

Method of Undetermined Coefficients (continued)

Summary of yesterday: For

$$ay'' + by' + cy = g(t)$$

$$\text{if } g(t) = e^{\alpha t} \cos \beta t (a_n t^n + a_{n-1} t^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 t + a_0) \\ + e^{\alpha t} \sin \beta t (b_n t^n + b_{n-1} t^{n-1} + \dots + b_1 t + b_0)$$

where all a_n 's and b_n 's are known real numbers
then the **first try template** is

$$Y(t) = e^{\alpha t} \cos \beta t (A_n t^n + A_{n-1} t^{n-1} + \dots + A_1 t + A_0) \\ + e^{\alpha t} \sin \beta t (B_n t^n + B_{n-1} t^{n-1} + \dots + B_1 t + B_0)$$

The complex number $\alpha + i\beta$ is called the **exponent coefficient** of $g(t)$ (or $Y(t)$).

Remark: The first try template depend only on $g(t)$. irrelevant of the left hand side.

* When the first try fails. **multiply your template with a t** , then **try again**.

Example: $y'' - y' - 2y = e^{2t}$

Char. eqn.: $r^2 - r - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow r_1 = 2, r_2 = -1$

Comp. soln: $y_c = C_1 e^{2t} + C_2 e^{-t}$

Try $Y = A e^{2t}$.

$$Y'' - Y' - 2Y = 4Ae^{2t} - 2Ae^{2t} - 2Ae^{2t} = 0$$

cannot be set equal to the RHS. *First try fails.*

Try $Y = Ate^{2t}$, $Y' = A(e^{2t} + t \cdot 2e^{2t}) = A(2t+1)e^{2t}$

$$Y'' = A \cdot 2e^{2t} + A(2t+1) \cdot 2e^{2t} = A(4t+4)e^{2t}$$

$$Y'' - Y' - 2Y = Ae^{2t}(\underline{4t+4} - \underline{2t+1} - \underline{2 \cdot t})$$

$$= A \cdot e^{2t} \cdot 3 = 3Ae^{2t}$$

Set it equal to $e^{2t} \Rightarrow 3A = 1 \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{3}$

$$Y = \frac{1}{3} te^{2t}$$

General solution: $y = C_1 e^{2t} + C_2 e^{-t} + \frac{1}{3} te^{2t}$.

Example: $y'' - 2y' + y = 2te^t$.

Char. eqn.: $r^2 - 2r + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow r = 1, 1$.

Comp. soln: $y_c = C_1 e^t + C_2 te^t$

First try: $Y = (At+B)e^t$. $Y' = Ae^t + (At+B)e^t$

$$Y'' = Ae^t + Ae^t + (At+B)e^t = Ate^t + (2A+B)e^t$$

$$Y'' - 2Y' + Y = \underline{Ate^t} + (2A+B)e^t - 2(\underline{Ate^t} + (A+B)e^t) + \underline{(At+B)e^t}$$

$$= (2A+B - 2A - 2B + B)e^t = 0.$$

First try fail. Try $Y = (At+B)te^t = (At^2+Bt)e^t$

$$Y' = (2At + B)e^t + (At^2 + Bt)e^t = (At^2 + (B + 2A)t + B)e^t$$

$$Y'' = (2At + B + 2A)e^t + (At^2 + (B + 2A)t + B)e^t \\ = (At^2 + (B + 4A)t + 2B + 2A)e^t$$

$$Y'' - 2Y' + Y = \cancel{(At^2 + (B + 4A)t + 2B + 2A)}e^t - \cancel{2(At^2 + (B + 4A)t + 2B)}e^t \\ + \cancel{(At^2 + Bt)}e^t \\ = 2Ae^t \quad \text{cannot be set equal to } 2te^t.$$

Never regard $2A = 2t \Rightarrow A = t$. This is wrong because A should be a constant number.

