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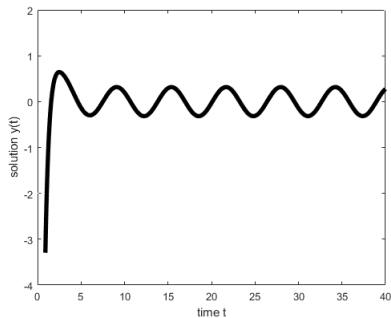


Figure: Nonhomogeneous periodic forcing

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$$y_0 = e^{\alpha t} [(a_0 + a_1 t + \dots + a_m t^m) \cos(\beta t) + (b_0 + b_1 t + \dots + b_m t^m) \sin(\beta t)]$$

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Presenting method example

Consider the spring system governed by

$$y'' + 2y' - 3y = 3te^t.$$

Find the solution and its asymptotic behaviour.

In class example

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$$y'' + 2y' - 3y = 2te^t \sin(t).$$

Determine what form the solution will take.

In class example

Solve the IVP and determine long term behaviour

$$y'' + 5y' + 6y = 2te^t \sin(t), y(0) = 2, y'(0) = 1$$

Variation of parameters

We will now consider non-homogeneous equations with coefficients of the form

$$ay'' + by' + cy = f(t),$$

where $f(t)$ is any continuous function and a, b, c are also functions with $a(t) \neq 0$.

Example-presenting the method

Returning to the spring example suppose that it is damping free $\gamma = 0$ and the external force is $f(t) = \tan(t)$:

$$y'' + y = \tan(t).$$

- (1) First we find independent solutions for the homogeneous problem:

$$y'' + y = 0.$$

- (2) One can easily check that $\cos(t), \sin(t)$ are solutions for it and computing their Wronskian gives:

$$W(\cos(t), \sin(t), t) = \cos^2 t + \sin^2(t) = 1 \neq 0.$$

- (3) Therefore, we make a guess

$$y_{nh} = v_1 \cos(t) + v_2 \sin(t).$$

Example presenting the method

(4) Using our system of equations we obtain

$$v_1' y_1 + v_2' y_2 = 0$$

$$y_1' v_1' + y_2' v_2' = \frac{f}{a} \Rightarrow$$

$$v_1' \cos(t) + v_2' \sin(t) = 0$$

$$-\cos(t) v_1' + \cos(t) v_2' = \tan(t) \Rightarrow$$

$$v_1' = -\tan(t) \sin t$$

$$v_2' = \tan(t) \cos(t) = \sin(t).$$

example presenting method

Therefore, by integrating we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}v_1 &= - \int \tan(t) \sin(t) dt = - \int \frac{\sin^2(t)}{\cos(t)} dt \\&= \int \cos(t) - \frac{1}{\cos(t)} dt = \sin(t) - \ln \left| \frac{1 + \sin(t)}{\cos(t)} \right| + c_1 \text{ and} \\v_2 &= \int \sin(t) dt = -\cos(t) + c_2.\end{aligned}$$

For simplicity we take $c_1 = c_2 = 0$ and we get:

$$\begin{aligned}y_{nh} &= \left(\sin(t) - \ln \left| \frac{1 + \sin(t)}{\cos(t)} \right| \right) \cos(t) - \cos(t) \sin(t) \\&= \ln \left| \frac{\cos(t)}{1 + \sin(t)} \right| \cos(t).\end{aligned}$$

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This equation is helpful because it simplifies the first equation (proved in detail below)

$$y_{nh}' = y_1' v_1 + y_2' v_2 + 0 \Rightarrow ay_g'' + by_{nh}' + cy_{nh} = a(y_1' v_1' + y_2' v_2').$$

(4) Therefore, we can obtain v_1, v_2 from the system

$$\begin{cases} v_1' y_1 + v_2' y_2 = 0 \\ y_1' v_1' + y_2' v_2' = \frac{f}{a} \end{cases}$$

In class example

Consider the equation

$$ty'' - (1+t)y' + y = t^2 e^{2t}$$

with given fundamental solutions $y_1 = 1 + t$, $y_2 = e^t$ for the homogeneous problem $ty'' - (1+t)y' + y = 0$.

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$$x^2 y'' - 3xy' + 4y = x^2 \ln x$$

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