

## Lecture 15 (10/6/2021)

\* Prayer

\* Spiritual thought ...

\* Method of undetermined coefficients:  $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = g(t)$  (\*)

Idea: • solve the homogeneous eq. to get the complementary solution  $y_c$

• find one solution to (\*), call it  $y_p$

← based on the form of  $g(t)$

Ex:

$$y'' + y' - 2y = e^{-t} \rightsquigarrow \text{test } y_p = Ae^{-t}$$

$$y'' + y' - 2y = t^2 e^t \rightsquigarrow \text{test } y_p = (At^2 + Bt + C)e^t$$

Sometimes this way of guessing may fail:

$$y'' + y' - 2y = e^t \rightsquigarrow \text{test } y_p = Ae^t$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \underbrace{Ae^t + Ae^t - 2Ae^t}_{0} = e^t \quad (!!)$$

Why does it fail? Complementary solution:  $y_c = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-2t}$ .  
this was

our guess for  $y_p$

How to fix?  $y_p = (At + B)e^t = Ae^t + Be^t$

again in  $y_c$

$$y_p = Ae^t : \text{ not in } y_c$$

$$y' = Ate^t + Ae^t$$

$$y'' = Ate^t + Ae^t + Ae^t$$

$$y'' + y' - 2y = 3Ae^t \rightsquigarrow A = \frac{1}{3}$$

Ex:  $y'' - 2y' + y = e^t \rightsquigarrow y_c = c_1 e^t + c_2 t e^t$

First guess  $y_p = Ae^t$

Second guess  $y_p = (At + B)e^t$

Third guess:  $y_p = t^2(At + B)e^t$

Ex  $y'' + 2y' + 2y = e^{-t} \sin t + e^t + \sin t.$

+ Complementary sol:  $y_c = c_1 e^{-t} \sin t + c_2 e^t \cos t$

\* Find a particular sol: split the problem into 3 independent problems:

$$y = y_1 + y_2 + y_3$$

$$y_1 \rightarrow y'' + 2y' + 2y = e^t \sin t$$

$$y_2 \rightarrow y'' + 2y' + 2y = e^t \rightarrow y_2 = A e^t \rightarrow A = \frac{1}{5} \rightarrow y_2 = \frac{1}{5} e^t$$

$$y_3 \rightarrow y'' + 2y' + 2y = \sin t \rightarrow y_3 = A \cos t + B \sin t \rightarrow \text{get } A, B$$

$$2y' + y = \sin t$$

$$-2A \sin t + 2B \cos t + A \cos t + B \sin t = \sin t$$

$$\begin{cases} -2A + B = 1 \\ 2B + A = 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} A = -2/5 \\ B = 1/5 \end{cases}$$

$$y_3 = -\frac{2}{5} \cos t + \frac{1}{5} \sin t$$

$$y_1 = e^t (A \cos t + B \sin t) = A e^t \cos t + B e^t \sin t$$

↑ appears in  $y_c$

$$y_1 = t e^t (A \cos t + B \sin t) = e^{-t} (A t \cos t + B t \sin t)$$

$$y_1' = e^{-t} (-A t \cos t - B t \sin t + A \cos t - A t \sin t + B \sin t + B t \cos t)$$

$$= e^{-t} [(B-A) t \cos t - (A+B) t \sin t + A \cos t + B \sin t]$$

$$y_1'' = e^{-t} [ \dots ]$$

$$\rightarrow A = -1/2, B = 0 \rightarrow y_1 = -\frac{1}{2} t e^{-t} \cos t.$$

$$\text{Thus, } y_p = y_1 + y_2 + y_3 = -\frac{1}{2} t e^{-t} \cos t + \frac{1}{5} e^t - \frac{2}{5} \cos t + \frac{1}{5} \sin t$$

Given two solutions to  $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0$ , (\*) How to get a solution to  $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = g(t)$ ?

$$y = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2 \text{ solves } (*)$$

Idea: allow  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  to depend on  $t$ .