

NOV. 8, 2016: Finishing Undet. Coeff., Starting Variat'n Params.

Example (of where Rule 1 fails).

Suppose we want a particular sol'n of

$$y''' + y'' = 3e^x + 4x^2.$$

Forcing term (RHS, source term) is $3e^x + 4x^2 =: Q(x)$,

so $Q'(x) = 3e^x + 8x$, $Q''(x) = 8 + 3e^x$. So the derivatives of $Q(x)$ look like the exponential plus a generic 2nd degree polynomial.

We guess a particular sol'n:

$$y_p(x) := Ae^x + Bx^2 + Cx + D.$$

(Note: Rule 1 would have us guess $Ae^x + Bx^2$.)

$$\left. \begin{aligned} y_p'(x) &= Ae^x + 2Bx + C \\ y_p''(x) &= Ae^x + 2B \\ y_p'''(x) &= Ae^x \end{aligned} \right\} 2Ae^x + 2B = 3e^x + 4x^2.$$

This guess was not a good one, but — it did reveal what other kinds of terms to include in our guess.

Second guess: $y_p(x) := Ae^x + Bx^4 + Cx^3 + Dx^2 + \underbrace{Ex + F}_{\substack{\text{not included,} \\ \text{as 2^{ndrd} derivs.} \\ \text{will vanish.}}$

$$\begin{aligned} y_p'(x) &= Ae^x + 4Bx^3 + 3Cx^2 + 2Dx \\ y_p''(x) &= Ae^x + 12Bx^2 + 6Cx + 2D \\ y_p'''(x) &= Ae^x + 24Bx + 6C. \end{aligned}$$

Substitute into LHS of ODE:

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$$y_p''' + y_p'' = 2Ae^x + 12Bx^2 + (24B + 6C)x + (6C + 2D) \\ = 2Ae^x + 12Bx^2 + 6(4B + C)x + 2(3C + D).$$

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$$= 3e^x + 4x^2.$$

Because $\{e^x, x^2\}$ is lin. indep., must equate like terms:

$$2A = 3, \quad 12B = 4, \quad 6(4B + C) = 0, \quad 2(3C + D) = 0$$

$$A = \frac{3}{2}, \quad B = \frac{4}{12} = \frac{1}{3}, \quad C = -4B = -\frac{4}{3}, \quad D = -3C = 4.$$

$$y_p(x) = \frac{3}{2}e^x + \frac{1}{3}x^4 - \frac{4}{3}x^3 + 4x^2.$$

Check: $y_p'(x) = \frac{3}{2}e^x + \frac{4}{3}x^3 - 4x^2 + 8x$

$$y_p''(x) = \frac{3}{2}e^x + 4x^2 - 8x + 8$$

$$+ y_p'''(x) = \frac{3}{2}e^x + 8x - 8$$

$$y_p'''(x) + y_p''(x) = 3e^x + 4x^2 = Q(x).$$

So the particular sol'n checks out.

Rule 2: If s is the smallest integer such that no term in y_p duplicates any term in the homogeneous solution, then a guess for y_p could be

$$y_p(x) := x^s \left[(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_mx^m) e^{rx} \cos(\alpha x) + (b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + \dots + b_mx^m) e^{rx} \sin(\alpha x) \right]$$

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$$y'' + 6y' + 13y = e^{-3x} \cos(2x).$$

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Start by finding y_h , which solves $y'' + 6y' + 13y = 0$.

The characteristic eq'n is $p^2 + 6p + 13 = 0$, and the discriminant is $6^2 - 4(13)(1) = 36 - 52 = -16 < 0$, so our ~~solutions~~^{roots} are complex:

$$p = \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{-16}}{2(1)} = -3 \pm 2i.$$

So $y_h(x) = e^{-3x} (c_1 \cos(2x) + c_2 \sin(2x))$.

Use Rule 2: the smallest ^{positive} integer s so that

$$y_p(x) := x^s [a_1 e^{-3x} \cos(2x) + b_1 e^{-3x} \sin(2x)]$$

doesn't duplicate terms in $y_h(x)$ above. This s -value is 1.

Therefore, our guess for $y_p(x)$ is

$$y_p(x) := a_1 x e^{-3x} \cos(2x) + b_1 x e^{-3x} \sin(2x).$$

Find a particular sol'n of $y'' - 3y' + 2y = \sin x$.

