

4-4 Undetermined Coefficients – Superposition Approach

This section introduces some method of “guessing” the particular solution.

4-4-1 方法適用條件

Suitable for ⁽¹⁾ linear and ⁽²⁾ constant coefficient DE.

$$a_n y^{(n)}(x) + a_{n-1} y^{(n-1)}(x) + \cdots + a_1 y'(x) + a_0 y(x) = g(x)$$

(3) $g(x), g'(x), g''(x), g'''(x), g^{(4)}(x), g^{(5)}(x), \dots$ contain **finite** number of terms.

4-4-2 方法

把握一個原則：

$g(x)$ 長什麼樣子，**particular solution** 就應該是什麼樣子。

記熟下一頁的規則

(計算時要把 A, B, C, \dots 這些 unknowns 解出來)

Trial Particular Solutions (from text page 146)

$g(x)$	Form of y_p
1 (any constant)	A
$5x + 7$	$Ax + B$
$3x^2 - 2$	$Ax^2 + Bx + C$
$x^3 - x + 1$	$Ax^3 + Bx^2 + Cx + E$
$\sin 4x$	$A\cos 4x + B\sin 4x$
$\cos 4x$	$A\cos 4x + B\sin 4x$
e^{5x}	Ae^{5x}
$(9x - 2)e^{5x}$	$(Ax + B)e^{5x}$
x^2e^{5x}	$(Ax^2 + Bx + C)e^{5x}$
$e^{3x}\sin 4x$	$Ae^{3x}\cos 4x + Be^{3x}\sin 4x$
$5x^2\sin 4x$	$(Ax^2 + Bx + C)\cos 4x + (Ex^2 + Fx + G)\sin 4x$
$xe^{3x}\cos 4x$	$(Ax + B)e^{3x}\cos 4x + (Cx + E)e^{3x}\sin 4x$



It comes from the “**form rule**”. See page 199.

$$g(x) = e^{2x} + xe^{3x} \quad y_p = ?$$

$$g(x) = \cos(x) + x^2 \sin(2x) \quad y_p = ?$$

$$g(x) = \cosh(2x) \quad y_p = ?$$

4-4-3 Examples

Example 2 $y'' - y' + y = 2 \sin 3x$ (text page 144)

Step 1: find the solution of the associated homogeneous equation

Guess

Step 2: particular solution

$$y_p = A \cos 3x + B \sin 3x$$

$$y'_p = -3A \sin 3x + 3B \cos 3x$$

$$y''_p = -9A \cos 3x - 9B \sin 3x$$

$$y''_p - y'_p + y_p = (-8A - 3B) \cos 3x + (3A - 8B) \sin 3x = 2 \sin 3x$$

$$\begin{cases} -8A - 3B = 0 \\ 3A - 8B = 2 \end{cases} \implies A = 6/73, B = -16/73$$

$$y_p = \frac{6}{73} \cos 3x - \frac{16}{73} \sin 3x$$

Step 3: General solution:

$$y = e^{x/2} \left(c_1 \cos \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} x + c_2 \sin \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} x \right) + \frac{6}{73} \cos 3x - \frac{16}{73} \sin 3x$$

Example 3 $y'' - 2y' - 3y = 4x - 5 + 6xe^{2x}$ (text page 145)

Step 1: Find the solution of

$$y'' - 2y' - 3y = 0.$$

$$y_c = c_1 e^{3x} + c_2 e^{-x}$$

Step 2: Particular solution

$$y'' - 2y' - 3y = 4x - 5$$

guess

$$y_{p_1} = Ax + B$$

$$y'_{p_1} = A$$

$$y''_{p_1} = 0$$

$$-3Ax - 2A - 3B = 4x - 5$$

$$A = -\frac{4}{3}, \quad B = \frac{23}{9}$$

$$y_{p_1} = -\frac{4}{3}x + \frac{23}{9}$$

$$y'' - 2y' - 3y = 6xe^{2x}$$

guess

$$y_{p_2} = Cxe^{2x} + Ee^{2x}$$

$$y'_{p_2} = 2Cxe^{2x} + Ce^{2x} + 2Ee^{2x}$$

$$y''_{p_2} = 4Cxe^{2x} + 4Ce^{2x} + 4Ee^{2x}$$

$$-3Cxe^{2x} + (2C - 3E)e^{2x} = 6xe^{2x}$$

$$C = -2, \quad E = -\frac{4}{3}$$

$$y_{p_2} = -(2x + \frac{4}{3})e^{2x}$$

Particular solution

$$y_p = y_{p_1} + y_{p_2} = -\frac{4}{3}x + \frac{23}{9} - (2x + \frac{4}{3})e^x$$

Step 3: General solution

$$y = y_c + y_p$$

$$y = c_1e^{3x} + c_2e^{-x} - \frac{4}{3}x + \frac{23}{9} - (2x + \frac{4}{3})e^{2x}$$

4-4-4 方法的解釋

Form Rule: y_p should be a linear combination of $g(x)$, $g'(x)$,
 $g''(x)$, $g'''(x)$, $g^{(4)}(x)$, $g^{(5)}(x)$,


Why? 如此一來，在比較係數時才不會出現多餘的項

When $g(x) = x^n$

$$x^n \rightarrow x^{n-1} \rightarrow x^{n-2} \rightarrow x^{n-3} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 0$$


$$y_p = A_n x^n + A_{n-1} x^{n-1} + A_{n-2} x^{n-2} + \dots + A_0$$

When $g(x) = \cos kx$

$$\cos kx \rightarrow \sin kx$$


$$y_p = A_1 \cos kx + A_2 \sin kx$$

When $g(x) = \exp(kx)$

$$e^{kx}$$


$$y_p = A \exp(kx)$$

When $g(x) = x^n \exp(kx)$

$$g'(x) = nx^{n-1}e^{kx} + kx^n e^{kx}$$

$$g''(x) = n(n-1)x^{n-2}e^{kx} + 2nkx^{n-1}e^{kx} + k^2x^n e^{kx}$$

$$g'''(x) = n(n-1)(n-2)x^{n-3}e^{kx} + 3kn(n-1)x^{n-2}e^{kx} \\ + 3k^2nx^{n-1}e^{kx} + k^3x^n e^{kx}$$

⋮

⋮

會發現 $g(x)$ 不管多少次微分，永遠只出現

$$x^n e^{kx}, x^{n-1} e^{kx}, x^{n-2} e^{kx}, x^{n-3} e^{kx}, \dots, e^{kx}$$

$$y_p = c_n x^n e^{kx} + c_{n-1} x^{n-1} e^{kx} + c_{n-2} x^{n-2} e^{kx} + \dots + c_0 e^{kx}$$

4-4-5 Glitch of the method:

Example 4 $y'' - 5y' + 4y = 8e^x$ (text page 146)

Particular solution guessed by Form Rule:

$$y_p = Ae^x$$

$$y_p'' - 5y_p' + 4y_p = Ae^x - 5Ae^x + 4Ae^x = 8e^x$$

$$0 = 8e^x \quad (\text{no solution})$$

Why?