* If second try fails, multiply your template with another t then try again.

$$\text{Try } Y = (At^2 + Bt)e^t \cdot t = (At^3 + Bt^2)e^t.$$

$$Y' = (3At^2 + 2Bt)e^t + (At^3 + Bt^2)e^t = (At^3 + (3A + B)t^2 + 2Bt)e^t$$

$$Y'' = (3At^2 + (6A + 2B)t + 2B)e^t + (At^3 + (3A + B)t^2 + 2Bt)e^t \\ = (At^3 + (6A + B)t^2 + (6A + 4B)t + 2B)e^t$$

$$Y'' - 2Y' + Y = t^3e^t(A - \underline{2A} + A) + t^2e^t(6A + B - \underline{2(3A + B)} + B) \\ + te^t(6A + 4B - \underline{2(2B)} + 0) + e^t \cdot 2B \\ = 6Ate^t + 2Be^t$$

$$\text{Set it equal to } 2te^t \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{3}, B = 0 \Rightarrow Y = \frac{1}{3}t^3e^t$$

$$\text{Gen. sol'n: } y = C_1e^t + C_2te^t + \frac{1}{3}t^3e^t$$

Remark: For second order ODE, it won't fail more than twice.

The reason is seen later.

How to find the final template without trying.

Important fact: If the exponential coefficient of $g(t)$ appears in the list of characteristic roots for m times, then the first m tries fail.

In this case, the template should be set as t^m . (first try temp.)

Example: $y'' - y' - 2y = e^{2t}$

char. roots = 2, -1.

exp. coeff of $g(t) = 2$, appearing as a single root
 \Rightarrow first try fails, the second try would succeed.

Should set $Y = t(Ae^{2t})$

It's precisely the $(m+1)$ -th try that would succeed.

Example: $y'' - 2y' + y = 2te^t$

Char. roots = 1, 1.

exp. coeff. = 1 appears twice in the list of char. roots.
 \Rightarrow first & second try fail. third try succeeds.

$Y = t^2(A + Bt)e^t$.

Example: $y'' + 4y = t \sin 2t$ $\sin 2t = \text{Im. } e^{2it}$

Char. eqn. $r^2 + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow r = 2i, -2i$

Exp. coeff. = $2i$. appears once \Rightarrow first try fail.

Set $Y = t \cdot [(At + B) \sin 2t + (Ct + D) \cos 2t]$
 $= (At^2 + Bt) \sin 2t + (Ct^2 + Dt) \cos 2t.$

Example: $y'' - 2y' + 2y = e^t \cos t.$ $e^t \cos t = e^t \text{Re } e^{it} = \text{Re}(e^{(1+i)t})$

Char. eqn: $r^2 - 2r + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow r = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{2^2 - 8}}{2} = 1 \pm i, r = 1 + i, 1 - i.$

Exp. coeff. = $1 + i$. appears once \Rightarrow first try fails

Set $Y = t(Ae^t \cos t + Be^t \sin t)$

$Y' = ((A+B)t + A)e^t \cos t + ((B-A)t + B)e^t \sin t$

$D_0 =$ by maple $Y'' = (2Bt + 2A + 2B)e^t \cos t + (-2At - 2A + 2B)e^t \sin t.$

$Y'' - 2Y' + 2Y = 2Be^t \cos t - 2Ae^t \sin t$

Set it equal to $e^t \cos t \Rightarrow 2B = 1, 2A = 0$

$\Rightarrow A = 0, B = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow Y = \frac{1}{2} t e^t \sin t$

$y = C_1 e^t \cos t + C_2 e^t \sin t + \frac{1}{2} t e^t \sin t.$

When $g(t)$ is a sum of function of distinct exponent coefficients, you should deal with each summand independently, then add the solns

together. This works because of the following

Principle of Superposition (non-homog. version):

If Y_1 is a solution to $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = g_1(t)$, and
 Y_2 is a solution to $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = g_2(t)$,

then $Y_1 + Y_2$ would be a solution to

$$y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = g_1(t) + g_2(t).$$

Proof: The first sentence says $Y_1'' + pY_1' + qY_1 = g_1$.

