



## ***Second order linear differentail eqyution with constant coeffitions***

### ***>>Sluton of Non-homogeniuos SODEs with constant coeffitions***

*Theroem:* The general solution of the second order nonhomogeneous linear equation

$$y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = g(t)$$

can be expressed in the form

$$y = y_c + Y$$

where  $Y$  is *any* specific function that satisfies the nonhomogeneous equation, and  $y_c = C_1y_1 + C_2y_2$  is a general solution of the corresponding homogeneous equation

$$y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0.$$

(That is,  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are a pair of fundamental solutions of the corresponding homogeneous equation;  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are arbitrary constants.)

The term  $y_c = C_1y_1 + C_2y_2$  is called the *complementary solution* (or the *homogeneous solution*) of the nonhomogeneous equation. The term  $Y$  is called the *particular solution* (or the *nonhomogeneous solution*) of the same equation.



***solution of non-homogenous SODEs with constant coefficients (a,b,c) using undetermined coefficients method***

**SUMMARY: Method of Undetermined Coefficients**

Given  $ay'' + by' + cy = g(t)$

1. Find the complementary solution  $y_c$ .
2. Subdivide, if necessary,  $g(t)$  into parts:  $g(t) = g_1(t) + g_2(t) \dots + g_k(t)$ .
3. For each  $g_i(t)$ , choose the form of its corresponding particular solution  $Y_i(t)$  according to:

$g_i(t)$	$Y_i(t)$
$P_n(t)$	$t^s (A_n t^n + A_{n-1} t^{n-1} + \dots + A_1 t + A_0)$
$P_n(t) e^{at}$	$t^s (A_n t^n + A_{n-1} t^{n-1} + \dots + A_1 t + A_0) e^{at}$
$P_n(t) e^{at} \cos \mu t$ and/or $P_n(t) e^{at} \sin \mu t$	$t^s (A_n t^n + A_{n-1} t^{n-1} + \dots + A_0) e^{at} \cos \mu t$ + $t^s (B_n t^n + B_{n-1} t^{n-1} + \dots + B_0) e^{at} \sin \mu t$

Where  $s = 0, 1, \text{ or } 2$ , is the **minimum** number of times the choice must be multiplied by  $t$  so that it shares no common terms with  $y_c$ .

$P_n(t)$  denotes a  $n$ -th degree polynomial. If there is no power of  $t$  present, then  $n = 0$  and  $P_0(t) = C_0$  is just the constant coefficient. If no exponential term is present, then set the exponent  $a = 0$ .

4.  $Y = Y_1 + Y_2 + \dots + Y_k$ .
5. The general solution is  $y = y_c + Y$ .
6. Finally, apply any initial conditions to determine the as yet unknown coefficients  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  in  $y_c$ .



*Example:*  $y'' - 2y' - 3y = e^{2t}$

The corresponding homogeneous equation  $y'' - 2y' - 3y = 0$  has characteristic equation  $r^2 - 2r - 3 = (r + 1)(r - 3) = 0$ . So the complementary solution is  $y_c = C_1 e^{-t} + C_2 e^{3t}$ .

The nonhomogeneous equation has  $g(t) = e^{2t}$ . It is an exponent function, which does not change form after differentiation: an exponential function's derivative will remain an exponential function with the same exponent (although its coefficient might change the effect of the Chain Rule). Therefore, we can very reasonably expect that  $Y(t)$  is in the form  $Ae^{2t}$  for some unknown coefficient. Our job is to find this as yet undetermined coefficient.

Let  $Y = Ae^{2t}$ , then  $Y' = 2Ae^{2t}$ , and  $Y'' = 4Ae^{2t}$ . Substitute this back into the original differential equation:

$$(4Ae^{2t}) - 2(2Ae^{2t}) - 3(Ae^{2t}) = e^{2t}$$

$$-3Ae^{2t} = e^{2t}$$

$$A = -1/3$$

Hence,  $Y(t) = \frac{-1}{3}e^{2t}$ .

Therefore,  $y = y_c + Y = C_1 e^{-t} + C_2 e^{3t} - \frac{1}{3}e^{2t}$ .



*Example:*  $y'' - 2y' - 3y = 3t^2 + 4t - 5$

The corresponding homogeneous equation is still  $y'' - 2y' - 3y = 0$ . Therefore, the complementary solution remains  $y_c = C_1 e^{-t} + C_2 e^{3t}$ .

Now  $g(t) = 3t^2 + 4t - 5$ . It is a degree 2 (i.e., quadratic) polynomial. Since polynomials, like exponential functions, do not change form after differentiation: the derivative of a polynomial is just another polynomial of one degree less (until it eventually reaches zero). We expect that  $Y(t)$  will, therefore, be a polynomial of the same degree as that of  $g(t)$ . (Why will their degrees be the same?)

So, we will let  $Y$  be a generic quadratic polynomial:  $Y = At^2 + Bt + C$ . It follows  $Y' = 2At + B$ , and  $Y'' = 2A$ . Substitute them into the equation:

$$(2A) - 2(2At + B) - 3(At^2 + Bt + C) = 3t^2 + 4t - 5$$
$$- 3At^2 + (-4A - 3B)t + (2A - 2B - 3C) = 3t^2 + 4t - 5$$

The corresponding terms on both sides should have the same coefficients, therefore, equating the coefficients of like terms.

$$\begin{array}{lcl} t^2 : & 3 = -3A & A = -1 \\ t : & 4 = -4A - 3B & \rightarrow B = 0 \\ 1 : & -5 = 2A - 2B - 3C & C = 1 \end{array}$$

Therefore,  $Y = -t^2 + 1$ , and  $y = y_c + Y = C_1 e^{-t} + C_2 e^{3t} - t^2 + 1$ .



**Exercises:**

1 – 10 Find the general solution of each nonhomogeneous equation.

1.  $y'' + 4y = 8$

2.  $y'' + 4y = 8t^2 - 20t + 8$

3.  $y'' + 4y = 5\sin 3t - 5\cos 3t$

4.  $y'' + 4y = 24e^{-2t}$

5.  $y'' + 4y = 8\cos 2t$

6.  $y'' + 2y' = 2te^{-t}$

7.  $y'' + 2y' = 6e^{-2t}$

8.  $y'' + 2y' = 12t^2$

9.  $y'' - 6y' - 7y = 13\cos 2t + 34\sin 2t$

10.  $y'' - 6y' - 7y = 8e^{-t} - 7t - 6$