Glitch condition 1: The **particular solution** we guess belongs to the complementary function.

For Example 4 $y'' - 5y' + 4y = 8e^x$

Complementary function $y_c = c_1e^x + c_2e^{4x}$ $Ae^x \in y_c$

解決方法：再乘一個 x

$$y_p = Axe^x \quad y'_p = Axe^x + Ae^x$$

$$y''_p = Axe^x + 2Ae^x$$

$$y''_p - 5y'_p + 4y_p = -3Ae^x = 8e^x \implies A = -8/3$$

$$y_p = -\frac{8}{3}xe^x$$

$$y = c_1e^x + c_2e^{4x} - \frac{8}{3}xe^x$$

Example 7 $y'' - 2y' + y = e^x$ (text page 148)

$$y_c = c_1 e^x + c_2 x e^x$$

From Form Rule, the particular solution is Ae^x

$$Ae^x \in y_c$$

$$Axe^x \in y_c$$

如果乘一個 x 不夠，則再乘一個 x

$$y_p = Ax^2 e^x$$

$$y'_p = (Ax^2 + 2Ax)e^x$$

$$y''_p = (Ax^2 + 4Ax + 2A)e^x$$

$$y''_p - 2y'_p + y_p = 2Ae^x = e^x \implies A = 1/2$$

$$y_p = x^2 e^x / 2$$

$$y = c_1 e^x + c_2 x e^x + x^2 e^x / 2$$

Example 8 (text page 148)

$$y'' + y = 4x + 10\sin x \quad y(\pi) = 0 \quad y'(\pi) = 2$$

Step 1

$$y_c = c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x$$

Step 2

$$y_p = Ax + B + Cx \sin x + Ex \cos x$$

注意： $\sin x, \cos x$ 都要
乘上 x

$$y_p = 4x - 5x \cos x$$

Step 3

$$y = c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x + 4x - 5x \cos x$$

Step 4

Solving c_1 and c_2 by initial conditions (最後才解 IVP)

$$y(\pi) = -c_1 + 4\pi + 5\pi = 0 \implies c_1 = 9\pi$$

$$y' = -c_1 \sin x + c_2 \cos x + 4 - 5 \cos x + 5x \sin x$$

$$y'(\pi) = -c_2 + 9 = 2 \implies c_2 = 7$$

$$y = 9\pi \cos x + 7 \sin x + 4x - 5x \cos x$$

Example 11 (text page 149)

$$y^{(4)} + y''' = 1 - x^2 e^{-x}$$

$$y_c = c_1 + c_2 x + c_3 x^2 + c_4 e^{-x}$$

From Form Rule

$$y_p = A + Bx^2 e^{-x} + Cx e^{-x} + Ee^{-x}$$

y_p 只要有一部分和 y_c 相同就作修正

修正

$$y_p = Ax^3 + Bx^3 e^{-x} + Cx^2 e^{-x} + Exe^{-x}$$

乘上 x

乘上 x^3

If we choose $y_p = A + Bx^2 e^{-x} + Cx e^{-x} + Ee^{-x}$

$$y_p^{(4)} + y_{(p)}''' = \underline{-2Bxe^{-x} + (6B - C)e^{-x}} = 1 - x^2 e^{-x}$$

沒有 $1, x^2 e^{-x}$ 兩項，不能比較係數，無解

If we choose $y_p = Ax^3 + Bx^2e^{-x} + Cxe^{-x} + Ee^{-x}$

$$y_p^{(4)} + y_{(p)}''' = 6A - 2Bxe^{-x} + (6B - C)e^{-x} = 1 - x^2e^{-x}$$

沒有 x^2e^{-x} 這一項，不能比較係數，無解

If we choose $y_p = Ax^3 + Bx^3e^{-x} + Cx^2e^{-x} + Exe^{-x}$

$$y_p^{(4)} + y_{(p)}'''$$

$$= 6A - 3Bx^2e^{-x} + (18B - 2C)xe^{-x} + (-18B + 6C - E)e^{-x}$$

$$= 1 - x^2e^{-x}$$

$$A = 1/6, B = 1/3, C = 3, E = 12$$

$$y_p = \frac{1}{6}x^3 + \frac{1}{3}x^3e^{-x} + 3x^2e^{-x} + 12xe^{-x}$$

$$y = c_1 + c_2x + c_3x^2 + c_4e^{-x} + \frac{1}{6}x^3 + \frac{1}{3}x^3e^{-x} + 3x^2e^{-x} + 12xe^{-x}$$

Glitch condition 2: $g(x), g'(x), g''(x), g'''(x), g^{(4)}(x), g^{(5)}(x), \dots$
 contain **infinite number of terms**.

If $g(x) = \ln x$

$$\ln x \rightarrow \frac{1}{x} \rightarrow \frac{1}{x^2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{x^3} \rightarrow \dots$$

If $g(x) = \exp(x^2)$

$$g'(x) \rightarrow 2xe^{x^2}$$

$$g''(x) \rightarrow (4x^2 + 2)e^{x^2}$$

$$g'''(x) \rightarrow (8x^3 + 12x)e^{x^2}$$

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4-4-6 本節需要注意的地方

(1) 記住 Table 4.1 的 particular solution 的假設方法
(其實和 “form rule” 有相密切的關聯)

(2) 注意 “glitch condition”

另外，“同一類”的 term 要乘上相同的東西 (參考 Example 11)

(3) 所以要先算 complementary function，再算 particular solution

(4) 同樣的方法，也可以用在 1st order 的情形

(5) 本方法只適用於 linear, constant coefficient DE

4-5 Undetermined Coefficients – Annihilator Approach

For a linear DE:

$$a_n y^{(n)}(x) + a_{n-1} y^{(n-1)}(x) + \cdots + a_1 y'(x) + a_0 y = g(x)$$

Annihilator Operator:

能夠「殲滅」 $g(x)$ 的 operator

4-5-1 方法適用條件

- (1) Linear , (2) Constant coefficients
- (3) $g(x), g'(x), g''(x), g'''(x), g^{(4)}(x), g^{(5)}(x), \dots$ contain **finite** number of terms.

