

# Differential Equations

## Lecture 12

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## The Method of Undetermined Coefficients

$$y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = R(x)$$

$$y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = 0$$

$$y(x) = y_g(x) + y_p(x) \text{ g.s.}$$

In this section we use the method of undetermined coefficients to find a particular solution  $y_p(x)$  to the nonhomogeneous equation.

The method of undetermined coefficients is usually limited to when  $P(x)$  and  $Q(x)$  are constant, and  $R(x)$  is a exponential, sine or cosine or polynomial, function.

Example: Find P.S.  $y'' + 4y = 3\cos 2x$

$$y_p = A \sin 2x + B \cos 2x$$

$$y'_p = 2A \cos 2x - 2B \sin 2x, \quad y''_p = -4A \sin 2x - 4B \cos 2x$$

$$(-4A \sin 2x - 4B \cos 2x) + 4(A \sin 2x + B \cos 2x) = 3 \cos 2x$$

$$(-4A + 4A) \sin 2x + (-4B + 4B) \cos 2x = 3 \cos 2x$$

$0 = 3 \cos 2x$  Thus no particular solution exists of the form  $y_p$

$$y'' + 4y = 0 \Rightarrow y(t) = c_1 \cos 2x + c_2 \sin 2x$$

Thus our assumed particular solution solves homogeneous equation instead of the nonhomogeneous equation.

$$y_p = Ax \sin 2x + Bx \cos 2x$$

$$y'_p = A \sin 2x + 2Ax \cos 2x + B \cos 2x - 2Bx \sin 2x$$

$$y''_p = 2A \cos 2x + 2A \cos 2x - 4Ax \sin 2x - 2B \sin 2x - 2B \sin 2x - 4Bx \cos 2x$$

$$= 4A \cos 2x - 4B \sin 2x - 4Ax \sin 2x - 4Bx \cos 2x$$

$$y'' + 4y = 3 \cos 2x$$

$$4A \cos 2x - 4B \sin 2x = 3 \cos 2x$$

$$A = 3/4, \quad B = 0$$

$$y_p = \frac{3}{4}x \sin 2x$$

$$y_g = c_1 \cos 2x + c_2 \sin 2x + \frac{3}{4}x \sin 2x$$

**Case 3:**  $y'' + py' + qy = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n$

$$y_p = A_0 + A_1x + \dots + A_nx^n$$

$$y_p = x(A_0 + A_1x + \dots + A_nx^n)$$

The above discussions show that the form of a particular solution of equation  $y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = R(x)$  can often be inferred from the form of the right-hand member  $R(x)$ .