The second sentence says $Y_2'' + pY_2' + qY_2 = g_2$.

Adding the equations: $Y_1'' + Y_2'' + pY_1' + pY_2' + qY_1 + qY_2 = g_1 + g_2$

$$\Rightarrow (Y_1 + Y_2)'' + p(Y_1 + Y_2)' + q(Y_1 + Y_2) = g_1 + g_2$$

$$\Rightarrow Y_1 + Y_2 \text{ is a sol'n to } y'' + py' + qy = g_1 + g_2.$$

Example: $y'' + y = t + t \sin t$.

Exp. coeff. of $t = 0$

Exp. coeff. of $t \sin t = i$

Char. eqn: $r^2 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow r = i, -i$

Set Y_1 to be a sol'n to $y'' + y = t$

$$Y_1 = At + B. Y_1'' = 0. Y_1'' + Y_1 = At + B = t \Rightarrow A = 1, B = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow Y_1 = t.$$

Set Y_2 to be a sol'n to $y'' + y = t \sin t$.

$$Y_2 = t \cdot ((A+B) \sin t + (Ct+D) \cos t)$$

$$= (At^2+Bt) \sin t + (Ct^2+Dt) \cos t = Bt \sin t + Dt \cos t + \text{junk}$$

① Product rule of higher derivatives: $(fg)'' = f''g + 2f'g' + fg''$.

② RHS does not involve $t^2 \Rightarrow$ all terms of t^2 are junk.

$$Y_2'' = 2A \sin t + 2 \cdot (2At+B) \cos t + Bt (-\sin t) + \text{junk}$$

$$+ 2C \cos t + 2 \cdot (2Ct+D) (-\sin t) + Dt (-\cos t) + \text{junk}$$

$$= [(4C-B)t + 2A - 2D] \sin t + [(4A-D)t + 2B + 2C] \cos t$$

$$Y_2'' + Y_2 = [4Ct + 2A - 2D] \sin t + [4At + 2B + 2C] \cos t$$

$$= t \sin t$$

$$\Rightarrow 4C=1, \quad 4A-4D=0, \quad 4A=0, \quad 2B+2C=0$$

$$\Rightarrow A=0, \quad B=-\frac{1}{4}, \quad C=\frac{1}{4}, \quad D=0$$

$$\Rightarrow Y_2 = -\frac{1}{4}t \sin t + \frac{1}{4}t^2 \cos t.$$

$$\text{Gen. sol'n } y = y_c + Y_1 + Y_2 = C_1 \cos t + C_2 \sin t + t - \frac{1}{4}t \sin t + \frac{1}{4}t^2 \cos t.$$

Attendance Quiz: PHW 3b: ω_0 real number. Find the general sol'n to the ODE: $y'' + \omega_0^2 y = \cos(\omega_0 t)$.

② Determine the template for the following ODE

(a) $y'' - 4y' + 5y = te^{2t}$

(b) $y'' - 6y' + 10y = t^2 e^{3t} \sin t$

(c) $y'' - 6y' + 9y = t^3 e^{3t}$

(d) $y'' + y' = t^3 + e^{-t}$

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The fastest way to find Y :

For $ay'' + by' + cy = g(t)$.

Let $p(r)$ be the characteristic polynomial: $p(r) = ar^2 + br + c$

Denote the differential operator by D , i.e., $D = \frac{d}{dt}$.

Example: $Dy = \frac{dy}{dt} = y'$, $D^2y = \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = y''$

Observe that the left-hand-side can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} ay'' + by' + cy &= a \cdot D^2y + b \cdot Dy + c \cdot y \\ &= (aD^2 + bD + c \cdot 1)y \\ &= p(D)y. \end{aligned}$$

Here $p(D)$ is simply the characteristic polynomial with r evaluated as D .

The method of undetermined coefficient requires us to compute $aY'' + bY' + cY$, which is precisely $p(D)Y$.

