

Answer on Question #40492 – Math - Differential Calculus

Using the method of undetermined coefficients, write the trial solution of the equation $y'' + 2y' + 5y = xe^{-x} \cos 2x$ and hence solve it.

Solution.

We have the differential equation

$$y'' + 2y' + 5y = xe^{-x} \cos 2x$$

The general solution will be the sum of the complementary solution and particular (trial) solution.

Find the complementary solution by solving

$$y'' + 2y' + 5y = 0$$

Assume a solution will be proportional to $e^{\lambda x}$ for some constant λ . Substitute $y = e^{\lambda x}$ into the differential equation:

$$\begin{aligned}(e^{\lambda x})'' + 2(e^{\lambda x})' + 5e^{\lambda x} &= 0 \\ \lambda^2 e^{\lambda x} + 2\lambda e^{\lambda x} + 5e^{\lambda x} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Factor out $e^{\lambda x}$:

$$(\lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 5)e^{\lambda x} = 0$$

Since $e^{\lambda x} \neq 0$ for any finite λ , the zeros must come from the polynomial:

$$\lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 5 = 0$$

Solve for λ :

$$\lambda = -1 + 2i \text{ or } \lambda = -1 - 2i$$

The roots $\lambda = -1 \pm 2i$ give $y_1 = c_1 e^{(-1+2i)x}$, $y_2 = c_2 e^{(-1-2i)x}$ as solutions, where c_1 and c_2 are arbitrary constants.

The general solution is the sum of the above solutions:

$$y = y_1 + y_2 = \frac{c_1}{e^{(1-2i)x}} + \frac{c_2}{e^{(1+2i)x}}$$

Apply Euler's identity $e^{\alpha+i\beta} = e^{\alpha} \cos \beta + i e^{\alpha} \sin \beta$:

$$y = c_1 \left(\frac{\cos 2x}{e^x} + i \frac{\sin 2x}{e^x} \right) + c_2 \left(\frac{\cos 2x}{e^x} - i \frac{\sin 2x}{e^x} \right)$$

Regroup:

$$y = \frac{(c_1 + c_2) \cos 2x}{e^x} + \frac{i(c_1 - c_2) \sin 2x}{e^x}$$

Redefine $c_1 + c_2$ as c_1 and $i(c_1 - c_2)$ as c_2 , since these are arbitrary constants:

$$y = \frac{c_1 \cos 2x}{e^x} + \frac{c_2 \sin 2x}{e^x}$$

Determine the particular solution to

$$y'' + 2y' + 5y = xe^{-x} \cos 2x$$

by the method of undetermined coefficients. The particular solution is of the form:

$$y_p = x \left(\frac{A \cos 2x}{e^x} + \frac{Bx \cos 2x}{e^x} + \frac{C \sin 2x}{e^x} + \frac{Dx \sin 2x}{e^x} \right),$$

where $\frac{A \cos 2x}{e^x} + \frac{Bx \cos 2x}{e^x} + \frac{C \sin 2x}{e^x} + \frac{Dx \sin 2x}{e^x}$ was multiplied by x to account for $\frac{\cos 2x}{e^x}$ in the complementary solution.

Solve for unknown constants A, B, C, D .

Compute y_p' :

$$y_p' = \left(\frac{Ax \cos 2x}{e^x} + \frac{Bx^2 \cos 2x}{e^x} + \frac{Cx \sin 2x}{e^x} + \frac{Dx^2 \sin 2x}{e^x} \right)' = \frac{A \cos 2x}{e^x} - \frac{Ax \cos 2x}{e^x} -$$

$$- \frac{2Ax \sin 2x}{e^x} - \frac{Bx^2 \cos 2x}{e^x} + \frac{2Bx \cos 2x}{e^x} - \frac{2Bx^2 \sin 2x}{e^x} + \frac{2Cx \cos 2x}{e^x} + \frac{C \sin 2x}{e^x} - \frac{Cx \sin 2x}{e^x} +$$

$$+ \frac{2Dx^2 \cos 2x}{e^x} - \frac{Dx^2 \sin 2x}{e^x} + \frac{2Dx \sin 2x}{e^x}$$

Compute y_p'' :

$$y_p'' = \left(\frac{Ax \cos 2x}{e^x} + \frac{Bx^2 \cos 2x}{e^x} + \frac{Cx \sin 2x}{e^x} + \frac{Dx^2 \sin 2x}{e^x} \right)'' = -\frac{4Ax \cos 2x}{e^x} +$$

$$+ A \cos 2x \left(-\frac{2}{e^x} + \frac{x}{e^x} \right) - 4A \left(e^{-x} - \frac{x}{e^x} \right) \sin 2x - \frac{4Bx^2 \cos 2x}{e^x} + B \cos 2x \left(\frac{2}{e^x} + \frac{x^2}{e^x} - \frac{4x}{e^x} \right) -$$

$$- 4B \left(-\frac{x^2}{e^x} + \frac{2x}{e^x} \right) \sin 2x + 4C \cos 2x \left(e^{-x} - \frac{x}{e^x} \right) - \frac{4Cx \sin 2x}{e^x} + C \left(-\frac{2}{e^x} + \frac{x}{e^x} \right) \sin 2x +$$

$$+ 4D \cos 2x \left(-\frac{x^2}{e^x} + \frac{2x}{e^x} \right) - \frac{4Dx^2 \sin 2x}{e^x} + D \left(\frac{2}{e^x} + \frac{x^2}{e^x} - \frac{4x}{e^x} \right) \sin 2x$$

Substitute the particular solution y_p into the differential equation and simplify:

$$\frac{(2B + 4C) \cos 2x}{e^x} + \frac{8Dx \cos 2x}{e^x} + \frac{(-4A + 2D) \sin 2x}{e^x} - \frac{8Bx \sin 2x}{e^x} = \frac{x \cos 2x}{e^x}$$

Equate the coefficients of $e^{-x} \cos 2x$ on both sides of the equation:

$$2B + 4C = 0$$

And similarly:

$$8D = 1$$

$$-4A + 2D = 0$$

$$-8B = 0$$

Solve the system:

$$A = \frac{1}{16}$$

$$B = 0$$

$$C = 0$$

$$D = \frac{1}{8}$$

Substitute A, B, C, D into y_p :

$$y_p = \frac{x \cos 2x}{16e^x} + \frac{x^2 \sin 2x}{8e^x}$$

So the general solution is:

$$y = \frac{c_1 \cos 2x}{e^x} + \frac{c_2 \sin 2x}{e^x} + \frac{x \cos 2x}{16e^x} + \frac{x^2 \sin 2x}{8e^x}$$

Answer:

$$y(x) = \frac{c_1 \cos 2x}{e^x} + \frac{c_2 \sin 2x}{e^x} + \frac{x \cos 2x}{16e^x} + \frac{x^2 \sin 2x}{8e^x}$$