

MATH 54 – SOLUTION TO 4.5.21

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Homogeneous equation:

First of all, the auxiliary equation is $r^2 + 2r + 2 = 0$, which gives:

$$r = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 8}}{2} = \frac{-2 \pm 2i}{2} = -1 \pm i$$

which tells you the general solution of $y'' + 2y' + 2 = 0$ is:

$$y_0(\theta) = Ae^{-\theta} \cos(\theta) + Be^{-\theta} \sin(\theta)$$

Particular solution:

Notice that $e^{-\theta} \cos(\theta)$ is *already* a solution of the homogeneous equation, so we'll have to guess:

$$y_p(\theta) = A\theta e^{-\theta} \cos(\theta) + B\theta e^{-\theta} \sin(\theta)$$

This gives us:

$$\begin{aligned} y_p'(\theta) &= Ae^{-\theta} \cos(\theta) - A\theta e^{-\theta} \cos(\theta) - A\theta e^{-\theta} \sin(\theta) + Be^{-\theta} \sin(\theta) - B\theta e^{-\theta} \sin(\theta) + B\theta e^{-\theta} \cos(\theta) \\ &= (A - A\theta + B\theta)e^{-\theta} \cos(\theta) + (B - B\theta - A\theta)e^{-\theta} \sin(\theta) \end{aligned}$$

And:

$$\begin{aligned} y_p''(\theta) &= (B - A)e^{-\theta} \cos(\theta) - (A - A\theta + B\theta)e^{-\theta} \cos(\theta) - (A - A\theta + B\theta)e^{-\theta} \sin(\theta) \\ &\quad + (-B - A)e^{-\theta} \sin(\theta) - (B - B\theta - A\theta)e^{-\theta} \sin(\theta) + (B - B\theta - A\theta)e^{-\theta} \cos(\theta) \\ &= (B - A - A + A\theta - B\theta + B - B\theta - A\theta)e^{-\theta} \cos(\theta) \\ &\quad + (-A + A\theta - B\theta - B - A - B + B\theta + A\theta)e^{-\theta} \sin(\theta) \\ &= (2B - 2A - 2B\theta)e^{-\theta} \cos(\theta) + (-2A - 2B + 2A\theta)e^{-\theta} \sin(\theta) \end{aligned}$$

Plugging those formulas into our equation $y'' + 2y' + 2y = e^{-\theta} \cos(\theta)$, we get:

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$$\begin{aligned}
& y_p'' + 2y_p' + 2y_p = e^{-\theta} \cos(\theta) \\
& [(2B - 2A - 2B\theta)e^{-\theta} \cos(\theta) + (-2A - 2B + 2A\theta)e^{-\theta} \sin(\theta)] + \\
& \quad 2[(A - A\theta + B\theta)e^{-\theta} \cos(\theta) + (B - B\theta - A\theta)e^{-\theta} \sin(\theta)] \\
& \quad + 2[A\theta e^{-\theta} \cos(\theta) + B\theta e^{-\theta} \sin(\theta)] = e^{-\theta} \cos(\theta) \\
& \quad (2B - 2A - 2B\theta + 2A - 2A\theta + 2B\theta + 2A\theta) e^{-\theta} \cos(\theta) \\
& \quad + (-2A - 2B + 2A\theta + 2B - 2B\theta - 2A\theta + 2B\theta) e^{-\theta} \sin(\theta) \\
& \quad = e^{-\theta} \cos(\theta) \\
& 2Be^{-\theta} \cos(\theta) + (-2A)e^{-\theta} \sin(\theta) = 1e^{-\theta} \cos(\theta) + 0e^{-\theta} \sin(\theta)
\end{aligned}$$

Comparing the left-hand-side and the right-hand-side, we get $2B = 1$ and $-2A = 0$, so $A = 0$ and $B = \frac{1}{2}$, which tells us that a particular solution is:

$$y_p(\theta) = 0\theta e^{-\theta} \cos(\theta) + \frac{1}{2}\theta e^{-\theta} \sin(\theta) = \frac{1}{2}\theta e^{-\theta} \sin(\theta)$$

General solution: And therefore the general solution to our differential equation is:

$$y(\theta) = y_0(\theta) + y_p(\theta) = Ae^{-\theta} \cos(\theta) + Be^{-\theta} \sin(\theta) + \frac{1}{2}\theta e^{-\theta} \sin(\theta)$$