4-5-2 Find the Annihilator

Example 1: (text page 153)

$$g(x) = 1 - 5x^2 + 8x^3 \longrightarrow \text{annihilator: } D^4 \quad D^k g(x) = \frac{d^k}{dx^k} g(x)$$

$$g(x) = e^{-3x} \longrightarrow \text{annihilator: } D + 3$$
$$\frac{d}{dx} g(x) + 3g(x) = 0$$

$$g(x) = 4e^{2x} - 10xe^{2x} \longrightarrow \text{annihilator: } (D - 2)^2$$

$$(D - 2)^2 = D^2 - 4D + 4$$

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} g(x) - 4 \frac{d}{dx} g(x) + 4g(x) = 0$$

註：當各個微分項的 coefficients 皆為 constants 時，function of D 的計算方式和 function of x 的計算方式相同

$$(x - 2)^2 = x^2 - 4x + 4$$

$$\Rightarrow (D - 2)^2 = D^2 - 4D + 4$$

General rule 1:

$$\text{If } g(x) = (a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0) e^{\alpha x}$$

then the annihilator is $[D - \alpha]^{n+1}$

注意：annihilator 和 a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n 無關

只和 α, n 有關

The annihilator is independent of the constant multiplied in the front of each term.

General rule 2:

If $g(x) = (a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0) e^{\alpha x} (b_1 \cos \beta x + b_2 \sin \beta x)$

$$b_1 \neq 0 \text{ or } b_2 \neq 0$$

then the annihilator is $\left[D^2 - 2\alpha D + (\alpha^2 + \beta^2) \right]^{n+1}$

Example 2: (text page 154) $g(x) = 5e^{-x} \cos 2x - 9e^{-x} \sin 2x$

annihilator $D^2 + 2D + 5$

Example 5: (text page 156) $g(x) = x \cos x - \cos x$

annihilator $\left[D^2 + 1 \right]^2$

Example 6: (text page 157) $g(x) = 10e^{-2x} \cos x$

annihilator $D^2 + 4D + 5$

General rule 3:

If $g(x) = g_1(x) + g_2(x) + \dots + g_k(x)$

$$L_h[g_h(x)] = 0 \text{ but } L_h[g_m(x)] \neq 0 \text{ if } m \neq h,$$

then the annihilator of $g(x)$ is the product of L_h ($h = 1 \sim k$)

$$L_k L_{k-1} \cdots L_2 L_1$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} & L_k L_{k-1} \cdots L_3 L_2 L_1 [g_1 + g_2 + g_3 + \cdots + g_k] \\ &= L_k L_{k-1} \cdots L_3 L_2 L_1 g_1 + L_k L_{k-1} \cdots L_3 L_2 L_1 g_2 + \\ & \quad L_k L_{k-1} \cdots L_3 L_2 L_1 g_3 + \cdots + L_k L_{k-1} \cdots L_3 L_2 L_1 g_k \end{aligned}$$

$$L_k L_{k-1} \cdots L_3 L_2 L_1 g_1 = L_k L_{k-1} \cdots L_3 L_2 [L_1 g_1] = 0$$

$$L_k L_{k-1} \cdots L_3 L_2 L_1 g_2 = L_k L_{k-1} \cdots L_3 L_1 [L_2 g_2] = 0$$

(因為 L_1, L_2 為 linear DE with constant coefficient,

$$L_1 L_2 = L_2 L_1)$$

Similarly,

$$L_k L_{k-1} \cdots L_4 L_3 L_2 L_1 g_3 = L_k L_{k-1} \cdots L_4 L_2 L_1 [L_3 g_3] = 0$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\vdots$$

$$L_k L_{k-1} \cdots L_4 L_3 L_2 L_1 g_3 = L_{k-1} \cdots L_4 L_3 L_2 L_1 [L_k g_k] = 0$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} & L_k L_{k-1} \cdots L_3 L_2 L_1 [g_1 + g_2 + g_3 + \cdots + g_k] \\ &= 0 + 0 + 0 + \cdots + 0 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Example 7 (text page 157)

$$g(x) = \underbrace{5x^2 - 6x}_{\text{annihilator: } D^3} + \underbrace{4x^2 e^{2x}}_{\text{annihilator: } (D - 2)^3} + \underbrace{3e^{5x}}_{\text{annihilator: } D - 5}$$

$$\text{annihilator of } g(x): D^3 (D - 2)^3 (D - 5)$$

4-5-3 Using the Annihilator to Find the Particular Solution

Step 2-1 Find the annihilator L_1 of $g(x)$

Step 2-2 如果原來的 linear & constant coefficient DE 是
$$L(y) = g(x)$$

那麼將 DE 變成如下的型態：

$$L_1[L(y)] = L_1[g(x)] = 0$$

(homogeneous linear & constant coefficient DE)

註： If $a_n y^{(n)}(x) + a_{n-1} y^{(n-1)}(x) + \cdots + a_1 y'(x) + a_0 y = g(x)$

then $L = a_n D^n + a_{n-1} D^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1 D + a_0$

Step 2-3 Use the method in Section 4-3 to find the solution of

$$L_1[L(y)] = 0$$

Step 2-4 Find the particular solution.

The particular solution y_p is a solution of

$$L_1[L(y)] = 0$$

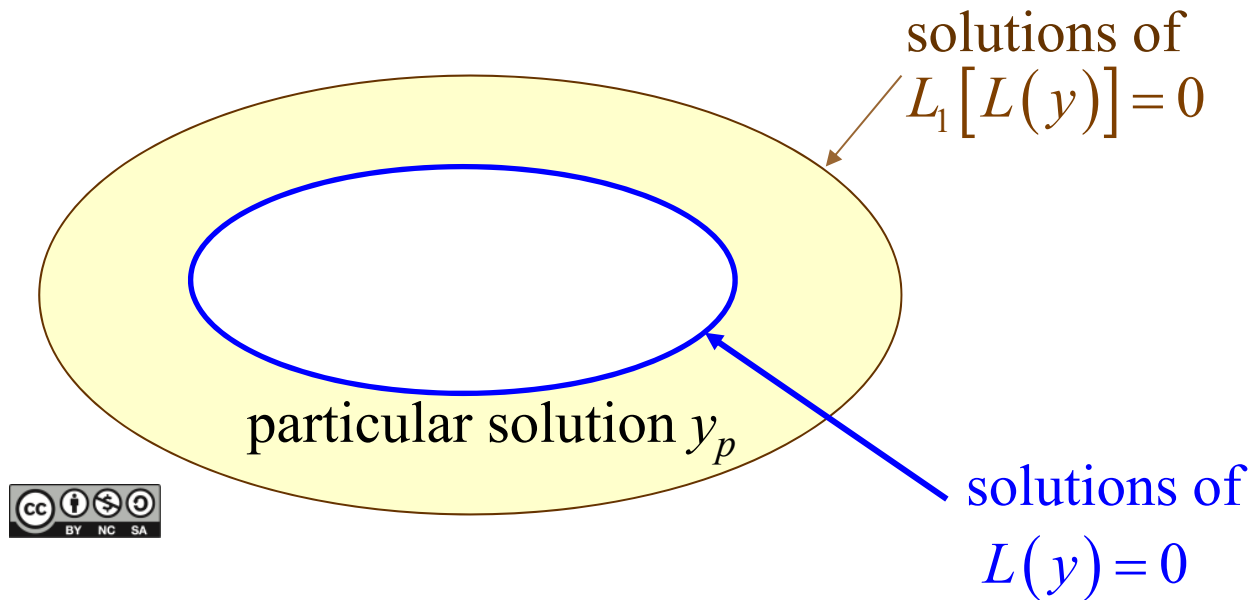
but not a solution of

$$L(y) = 0$$

(Proof): Since $L(y_p) = g(x)$, if $g(x) \neq 0$, $L(y_p)$ should be nonzero.

