

# Math 54

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## §4.3: Non-homogenous Equations

There is a quiz next Tuesday! Covers §6.5, §7.1, §4.2, §4.3, and §4.4.

e.g.

$$2y'' + 3y' + 4y = 0$$

is homogeneous, but

$$2y'' + 3y' + 4y = \sin t + 1$$

is non-homogeneous

We can compare this with linear equations, where  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix,  $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , and  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

is homogeneous, and

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$$

is non-homogeneous.

### FACTS:

1. The solution set  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  ( $\mathbf{null}(A)$ ).

2. If  $\vec{b} \neq \vec{0}$ . the solution set  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  is **not** a subspace, because  $\vec{0} \notin$  solution set.

However, if  $\vec{x}_0$  is a solution of  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ , then the solution set is  $\vec{x}_0 + \mathbf{null}(A)$ . i.e.  $\{\vec{x}_0 + \vec{u} \mid \vec{u} \in \mathbf{null}(A)\}$ .

Reason:  $A(\vec{x}_0 + \vec{u}) = A\vec{x}_0 + A\vec{u} = \vec{b} + \vec{0}$ . This is a translation of  $\mathbf{null}(A)$  by  $\vec{x}_0$ .

Suppose  $\{z_1, z_2\}$  is a basis of a solution set of  $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$ . Then, a general solution of  $ay'' + by' + cy = f(t)$  is

$$\begin{aligned}y &= y_p + c_1 z_1 + c_2 z_2 \\ &= y_p(t) + c_1 z_1(t) + c_2 z_2(t)\end{aligned}$$

where  $y_p(t)$  is a special particular solution.

Our goal today: find  $y_p(t)$ .

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**e.g.**  $y'' + y = 2$

**Sol:** A solution is  $y = 2$ . Basis of  $y'' + y = 0$ 's solution set is  $\{\cos t, \sin t\}$ .

General solution set:  $y = 2 + c_1 \cos t + c_2 \sin t$ .

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**e.g.**

$$\begin{cases} y'' + y = 2 \\ y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 5 \end{cases}$$

**Sol:**

Plugging in  $y(0)$ :

$$1 = 2 + c_1$$

Plugging in  $y'(0)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}y' &= -c_1 \sin t + c_2 \cos t \\ 5 &= c_2\end{aligned}$$

We get:

$$\mathbf{c_1 = -1, c_2 = 5}$$

$$y(t) = 2 - \cos t + 5 \sin t$$

**e.g.**  $y'' + y = e^t$

**Sol:**  $y_p = \frac{1}{2}e^t$ . Homogeneous Solution:  $\{\sin t, \cos t\}$

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{2}e^t + c_1 \cos t + c_2 \sin t$$

**e.g.**  $y'' + y = e^{3t}$

**Sol:** We try  $y = Ae^{3t}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} y'' + y &= A \dots 9e^{3t} + A * e^{3t} \\ &= 10Ae^{3t} \end{aligned}$$

$$A = \frac{1}{10}$$

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{10}e^{3t} + c_1 \cos t + c_2 \sin t$$

### Method of Undetermined Solutions

**e.g.** Find particular solution of  $y'' + 3y' + 2y = f(t)$  for  $f(t) = 1, 2t, e^{2t}, te^{2t}, t^2e^{2t}, e^{3t} \sin t, \text{ and } e^{4t} \cos t$

1.  $f(t) = 1$

**Sol:**  $y_p = \frac{1}{2}$ .

2.  $f(t) = 2t$

Try:  $y = At$ . Get  $3A + 2At = 2t$ . No solution. So we try  $y = At + B$ .  
Get:

$$\begin{aligned} 3A + 2(At + B) \\ 2At + (3A + 2B) \\ 2A = 2 \\ 3A + 2B = 0 \\ A = 1, B = -\frac{3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

3.  $f(t) = te^{2t}$

Try:  $y = At^2 + Bt + C$ . Get:

$2A + 3(2At + B) + 2(At^2 + Bt + C)$ , will finish on Friday.