

LINEAR EQUATIONS WITH CONSTANT COEFFICIENTS

General form:

$$(1) \quad y^{(m)} + a_1 y^{(m-1)} + \dots + a_{m-1} y' + a_m y = f(x)$$

$$a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{R} \quad f \in C(1)$$

→ nonhomogeneous equation

$$(2) \quad y^{(m)} + a_1 y^{(m-1)} + \dots + a_{m-1} y' + a_m y = 0$$

→ homogeneous equation

$$\text{Let } L[y] = y^{(m)} + a_1 y^{(m-1)} + \dots + a_m y$$

$L: C^m(1) \rightarrow C(1)$ is a linear operator

We have that:

$$(1) \Leftrightarrow L[y] = f$$

$$(2) \Leftrightarrow L[y] = 0$$

The GENERAL SOLUTION of (1) is $y = y_0 + y_p$, where

y_0 - the general sol. of (2)

y_p - is a particular sol of (1)

(A) Case $L[y] = 0$

→ the characteristic equation:

$$(3) \quad \pi^m + a_1 \pi^{m-1} + \dots + a_{m-1} \pi + a_m = 0 \quad \rightarrow \text{m roots}$$

- if π is a real root of (3) with the multiplicity μ , then:

$$y_1(x) = e^{\pi x}$$

$$y_2(x) = x e^{\pi x}$$

$\vdots$

$$y_\mu(x) = x^{\mu-1} e^{\pi x}$$

- if $\pi = \alpha + i\beta \in \mathbb{C}$ - complex roots of (3) with multiplicity μ then:

$$y_1(x) = e^{\alpha x} \cdot \cos \beta x$$

$$y_3(x) = x e^{\alpha x} \cdot \cos \beta x$$

$\vdots$

$$y_{2\mu-1}(x) = x^{\mu-1} e^{\alpha x} \cos \beta x$$

$$y_2(x) = e^{\alpha x} \cdot \sin \beta x$$

$$y_4(x) = x e^{\alpha x} \cdot \sin \beta x$$

$\vdots$

$$y_{2\mu}(x) = x^{\mu-1} e^{\alpha x} \sin \beta x$$

$\Rightarrow \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m\}$ the fundamental system of solutions

$$y_0(x) = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2 + \dots + c_m y_m, \quad c_1, \dots, c_m \in \mathbb{R}$$

(B) Case $L[y] = f$

We look for $y_p = ?$

y_p

can be found using the variation of constants method (S8) $\forall f(x)$
 $\{y_1, \dots, y_m\}$ f.o.s.

$$\Rightarrow y_p = c_1(x) y_1 + \dots + c_m(x) y_m$$

can be found with different formulas
(only in special cases for $f(x)$):

~~Special cases of $f(x)$ are not needed~~

SPECIAL CASES OF $f(x)$ (we can avoid application of the var of const. method)

I. $f(x) = P_m(x)$

a) $a_m \neq 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{y_p(x) = Q_m(x)}$

b) $a_m = a_{m-1} = \dots = a_{m-p+1} = 0$

$\Rightarrow \boxed{y_p(x) = x^p \cdot Q_m(x)}$

$a_{m-p} \neq 0$

II. $f(x) = e^{\pi x} \cdot P_m(x)$

a) if π is not a root of (3) $\Rightarrow \boxed{y_p(x) = e^{\pi x} \cdot Q_m(x)}$

b) if π is a root of (3) with multiplicity $\nu \Rightarrow$

$\boxed{y_p(x) = x^\nu \cdot e^{\pi x} \cdot Q_m(x)}$

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$f(x) = e^{\alpha x} \cdot P_m(x) \cdot \cos \beta x$

OR

$f(x) = e^{\alpha x} \cdot P_m(x) \cdot \sin \beta x$

a) if $\alpha + i\beta$ is NOT a root of (3)

$\Rightarrow \boxed{y_p(x) = e^{\alpha x} \cdot (Q_m^1(x) \cos \beta x + Q_m^2(x) \sin \beta x)}$

b) if $\alpha + i\beta$ is a root of (3) with multiplicity ν

$\Rightarrow \boxed{y_p(x) = x^\nu \cdot e^{\alpha x} \cdot (Q_m^1(x) \cos \beta x + Q_m^2(x) \sin \beta x)}$

