

Nonhomogeneous Linear Equations and the Principles of Superposition

$$\text{Solve } \frac{dy}{dt} = \underbrace{-3y + 2e^{3t}}_{\text{nonhomogeneous}}; \quad y(0) = 2.$$

① Associated homogeneous eqn: $\frac{dy}{dt} = -3y$
 $\Rightarrow y_h = Ce^{-3t}$

② Choose y_p to "match" (sort of) the nonhomogeneous terms. Let $y_p = Ae^{3t}$.

Since we're assuming $y_p = Ae^{3t}$ is a soln, we should be able to substitute: note:
 $y_p' = 3Ae^{3t}$
 $y_p' = -3y + 2e^{3t}$ will become

$$3Ae^{3t} = -3(Ae^{3t}) + 2e^{3t}$$

$$\underline{6A}e^{3t} = \underline{2}e^{3t}$$

$$A = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_p = \frac{1}{3}e^{3t}$$

"The" general soln is $y_p + ky_h$.

$$\therefore y(t) = Ce^{-3t} + \frac{1}{3}e^{3t}$$

$$\text{If } y(0) = 2, \quad Ce^0 + \frac{1}{3}e^0 = 2 \Rightarrow C = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$y(t) = \frac{5}{3}e^{-3t} + \frac{1}{3}e^{3t}$$

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$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -2y + \cos 3t + e^t$$

$$y_h = k e^{-2t}$$

Try $y_p = A \cos 3t + B \sin 3t + C e^t$

$$y_p' = -3A \sin 3t + 3B \cos 3t + C e^t$$

$$\underbrace{-3A \sin 3t + 3B \cos 3t + C e^t}_{dy/dt} = \underbrace{-2(A \cos 3t + B \sin 3t + C e^t)}_{-2y} + \cos 3t + e^t$$

$$\sin 3t: -3A = -2B \quad B = \frac{3}{2}A$$

$$\cos 3t: 3B = -2A + 1 \quad \frac{9}{2}A = -2A + 1 \quad A = \frac{2}{13}$$

$$e^t: C = -2C + 1 \Rightarrow C = \frac{1}{3} \quad B = \frac{3}{13}$$

So $y = y_p + k y_h$ $y_p = \frac{2}{13} \cos 3t + \frac{3}{13} \sin 3t + \frac{1}{3} e^t$

$$y = \frac{2}{13} \cos 3t + \frac{3}{13} \sin 3t + \frac{1}{3} e^t + k e^{-2t}$$

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$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -2y + 3e^{-2t}$$

$$y_h = ke^{-2t} \rightarrow \text{solves } \frac{dy}{dt} = -2y.$$

$$y_p = Ae^{-2t} \rightarrow \text{"duplicates" } y_h$$

~~$$y_p' = -2Ae^{-2t}$$~~

$$\text{try } y_p = \frac{Ate^{-2t}}{u \cdot v}$$

~~$$-2Ae^{-2t} = -2Ae^{-2t} + 3e^{-2t}$$~~

~~$$0 = 3e^{-2t} \leftarrow \text{no } A \text{ makes this true!}$$~~

$$y_p' = Ae^{-2t} - 2Ate^{-2t}$$

$$y_p' = -2y + 3e^{-2t} \quad \text{becomes}$$

$$\underbrace{Ae^{-2t} - 2Ate^{-2t}}_{y_p'} = \underbrace{-2Ate^{-2t} + 3e^{-2t}}_{-2y_p + 3e^{-2t}}$$

$$y_p' = -2y_p + 3e^{-2t}$$

$$A = 3.$$

$$\therefore y(t) = ky_h + y_p$$

$$y(t) = ke^{-2t} + 3te^{-2t}$$

Check: "perturbation"

$$y'(t) = -2ke^{-2t} + 3e^{-2t} - 6te^{-2t}$$

$$= -2(ke^{-2t} + 3te^{-2t}) + 3e^{-2t}$$

$$= -2 \cdot y + 3e^{-2t}$$

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Principles of linearity for homogeneous equations:

Suppose $y_1(t)$ and $y_2(t)$ both solve the homogeneous equation $y' + p(t)y = 0$.