**Example: Find P.S.**

$$y'' - 3y' - 4y = 4x^2 - 1$$

$$y_p = A_2x^2 + A_1x + A_0$$

$$y'_p = 2A_2x + A_1, \quad y''_p = 2A_2$$

$$2A_2 - 3(2A_2x + A_1) - 4(A_2x^2 + A_1x + A_0) = 4x^2 - 1$$

$$-4A_2x^2 - (6A_2 + 4A_1)x + (2A_2 - 3A_1 - 4A_0) = 4x^2 - 1$$

$$-4A_2 = 4, \quad 6A_2 + 4A_1 = 0, \quad 2A_2 - 3A_1 - 4A_0 = -1$$

$$A_2 = -1, \quad A_1 = 3/2, \quad A_0 = -11/8$$

$$y_p = -x^2 + \frac{3}{2}x - \frac{11}{8}$$

**Example: Find P.S.**

$$y'' + 4y = 8x^2$$

$$y_p = A_2x^2 + A_1x + A_0$$

$$y'_p = 2A_2x + A_1 \quad y''_p = 2A_2$$

$$2A_2 + 4(A_2x^2 + A_1x + A_0) = 8x^2$$

$$4A_2x^2 + 4A_1x + (2A_2 + 4A_0) = 8x^2$$

$$A_2 = 2, \quad A_1 = 0, \quad A_0 = -1$$

$$y_p = 2x^2 - 1$$



$$y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = R(x)$$

**Particular case 1:** If  $Q=0$ , polynomial is  $n+1$  degree.

$$y'' + 5y' = 3 + x \quad y_p = A_2x^2 + A_1x + A_0$$

**Particular case 2:** If  $P=Q=0$ , polynomial is  $n+2$  degree.

$$y'' = 1 + x \quad y_p = A_3x^3 + A_2x^2 + A_1x + A_0$$

Example: Find P.S.  $y'' - 3y' - 4y = -8e^x \cos 2x$

$$y_p = Ae^x \cos 2x + Be^x \sin 2x$$

$$y'_p = Ae^x \cos 2x - 2Ae^x \sin 2x + Be^x \sin 2x + 2Be^x \cos 2x$$

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

$$y''_p = (A + 2B)e^x \cos 2x - 2(A + 2B)e^x \sin 2x +$$

$$(-2A + B)e^x \sin 2x + 2(-2A + B)e^x \cos 2x$$

$$= (-3A + 4B)e^x \cos 2x + (-4A - 3B)e^x \sin 2x$$

$$A = \frac{10}{13}, \quad B = \frac{2}{13} \Rightarrow y_p = \frac{10}{13}e^x \cos 2x + \frac{2}{13}e^x \sin 2x$$

If  $R(x) = R_1(x) + R_2(x) + \dots \rightarrow y_p = y_{1p} + y_{2p} + \dots$

$$y'' - 3y' - 4y = 3e^{2x} + 2\sin x - 8e^x \cos 2x$$

$$y'' - 3y' - 4y = 3e^{2x}$$

$$y'' - 3y' - 4y = 2\sin x$$

$$y'' - 3y' - 4y = -8e^x \cos 2x$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{2}e^{2x} + \frac{3}{17}\cos x - \frac{5}{17}\sin x + \frac{10}{13}e^x \cos 2x + \frac{2}{13}e^x \sin 2x$$

**Problem Page No 97- 1 – c- Find g.s.**

$$y'' + 10y' + 25y = 14e^{-5x}$$

$$y'' + 10y' + 25y = 0 \quad y = e^{mx}$$

$$m^2 + 10m + 25 = 0 \quad m_1 = m_2 = -5$$

$$y_g = c_1 e^{-5x} + c_2 x e^{-5x} \quad y_p = A e^{-5x}$$

$$y_p = A x^2 e^{-5x} \quad y'_p = 2A x e^{-5x} - 5A x^2 e^{-5x}$$

$$y''_p = Ae^{-5x}(25x^2 - 20x + 2)$$

$$y'' + 10y' + 25y = 14e^{-5x}$$

$$A = 7 \quad y_p = Ax^2 e^{-5x} \quad y_p = 7x^2 e^{-5x}$$

$$y = y_g + y_p = c_1 e^{-5x} + c_2 x e^{-5x} + 7x^2 e^{-5x}$$

$$R(x)$$

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$$y_p$$

$$e^{ax}$$

$$Ae^{ax}$$

$$\sin bx$$

$$A\sin bx + B\cos bx$$

$$\cos bx$$

$$A\sin bx + B\cos bx$$

$$ax^n \quad (n = 0, 1, \dots)$$

$$A_0 + A_1x + \dots + A_nx^n$$

$$e^{ax} \sin bx$$

$$e^{ax}(A\sin bx + B\cos bx)$$

$$e^{ax} \cos bx$$

$$e^{ax}(A\sin bx + B\cos bx)$$

## The Method of Variation of Parameters

In this section we will learn the variation of parameters method to solve the nonhomogeneous equation.

$$y'' + p(x)y' + Q(x)y = R(x) \quad (1)$$

$$y'' + p(x)y' + Q(x)y = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$y(x) = c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x) \quad \text{g.s.of (2)}$$

$$y_p(x) = v_1(x)y_1(x) + v_2(x)y_2(x)$$

$$y' = (v_1 y'_1 + v_2 y'_2) + (v'_1 y_1 + v'_2 y_2)$$

$$(v'_1 y_1 + v'_2 y_2) = 0$$

$$y' = v_1 y'_1 + v_2 y'_2$$

$$y'' = v_1 y''_1 + v'_1 y'_1 + v_2 y''_2 + v'_2 y'_2$$

$$v_1(y''_1 + Py'_1 + Qy_1) + v_2(y''_2 + Py'_2 + Qy_2) + v'_1 y'_1 + v'_2 y'_2 = R(x)$$

$$v'_1 y'_1 + v'_2 y'_2 = R(x)$$

$$\begin{cases} v'_1 y_1 + v'_2 y_2 = 0 \\ v'_1 y'_1 + v'_2 y'_2 = R(x) \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} y'_1 v'_1 y_1 + y'_1 v'_2 y_2 = 0 \\ y_1 v'_1 y'_1 + y_1 v'_2 y'_2 = y_1 R(x) \end{cases}$$

