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## 1 5.7: Variation of Parameters

Exercise 1. Find a particular solution to

$$y'' + 2y' + y = \frac{17.5e^{-t}}{t^2 + 1} \rightarrow F$$

Answer:  $y_p = 17.5 * e^{(-1*t)}(-\ln(1 + t^2))/2 + t * a * \tan(t) + a * e^{(-1*t)} + b * t * e^{(-1*t)}$

Step 1: Start with homogeneous:  $y'' + 2y' + y = 0$

$$r^2 + 2r + 1 = 0$$

$$(r+1)^2 = 0, \quad r = -1$$

$$y_1 = e^{-1x}, \quad y_2 = x \cdot e^{-1x}$$

Step 2:

$$y = u_1 \cdot y_1 + u_2 \cdot y_2$$

Goal: Find  $u_1$  and  $u_2$

$$\textcircled{1}: u_1' \cdot y_1 + u_2' \cdot y_2 = 0$$

$$\textcircled{2}: u_1' \cdot y_1' + u_2' \cdot y_2' = \frac{F}{P_0} = \frac{17.5e^{-t}}{t^2 + 1}$$

$$\textcircled{1}: u_1' \cdot e^{-x} + u_2' \cdot x e^{-x} = 0$$

$$+ \textcircled{2}: u_1' \cdot (-e^{-x}) + u_2' \cdot (e^{-x} - x e^{-x}) = \frac{17.5e^{-t}}{t^2 + 1}$$

$$\textcircled{1} + \textcircled{2}:$$

$$u_2' e^{-t} = \frac{17.5 e^{-t}}{t^2 + 1}$$

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$$u_1' e^{-t} + \frac{17.5}{t^2 + 1} \cdot t \cdot e^{-t} = 0$$

$$u_1' + \frac{17.5}{t^2 + 1} \cdot t = 0$$

$$u_1' = -\frac{17.5t}{t^2 + 1}$$

$$u_2 = \int u_2' = \int \frac{17.5}{t^2 + 1} dt \quad \text{+ arct}$$

$$= 17.5 \int \frac{1}{t^2 + 1} dt = 17.5 (\arctan t + C_1)$$

$$u_1 = -17.5 \int \frac{t}{t^2 + 1} dt \quad v = t^2 + 1$$

$$= -17.5 \int \frac{dv}{2v} \quad dv = 2t dt$$

$$= -17.5 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \ln|v| = -\frac{17.5}{2} \ln(t^2 + 1)$$

**Exercise 2.** Solve the following differential equation by variation of parameters. Fully evaluate all integrals.

$$y'' + 9y = \sec(3x).$$

Find the most general solution to the associated homogeneous differential equation. Use  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  in your answer to denote arbitrary constants.

Answer:  $y_h = c_1 * \cos(3 * x) + c_2 * \sin(3 * x)$

Find a particular solution to the nonhomogeneous differential equation  $y'' + 9y = \sec(3x)$

Answer:  $a * \cos(3 * x) + b * \sin(3 * x) + 1/3 * x * \sin(3 * x) + 1/9 * \cos(3 * x) * \ln(|\cos(3 * x)|)$

Find the most general solution to the original nonhomogeneous differential equation.

Answer:  $c_1 * \cos(3 * x) + c_2 * \sin(3 * x) + 1/3 * x * \sin(3 * x) + 1/9 * \cos(3 * x) * \ln(|\cos(3 * x)|)$

$u_1 \cos 3x + u_2 \sin 3x$  Find  $u_1$  and  $u_2$

$$u_1 = \left[ \frac{1}{9} \ln |\cos 3x| + a \right]$$

$$u_2 = \left[ \frac{1}{3} x + b \right] \quad u_2 \cdot \sin 3x$$



**Exercise 3.** In this exercise you will solve the initial value problem

$$y'' - 18y' + 81y = \frac{e^{-9x}}{1+x^2}, \quad y(0) = 8, \quad y'(0) = 4.$$

Let  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  be arbitrary constants. The general solution to the related homogeneous differential equation  $y'' - 18y' + 81y = 0$  is the function  $y_h(x) = C_1 y_1(x) + C_2 y_2(x)$ .

NOTE: The order in which you enter the answers is important;

Answer:  $C_1 e^{9x} + C_2 * x * e^{9x}$   $y_1 = e^{9x}$ ,  $y_2 = x e^{9x}$

The particular solution  $y_p(x)$  to the differential equation  $y'' + 18y' + 81y = \frac{e^{-9x}}{1+x^2}$  is of the form  $y_p(x) = y_1(x) u_1(x) + y_2(x) u_2(x)$  where  $u_1'(x) = ?$  and  $u_2'(x) = ?$ .

Answer:  $u_1'(x) = -\frac{x e^{-27x}}{1+x^2}$  and  $u_2'(x) = \frac{e^{-18x}}{1+x^2}$

The most general solution is:  $y = C_1 e^{9x} \int_0^x -\frac{t e^{-27t}}{1+t^2} dt + C_2 x e^{9x} \int_0^x \frac{e^{-18t}}{1+t^2} dt$

$\downarrow$   $y_1$        $\int_0^x u_1'(t) dt$        $\downarrow$   $y_2$