- Then any constant multiple of y_1 or y_2 would also solve the equation.
- The sum $y_1 + y_2$ solves the equation.

Proof:

Assume y_1, y_2 solve $y' + p(t)y = 0$.

So... $y_1' + p(t)y_1 = 0$ and $y_2' + p(t)y_2 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow y_1' = -p(t)y_1 \quad \Rightarrow y_2' = -p(t)y_2$$

Note that $(y_1 + y_2)' = y_1' + y_2'$

used hypotheses that y_1, y_2 are sols. $\Rightarrow (-p(t)y_1) + (-p(t)y_2)$
 $= -p(t)(y_1 + y_2)$

$$\text{And } (y_1 + y_2)' + p(t)(y_1 + y_2) = 0.$$

$\therefore y_1 + y_2$ is a soln to the homogeneous eqn. (This is called the "superposition principle")

Let $y = ky_1$. Then $y' = (ky_1)'$

$$= ky_1'$$

used the fact that y_1 is a soln. $\Rightarrow k(-p(t)y_1)$

$$= -p(t)(ky_1)$$

$$\text{So } (ky_1)' + p(t)(ky_1) = 0$$

$$\square' + p(t)\square = 0 \Rightarrow \square \text{ is a soln.}$$

Ultimately, if y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n are all solutions to a lin. homog. eqn, then so is any solution of the form

$$y = a_1 y_1 + a_2 y_2 + \dots + a_n y_n.$$

(a_i is constant).

Linearity Principles for nonhomogeneous eqns.

Given a nonhomogeneous equation (linear)

$$y' + p(t)y = f(t) \quad (1)$$

we call

$$y' + p(t)y = 0 \quad (2)$$

its "associated homogeneous equation."

If y_p solves (1) and y_h solves (2),

then $y_p + y_h$ solves (1) as well.

p for "particular" → h for "homogeneous"
(or sometimes y_c for "complementary")

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Suppose y_p solves $y' + p(t)y = f(t)$,
(so $y_p' = -p(t)y_p + f(t)$)

And y_h solves $y' + p(t)y = 0$
(so $y_h' = -p(t)y_h$).

Then $y_p + y_h$ also solves $y' + p(t)y = f(t)$.
Why?

Let $y = y_p + y_h$. Then

$$y' = (y_p + y_h)' = y_p' + y_h'$$

used the
hypotheses.

$$= \underbrace{-p(t)y_p + f(t)}_{\text{used the hypotheses.}} + \underbrace{-p(t)y_h}_{\text{used the hypotheses.}}$$

$$\Rightarrow (y_p + y_h)' = -p(t)(y_p + y_h) + f(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow (y_p + y_h)' + p(t)(y_p + y_h) = f(t)$$

$\therefore y_p + y_h$ is a sol'n to the
nonhomogeneous equation!

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Finally, every solution to the linear nonhomogeneous equation is of the form $y = y_h + y_p$.

Proof:

Suppose y_p and y_b are both solutions to the nonhomogeneous equation $y' + p(t)y = f(t)$, and y_h is a solution to the associated homogeneous equation $y' + p(t)y = 0$.

Note that $\underline{y_b} = y_p + (y_b - y_p)$

this represents any solution to the nonhomogeneous eqn.

Note that

$$\begin{aligned}(y_g - y_p)' + p(t)(y_g - y_p) &= y_g' - y_p' + p(t)y_g - p(t)y_p \\ &= \underbrace{y_g' + p(t)y_g} - \underbrace{(y_p' + p(t)y_p)} \\ &= f(t) - f(t) \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore y_g - y_p$ is simply a solution to the homogeneous equation!

RECAP:

- Any particular solution y_p can be written as $y_p = y_g + (y_p - y_g)$.
- But $y_p - y_g$ is just another y_h . (i.e., a homogeneous solution).
- So... we conclude that any particular solution y_p is a sum of another particular solution y_g and a homogeneous solution y_h ... $y_p = y_g + y_h$.