

Lesson 16 Variation of parameters

HWK 6 due Wed

EX: $y'' + 2y' + y = e^{-x}$

Step 1: Homogenous eqn $y'' + 2y' + y = 0$

$$r^2 + 2r + 1 = 0$$

$$(r+1)^2 = 0$$

Roots $r = -1, -1$ repeated

$$y_c = \underline{c_1 e^{-x} + c_2 x e^{-x}}$$

Step 2: Find one particular solⁿ y_p .

Use Method of coeff: From table: Try $y_p = \underline{A e^{-x}}$

↑
ouch!
Solves homog.

Rule: Multiply by x until problem
is cleared:

Next try: $y_p = A \underline{x e^{-x}}$

↑ Ouch again!

Finally try: $\boxed{y_p = A x^2 e^{-x}}$

← This works!
Plug into ODE.
Determine A .

Step 3: Gen^l Solⁿ: $c_1 e^{-x} + c_2 x e^{-x} + A x^2 e^{-x}$

↑ your A goes here

Variation of parameters:

$$A(x)y'' + B(x)y' + C(x)y = D(x)$$

Step 1: Put in Standard Form: $y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = F(x)$ (+)

Assume we know genl solⁿ to homog eqn

$$y'' + P y' + Q y = 0$$

$$\text{is } y = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$$

Big idea: Look for a particular solⁿ of form

$$y_p = u_1 y_1 + u_2 y_2$$

where u_1 and u_2 are unknown fns determined by plugging into non-homog eqn (+).

Get

$$\begin{cases} u_1' = \frac{-y_2 F}{W[y_1, y_2]} \\ u_2' = \frac{y_1 F}{W[y_1, y_2]} \end{cases} \quad \leftarrow F = \text{RHS in } \underline{\text{Standard Form}}$$

Integrate to get u_1 and u_2 .

$$\text{Genl Sol}^n \text{ to (+) is } \underbrace{(c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2)}_{y_c} + \underbrace{(u_1 y_1 + u_2 y_2)}_{y_p}$$

why it works: Try $y_p = u_1 y_1 + u_2 y_2$

Plug into ODE and force it. $\leftarrow$ only gives one eqn for two fns!

$$y_p' = \underbrace{u_1' y_1 + u_2' y_2}_{\text{Aha! } = 0} + u_1 y_1' + u_2 y_2'$$

let this be the other eqn!

$$y_p'' = u_1' y_1' + u_2' y_2' + u_1 y_1'' + u_2 y_2''$$

Plug into ODE:

$$\left[\underline{u_1' y_1'} + \underline{u_2' y_2'} + \underline{u_1 y_1''} + \underline{u_2 y_2''} \right] + P \left[\underline{u_1 y_1'} + \underline{u_2 y_2'} \right] + Q \left[\underline{u_1 y_1} + \underline{u_2 y_2} \right] = F$$

want

Blue things: $u_1 L[y_1] = 0$

Green things: $u_2 L[y_2] = 0$

$$\begin{cases} u_1' y_1 + u_2' y_2 = 0 & \leftarrow \text{gave ourselves} \\ u_1' y_1' + u_2' y_2' = F & \leftarrow \text{from ODE} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1' \\ u_2' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ F \end{pmatrix}$$

Cramer's rule!

$$u_1' = \frac{\det \begin{bmatrix} \textcolor{red}{0} & y_2 \\ \textcolor{red}{F} & y_2' \end{bmatrix}}{\det \begin{bmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{bmatrix}} \leftarrow \textcolor{red}{W!} = \frac{-y_2 F}{W}$$

$$u_2' = \frac{\det \begin{bmatrix} y_1 & \textcolor{red}{0} \\ y_1' & \textcolor{red}{F} \end{bmatrix}}{\det \begin{bmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{bmatrix}} = \frac{y_1 F}{W}$$

EX: $y'' + y = \sec x$

1 in front ✓ not special! bad!

Standard Form. So $F(x) = \sec x$.

