

## ■ Outline

1. Nonhomogeneous D.E.'s
2. Method of Undetermined Coefficients.

Next test:

- Friday October 24  
During lecture time.
- Practice problems online
- Chapter 7 + additional topics on D.E.'s.

# 1. Non homogeneous D.E.'s

Homogeneous:  $y'' + y = 0$

$y$  and its derivatives  $\uparrow$  zero. (homogeneous)

Non homogeneous:  $y'' + y = 0.001 \cdot x^2$

$\underbrace{0.001 \cdot x^2}_{\text{Non-zero } N(x)}$

## 2. The Method of Undetermined Coefficients

- Good for finding a formula for  $y(x)$  when you are given:

- Non homogeneous differential equation (D.E.)
- Two initial conditions.
- Three main steps:
  - Step 1: Solve the homogeneous D.E.  
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Create a formula  $Y_h(x)$ .
  - Step 2: Create a formula called the particular solution.  
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Create a formula  $Y_p(x)$ .
  - Step 3: Put  $Y_h(x)$ ,  $Y_p(x)$  and initial values together to create  $y(x)$ .

$$y(x) = Y_h(x) + Y_p(x)$$

## Example

Find a formula for  $y(x)$

given:

$$y'' + y = 0.001 \cdot x^2$$

$$y(0) = 0 \quad y'(0) = 1.5$$

## Solution

Step 1: Solve the homogeneous equation

Homogeneous:  $y'' + y = 0$

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$$r^2 + 1 = 0$$

Roots:  $r = 0 + 1 \cdot i$      $r = 0 - 1 \cdot i$   
 $\alpha = 0$      $\beta = 1$

$$y_h(x) = C_1 \cdot e^{0x} \cdot \cos(1 \cdot x) + C_2 e^{0x} \cdot \sin(1 \cdot x)$$

$$y_h(x) = C_1 \cdot \cos(x) + C_2 \cdot \sin(x)$$

## Step 2: Creating a Particular Solution

- Focus on  $N(x)$ .

$$y'' + y = \underbrace{0.001 \cdot x^2}_{N(x)}$$

$$N(x) = 0.001 x^2$$

To find the particular solution:

- ① Write down  $N(x)$  and its derivatives until either the derivatives start repeating or the derivatives reach zero.  
What's important?

$$N(x) = 0.001 x^2 \quad x^2$$

$$N'(x) = 0.002 x \quad x$$

$$N''(x) = 0.002 \quad 1$$

$$N'''(x) = 0$$

**STOP**

② Multiply each term that was important in ① by an unknown constant and add them together.

Use  $F, G, H$  for unknown constants.

$$y_p(x) = F \cdot x^2 + G \cdot x + H \cdot 1.$$

③ Plug  $y_p(x)$  back into the nonhomogeneous D.E. to find the numerical values of  $F, G, H$ .

$$y_p(x) = Fx^2 + Gx + H$$

$$y_p'(x) = 2Fx + G$$

$$y_p''(x) = 2F$$

$$y'' + y = 0.001x^2$$

$$Y_p''(x) + Y_p(x) = 0.001x^2$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \qquad \qquad \uparrow \\ 2F + Fx^2 + Gx + H = 0.001x^2 \end{array}$$

Equate coefficients of powers of  $x$ :

$$\underline{x^2}: \quad F \quad = 0.001$$

$$\underline{x^1}: \quad \quad G \quad = 0$$

$$\underline{x^0}: \quad 2F \quad + H = 0$$

So:  $F = 0.001, G = 0, H = -0.002.$

$$Y_p(x) = 0.001x^2 + 0x - 0.002$$

$$Y_p(x) = 0.001x^2 - 0.002.$$

This is the particular solution.

### Step 3: Use Initial Values

$$y(x) = Y_h(x) + Y_p(x)$$

$$y(x) = C_1 \cdot \cos(x) + C_2 \cdot \sin(x) + 0.001x^2 - 0.002$$

Now use  $y(0) = 0$  and  $y'(0) = 1.5$  to evaluate  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ .

$$\underline{y(0) = 0}: 0 = C_1 + C_2 \cdot (0) + 0.001(0) - 0.002$$

$$0 = C_1 - 0.002$$

$$\boxed{C_1 = 0.002}$$

$$\underline{y'(0) = 1.5}: 1.5 = -C_1 \cdot \sin(0) + C_2 \cdot \cos(0) + 0.002 \cdot (0)$$

$$\boxed{1.5 = C_2}$$

Final answer:

$$y(x) = 0.002 \cos(x) + 1.5 \sin(x) + 0.001x^2 - 0.002.$$