Ex 1: $y''' - y = 0$

$$A^3 - B^3 = (A - B)(A^2 + B^2 + AB)$$

$$A^3 + B^3 = (A + B)(A^2 + B^2 - AB)$$

• we write the characteristic equation

$$\pi^3 - \pi^0 = 0 \Leftrightarrow \pi^3 - 1 = 0$$

$$(\pi - 1)(\pi^2 + \pi + 1) = 0$$

$$\pi = 1$$

$$\Delta = 1 - 4 = -3$$

$$\pi_{2/3} = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{-3}}{2} = \frac{-1 \pm i\sqrt{3}}{2} = \boxed{-\frac{1}{2}} \pm i\boxed{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}$$

$$\alpha = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\beta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$\Rightarrow x_1 = 1 \xRightarrow{A \text{ real}} y_1(x) = e^{\pi x} = e^x$

$\pi_{2/3} \text{ complex} \Rightarrow y_2(x) = e^{\alpha x} \cos \beta x = e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x\right)$

$y_3(x) = e^{\alpha x} \cdot \sin \beta x = e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} \cdot \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x\right)$

The general solution is $y = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2 + c_3 y_3$

$$\Rightarrow y(x) = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x\right) + c_3 e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x\right), c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{R}$$

Ex 2: $y''' - y'' = 0$

the characteristic equation: $\pi^3 - \pi^2 = 0$

$$\pi^2(\pi - 1) = 0$$

$$\pi' = \pi_2 = 0$$

$$\pi_3 = 1$$

$x_1 = x_2 \xrightarrow{\in \mathbb{R}} 0 \Rightarrow y_1(x) = e^{\pi_1 x} = e^0 = 1$

$y_2(x) = x e^{\pi_2 x} = x e^0 = x$

$\pi_3 = 1 \Rightarrow y_3(x) = e^{\pi_3 x} = e^x$

$$y(x) = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2 + c_3 y_3 = 1 + c_2 x + c_3 e^x, c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{R}$$

ex 3: $y'' + y = e^x \rightarrow$ nonhomog. eq.

sol: $y = y_0 + y_p$

where $y_0 =$ general solution of $y'' + y = 0$

$y_p =$ a particular solution of $y'' + y = e^x$

nt1 $y'' + y = 0$

$$\pi^2 + \pi^0 = 0 \Rightarrow \pi^2 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \pi^2 = -1 \Rightarrow \pi_{y_2} = \pm i \quad \alpha = 0$$

$$\beta = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow y_1(x) = e^{ix} \cdot \cos \beta x = \cos x$$

$$y_2(x) = e^{ix} \cdot \sin \beta x = \sin x$$

$$\Rightarrow y_0 = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2 = c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x$$

nt2 $y_p = ?$ we have $f(x) = e^x \Rightarrow$ case BII

$$f(x) = 1 \cdot e^{1 \cdot x} = p_0(x) \cdot e^{1 \cdot x}$$

$n=1$ and it's not a root of char. equation

$$\Rightarrow y_p = Q_0(x) \cdot e^x = a \cdot e^x$$

$\xrightarrow{\text{constant}}$

$$y_p = a \cdot e^x$$

$$y'_p = a \cdot e^x \Rightarrow a \cdot e^x + a \cdot e^x = e^x$$

$$y''_p = a \cdot e^x \quad 2a e^x = e^x \Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$y_p = \frac{1}{2} e^x$$

$$\boxed{y = y_0 + y_p \Rightarrow y = c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x + \frac{1}{2} e^x} \quad c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

Q4 $y''' - y'' = x+1$

non homog. equation

$y = y_0 + y_p$

st1 $\pi^3 - \pi^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \pi^2(\pi - 1) = 0$

$\pi_1 = \pi_2 = 0$ $\pi_3 = 1$

$\pi_1 = \pi_2 = 0$ $y_1(x) = e^{\pi x} = e^0 = 1$

$y_2(x) = x e^{\pi x} = x \cdot 1 = x$

$\pi_3 = 1$

$y_3(x) = e^{\pi x} = e^x$

$y_0 = c_1 + c_2 x + c_3 e^x$

st2

$y_p = ?$ case B, I $f(x) = P_1(x)$

y, y' don't appear $\Rightarrow$ case B where $a_n = a_{n-1} = \dots = a_{n-p-1} = 0$