The homog. sol'n $y_h(x)$ solves $y'' - 3y' + 2y = 0$. The characteristic eq'n is $p^2 - 3p + 2 = 0$, with discriminant $\sqrt{(-3)^2 - 4(2)(1)} = \sqrt{9 - 8} = \sqrt{1} = 1 > 0$
 $(p-2)(p-1) = 0$

So our roots are real, and they are:

$$p = \frac{3 \pm 1}{2} = 2, 1,$$

making $y_h(x) = ae^{2x} + be^x$. [check: $y_h'' - 3y_h' + 2y_h \stackrel{?}{=} 0$].

Our guess for $y_p(x)$ is $y_p(x) = c_1 \sin x + c_2 \cos x$.

$$y_p'(x) = c_1 \cos x - c_2 \sin x$$

$$y_p''(x) = -c_1 \sin x - c_2 \cos x = -y_p(x).$$

Substituting into LHS:

$$\begin{aligned} y_p'' - 3y_p' + 2y_p &= -3y_p' + y_p \\ &= -3[c_1 \cos x - c_2 \sin x] + [c_1 \sin x + c_2 \cos x] \\ &= (3c_2 + c_1) \sin x + (c_2 - 3c_1) \cos x. \end{aligned}$$

Set $(3c_2 + c_1) \sin x + (c_2 - 3c_1) \cos x = \sin x$. Since

$\{\sin x, \cos x\}$ is l.i., we must have $3c_2 + c_1 = 1$ and

$$c_2 - 3c_1 = 0.$$

$$c_2 = 3c_1 \Rightarrow 3c_2 + c_1 = 3(3c_1) + c_1 = 10c_1 = 1 \Rightarrow c_1 = \frac{1}{10},$$

and $c_2 = \frac{3}{10}$. So $y_p(x) = \frac{1}{10} \sin(x) + \frac{3}{10} \cos(x)$.

[check: $y_p'' - 3y_p' + 2y_p \stackrel{?}{=} \sin x$] $y(x) = y_h(x) + y_p(x)$.

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Thus $y(x) = ae^{2x} + be^{-x} + \frac{1}{10} \sin(x) + \frac{3}{10} \cos(x).$

So, don't really have to use cplx. coefficients / variables.

(Pathological)

Example. $y'' + y = \tan(x).$

Observe: $\frac{d}{dx} [\tan x] = \sec^2 x, \quad \frac{d}{dx} [\sec^2 x] = 2 \sec^2 x \tan x,$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [2 \sec^2 x \tan x] = 4 \sec^2 x \tan^2 x + 2 \sec^4 x, \dots$$

Derivatives don't ever cycle back — we have infinitely many linearly independent derivatives of $\tan(x)$, so there can be no finite trial $y_p(x)$.
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Undetermined coefficients won't work.

Different method: (1) Find $y_h(x) = a_1 y_1(x) + a_2 y_2(x) + \dots + a_m y_m(x)$
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 m^{th} ord.

(2) Guess that

$$y_p(x) = u_1(x) y_1(x) + u_2(x) y_2(x) + \dots + u_m(x) y_m(x)$$

(3) Substitute into the ODE & find parameters $u_i(x)$.

§ We're solving the ODE $y'' + ay' + by = Q(x)$,

and § $y_h(x) = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$.

By our method, seek $u_1, \dots, u_2$ s.t. $y_p(x) := u_1 y_1 + u_2 y_2$ solves $y'' + ay' + by = Q(x)$.

well, $y_p'(x) = u_1' y_1 + u_1 y_1' + u_2' y_2 + u_2 y_2'$.

Let's impose the stronger cond'n that $u_1' y_1 + u_2' y_2 = 0$.

If this is the case, then $y_p'(x) = u_1 y_1' + u_2 y_2'$.

Then $y_p''(x) = u_1' y_1' + u_1 y_1'' + u_2' y_2' + u_2 y_2''$.

Substitute into LHS:

$$y_p'' + ay_p' + by_p = [u_1' y_1' + u_1 y_1'' + u_2' y_2' + u_2 y_2''] + a[u_1 y_1' + u_2 y_2'] + b[u_1 y_1 + u_2 y_2]$$

$$= u_1 [y_1'' + ay_1' + by_1] + u_2 [y_2'' + ay_2' + by_2] + u_1' y_1' + u_2' y_2'$$

Since y_1, y_2 solve $y'' + ay' + by = 0$, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} &= u_1 [0] + u_2 [0] + u_1' y_1' + u_2' y_2' \\ &= u_1' y_1' + u_2' y_2'. \end{aligned}$$

So $u_1' y_1' + u_2' y_2' = Q(x)$.

Our two cond'ns were:
$$\begin{cases} u_1' y_1 + u_2' y_2 = 0 \\ u_1' y_1' + u_2' y_2' = Q(x). \end{cases}$$