Moreover, $L_1[L(y_p)] = L_1[g(x)] = 0$.

Step 2-5 Solve the unknowns



particular solution $y_p \in$ solutions of $L_1[L(y)] = 0$

\notin solutions of $L(y) = 0$

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4-5-4 Examples

Example 3 (text page 155)

$$y'' + 3y' + 2y = 4x^2$$

Step 1: Complementary function

(solution of the associated homogeneous function)

$$y_c = c_1 e^{-x} + c_2 e^{-2x}$$

Step 2-1: Annihilation: D^3

$$L_1[L(y)] = L_1[g(x)] = 0$$

Step 2-2: $D^3(D^2 + 3D + 2)y = 0$

Step 2-3: auxiliary function $m^3(m^2 + 3m + 2) = 0$

roots: $m_1 = m_2 = m_3 = 0, m_4 = -1, m_5 = -2$

Solution for $L_1[L(\tilde{y})] = 0$:

$$\tilde{y} = \boxed{d_1 + d_2 x + d_3 x^2} + d_4 e^{-x} + d_5 e^{-2x}$$

移除和 complementary
function 相同的部分

Step 2-4: particular solution $y_p = A + Bx + Cx^2$ $y'_p = B + 2Cx$
 $y''_p = 2C$

Step 2-5: $y''_p + 3y'_p + 2y_p = 2Cx^2 + (2B + 6C)x + (2A + 3B + 2C) = 4x^2$

$$\begin{cases} 2C = 4 \\ 2B + 6C = 0 \\ 2A + 3B + 2C = 0 \end{cases} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \begin{cases} C = 2 \\ B = -6 \\ A = 7 \end{cases}$$

$$y_p = 7 - 6x + 2x^2$$

Step 3: $y = y_c + y_p = c_1 e^{-x} + c_2 e^{-2x} + 7 - 6x + 2x^2$

Example 4 (text page 156)

$$y'' - 3y' = 8e^{3x} + 4\sin x$$

Step 1: Complementary function

From auxiliary function, $m^2 - 3m = 0$, roots: 0, 3

$$y_c = c_1 + c_2 e^{3x}$$

Step 2-1: Find the annihilator

$D - 3$ annihilate $8e^{3x}$ but cannot annihilate $4\sin x$

$(D^2 + 1)$ annihilate $4\sin x$ but cannot annihilate $8e^{3x}$



$(D - 3)(D^2 + 1)$ is the annihilator of $8e^{3x} + 4\sin x$

Step 2-2: $(D - 3)(D^2 + 1)(D^2 - 3D)y = 0$

Step 2-3: auxiliary function: $(m-3)(m^2+1)(m^2-3m)$ } 易犯錯的地方
 $= m(m-3)^2(m^2+1) = 0$ ←

solution of $(D-3)(D^2+1)(D^2-3D)\tilde{y} = 0$:

$$\tilde{y} = \cancel{d_1} + \cancel{d_2 e^{3x}} + \boxed{d_3 x e^{3x} + d_4 \cos x + d_5 \sin x}$$

Step 2-4: particular solution

$$y_p = d_3 x e^{3x} + d_4 \cos x + d_5 \sin x$$

↓ 代回原式
 並比較係數

Step 2-5: $y_p = \frac{8}{3} x e^{3x} + \frac{6}{5} \cos x - \frac{2}{5} \sin x$

Step 3: general solution $\boxed{y = c_1 + c_2 e^{3x} + \frac{8}{3} x e^{3x} + \frac{6}{5} \cos x - \frac{2}{5} \sin x}$

4-5-5 本節要注意的地方

- (1) 所以要先算 complementary function，再算 particular solution
- (2) 若有兩個以上的 annihilator，選其中較簡單的即可
- (3) 計算 auxiliary function 時有時容易犯錯
- (4) $L_1[L(\tilde{y})]=0$ 的解和 $L(y)=0$ 的解不一樣。
- (5) 這方法，只適用於 constant coefficient linear DE
(因為，還需借助 auxiliary function)

The thing that can be done by the [annihilator approach](#) can always be done by the “[guessing](#)” method in Section 4-4, too.

4-6 Variation of Parameters

4-6-1 方法的限制

The method can solve the particular solution for **any linear DE**

(1) May not have constant coefficients

(2) $g(x)$ may not be of the special forms

$$a_n(x)y^{(n)}(x) + a_{n-1}(x)y^{(n-1)}(x) + \cdots + a_1(x)y'(x) + a_0(x)y = g(x)$$

4-6-2 Case of the 2nd order linear DE

$$a_2(x)y''(x) + a_1(x)y'(x) + a_0(x)y = g(x)$$

associated homogeneous equation: $a_2(x)y''(x) + a_1(x)y'(x) + a_0(x)y = 0$

Suppose that the solution of the associated homogeneous equation is

$$c_1y_1(x) + c_2y_2(x)$$

Then the **particular solution** is assumed as:

$$y_p = u_1(x)y_1(x) + u_2(x)y_2(x)$$

(方法的基本精神)

$$y_p = u_1(x)y_1(x) + u_2(x)y_2(x)$$

代入原式後，總是可以簡化

$$y'_p = u'_1y_1 + u_1y'_1 + u'_2y_2 + u_2y'_2$$

$$y''_p = u''_1y_1 + 2u'_1y'_1 + u_1y''_1 + u''_2y_2 + 2u'_2y'_2 + u_2y''_2$$

$$\text{代入 } y''(x) + P(x)y'(x) + Q(x)y = f(x)$$

$$P(x) = \frac{a_1(x)}{a_2(x)}, \quad Q(x) = \frac{a_0(x)}{a_2(x)}, \quad f(x) = \frac{g(x)}{a_2(x)}$$

$$y''_p + P(x)y'_p + Q(x)y_p = u_1 \overset{\text{zero}}{\left[y''_1 + Py'_1 + Qy_1 \right]} + u_2 \overset{\text{zero}}{\left[y''_2 + Py'_2 + Qy_2 \right]} + y_1u''_1 + 2u'_1y'_1 + y_2u''_2 + 2u'_2y'_2 + P[y_1u'_1 + y_2u'_2]$$

$$y_p'' + P(x)y_p' + Q(x)y_p = f(x), \quad y_p = u_1y_1 + u_2y_2$$

↓ 簡化

$$\frac{d}{dx}[y_1u_1' + y_2u_2'] + P[y_1u_1' + y_2u_2'] + y_1u_1' + y_2u_2' = f(x)$$