$y_p = x^2 \cdot (ax + b)$

$y_p = x^2(ax + b)$

$y_p' = 2x(ax + b) + x^2 a = 3x^2 a + 2bx$

$y_p'' = 6ax + 2b$

$y_p''' = 6a$

$6a - 6ax - 2b = x + 1$

$-6ax + 6a - 2b = x + 1$

$\begin{cases} -6a = 1 \Rightarrow a = -\frac{1}{6} \\ 6a - 2b = 1 \Rightarrow -1 - 2b = 1 \Rightarrow -2b = 2 \Rightarrow b = -1 \end{cases}$

$y_p = x^2(-\frac{1}{6}x - 1)$

$y = c_1 + c_2 x + c_3 e^x + x^2(-\frac{1}{6}x - 1) \quad c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{R}$

Ex 5 $y'' + y = 4x \cdot e^{-x} + 2 \cos x$

nt1 $\sigma^2 + \pi^0 = 0 \Rightarrow \pi^2 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \pi_{1/2} = \pm i$

$y_1(x) = e^0 \cdot \cos x \cdot 1 = \cos x$

$y_2(x) = \sin x$

$y_0 = c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x$

nt2 $y_p = ?$

$f(x) = \underbrace{4x \cdot e^{-x}}_{f_1} + \underbrace{2 \cos x}_{f_2}$
 case B II case B III

THE SUPERPOSITION PRINCIPLE

For $L[y] = f_1 + f_2$

then we look for y_{p1}, y_{p2} in special cases
 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} y_{p1} \text{ a partic. sol of } L[y] = f_1 \\ y_{p2} \text{ a partic. sol of } L[y] = f_2 \end{array} \right.$

$\Rightarrow y_p = y_{p1} + y_{p2}$ is a PARTICULAR SOLUTION of $L[y] = f_1 + f_2$

R: $L[y_p] = L[y_{p1} + y_{p2}] = L[y_{p1}] + L[y_{p2}] = f_1 + f_2$

$f_1 = 4x \cdot e^{-x} = P_1(x) \cdot e^{-x} \Rightarrow m=1$

$n=-1 \rightarrow$ is not a root of char. eq.

$y_{p1} = e^{-x} \cdot (ax + b)$

$y'_{p1} = -e^{-x}(ax + b) + e^{-x} \cdot a = e^{-x}(-ax + a - b)$

$y''_{p1} = -e^{-x}(-ax + a - b) + e^{-x}(-a) = e^{-x}(ax - 2a + b)$

$$e^{-x}(ax-2a+b) + e^{-x}(ax+b) = 4xe^{-x} \quad / : e^{-x}$$

$$ax-2a+b + ax+b = 4x$$

$$2ax - 2a + 2b = 4$$

$$\begin{cases} 2a = 4 & \Rightarrow a = 2 \\ -2a + 2b = 0 & \Rightarrow -4 + 2b = 0 \Rightarrow b = 2 \end{cases}$$

$$y_p = e^{-x}(2x+2) = 2e^{-x}(x+1)$$

$$\rightarrow f_2(x) = 2\cos x = 2 \cdot \overset{\substack{p_0=2 \\ m=0}}{e^{0x}} \cdot \underset{\substack{\alpha=0 \\ \beta=1}}{\cos(1 \cdot x)}$$

$\alpha + i\beta = 0 + i = i$ is a root of char. eq. with $p=1$

$$\Rightarrow y_{p_2}(x) = x \cdot e^{0x} \cdot (\underbrace{Q_0^1(x)}_{\text{const}} \cdot e^{0x} \cdot \cos(1 \cdot x) + \underbrace{Q_0^2(x)}_{\text{const}} \cdot e^{0x} \cdot \sin x)$$

$$y_{p_2}(x) = x \cdot (a \cos x + b \sin x)$$

$$y'_{p_2} = a \cos x + b \sin x + x(a(-\sin x) + b \cos x)$$

$$y''_{p_2} = -a \sin x + b \cos x + a(-\sin x) + b \cos x + x(a(-\cos x) - b \sin x) =$$

