

# SUMMARY OF SOLUTIONS TO HOMOGENEOUS 2nd ORDER ODES

$$Ly = g(x)$$

has a solution  $y = \underbrace{c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2}_{y_H} + y_p(x)$

where  $Ly_1 = 0$   $Ly_2 = 0$   $Ly_p = g(x)$

## CONSTANT COEFFICIENT 2nd Order ODE:

$$y'' + \alpha y' + \beta y = 0$$

$$y_H = e^{mx}$$

$$\therefore m^2 + 2m + \beta = 0$$

$$m_{1,2} = -\frac{\alpha}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\alpha^2 - 4\beta}$$

$$y_h = C_1 e^{m_1 x} + C_2 e^{m_2 x}$$

if  $\alpha^2 - 4\beta > 0$   $m_1, m_2$  are distinct real roots

$$y_h = C_1 e^{m_1 x} + C_2 e^{m_2 x}.$$

if  $\alpha^2 = 4\beta$   $m_1, m_2 = -\frac{\alpha}{2} = m$

$$y = (C_1 + C_2 x) e^{mx}$$

if  $\alpha^2 - 4\beta < 0$

$$y_h = e^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}x} (A \cos \omega x + B \sin \omega x)$$

where  $\omega = \sqrt{4\beta - \alpha^2}$



## 2nd order Euler Equations

$$x^2 y'' + \alpha x y' + \beta y = 0$$

$$y = x^m$$

.

$$m(m-1) + \alpha m + \beta = 0$$

$$m^2 + (\alpha-1)m + \beta = 0$$

$$m_{1,2} = -\frac{\alpha-1}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{(\alpha-1)^2 - 4\beta}$$

if  $(\alpha-1)^2 - 4\beta > 0$  then

$$y_h = C_1 x^{m_1} + C_2 x^{m_2}$$

$m_{1,2}$  are distinct real roots

if  $(\alpha-1)^2 = 4\beta$  then  $m_{1,2} = m = \frac{1-\alpha}{2}$

$$y_h = (C_1 + C_2 \ln x) e^{mx}$$

if  $4\beta > (\alpha-1)^2$  then  $m_{1,2}$  are complex conjugate roots

$$y_h = x^{-\frac{(\alpha-1)}{2}} \left[ A \cos(q \ln x) + B \sin(q \ln x) \right]$$

where  $q = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{4\beta - (\alpha-1)^2}$

//

## 3.5 Non-Homogeneous Equations

The solution to

$$Ly = g(x)$$

where  $L$  is a linear differential operator

is

$$y = y_h + y_p$$

where  $Ly_h = 0$

$$Ly_p = g(x)$$

How do we find  $y_p$ ?

We will learn two methods. They both apply to linear differential equations.

① Method of Undetermined Coefficients  
(MUC)

Applies only to C.C. ODE's!!

## (2) Variation of Parameters

Applies to general linear ODE's,  
including C.C. ODE's.

### METHOD OF UNDETERMINED COEFFICIENTS

The basic idea is to GUESS the form of solution

Given  $L y = g(x)$

$g(x)$	form of guess $y_p(x)$
$P_n(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$	$x^s (A_n x^n + A_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + A_1 x + A_0)$
$P_n(x) e^{\alpha x}$ ( $\alpha$ is a constant)	$x^s (A_n x^n + \dots + A_1 x + A_0) e^{\alpha x}$
$P_n(x) e^{\alpha x} \begin{cases} \sin \beta x \\ \cos \beta x \end{cases}$	$E(x)$

Where

$$E(x) = x^s (A_n x^n + A_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + A_0) e^{\alpha x} \sin \beta x$$

$$+ x^s (B_n x^n + B_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + B_0) e^{\alpha x} \cos \beta x$$

Rule: in this last case **ALWAYS** use a combination of sin and cos, regardless of whether  $g(x)$  contains only sin or only cos (or both).

Rule: the term  $x^s$  will be explained

after we consider what can go wrong with the method of guessing (MUG).

$s$  is an integer  $0, 1, 2, \dots$  that will ensure that NO term in  $y_p(x)$  is a solution of  $L y_p = 0$

Rule: if  $g(x)$  is a linear combination, then make  $y_p(x)$  be a guess consisting of a linear combination of the assumed guesses.

