

# Non-Homogeneous Second Order Differential Equation

M-II

A non-homogeneous second order differential equation is of the form

$$a \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + b \frac{dy}{dx} + cy = f(x)$$

Step 1

We find the general solution of the homogeneous equation as before

The general solution to the equation

$$a \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + b \frac{dy}{dx} + cy = 0$$

is known as the complementary function.

## Step 2

Find a particular solution to the non homogeneous equation.  
This solution is called the **particular integral** and looks  
similar to  $f(x)$

## Step 3

The general solution of the non-homogeneous differential equation is the sum of the complementary function and the particular integral

# How to find the particular integral

$f(x) = 2x + 1 \therefore$  particular integral is  $y = px + q$

$f(x) = x^2 - 1 \therefore$  particular integral is  $y = px^2 + qx + r$

note:  $f(x) = x^2 + 0x - 1$

$f(x) = 4e^{2x} \therefore$  particular integral is  $y = pe^{2x}$

$f(x) = 2\sin x + \cos x \therefore$  particular integral is  $y = p\sin x + q\cos x$

$f(x) = 3\sin 2x \therefore$  particular integral is  $y = p\sin 2x + q\cos 2x$

note:  $f(x) = 3\sin 2x + 0\cos 2x$

Find the general solution of the second  
order differential equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - \frac{dy}{dx} - 2y = 4x + 1$$

Complementary Function

$$k^2 - k - 2 = 0$$

$$(k - 2)(k + 1) = 0$$

$$k = 2 \text{ and } k = -1$$

$$y = Ae^{2x} + Be^{-x}$$

## Particular Integral

$$y = px + q$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = p \text{ and } \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - \frac{dy}{dx} - 2y = 4x + 1$$

$$(0) - (p) - 2(px + q) = 4x + 1$$

$$-p - 2px - 2q = 4x + 1$$

$$-2px - p - 2q = 4x + 1$$

$$4x = -2px$$

$$\therefore -2p = 4 \text{ and } p = -2$$

$$1 = -p - 2q$$

$$-(-2) - 2q = 1$$

$$2 - 2q = 1$$

$$q = \frac{1}{2}$$

equate coefficients

$$y = px + q \text{ with } p = -2 \text{ and } q = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$y = -2x + \frac{1}{2}$$

The general solution of the non-homogeneous differential equation is the sum of the complementary function and the particular integral

$$y = Ae^{2x} + Be^{-x} - 2x + \frac{1}{2}$$

Find the general solution of the second  
order differential equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 4\frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = 2x^2 + 1$$

Complementary Function

$$k^2 - 4k + 4 = 0$$

$$(k-2)(k-2) = 0$$

$k = 2$  equal roots

$$y = (Ax + B)e^{2x}$$

## Particular Integral

$$y = px^2 + qx + r$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2px + q \text{ and } \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 2p$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 4\frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = 2x^2 + 1$$

$$(2p) - 4(2px + q) + 4(px^2 + qx + r) = 2x^2 + 1$$

$$2p - 8px - 4q + 4px^2 + 4qx + 4r = 2x^2 + 1 \quad \text{equate coefficients}$$

$$4px^2 + (4q - 8p)x + 2p - 4q + 4r = 2x^2 + 1$$

$$4p = 2 \therefore p = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$4q - 8p = 0 \quad 2p - 4q + 4r = 1$$

$$4q - 8\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0 \quad 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - 4(1) + 4r = 1$$

$$4q = 4 \therefore q = 1 \quad 4r = 4 \therefore r = 1$$

$$y = px^2 + qx + r \text{ with } p = \frac{1}{2}, q = 1 \text{ and } r = 1$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + x + 1$$

The general solution of the non-homogeneous differential equation is the sum of the complementary function and the particular integral

$$y = (Ax + B)e^{2x} + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + x + 1$$

Find the general solution of the second  
order differential equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2\frac{dy}{dx} - 3y = 10e^{2x}$$

Complementary Function

$$k^2 + 2k - 3 = 0$$

$$(k+3)(k-1) = 0$$

$$k = -3 \text{ or } k = 1$$

$$y = Ae^{-3x} + Be^x$$

## Particular Integral

$$y = pe^{2x}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2pe^{2x} \text{ and } \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 4pe^{2x}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2\frac{dy}{dx} - 3y = 10e^{2x}$$

$$(4pe^{2x}) + 2(2pe^{2x}) - 3(pe^{2x}) = 10e^{2x}$$

$$4pe^{2x} + 4pe^{2x} - 3pe^{2x} = 10e^{2x}$$

$$5pe^{2x} = 10e^{2x}$$

$$p = 2$$

The complementary function  $y = Ae^{-3x} + Be^x$

The particular integral is  $y = 2e^{2x}$

$$y = Ae^{-3x} + Be^x + 2e^{2x}$$

Find the general solution of the second  
order differential equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 16y = e^{-2x}$$

Complementary Function

$$k^2 + 16 = 0$$

$$k^2 = -16 = 16i^2$$

$$k = \pm 4i$$

$$y = e^{0x} (A \sin 4x + B \cos 4x)$$

$$y = A \sin 4x + B \cos 4x$$

## Particular Integral

$$y = pe^{-2x}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -2pe^{-2x} \text{ and } \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 4pe^{-2x}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 16y = e^{-2x}$$

$$(4pe^{-2x}) + 16(pe^{-2x}) = e^{-2x}$$

$$20pe^{-2x} = e^{-2x}$$

$$20p = 1$$

$$p = \frac{1}{20}$$

$$y = A \sin 4x + B \cos 4x$$

$$y = \frac{1}{20}e^{-2x}$$

$$y = A \sin 4x + B \cos 4x + \frac{1}{20}e^{-2x}$$

Find the general solution of the second  
order differential equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 4\frac{dy}{dx} + 3y = 10 \sin x$$

Complementary Function

$$k^2 - 4k + 3 = 0$$

$$(k-3)(k-1) = 0$$

$$k = 3 \text{ and } k = 1$$

$$y = