_{op}$

$$y_{op} = e^{-3x} [A \cos 2x + B \sin 2x]$$

matches part of  $y_c$   
(no LI)

$$\text{so } y_{op} = x e^{-3x} [A \cos 2x + B \sin 2x]$$

### Example 5

$$\text{If } y_{oc} = 5x^2 + 3x - 1 + e^{2x} \quad \text{and} \\ f(x) = 4x + 5e^{2x} - \cos x$$

Set up  $y_p$

first choice

$$y_p = Ax + B + Ce^{2x} + D\cos x + E\sin x$$

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$$y_p = x^3(Ax + B) + x(Ce^{2x}) + D\cos x + E\sin x$$

## Section 4.4 Undetermined Coefficients Extra Practice Problems

Solve each of the following DEs.  
Find a particular solution using the method  
of undetermined coefficients

$$(1) \quad y'' + 6y' + 8y = -3e^{-t}$$

$$(2) \quad y'' + 3y' - 18y = 18e^{2t}$$

$$(3) \quad y'' + 4y = \cos 2t$$

$$(4) \quad y'' + 7y' + 6y = 3\sin 2t$$

$$(5) \quad y'' + 6y' + 8y = 2t - 3$$

$$(6) \quad y'' + 3y' + 4y = t^3$$

$$(7) \quad y'' - 4y' - 5y = 4e^{-2t} \quad y(0) = 0 \quad y'(0) = -1$$

$$(8) \quad y'' - 2y' + 5y = 3\cos t \quad y(0) = 0 \quad y'(0) = -2$$

$$(9) \quad y'' - 2y' + y = t^3 \quad y(0) = 1 \quad y'(0) = 0$$

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

$$(11) \quad y'' + 9y = \sin 3t$$

$$(12) \quad y'' + 6y' + 9y = 5e^{-3t}$$

$$(13) \quad y'' + 2y' + 2y = 2 + \cos 2t$$

$$(14) \quad y'' + 25y = 2 + 3t + \cos 5t$$

$$(15) \quad y'' + 4y' + 3y = \cos 2t + 3\sin 2t$$

$$(16) \quad y'' + 4y' + 4y = e^{-2t} + \sin 2t$$

$$(17) \quad y'' + 2y' + y = t^2 e^{-at}$$

$$(18) \quad y'' + 3y' + 2y = t^2 e^{-2t}$$

### Answers

$$(1) \quad y = c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2 e^{-4t} + \boxed{2e^{-3t}}$$

$$(2) \quad y = c_1 e^{-6t} + c_2 e^{3t} + \boxed{3e^{-t}}$$

$$(3) \quad y = c_1 \sin 2t + c_2 \cos 2t + \boxed{-\frac{1}{5} \cos 3t}$$

$$(4) \quad y = c_1 e^{-6t} + c_2 e^{-t} + \boxed{-\frac{21}{100} \cos 2t + \frac{3}{100} \sin 2t}$$

$$(5) \quad y = c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2 e^{-4t} + \boxed{\frac{1}{4}t - \frac{9}{16}}$$

$$(6) \quad y = e^{-\frac{3}{2}t} [c_1 \cos \sqrt{7}t + c_2 \sin \sqrt{7}t] + \boxed{\frac{1}{4}t^3 - \frac{9}{16}t^2 + \frac{15t}{32} - \frac{9}{128}}$$

$$(7) \quad y = -\frac{1}{14} e^{-5t} - \frac{1}{2} e^{-t} + \frac{4}{7} e^{-2t}$$

$$(8) \quad y = e^t \left[ -\frac{3}{5} \cos 2t - \frac{11}{20} \sin 2t \right] + \frac{3}{5} \cos t - \frac{3}{10} \sin t$$

$$(9) \quad y = (-23 + 5t) e^t + t^3 + 6t^2 + 18t + 24$$

$$(10) \quad y = c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 e^{-t} + \frac{-2}{3} t e^{-t}$$

$$(11) \quad y = c_1 \cos 3t + c_2 \sin 3t - \frac{1}{6} t \cos 3t$$

$$(12) \quad y = c_1 e^{-3t} + c_2 t e^{-3t} + \frac{5}{2} t^2 e^{-3t}$$

$$(13) \quad y = e^{-t} [c_1 \cos t + c_2 \sin t] + 1 - \frac{1}{10} \cos 2t + \frac{1}{5} \sin 2t$$

$$(14) \quad y = c_1 \cos 5t + c_2 \sin 5t + \frac{2}{25} t + \frac{3}{25} + \frac{1}{10} t \sin 5t$$

$$(15) \quad y = c_1 e^{-3t} + c_2 e^{-t} - \frac{5}{13} \cos 2t + \frac{1}{13} \sin 2t$$

$$(16) \quad y = c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2 t e^{-2t} + \frac{1}{2} t^2 e^{-2t} - \frac{1}{8} \cos 2t$$

$$(17) \quad y = c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 t e^{-t} + (t^2 + 4t + 6) e^{-2t}$$

$$(18) \quad y = c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2 e^{-t} + t \left[ -\frac{1}{3} t^2 - t - 2 \right] e^{-2t}$$