↓ 進一步簡化：

↓ 假設 $y_1u_1' + y_2u_2' = 0$

$$y_1u_1' + y_2u_2' = f(x)$$

聯立方程式

$$\begin{cases} y_1u_1' + y_2u_2' = 0 \\ y_1u_1' + y_2u_2' = f(x) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} y_1 u_1' + y_2 u_2' = 0 \\ y_1' u_1 + y_2' u_2 = f(x) \end{cases} \longrightarrow \begin{cases} u_1' = \frac{W_1}{W} = -\frac{y_2 f(x)}{W} \\ u_2' = \frac{W_2}{W} = \frac{y_1 f(x)}{W} \end{cases} \longrightarrow \begin{cases} u_1 = \int u_1'(x) dx \\ u_2 = \int u_2'(x) dx \end{cases}$$

where $W = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix}$ $W_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & y_2 \\ f(x) & y_2' \end{vmatrix}$ $W_2 = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & 0 \\ y_1' & f(x) \end{vmatrix}$

| | : determinant

$$y_p(x) = u_1(x) y_1(x) + u_2(x) y_2(x)$$

可以和 1st order case (page 58) 相比較

4-6-3 Process for the 2nd Order Case

Step 2-1 變成 standard form

$$y''(x) + P(x)y'(x) + Q(x)y = f(x)$$

Step 2-2

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix}$$

$$W_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & y_2 \\ f(x) & y_2' \end{vmatrix}$$

$$W_2 = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & 0 \\ y_1' & f(x) \end{vmatrix}$$

Step 2-3

$$u_1' = \frac{W_1}{W}$$

$$u_2' = \frac{W_2}{W}$$

Step 2-4

$$u_1 = \int u_1'(x) dx$$

$$u_2 = \int u_2'(x) dx$$

Step 2-5

$$y_p(x) = u_1(x)y_1(x) + u_2(x)y_2(x)$$

4-6-4 Examples

Example 1 (text page 162)

$$y'' - 4y' + 4y = (x+1)e^{2x}$$

Step 1: solution of $y'' - 4y' + 4y = 0$:

$$y_c = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 x e^{2x}$$

Step 2-2: $y_p = u_1 y_1 + u_2 y_2$, $y_1 = e^{2x}$, $y_2 = x e^{2x}$

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} e^{2x} & x e^{2x} \\ 2e^{2x} & 2x e^{2x} + e^{2x} \end{vmatrix} = e^{4x} \quad W_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & x e^{2x} \\ (x+1)e^{2x} & 2x e^{2x} + e^{2x} \end{vmatrix} = -(x+1)x e^{4x}$$

$$W_2 = \begin{vmatrix} e^{2x} & 0 \\ 2e^{2x} & (x+1)e^{2x} \end{vmatrix} = (x+1)e^{4x}$$

Step 2-3: $u'_1 = \frac{W_1}{W} = -x^2 - x$ $u'_2 = \frac{W_2}{W} = x + 1$

Step 2-4: $u_1 = \int u_1' dx = \int (-x^2 - x) dx = -\frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \cancel{c_1}$

$$u_2 = \int u_2' dx = \int (x+1) dx = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + x + \cancel{c_2}$$

Step 2-5: $y_p = \left(-\frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{2}x^2\right)e^{2x} + \left(\frac{1}{2}x^2 + x\right)xe^{2x} = \left(\frac{1}{6}x^3 + \frac{1}{2}x^2\right)e^{2x}$

Step 3: $y = c_1e^{2x} + c_2xe^{2x} + \left(\frac{1}{6}x^3 + \frac{1}{2}x^2\right)e^{2x}$

Example 2 (text page 163) $4y'' + 36y = \csc 3x$

Step 1: solution of $4y'' + 36y = 0$: $y_c = c_1 \cos 3x + c_2 \sin 3x$

Step 2-1: standard form: $y'' + 9y = \csc 3x / 4$ $f(x) = \csc 3x / 4$

Step 2-2: $W = \begin{vmatrix} \cos 3x & \sin 3x \\ -3\sin 3x & 3\cos 3x \end{vmatrix} = 3$ $W_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & \sin 3x \\ \frac{1}{4}\csc 3x & 3\cos 3x \end{vmatrix} = -1/4$

$$W_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \cos 3x & 0 \\ -\sin 3x & \frac{1}{4}\csc 3x \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} \frac{\cos 3x}{\sin 3x}$$

Step 2-3: $u_1' = \frac{W_1}{W} = -\frac{1}{12}$ $u_2' = \frac{W_2}{W} = \frac{1}{12} \frac{\cos 3x}{\sin 3x}$

Step 2-4: $u_1 = -\frac{x}{12}$ $u_2 = \frac{1}{36} \ln |\sin 3x|$

(未完待續)

注意 $\frac{1}{12} \int \frac{\cos 3x}{\sin 3x} dx$ 算法

Step 2-5: $y_p = -\frac{x}{12} \cos 3x + \frac{1}{36} \sin 3x \ln |\sin 3x|$

Step 3: $y = y_c + y_p = c_1 \cos 3x + c_2 \sin 3x - \frac{x}{12} \cos 3x + \frac{1}{36} \sin 3x \ln |\sin 3x|$

Note: 課本 Interval $(0, \pi/6)$ 應該改為 $(0, \pi/3)$

Example 3 (text page 164) $y'' - y = 1/x$

$$y_c = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{-x} \quad f(x) = 1/x$$

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} e^x & e^{-x} \\ e^x & -e^{-x} \end{vmatrix} = -2$$

Note: $\int \frac{e^x}{x} dx$ 沒有 analytic 的解

所以直接表示成 $\int_{x_0}^x \frac{e^t}{t} dt$ (複習 page 45)

4-6-5 Case of the Higher Order Linear DE

$$a_n(x)y^{(n)}(x) + a_{n-1}(x)y^{(n-1)}(x) + \cdots + a_1(x)y'(x) + a_0(x)y = g(x)$$