The following exponential shift lemma will greatly the computation:

For any function $f(t)$ and any polynomial $p(r)$,

$$p(D)(e^{\alpha t} f(t)) = e^{\alpha t} p(D + \alpha) f(t)$$

Proof: We first look at the simplest case $p_0(r) = r$.

So $p_0(D) = D$. In this case the claim is precisely the product rule

$$\begin{aligned} D(e^{\alpha t} f(t)) &= (e^{\alpha t} f(t))' = \alpha e^{\alpha t} f(t) + e^{\alpha t} f'(t) \\ &= e^{\alpha t} (\alpha f(t) + f'(t)) \\ &= e^{\alpha t} (\alpha f(t) + Df(t)) = e^{\alpha t} (D + \alpha) f(t) \end{aligned}$$

The next case: $p_n(r) = r^n$ can be proved by induction:

Indeed, if the claim is true for $p_{n-1}(r) = r^{n-1}$, then for r^n

$$\begin{aligned} D^n(e^{\alpha t} f(t)) &= D \cdot D^{n-1}(e^{\alpha t} f(t)) \\ \text{induction hypo.} \quad &= D(e^{\alpha t} [(D + \alpha)^{n-1} f(t)]) \\ \text{product rule} \quad &= D(e^{\alpha t}) \cdot [(D + \alpha)^{n-1} f(t)] + e^{\alpha t} \cdot D[(D + \alpha)^{n-1} f(t)] \\ &= \alpha e^{\alpha t} \cdot [(D + \alpha)^{n-1} f(t)] + e^{\alpha t} \cdot [D(D + \alpha)^{n-1} f(t)] \\ &= e^{\alpha t} (\alpha (D + \alpha)^{n-1} f(t) + D(D + \alpha)^{n-1} f(t)) \\ &= e^{\alpha t} \cdot (D + \alpha)^n f(t). \end{aligned}$$

Now that the claim is true for $p_n(r) = r^n$ for any n .

for generic polynomial $p(r) = a_n r^n + a_{n-1} r^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 r + a_0$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(D) [e^{\alpha t} f(t)] &= (a_n D^n + a_{n-1} D^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 D + a_0) [e^{\alpha t} f(t)] \\
 &= a_n D^n (e^{\alpha t} f(t)) + a_{n-1} D^{n-1} (e^{\alpha t} f(t)) \\
 &\quad + \dots + a_1 D [e^{\alpha t} f(t)] + a_0 e^{\alpha t} f(t) \\
 &= a_n e^{\alpha t} (D + \alpha)^n f(t) + a_{n-1} e^{\alpha t} (D + \alpha)^{n-1} f(t) \\
 &\quad + \dots + a_1 e^{\alpha t} D f(t) + a_0 e^{\alpha t} f(t) \\
 &= e^{\alpha t} [a_n (D + \alpha)^n + a_{n-1} (D + \alpha)^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 (D + \alpha) + a_0] f(t) \\
 &= e^{\alpha t} p(D + \alpha) f(t)
 \end{aligned}$$

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We should see how this can be used in examples:

Example: $y'' + 2y' + y = (t^3 + 2t^2 + 5t + 1)e^{-t}$

Char. roots = $-1, -1 \Rightarrow y_c = C_1 e^{-t} + C_2 t e^{-t}$

Exp. coeff. = -1 . First & second tries fail

Set $Y = t^3 (At^3 + Bt^2 + Ct + E)e^{-t}$

$= e^{-t} (At^5 + Bt^4 + Ct^3 + Et^2)$

$Y'' + 2Y' + Y = (D^2 + 2D + 1) Y$

$= (D + 1)^2 [e^{-t} (At^5 + Bt^4 + Ct^3 + Et^2)]$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= e^{-t} (D-1+1)^2 (At^5 + Bt^4 + Ct^3 + Et^2) \\
 &= e^{-t} D^2 (At^5 + Bt^4 + Ct^3 + Et^2) \\
 &= e^{-t} (5 \cdot 4At^3 + 4 \cdot 3Bt^2 + 3 \cdot 2Ct + 2 \cdot 1E)
 \end{aligned}$$

