

chapter, we look at ODE's of the form..

$$a_n(x)y^{(n)} + a_{n-1}(x)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_1(x)y' + a_0(x)y = r(x)$$

(NH)

The solution to (NH) is based on the following:

Theorem: The general solution of (NH) is of the form

$$y = y_H + y_p \text{ where:}$$

- y_H is the general solution to the corresponding homogeneous ODE:

$$a_n(x)y^{(n)} + \dots + a_1(x)y' + a_0(x)y = 0 \quad (H)$$

- y_p is (any) solution of (NH)

Ex/ Consider the ODE:

$$y'' - 3y' + 2y = 6x^2 - 6x - 10 \quad (NH)$$

① Verify that $y_p = 3x^2 + 6x + 1$ is a particular solution of (NH).

② Write the general solution of (NH)

Sol

$$y_p' = 6x + 6, \quad y_p'' = 6$$

Substitute back into the ODE:

$$\begin{aligned} y_p'' - 3y_p' + 2y_p &= 6 - 3(6x + 6) + 2(3x^2 + 6x + 1) \\ &= 6 - 18x - 18 + 6x^2 + 12x + 2 \\ &= 6x^2 - 6x - 10 \end{aligned}$$

So y_p is a particular solution of (NH)

② The corresponding Homogeneous ODE

$$y'' - 3y' + 2y = 0 \quad (H)$$

The Char. Eq. is $\lambda^2 - 3\lambda + 2 = 0$

$$(\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 2) = 0$$

$\lambda_1 = 1, \quad \lambda_2 = 2$ Two distinct real roots

$y_1 = e^x, \quad y_2 = e^{2x}$ a basis of solutions.

So the general solution to (H) is $y_H = C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{2x}$

$$y = C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{2x} + 3x^2 + 6x + 1$$

The hard part is to find y_p . We are going

to explore 2 methods to find y_p :

① The undetermined coefficients method

1) Left coefficients on the left hand side of (NH) are constants

$$y^{(n)} + a_{n-1}y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_1y' + a_0y = v(x)$$

2) $v(x)$ is a polynomial, sinusoidal, exponential or a sum or a product of these functions.

Solve the IVP:

Ex/ $y'' - 4y' = 3e^{3x} + 4x + 2$; $y(0) = 1$, $y'(0) = 2$

Sol the corresponding homogeneous ODE is

$$y'' - 4y' = 0 \quad (H)$$

The char. eq. is $\lambda^2 - 4\lambda = 0$

$$\lambda = 0, \lambda = 4$$

2 distinct real roots

$$y_1 = e^{0x} = 1 \quad y_2 = e^{4x} \text{ is a basis of solution for (H)}$$

The general solution of (H) is

$$y_H = C_1 + C_2 e^{4x}$$

For y_p , we use the method of undetermined coefficients:

• For $3e^{4x} \rightarrow y_p = A \underbrace{e^{4x}}_{\text{appears as a basis}} \xrightarrow{\text{modify}} y_p = Ax e^{4x}$

• For $4x+2 \rightarrow y_p = Bx + \underbrace{C}_{\text{1 appears as a basis}} \xrightarrow{\text{modify}} y_p = Bx^2 + Cx$

By the same Rule,

$$y_p = Ax e^{4x} + Bx^2 + Cx$$

Next, we find A, B, and C

$$y_p = Ax e^{4x} + Bx^2 + Cx$$

$$y_p' = Ae^{4x} + 4Axe^{4x} + 2Bx + C$$

$$y_p'' = 4Ae^{4x} + 4Ae^{4x} + 16Axe^{4x} + 2B$$

$$= 8Ae^{4x} + 16Axe^{4x} + 2B$$

Go back to (NH)

$$8Ae^{4x} + 16Axe^{4x} + 2B - 4(Ae^{4x} + 4Axe^{4x} + 2Bx + C) = 3e^{4x} + 4x + 2$$

$$8Ae^{4x} + 16Axe^{4x} + 2B - 4Ae^{4x} - 16Axe^{4x} - 8Bx - 4C = 3e^{4x} + 4x + 2$$

$$4Ae^{4x} - 8Bx + 2B - 4C = 3e^{4x} + 4x + 2$$

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

$$-8B = 4 \implies B = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$2B - 4C = 2 \implies 2C = B - 1 \implies C = \frac{B-1}{2} = -\frac{3}{4}$$

$$\text{So } y_p = \frac{3}{4}xe^{4x} - \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{3}{4}x$$