Ex)  $L y = g(t) \quad y = y(t)$

$$y'' + 6y' + 9y = 3e^{2t}$$

General Solution  $y(t) = y_H(t) + y_p(t)$ , where

$$y_H'' + 6y_H' + 9y_H = 0$$

$$y_H \sim e^{mt}$$

$$m^2 + 6m + 9 = 0 \Rightarrow m = -3$$

$$y_H = C_1 e^{-3t} + C_2 t e^{-3t}$$

reduction of order  
process.

Solve  $L y_p = g(t)$  (\*) use MVC

here,  $g(t) = 3e^{2t}$  so assume

$$y_p = A e^{2t}$$

$A$  is unknown but will  
be found by forcing  $y_p$  to satisfy (\*).

Need these:  $y_p' = 2A e^{2t}$   $y_p'' = 4A e^{2t}$ , inserting in (\*):

$$\underbrace{4\Delta e^{2t}}_{y_p''} + \underbrace{6(2\Delta e^{2t})}_{y_p'} + \underbrace{9(\Delta e^{2t})}_{y_p} = 3e^{2t}$$

$$\Delta[4 + 12 + 9]e^{2t} = 3e^{2t}$$

solve for  $\Delta = \frac{3}{25}$

$$\therefore y_p = \frac{3}{25} e^{2t}$$

$$y = C_1 e^{-3t} + C_2 t e^{-3t} + \frac{3}{25} e^{2t} //$$

ex)  $y'' - 6y' + 9y = -12e^{3t}$

$$y_H = \Delta e^{3t} + Bte^{3t}$$

$$y_p = C e^{3t} + (D_0 + D_1 t)e^{3t}$$

This guess is not good because

because  $Ly_p = 0$ .

We use  $t^s$  (guess) to make

$y_p$  form Linearly independent of  $y_H$ :

Use  $y_p = t^{s=1} (C_0 + C_1 t) e^{3t} = (C_0 t + C_1 t^2) e^{3t}$   
substitute into  $y_p'' - 6y_p' + 9y_p = -12e^{3t}$ :

You get  $C_0 = 0$  and  $2C_1 + 12 = 0$

$$\therefore C_1 = -6$$

$$y_p = -6t^2 e^{3t} \quad //$$

ex)  $y'' - 5y' + 4y = 8te^{6t}$

$$m^2 - 5m + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow m_1, 2 = 1, 4$$

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

$$y_p = (At + B)e^{6t}$$

$$y_p' = 6(\Delta t + B)e^{6t} + Ae^{6t}$$

$$y_p'' = 36(\Delta t + B)e^{6t} + 6Ae^{6t} + 6Ae^{6t}$$

Substitute into  $L y_p = 8te^{6t}$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} 36(\overset{\checkmark}{\Delta t} + B) + 12A - 5(\overset{\checkmark}{6(\Delta t + B)} + \Delta) \\ \cancel{+ 36(\Delta t + B)} \\ + 4(\overset{\checkmark}{\Delta t} + B) = 8t \end{array} \right]$$

Solve for  $\Delta$  &  $B$ :

Collect terms in powers of  $t$ :

$$36A - 30\Delta + 4A = 8 \quad :t^1$$

$$36B + 12\Delta - 5B - 5\Delta + 4B = 0 \quad :t^0$$

$$\Delta = \frac{4}{5} \quad B = -\frac{28}{50}$$

$$y_p = \left( \frac{4}{5}t - \frac{28}{50} \right) e^{6t}$$



$$\text{Ex) } y'' + y = 4t + 10\sin t$$

$$m^2 + 1 = 0 \quad m = \pm i$$

$$y_h = A\sin t + B\cos t$$

$$\text{Solve } L[y_p] = \underline{4t} + \underline{10\sin t} = g(t) \quad (\dagger)$$

