

# Differential Equations I

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**Ansatz:**

Let  $R_m(x)$  be a polynomial of  $m^{\text{th}}$  degree,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ .  
Consider right hand sides (RHS) of the form

$$R_m(x), \quad R_m(x)e^{\alpha x}, \quad R_m(x) \sin(\beta x), \quad R_m(x) \cos(\gamma x).$$

Then utilize the **Approach corresponding to RHS** for the particular solution.

Example: considers  $y'' + 5y' + 6y = xe^{-x}$

Ansatz according to RHS:  $y_p(x) = ae^{-x} + bxe^{-x}$  ①

Derivatives:  $y_p'(x) = -ae^{-x} + be^{-x} - bxe^{-x}$  ②

$$y_p''(x) = ae^{-x} - be^{-x} - be^{-x} + bxe^{-x} - ae^{-x} - 2be^{-x} + bxe^{-x}$$
 ③

Substitute into eq.:

$$\underbrace{ae^{-x}}_{(3)} - \underbrace{2be^{-x}}_{(2)} + \underbrace{bx e^{-x}}_{(2)} - \underbrace{5ae^{-x}}_{(2)} + \underbrace{5be^{-x}}_{(2)} - \underbrace{5bx e^{-x}}_{(2)} + \underbrace{6ae^{-x}}_{(1)} + \underbrace{6bx e^{-x}}_{(1)} = x e^{-x}$$

$$\Rightarrow (2a + 3b)e^{-x} + 2bx e^{-x} = x e^{-x}$$

$$\Rightarrow (2a + 3b)e^{-x} + (2b - 1)x e^{-x} = 0$$

$$\text{For this to hold: } \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

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$$\Rightarrow 2a = -\frac{3}{2} \quad b = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = -\frac{3}{4}$$

general solution:  $y(x) = c_1 e^{-3x} + c_2 e^{-2x} + \frac{1}{2} x e^{-x} - \frac{3}{4} e^{-x}$

② Example:  $y^{(n)} + a_{n-1} y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_0 y = g(x)$

$$g(x) = A e^{\lambda x}, \quad A, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

Ansatz:  $y_p(x) = B e^{\lambda x}$

Substitute into eq.:  $B P(\lambda) e^{\lambda x} = A e^{\lambda x}, \quad P(\lambda) \text{ char. Poly.}$

Part. Solution: ( $P(\lambda) \neq 0$ )

$$y_p(x) = B e^{\lambda x} = \frac{A}{P(\lambda)} e^{\lambda x}$$

Interpretation: This approach is only possible if  $P(\lambda) \neq 0$ , i.e.  $\lambda$  is not a root of the char. polynomial, therefore, not a solution of the homog. Eq.

→ no resonance solution.

If  $\lambda$  is a  $k$ -multiple root of the char. Polynomial,  
then we may choose

$$y_p(x) = B x^k e^{\lambda x}$$

Then:  $y_p(x) = B x^k e^{\lambda x} = \frac{A}{P^{(k)}(\lambda)} x^k e^{\lambda x}$

A small explicit example:  $y'' - y = 4e^x$

Evaluating charact. Poly.:  $\lambda^2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_{1,2} = \pm 1$

Fundamental solutions of homog. Eq:  $y_1(x) = e^x$ ,  $y_2(x) = e^{-x}$

Observation: Since the RHS of the ODE corresp. to a homog. solution  
→ resonance

$\lambda_1 = 1$  has multiplicity 1

Ansatz:  $y_p(x) = a x e^x$

Substitute:  $y_p'(x) = a e^x + a x e^x$ ,  $y_p''(x) = a e^x + a e^x + a x e^x = 2a e^x + a x e^x$

$$\Rightarrow 2a e^x + a x e^x - a x e^x = 4e^x$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 2$$

General solution:  $y(x) = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{-x} + 2x a e^x$

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**Observation:** (Structure of Equation)

If

$$y' + xy = x$$

holds, then this also holds after differentiation, so

$$y'' + y + xy' = 1.$$

And  $y(x) = ce^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} + 1$  is a solution of this ODE of 2<sup>nd</sup> order as well.

Considers :

$$y'' + xy' + y = 1 \quad (*)$$
$$y' + xy = x \quad (**)$$

Remark: If  $(*)$  and  $(**)$  describe the same problem in a mathematical modeling approach, we want to obtain the "right" solution to both eq.

Solution  $(**)$

$$y(x) = ce^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} + 1$$

Solution  $(*)$

homog. Diff Eq.  $y'' + xy' + y = 0$

one solution:  $u(x) = e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$  is already a solution

goal: find another (second) fundamental solution  $v(x)$

Idea: use ansatz  $v(x) = w(x) \cdot u(x)$  (method of order reduction)

Obtain:  $w''u + 2w'u' + wu'' + xwu' + xwu' + wu$

$$= w''u + 2w'u' + xw'u + w(\underbrace{u'' + xu' + u}_{=0}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow w''u + (2u' + xu)w' = 0$$

Substitute:  $\Omega = w'$

$$\Rightarrow \Omega' u + \Omega(2u' + xu) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\Omega'}{\Omega} = - \frac{2u' + xu}{u}$$

Insertion of  $u(x) = e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$

$$\frac{\Omega'}{\Omega} = x \quad \Rightarrow \Omega = c^* e^{\frac{x^2}{2}}$$

Integrate:  $w(x) = c^* \int_0^x e^{\frac{\xi^2}{2}} d\xi \Rightarrow v(x) = e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \left[ \int_0^x e^{\frac{\xi^2}{2}} d\xi \right]$

Part. Solution:  $\gamma_p(x) = 1$

General Solution:  $z(x) = C_1 u(x) + C_2 v(x) + 1$

It remains:  $u, v$  form a fundamental solution

$$\underline{W}(x) \begin{vmatrix} u(x) & v(x) \\ u'(x) & v'(x) \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} & e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \int_0^x e^{\frac{\xi^2}{2}} d\xi \\ -xe^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} & 1 - xe^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \int_0^x e^{\frac{\xi^2}{2}} d\xi \end{vmatrix}$$

For  $x=0 \Rightarrow \underline{W}(0) = 1 \neq 0$ , so  $u, v$  form a fund. system.

Observation:  $z(x)$  is only a solution to  $**$  if  $C_2 = 0$ !