Solution of the associated homogeneous equation:

$$y_c = c_1y_1(x) + c_2y_2(x) + c_3y_3(x) + \cdots + c_ny_n(x)$$

The **particular solution** is assumed as:

$$y_p = u_1(x)y_1(x) + u_2(x)y_2(x) + u_3(x)y_3(x) + \cdots + u_n(x)y_n(x)$$

$$u'_k(x) = \frac{W_k}{W} \implies u_k(x) = \int u'_k(x) dx$$

$$u'_k(x) = \frac{W_k}{W}$$

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 & y_3 & \cdots & y_n \\ y'_1 & y'_2 & y'_3 & \cdots & y'_n \\ y''_1 & y''_2 & y''_3 & \cdots & y''_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ y_1^{(n-1)} & y_2^{(n-1)} & y_3^{(n-1)} & \cdots & y_n^{(n-1)} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$W_k = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 & \cdots & y_{k-1} & 0 & y_{k+1} & \cdots & y_n \\ y'_1 & y'_2 & \cdots & y'_{k-1} & 0 & y'_{k+1} & \cdots & y'_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ y_1^{(n-2)} & y_2^{(n-2)} & \cdots & y_{k-1}^{(n-2)} & 0 & y_{k+1}^{(n-2)} & \cdots & y_n^{(n-2)} \\ y_1^{(n-1)} & y_2^{(n-1)} & \cdots & y_{k-1}^{(n-1)} & f(x) & y_{k+1}^{(n-1)} & \cdots & y_n^{(n-1)} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$f(x) = g(x) / a_n(x)$$

W_k : replace the k^{th} column of W by

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ f(x) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{g(x)}{a_n(x)}$$

For example, when $n = 3$,

$$W_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & y_2 & y_3 \\ 0 & y_2' & y_3' \\ f(x) & y_2'' & y_3'' \end{vmatrix}$$

$$W_2 = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & 0 & y_3 \\ y_1' & 0 & y_3' \\ y_1'' & f(x) & y_3'' \end{vmatrix}$$

$$W_3 = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 & 0 \\ y_1' & y_2' & 0 \\ y_1'' & y_2'' & f(x) \end{vmatrix}$$

4-6-6 Process of the Higher Order Case

Step 2-1 變成 standard form

$$y^{(n)}(x) + \frac{a_{n-1}(x)}{a_n(x)} y^{(n-1)}(x) + \cdots + \frac{a_1(x)}{a_n(x)} y'(x) + \frac{a_0(x)}{a_n(x)} y = \frac{g(x)}{a_n(x)}$$

Step 2-2 Calculate W, W_1, W_2, \dots, W_n (see page 239)

Step 2-3 $u'_1 = \frac{W_1}{W}$ $u'_2 = \frac{W_2}{W}$ $u'_n = \frac{W_n}{W}$

Step 2-4 $u_1 = \int u'_1(x) dx$ $u_2 = \int u'_2(x) dx$ $u_n = \int u'_n(x) dx$

Step 2-5 $y_p(x) = u_1(x) y_1(x) + u_2(x) y_2(x) + \cdots + u_n(x) y_n(x)$

Exercise 26

$$y''' + 4y' = \sec 2x$$

Complementary function: $y_c = c_1 + c_2 \cos 2x + c_3 \sin 2x$

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \cos 2x & \sin 2x \\ 0 & -2 \sin 2x & 2 \cos 2x \\ 0 & -4 \cos 2x & -4 \sin 2x \end{vmatrix} = 8$$

$$W_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & \cos 2x & \sin 2x \\ 0 & -2 \sin 2x & 2 \cos 2x \\ \sec 2x & -4 \cos 2x & -4 \sin 2x \end{vmatrix} = 2 \sec 2x$$

$$W_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & \sin 2x \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \cos 2x \\ 0 & \sec 2x & -4 \sin 2x \end{vmatrix} = -2 \quad W_3 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \cos 2x & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \sin 2x & 0 \\ 0 & -4 \cos 2x & \sec 2x \end{vmatrix} = -2 \tan 2x$$

$$u_1' = \frac{W_1}{W} = \frac{\sec 2x}{4} \quad u_2' = \frac{W_2}{W} = \frac{-1}{4} \quad u_3' = \frac{W_3}{W} = \frac{-\tan 2x}{4}$$

$$u_1 = \frac{1}{8} \ln |\sec 2x + \tan 2x| \quad u_2 = \frac{-x}{4} \quad u_3 = \frac{1}{8} \ln |\cos 2x|$$

$$y(x) = c_1 + c_2 \cos 2x + c_3 \sin 2x$$

$$+ \frac{1}{8} \ln |\sec 2x + \tan 2x| + \frac{-x}{4} \cos 2x + \frac{1}{8} (\ln |\cos 2x|) \sin 2x$$

for $-\pi/4 < x < \pi/4$

Note: $-\pi/4$, $\pi/4$ are singular points

4-6-7 本節需注意的地方

(1) 養成先解 associated homogeneous equation 的習慣

(2) 記熟幾個重要公式

(3) 這裡 $||$ 指的是 determinant

(4) 算出 $u_1'(x)$ 和 $u_2'(x)$ 後別忘了作積分

特別要小心

(5) $f(x) = g(x)/a_n(x)$ (和 1st order 的情形一樣，使用 standard form)

(6) 計算 $u_1'(x)$ 和 $u_2'(x)$ 的積分時， $+c$ 可忽略

因為我們的目的是算 particular solution y_p

y_p 是任何一個能滿足原式的解

(7) 這方法解的範圍，不包含 $a_n(x) = 0$ 的地方

4-7 Cauchy-Euler Equation

4-7-1 解法限制條件

$$a_n x^n y^{(n)}(x) + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} y^{(n-1)}(x) + \cdots + a_1 x y'(x) + a_0 y = g(x)$$

not constant coefficients

but the coefficients of $y^{(k)}(x)$ have the form of $a_k x^k$

a_k is some constant

associated homogeneous
equation

particular solution

$$a_n x^n y^{(n)}(x) + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} y^{(n-1)}(x) + \cdots + a_1 x y'(x) + a_0 y = 0$$

4-7-2 解法

Associated homogeneous equation of the Cauchy-Euler equation

$$a_n x^n y^{(n)}(x) + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} y^{(n-1)}(x) + \cdots + a_1 x y'(x) + a_0 y = 0$$

Guess the solution as $y(x) = x^m$, then

$$\begin{aligned} & a_n x^n m(m-1)(m-2)\cdots(m-n+1)x^{m-n} + \\ & a_{n-1} x^{n-1} m(m-1)(m-2)\cdots(m-n+2)x^{m-n+1} + \\ & a_{n-2} x^{n-2} m(m-1)(m-2)\cdots(m-n+3)x^{m-n+2} + \\ & \quad \vdots \\ & + a_1 x m x^{m-1} \\ & + a_0 x^m = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & a_n m(m-1)(m-2)\cdots(m-n+1) \\
 & + a_{n-1} m(m-1)(m-2)\cdots(m-n+2) \\
 & + a_{n-2} m(m-1)(m-2)\cdots(m-n+3) \\
 & \quad \vdots \\
 & + a_1 m \\
 & + a_0 = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

⇒ auxiliary function

比較: 和 constant coefficient
時有何不同?