$$= -2a \sin x + 2b \cos x + x(-a \cos x - b \sin x)$$

$$-2a \sin x + 2b \cos x + \cancel{x(-a \cos x - b \sin x)} + \cancel{x(a \cos x + b \sin x)} = 2 \cos x$$

$$-2a \sin x + 2b \cos x = 2 \cos x$$

$$\begin{cases} -2a = 0 & \Rightarrow a = 0 \\ 2b = 2 & \Rightarrow b = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_{p_2} = x(0 + 1 \sin x) = x \sin x$$

$$y_p = y_{p_1} + y_{p_2} = x \sin x + 2e^{-x}(x+1)$$

$$y = y_h + y_p$$

$$y(x) = c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x + 2e^{-x}(x+1) + x \sin x \quad c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{Ex 6 } y'' - y = \frac{2e^x}{e^x - 1}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{rt1 } y'' - y = 0$$

$$\text{the char. eq: } r^2 - r^0 = 0 \Rightarrow r^2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow (r-1)(r+1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r = \pm 1 \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\boxed{r=1} y_1(x) = e^x$$

$$\boxed{r=-1} y_2(x) = e^{-x}$$

$$\boxed{y_0 = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{-x} \mid c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}}$$

$$\underline{\text{rt2}} \quad y_p = ? \quad f(x) = \frac{2e^x}{e^x - 1}$$

Here $f(x)$ doesn't belong to any of the special cases. We have to apply the variation of the constants method

We look for a particular sol. of the form:

$$y_p(x) = c_1(x) \cdot e^x + c_2(x) \cdot e^{-x}$$

$$y_p \text{ - sol of } y_p'' - y_p = \frac{2e^x}{e^x - 1}$$

$$y_p' = \underline{c_1'(x) \cdot e^x} + c_1(x) \cdot e^x + \underline{c_2'(x) \cdot e^{-x}} - c_2(x) \cdot e^x$$

$$\text{- we impose the condition } \boxed{c_1'(x) \cdot e^x + c_2'(x) \cdot e^{-x} = 0}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_p' = c_1(x) \cdot e^x - c_2(x) \cdot e^{-x}$$

$$y_p'' = c_1'(x) e^x + c_1(x) e^x - c_2'(x) \cdot e^{-x} + c_2(x) e^{-x}$$

- we replace in equation

$$c_1'(x) \cdot e^x + \underline{c_1(x) e^x} - c_2'(x) e^{-x} + \underline{c_2(x) e^{-x}} - \underline{c_1(x) e^x} - \underline{c_2(x) e^{-x}} = \frac{2e^x}{e^x - 1}$$

$$c_1'(x) \cdot e^x - c_2'(x) \cdot e^{-x} = \frac{2e^x}{e^x - 1}$$

Thus we have the system:

$$\begin{cases} c_1'(x)e^x + c_2'(x)e^{-x} = 0 \\ c_1'(x)e^x - c_2'(x)e^{-x} = \frac{2e^x}{e^x-1} \end{cases}$$

$$2c_1'(x)e^x = \frac{2e^x}{e^x-1}$$

$$c_1'(x) = \frac{1}{e^x-1} \Rightarrow c_1(x) = \int \frac{dx}{e^x-1} = \int \frac{1-e^x+e^x}{e^x-1} dx = \int \left(-1 + \frac{e^x}{e^x-1} \right) dx = -x + \ln|e^x-1|$$

$$c_2'(x) = -\frac{e^{2x}}{e^x-1} \Rightarrow c_2(x) = \int -\frac{e^x \cdot e^x}{e^x-1} dx = \int -\frac{(e^x-1+1)e^x}{e^x-1} dx =$$

$$= \int -\frac{(e^x-1)e^x}{e^x-1} dx - \int \frac{e^x}{e^x-1} dx =$$

$$= -\int e^x dx - \int \frac{e^x}{e^x-1} dx = -e^x - \ln|e^x-1|$$

$$\Rightarrow y_p(x) = (-x + \ln|e^x-1|)e^x - 1 - e^x \cdot \ln|e^x-1|$$

At 3: $y = y_0 + y_p$

$$\boxed{y = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{-x} + (-x + \ln|e^x-1|)e^x - 1 - e^x \cdot \ln|e^x-1|} \quad c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$