Step 1: Homog solⁿ: $r = \pm i = 0 \pm i$

$$y_c = c_1 \underbrace{\cos x}_{y_1} + c_2 \underbrace{\sin x}_{y_2}$$

Step 2: $W[y_1, y_2] = \det \begin{bmatrix} \cos x & \sin x \\ -\sin x & \cos x \end{bmatrix}$

$$= \cos^2 x + \sin^2 x \equiv 1$$

Step 3:

$$u_1' = \frac{-y_2 F}{W} = \frac{-(\sin x) \sec x}{1} \leftarrow \sec = \frac{1}{\cos}$$

$$= -\tan x$$

$$u_2' = \frac{y_1 F}{W} = \frac{\cos x \sec x}{1} = 1$$

Step 3: Integrate

$$u_1 = \int -\tan x \, dx = -\ln |\sec x|$$

$$= \ln |\sec x|^{-1} = \ln |\cos x|$$

skip +C
Just want one y_p

$$u_2 = \int 1 \, dx = x$$

no +C

Step 4: $y_p = u_1 y_1 + u_2 y_2$

$$= \underbrace{(\ln|\cos x|)(\cos x)}_{y_p} + x \sin x$$

Step 5: Genl solⁿ to (+)

$$y = c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x + y_p$$

EX: $x^2 y'' - 4x y' + 4y = -x^2$

Step 1: Homog eqn: $x^2 y'' - 4x y' + 4y = 0$

Euler eqn: Try $y = x^r$

$$\left[\underbrace{r(r-1) - 4r + 4}_{=0} \right] x^r = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{want}$$

Roots $r = 1, 4$

Homog solⁿ $y = c_1 \underbrace{x}_{y_1} + c_2 \underbrace{x^4}_{y_2}$

Step 2: $W = \det \begin{bmatrix} x & x^4 \\ 1 & 4x^3 \end{bmatrix} = 4x^4 - x^4 = 3x^4$

Danger: $x^2 y'' - 4x y' + 4y = -x^2$ Not in Stand Form.

$$y'' - \frac{4}{x} y' + \frac{4}{x^2} y = -1 \leftarrow F(x)!$$

[$x=0$ is bad! Explains why $w(0)=0$.]

Step: $u_1' = \frac{-(x^4)(-1)}{3x^4} = \frac{1}{3}$

$$u_2' = \frac{(x)(-1)}{3x^4} = -\frac{1}{3x^3}$$

Step: $u_1 = \int \frac{1}{3} dx = \frac{1}{3}x$

$$u_2 = \int \frac{-1}{3x^3} dx = \frac{1}{6}x^{-2}$$

Solⁿ: $(c_1x + c_2x^4) + \left(\underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{3}x \right)x + \left(\frac{1}{6}x^{-2} \right)x^4}_{\frac{1}{3}x^2 + \frac{1}{6}x^2 = \frac{1}{2}x^2} \right)$
 y_p

Important fact: $A(x)y'' + B(x)y' + C(x)y = F_1(x) + F_2(x) + F_3(x)$

Good news: $L[y] = Ay'' + By' + Cy$ is linear.

Get $y_{p,j}$: $L[y_{p,j}] = F_j$

Then $L[\underbrace{y_{p,1} + y_{p,2} + y_{p,3}}_{y_p}] = L[y_{p,1}] + \dots + L[y_{p,3}]$
 $= F_1 + F_2 + F_3 \checkmark$

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

Form of y_p for undetermined coeff =

$$y_p = \textcolor{red}{\times} (A \cos x + B \sin x) + (Cx^2 + Dx + E) + F e^{2x}$$

Advice: Split into 3 problems: F_1, F_2, F_3

EX:

$$\underbrace{y'' + y'} = x^2$$

$$y_h = c_1 e^{-x} + c_2$$

From table: $y_p = Ax^2 + Bx + C$ ↑
ouch!

Correct guess: $y_p = x(Ax^2 + Bx + C)$

Individual pieces: x^3, x^2, x safe!