規則: 把 $x^k \frac{d^k}{dx^k}$ 變成 $\frac{m!}{(m-k)!}$

4-7-3 For the 2nd Order Case

$$a_2x^2y''(x) + a_1xy'(x) + a_0y = 0$$

auxiliary function:

$$a_2m(m-1) + a_1m + a_0 = 0$$

$$a_2m^2 + (a_1 - a_2)m + a_0 = 0$$

roots

$$m_1 = \frac{a_2 - a_1 + \sqrt{(a_1 - a_2)^2 - 4a_2a_0}}{2a_2} \quad m_2 = \frac{a_2 - a_1 - \sqrt{(a_1 - a_2)^2 - 4a_2a_0}}{2a_2}$$

[Case 1]: $m_1 \neq m_2$ and m_1, m_2 are real

two independent solution of the homogeneous part:

$$x^{m_1} \quad \text{and} \quad x^{m_2}$$

$$y_c = c_1x^{m_1} + c_2x^{m_2}$$

[Case 2]: $m_1 = m_2$

Use the method of reduction of order

$$y_1 = x^{m_1}$$

$$y_2(x) = y_1(x) \int \frac{e^{-\int P(x) dx}}{y_1^2(x)} dx = x^{m_1} \int \frac{e^{-\int \frac{a_1}{a_2 x} dx}}{x^{2m_1}} dx$$

Note 1: 原式 $\longrightarrow y''(x) + \frac{a_1}{a_2 x} y'(x) + \frac{a_0}{a_2 x^2} y = 0, \quad P(x) = \frac{a_1}{a_2 x}$

Note 2: 此時 $m_1 = m_2 = \frac{a_2 - a_1}{2a_2}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_2(x) &= x^{m_1} \int \frac{e^{-\int \frac{a_1}{a_2 x} dx}}{x^{2m_1}} dx = x^{m_1} \int \frac{e^{\frac{-a_1 \ln|x|}{a_2}}}{x^{2m_1}} dx = x^{m_1} \int \frac{|x|^{-\frac{a_1}{a_2}}}{x^{2m_1}} dx \\
 &= (-1)^{\frac{a_1}{a_2}} x^{m_1} \int x^{-\frac{a_1}{a_2}} x^{\frac{a_1-a_2}{a_2}} dx = x^{m_1} \int x^{-1} dx = x^{m_1} \ln|x|
 \end{aligned}$$

If $y_2(x)$ is a solution of a homogeneous DE

then $c y_2(x)$ is also a solution of the homogeneous DE

If we constrain that $x > 0$, then $y_2 = x^{m_1} \ln x$

$$y_c = c_1 x^{m_1} + c_2 x^{m_1} \ln x$$

[Case 3]: $m_1 \neq m_2$ and m_1, m_2 are the form of

$$m_1 = \alpha + j\beta \quad m_2 = \alpha - j\beta$$

two independent solution of the homogeneous part:

$$x^{\alpha+j\beta} \quad \text{and} \quad x^{\alpha-j\beta}$$

$$y_c = C_1 x^{\alpha+j\beta} + C_2 x^{\alpha-j\beta}$$

$$x^{\alpha+j\beta} = (e^{\ln x})^{\alpha+j\beta} = e^{(\alpha+j\beta)\ln x} = e^{\alpha \ln x} e^{j\beta \ln x}$$

$$= x^\alpha (\cos(\beta \ln x) + j \sin(\beta \ln x))$$

$$\text{同理 } x^{\alpha-j\beta} = x^\alpha (\cos(\beta \ln x) - j \sin(\beta \ln x))$$

$$y_c = x^\alpha [(C_1 + C_2) \cos(\beta \ln x) + (C_1 - C_2) \sin(\beta \ln x)]$$

$$y_c = x^\alpha [c_1 \cos(\beta \ln x) + c_2 \sin(\beta \ln x)]$$

Example 1 (text page 167)

$$x^2 y''(x) - 2xy'(x) - 4y = 0$$

Example 2 (text page 168)

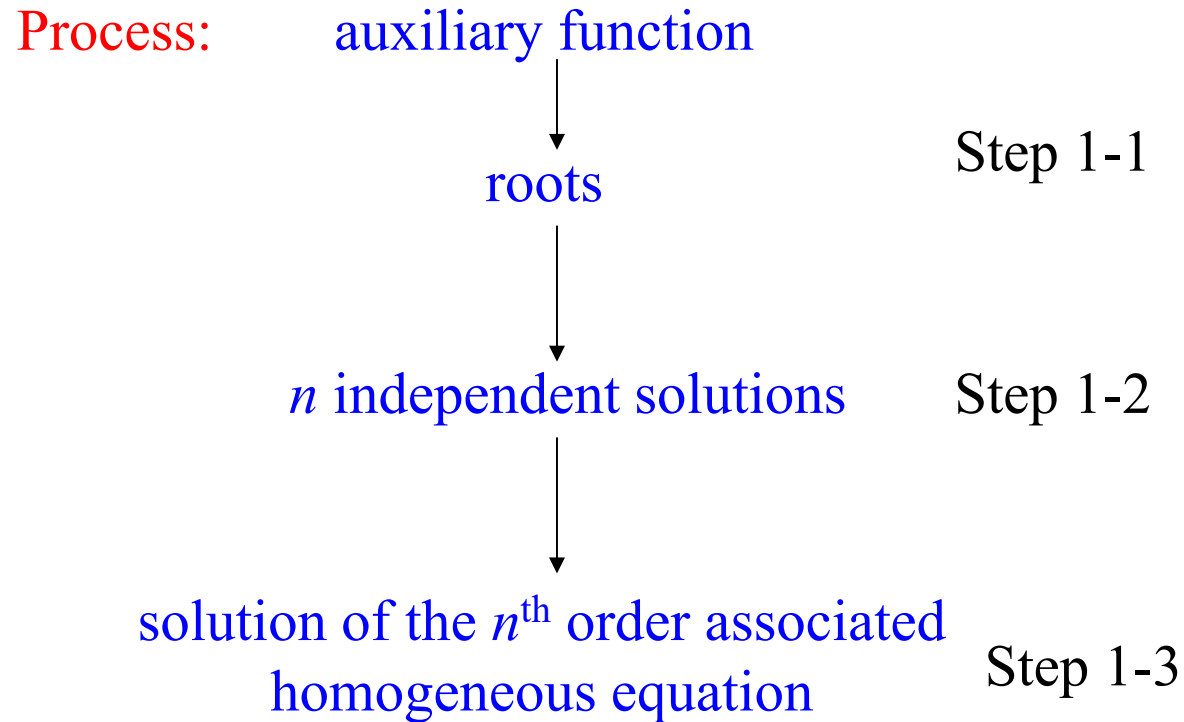
$$4x^2 y''(x) + 8xy'(x) + y = 0$$

Example 3 (text page 169)