So the general solution of (NH) is $y = y_h + y_p$

$$y = C_1 + C_2 e^{4x} + \frac{3}{4}xe^{4x} - \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{3}{4}x$$

$$y' = 4C_2 e^{4x} + \frac{3}{4}e^{4x} + 3xe^{4x} - x - \frac{3}{4}$$

$$y(0) = 1 = C_1 + C_2 = 1$$

$$y'(0) = 2 = 4C_2 + \frac{3}{4} - \frac{3}{4}$$

$$C_2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$C_1 = 1 - C_2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

So the solution to the IVP is

$$y = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}e^{4x} + \frac{3}{4}xe^{4x} - \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{3}{4}x$$

Ex 2 Find the general solution of the ODE:

$$y''' + 6y'' + 12y' + 8y = 6e^{-2x} + 8x - 24 \quad (NH)$$

Sol/ The corresponding homogeneous Equation:

$$y''' + 6y'' + 12y' + 8 = 0$$

The ch. eq. is $\lambda^3 + 6\lambda^2 + 12\lambda + 8 = 0$
 $(\lambda + 2)^3$

one root $\lambda = -2$ real root of multiplicity 3:

$$y_1 = e^{-2x}, y_2 = xe^{-2x}, y_3 = x^2e^{-2x} \text{ is a basis of solutions}$$

$$y_H = C_1 e^{-2x} + C_2 x e^{-2x} + C_3 x^2 e^{-2x}$$

Use the undetermined coefficient's Method For y_p :

• For $6e^{-2x}$: $y_p = A e^{-2x}$ modify \rightarrow
 $= A x e^{-2x}$ modify \rightarrow
 $= A x^2 e^{-2x}$ modify \rightarrow
 $= A x^3 e^{-2x}$ ✓

• for $8x - 24$: $y_p = Bx + c$ ✓

By the sum rule,

$$y_p = Ax^3 e^{-2x} + Bx + c$$

$$y_p' = 3Ax^2 e^{-2x} - 2Ax^3 e^{-2x} + B$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_p'' &= 6Ax e^{-2x} - 6Ax^2 e^{-2x} - 6Ax^2 e^{-2x} + 4Ax^3 e^{-2x} \\ &= 6Ax e^{-2x} - 12Ax^2 e^{-2x} + 4Ax^3 e^{-2x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_p''' &= 6Ae^{-2x} - 12Ax e^{-2x} - 24Ax e^{-2x} + 24Ax^2 e^{-2x} + 12Ax^2 e^{-2x} - 8Ax^3 e^{-2x} \\ &= 6Ae^{-2x} - 36Ax e^{-2x} + 36Ax^2 e^{-2x} - 8Ax^3 e^{-2x} \end{aligned}$$

Back to (NH)

$$\begin{aligned} 6Ae^{-2x} - 36Ax e^{-2x} + 36Ax^2 e^{-2x} - 8Ax^3 e^{-2x} + 6(6Ax e^{-2x} - 12Ax^2 e^{-2x} + 4Ax^3 e^{-2x}) \\ + 12(3Ax^2 e^{-2x} - 2Ax^3 e^{-2x} + B) + 8(Ax^3 e^{-2x} + Bx + c) \\ = 6e^{-2x} + 8x - 24 \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{6Ae^{-2x}} + \underline{8Bx} + \underline{12B} + \underline{8C} = \underline{6e^{-2x}} + \underline{8x} - \underline{24}$$

$$\underline{6A} = 6 \Rightarrow A = 1$$

$$\underline{8B} = 8 \Rightarrow B = 1$$

$$\underline{12B + 8C} = -24 \Rightarrow C = -\frac{9}{2}$$

$$y_p = x^3 e^{-2x} + x - \frac{9}{2}$$

The general solution to (NH) is $y = y_h + y_p$

$$y = c_1 e^{-2x} + c_2 x e^{-2x} + c_3 x^2 e^{-2x} + x^3 e^{-2x} + x - \frac{9}{2}$$