Set it equal to $e^{-t}(t^3 + 2t^2 + 5t + 1)$ to get

$$20A = 1, \quad 12B = 2, \quad 6C = 5, \quad 2E = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{20}, \quad B = \frac{1}{6}, \quad C = \frac{5}{6}, \quad E = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Gen. soln: } y = C_1 e^{-t} + C_2 t e^{-t} + \left(\frac{1}{20} t^5 + \frac{1}{6} t^4 + \frac{5}{6} t^3 + \frac{1}{2} t^2 \right)$$

For $g(t)$ that involves trigs., in order to make use of the method, you need to consider the corresponding exponential function.

Example: $y'' + y = (t^3 + 2t^2 + 5t + 1) \sin t$

Char. eqn. $r^2 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow r = -i, i.$

Comp. soln: $y_c = C_1 \cos t + C_2 \sin t.$

We consider the complexified ODE

$$y'' + y = t^3 e^{it}.$$

and try to find a particular complex solution:

Exp. coeff. of RHS = i . appears once in the list.

So first try fails.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Set } \tilde{Y} &= t(At^3 + Bt^2 + Ct + D)e^{it} \\ &= e^{it}(At^4 + Bt^3 + Ct^2 + Dt)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{Y}'' + \tilde{Y} &= (D^2 + 1)(e^{it}(At^4 + Bt^3 + Ct^2 + Dt)) \\ &= e^{it}((D+i)^2 + 1)(At^4 + Bt^3 + Ct^2 + Dt) \\ &= e^{it}(D+2i)D(At^4 + Bt^3 + Ct^2 + Dt) \\ &= e^{it}(D+2i)(4At^3 + 3Bt^2 + 2Ct + D) \\ &= e^{it}(12At^2 + 6Bt + 2C \\ &\quad + 8iAt^3 + 6iBt^2 + 4iCt + 2iD) \\ &= e^{it}(8iAt^3 + (12A + 6iB)t^2 \\ &\quad + (6B + 4iC)t + 2C + 2iD)\end{aligned}$$

Set it equal to $e^{it}(t^3 + 2t^2 + 5t + 1)$ to get

$$8iA = 1, \quad 12A + 6iB = 2, \quad 6B + 4iC = 5, \quad 2C + 2iD = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow A = -\frac{1}{8}i, \quad B = \frac{1}{6i}(2 - 12A) = \frac{1}{3i} - \frac{3}{i}\left(-\frac{1}{8}i\right) = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{3}i$$

$$C = \frac{1}{4i}(5 - 6B) = \frac{5}{4i} - \frac{3}{2i}\left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{3}i\right) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{7}{8}i$$

$$D = \frac{1}{2i}(1-2c) = \frac{1}{2i}\left(1-2\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{7}{8}i\right)\right) = \frac{7}{16}$$

So the complex solution is

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{Y} &= \left(-\frac{1}{8}i t^4 + \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{3}i\right)t^3 + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{7}{8}i\right)t^2 + \frac{7}{16}t\right) e^{it} \\ &= \left(-\frac{1}{8}i t^4 + \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{3}i\right)t^3 + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{7}{8}i\right)t^2 + \frac{7}{16}t\right) (\cos t + i \sin t)\end{aligned}$$

Since $\sin t$ is the imaginary part of e^{it} , to recover a real particular solution, we only need to find $\text{Im } \tilde{Y}$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Im } \tilde{Y} &= \left(+\frac{1}{8} \sin t\right) t^4 + \left(\frac{1}{4} \sin t - \frac{1}{3} \cos t\right) t^3 \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{1}{2} \sin t - \frac{7}{8} \cos t\right) t^2 + \frac{7}{16} \sin t t\end{aligned}$$

$$(a+bi)(\cos t + i \sin t) = (a \cos t - b \sin t) + i(b \cos t + a \sin t)$$

real part comes from yellow imaginary part comes from brown

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