

Other types of linear equations (continued)

Example (continued) : $y''' - 5y'' + 12y' - 8y = e^{3t} \cos(2t) + 7t e^t$

Roots of characteristic equation (from last time):
 $r_1 = 1$ $r_{2,3} = 2 \pm 2i$

3 linearly independent solutions to the homogeneous equation are:

$$y_1(t) = e^t ; \quad y_2(t) = e^{2t} \cos(2t) ; \quad y_3(t) = e^{2t} \sin(2t)$$

General solution to homogeneous equation is

$$y_h(t) = C_1 e^t + C_2 e^{2t} \cos(2t) + C_3 e^{2t} \sin(2t)$$

To find a particular solution, use the method of undetermined coefficients.

$$y_p(t) = e^{3t} (A \cos(2t) + B \sin(2t)) + t (Ct + D) e^t$$

Term in $e^{3t} \cos(2t)$: $\alpha = 3, \beta = 2, 3 \pm 2i$ is not a root of the characteristic equation. So try

$$y_{p1}(t) = e^{3t} (A \cos(2t) + B \sin(2t))$$

Term in $7t e^t$: $\alpha = 1, \beta = 0, 1$ is a root of the characteristic equation. So try

$$y_{p2}(t) = t (Ct + D) e^t$$

Substitute back into ODE & solve for A, B, C, & D:
You will get:

$$A = -\frac{3}{68} ; B = \frac{5}{68} ; C = \frac{7}{10} ; D = \frac{14}{25}$$

$$\text{So } y_p(t) = \frac{-3}{68} e^{3t} \cos(2t) + \frac{5}{68} e^{3t} \sin(2t) \\ + \frac{7}{10} t^2 e^t + \frac{14}{25} t e^t$$

$$\text{General solution: } y(t) = C_1 e^t + C_2 e^{2t} \cos(2t) + C_3 e^{2t} \sin(2t) \\ + y_p(t)$$