$$y_p = \underline{C_1 t + C_2} \quad t^s = t^1$$

$$+ \underline{(D\cos t + Esint)t}$$

Substitute into  $(\dagger)$

$$y'_p = C_1 + (D\cos t + Esint) \\ + t(-Dsint + Ecot)$$

$$y''_p = -Dsint + Ecot + (-Dsint + Ecot) \\ [-Dcost - Esint]t$$

$$y''_p = -2Dsint + 2Ecost - t[Dcost + Esint]$$

$$\iff -2Dsint + 2Ecost - t[Dcost + Esint]$$

$$+ C_1t + C_2 + t[Dcost + Esint]$$

$$= 4t + 10sint$$

$$\iff -2Dsint + 2Ecost + C_1t + C_2 = 4t + 10sint$$

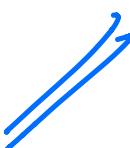
$$\therefore E = 0$$

$$C_2 = 0$$

$$C_1 = 4$$

$$-2D = 10 \Rightarrow D = -5$$

$$\therefore y_p = 4t - 5sint$$



$$\text{ex) } y'' + y = 2x \sin x \quad y = y(x)$$

$$y = C_1 \cos x + C_2 \sin x + y_p$$

$$y_p = (a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2) \cos x + (b_0 + b_1 x + b_2 x^2) \sin x$$

substituting into  $y'' + y = 2x \sin x$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & \cancel{4b_2 x \cos x} - \cancel{4a_2 x \sin x} + \cancel{2a_2 \cos x} + \cancel{2b_2 \sin x} \\ & - 2a_1 \sin x + \cancel{2b_2 \sin x} - \cancel{2x \sin x} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_0 = 0 \quad b_0 = 0$$

$$\cancel{-4a_2 - 2} = 0 \Rightarrow a_2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\cancel{4b_2} = 0 \Rightarrow b_2 = 0$$

$$\cancel{2a_2 + 2b_1} = 0 \Rightarrow b_1 = -a_2 = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\cancel{-2a_1 + 2b_2} = 0 \Rightarrow a_1 = 0$$

$$\therefore y_p = \frac{1}{2}x^2 \cos x - \frac{1}{2}x \sin x \quad //$$

$$1x) \quad y'' + 4y' + 4y = (3+x)e^{-2x} \quad (\cancel{\star})$$

$$y(0) = 2 \quad y'(0) = 5$$

$$y = y_h + y_p$$

Apply I.C. to  $y = y_h + y_p$  (not just  $y_h$ .)

$$y_h'' + 4y_h' + 4y_h = 0$$

$$m^2 + 4m + 4 = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow y_h = (c_1 + c_2 x)e^{-2x}$$

$$\text{So } ① y_p = x^2(b_0 + b_1 x)e^{-2x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} ② y_p' &= 2x(b_0 + b_1 x)e^{-2x} \\ &\quad + x^2(b_1) e^{-2x} - 2x^2(b_0 + b_1 x)e^{-2x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} ③ y_p'' &= 2(b_0 + b_1 x)e^{-2x} + 2b_1 x e^{-2x} - 4x(b_0 + b_1 x)e^{-2x} \\ &\quad + 2x^2 b_1 e^{-2x} - 2b_1 x^2 e^{-2x} - 4x(b_0 + b_1 x) \\ &\quad - 2x^2 b_1 e^{-2x} + 4x^2(b_0 + b_1 x)e^{-2x} \end{aligned}$$

Replace ①, ②, ③ into  $\cancel{\star}$

$$\text{Get: } [2(b_1 x + b_0) + 4x b_1]e^{-2x} = (3+x)e^{-2x}$$

$$\therefore \underline{2b_0 = 3} \quad \therefore b_0 = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\underline{2b_1 + 4b_1 = 1} \quad b_1 = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$y = (c_1 + c_2 x) e^{-2x} + \left(\frac{2}{3} + \frac{x}{6}\right) e^{-2x}$$

Apply I.C.

$$y(0) = 2 = c_1 + \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow c_1 = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$y' = c_2 e^{-2x} - 2(c_1 + c_2 x)e^{-2x} + \frac{1}{6}e^{-2x} - 2\left(\frac{2}{3} + \frac{x}{6}\right)e^{-2x}$$

$$y'(0) = 5 = c_2 - 2c_1 + \frac{1}{6} - \frac{4}{3}$$

$$5 = c_2 - \frac{8}{3} + \frac{1}{6} - \frac{4}{3} = c_2 - 4 + \frac{1}{6}$$

$$5 = c_2 - \frac{23}{6} \quad -\frac{24}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = -\frac{23}{6}$$

$$\therefore c_2 = 5 + \frac{23}{6} = \frac{53}{6}$$

$$\therefore y = \left(\frac{4}{3} + \frac{53}{6}x\right) e^{-2x} + \left(\frac{2}{3} + \frac{x}{6}\right) e^{-2x}$$

$$= \frac{5}{3} e^{-2x} + \frac{27}{6} x e^{-2x}$$