$$4x^2 y''(x) + 17y = 0$$

$$y(1) = -1 \quad y'(1) = -\frac{1}{2}$$

4-7-4 For the Higher Order Case



(1) 若 auxiliary function 在 m_0 的地方只有一個根

$$x^{m_0}$$

是 associated homogeneous equation 的其中一個解

(2) 若 auxiliary function 在 m_0 的地方有 k 個重根

$$x^{m_0}, x^{m_0} \ln x, x^{m_0} (\ln x)^2, \dots, x^{m_0} (\ln x)^{k-1}$$

皆為 associated homogeneous equation 的解

- (3) 若 auxiliary function 在 $\alpha + j\beta$ 和 $\alpha - j\beta$ 的地方各有一個根
(未出現重根)
- $$x^\alpha \cos(\beta \ln x), \quad x^\alpha \sin(\beta \ln x)$$

是 associated homogeneous equation 的其中二個解

- (4) 若 auxiliary function 在 $\alpha + j\beta$ 和 $\alpha - j\beta$ 的地方皆有 k 個重根

$$x^\alpha \cos(\beta \ln x), \quad x^\alpha \cos(\beta \ln x) \ln x, \quad x^\alpha \cos(\beta \ln x) (\ln x)^2, \quad \dots, \\ x^\alpha \cos(\beta \ln x) (\ln x)^{k-1}$$

$$x^\alpha \sin(\beta \ln x), \quad x^\alpha \sin(\beta \ln x) \ln x, \quad x^\alpha \sin(\beta \ln x) (\ln x)^2, \quad \dots, \\ x^\alpha \sin(\beta \ln x) (\ln x)^{k-1}$$

是 associated homogeneous equation 的其中 $2k$ 個解

Example 4 (text page 169)

$$x^3 y'''(x) + 5x^2 y''(x) + 7xy'(x) + 8y = 0$$

auxiliary function

$$m(m-1)(m-2) + 5m(m-1) + 7m + 8 = 0$$

$$m^3 - 3m^2 + 2m + 5m^2 - 5m + 7m + 8 = 0$$

$$m^3 + 2m^2 + 4m + 8 = 0$$

$$(m+2)(m^2+4) = 0$$

4-7-5 Nonhomogeneous Case

To solve the nonhomogeneous Cauchy-Euler equation:

Method 1: (See Example 5)

(1) Find the complementary function (general solutions of the associated homogeneous equation) from the rules on pages 248-251, 255-256.

(2) Use the method in Sec.4-6 (Variation of Parameters) to find the particular solution.

(3) Solution = complementary function + particular solution

Method 2: See Example 6 , 很重要

$$\text{Set } x = e^t, \quad t = \ln x$$

Example 5 (text page 169, illustration for method 1)

$$x^2 y''(x) - 3xy'(x) + 3y = 2x^4 e^x$$

Step 1 solution of the associated homogeneous equation

auxiliary function

$$m(m-1) - 3m + 3 = 0 \quad m^2 - 4m + 3 = 0 \quad m_1 = 1$$

$$m_2 = 3$$

$$y_c = c_1 x + c_2 x^3$$

Step 2-2 Particular solution $W = \begin{vmatrix} x & x^3 \\ 1 & 3x^2 \end{vmatrix} = 2x^3$

$$W_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & x^3 \\ 2x^2 e^x & 3x^2 \end{vmatrix} = -2x^5 e^x \quad W_2 = \begin{vmatrix} x & 0 \\ 1 & 2x^2 e^x \end{vmatrix} = 2x^3 e^x$$

Step 2-3 $u'_1 = \frac{W_1}{W} = -x^2 e^x \quad u'_2 = \frac{W_2}{W} = e^x$

Step 2-4 $u_1 = \int u_1' dx = -x^2 e^x + 2x e^x - 2e^x$

$$u_2 = \int u_2' dx = e^x$$

Step 2-5 $y_p = u_1 y_1 + u_2 y_2 = 2x^2 e^x - 2x e^x$

Step 3 $y = c_1 x + c_2 x^3 + 2x^2 e^x - 2x e^x$

Example 6 (text page 170, illustration for method 2)

$$x^2 y''(x) - xy'(x) + y = \ln x$$

Set $x = e^t$, $t = \ln x$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dt}{dx} \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{1}{x} \frac{dy}{dt} \quad (\text{chain rule})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} &= \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = \frac{dt}{dx} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = \frac{1}{x} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{x} \frac{dy}{dt} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{x^2} \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + \frac{1}{x} \left(\frac{d}{dt} \frac{1}{x} \right) \left(\frac{dy}{dt} \right) = \frac{1}{x^2} \left(\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} - \frac{dy}{dt} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the original equation is changed into

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} y(t) - 2 \frac{d}{dt} y(t) + y(t) = t$$

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} y(t) - 2 \frac{d}{dt} y(t) + y(t) = t$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = c_1 e^t + c_2 t e^t + t + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow y(x) = c_1 x + c_2 x \ln x + \ln x + 2 \quad (\text{別忘了 } t = \ln x \text{ 要代回來})$$

Note 1: 以此類推

$$\frac{d^k y}{dx^k} = \frac{1}{x^k} (D_t - k + 1) \cdots (D_t - 1) D_t y \quad D_t \text{ means } \frac{d}{dt}$$

Note 2: 簡化計算的小技巧：結合兩種解 nonhomogeneous Cauchy-Euler equation 的長處

4-7-6 本節要注意的地方

(1) 本節公式記憶的方法：

把 Section 4-3 的 e^x 改成 x ， x 改成 $\ln(x)$

把 auxiliary function 的 m^n 改成 $m(m-1)(m-2)\cdots(m-n+1)$

(2) 如何解 particular solution?

Variation of Parameters 的方法

(3) 解的範圍將不包括 $x=0$ 的地方 (Why?)

還有很多 linear DE 沒有辦法解，怎麼辦

- (1) numerical approach (Section 4-9-3)
- (2) using special function (Chap. 6)
- (3) Laplace transform and Fourier transform (Chaps. 7, 11, 14)
- (4) 查表 (table lookup)

- (1) 即使用了 Section 4-7 的方法，大部分的 DE 還是沒有辦法解
- (2) 所幸，自然界真的有不少的例子是 linear DE
甚至是 constant coefficient linear DE

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