$$v'_2 (y_1 y'_2 - y'_1 y_2) = y_1 R(x)$$

$$v'_1 (y_1 y'_2 - y'_1 y_2) = -y_2 R(x)$$

$$v'_1 = \frac{-y_2 R(x)}{W(y_1, y_2)} \quad v'_2 = \frac{y_1 R(x)}{W(y_1, y_2)}$$

$$v_1 = \int \frac{-y_2 R(x)}{W(y_1, y_2)} dx \quad v_2 = \int \frac{y_1 R(x)}{W(y_1, y_2)} dx$$

$$y_p(x) = v_1(x)y_1(x) + v_2(x)y_2(x)$$

$$y_p(x) = y_1 \int \frac{-y_2 R(x)}{W(y_1, y_2)} dx + y_2 \int \frac{y_1 R(x)}{W(y_1, y_2)} dx$$

Example: Find P.S.

$$y'' + y = \csc x$$

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

$$y_1 = e^{m_1 x} = e^{ix} \quad y_2 = e^{m_2 x} = e^{-ix}$$

$$y_g(x) = c_1 \sin x + c_2 \cos x$$

$$W(y_1, y_2) = \begin{vmatrix} \sin x & \cos x \\ \cos x & -\sin x \end{vmatrix} = -\sin^2 x - \cos^2 x = -1$$

$$v_1 = \int \frac{-y_2 R(x)}{W(y_1, y_2)} dx = \int \frac{-\cos x \csc x}{-1} dx = \int \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} dx$$

$$= \ln(\sin x)$$

$$v_2 = \int \frac{y_1 R(x)}{W(y_1, y_2)} dx = \int \frac{\sin x \csc x}{-1} dx = -x$$

$$y_p(x) = v_1(x)y_1(x) + v_2(x)y_2(x)$$

$$y_p(x) = \ln(\sin x) \sin x - x \cos x$$

Example: Find G.S.  $y'' + 2y' + 2y = \frac{e^{-x}}{\cos^3 x}$

$$y'' + 2y' + 2y = 0 \quad m^2 + 2m + 2 = 0$$

$$m_1, m_2 = \frac{-p \pm \sqrt{p^2 - 4q}}{2} = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 8}}{2} = -1 \pm i$$

$$y_g(x) = e^{-x}(c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x)$$

$$W(y_1, y_2) = \begin{vmatrix} e^{-x} \cos x & e^{-x} \sin x \\ -e^{-x} \cos x - e^{-x} \sin x & -e^{-x} \sin x + e^{-x} \cos x \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$= e^{-2x}$$

$$y_p(x) = v_1(x)y_1(x) + v_2(x)y_2(x)$$

$$y_p(x) = y_1 \int \frac{-y_2 R(x)}{W(y_1, y_2)} dx + y_2 \int \frac{y_1 R(x)}{W(y_1, y_2)} dx$$

$$y_p(x) = -e^{-x} \cos x \int \frac{e^{-2x} \sin x}{e^{-2x} \cos^3 x} dx +$$

$$e^{-x} \sin x \int \frac{e^{-2x} \cos x}{e^{-2x} \cos^3 x} dx =$$

$$= -e^{-x} \cos x \int \frac{\sin x}{\cos^3 x} dx + e^{-x} \sin x \int \sec^2 x dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} e^{-x} \cos x \cos^{-2} x + e^{-x} \sin x \operatorname{tg} x$$

$$y(x) = e^{-x} (c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x) + y_p(x)$$



Example: Find G.S.  $y'' + 2y' + y = 4e^{-x} \ln x$

$$y'' + 2y' + y = 0 \quad m^2 + 2m + 1 = 0$$

$$m_1 = m_2 = -1 \quad y_g(x) = (c_1 + c_2 x)e^{-x}$$

$$W(y_1, y_2) = \begin{vmatrix} e^{-x} & xe^{-x} \\ -e^{-x} & e^{-x} - xe^{-x} \end{vmatrix} = e^{-2x}$$

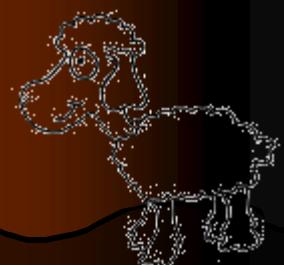
$$y_p(x) = v_1(x)y_1(x) + v_2(x)y_2(x)$$

$$y_p(x) = y_1 \int \frac{-y_2 R(x)}{W(y_1, y_2)} dx + y_2 \int \frac{y_1 R(x)}{W(y_1, y_2)} dx$$

$$y_p(x) = -e^{-x} \int \frac{4e^{-2x} x \ln x}{e^{-2x}} dx + x e^{-x} \int \frac{4e^{-2x} \ln x}{e^{-2x}} dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_p(x) &= -4e^{-x} \left( \frac{x^2}{2} \ln x - \frac{x^2}{4} \right) + 4x e^{-x} (x \ln x - x) \\ &= x^2 e^{-x} (2 \ln x - 4) \end{aligned}$$

$$y(x) = e^{-x} (c_1 + c_2 x) + x^2 e^{-x} (2 \ln x - 4)$$



**Problem Page No 101-3-a Find p.s.**

$$y'' + 4y = \operatorname{tg} 2x$$

$$m^2 + 4 = 0 \rightarrow m = \pm\sqrt{-4} = \pm 2i$$

$$y_1 = e^{i2x}, \quad y_2 = e^{-i2x}$$

$$y_3 = \cos 2x, \quad y_4 = \sin 2x$$

$$y_p(x) = v_1(x)y_1(x) + v_2(x)y_2(x)$$

$$y_p(x) = y_1 \int \frac{-y_2 R(x)}{W(y_1, y_2)} dx + y_2 \int \frac{y_1 R(x)}{W(y_1, y_2)} dx$$

$$W(y_1, y_2) = \begin{vmatrix} \cos 2x & \sin 2x \\ -2 \sin 2x & 2 \cos 2x \end{vmatrix} = 2(\cos^2 2x + \sin^2 2x) = 2$$

$$y_p(x) = \cos 2x \int \frac{-\sin 2x \tan 2x}{2} dx +$$

$$\sin 2x \int \frac{\cos 2x \tan 2x}{2} dx$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \cos 2x \int \sin 2x \tan 2x dx + \frac{1}{2} \sin 2x \int \sin 2x dx$$

$$y_p(x) = -\frac{1}{2} \cos 2x \int \sin 2x \tan 2x dx + \frac{1}{2} \sin 2x \left( -\frac{1}{2} \cos 2x \right)$$

$$u = \tan 2x \rightarrow du = \frac{1}{\cos^2 2x} dx$$

$$dv = \sin 2x dx \rightarrow v = -\frac{1}{2} \cos 2x$$

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du = -\frac{1}{2} \sin 2x + \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{dx}{\cos 2x}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \sin 2x + \frac{1}{2} \ln(\sec 2x + \tan 2x)$$

$$y_p(x) = -\frac{1}{4} \cos 2x \ln(\sec 2x + \tan 2x)$$

**Problem Page No 101- 3 – d- Find p.s.**

$$y'' + 2y' + 5y = e^{-x} \sec 2x$$

$$y'' + 2y' + 5y = 0$$

$$m_{1,2} = -1 \pm 2i$$

$$y_1 = e^{-x} \cos 2x, \quad y_2 = e^{-x} \sin 2x$$

$$y_p(x) = y_1 \int \frac{-y_2 R(x)}{W(y_1, y_2)} dx + y_2 \int \frac{y_1 R(x)}{W(y_1, y_2)} dx$$

$$W(y_1, y_2) = \begin{vmatrix} e^{-x} \cos 2x & e^{-x} \sin 2x \\ -e^x (\cos 2x + 2 \sin 2x) & e^{-x} (2 \cos 2x - \sin 2x) \end{vmatrix} = 2e^{-2x}$$

$$y_p(x) = -\frac{1}{2} e^{-x} \cos 2x \int \tan 2x dx + \frac{1}{2} e^{-x} \sin 2x \int dx$$

$$y_p(x) = -\frac{1}{2} e^{-x} \cos 2x \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \ln(\cos 2x) \right]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} e^{-x} \sin 2x (x)$$

$$y_p(x) = \frac{1}{4} e^{-x} \cos 2x \left[ (\ln(\cos 2x)) \right]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} e^{-x} x \sin 2x$$

**Problem Page No 101- 4 - a Find g.s.**

$$(x^2 - 1)y'' - 2xy' + 2y = (x^2 - 1)^2$$

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

$$y_1 = e^x \text{ or } x \text{ or } x^2 \quad y_2 = vy_1 \quad v = \int \frac{1}{2} e^{-\int P dx} dx$$

$$y_2 = vy_1 = x \int \frac{1}{x^2} e^{-\int \frac{2x}{1-x^2} dx} dx = \int \frac{1}{x^2} e^{\ln(1-x^2)} dx$$

$$y_g = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$$

$$y_p(x) = y_1 \int \frac{-y_2 R(x)}{W(y_1, y_2)} dx + y_2 \int \frac{y_1 R(x)}{W(y_1, y_2)} dx$$



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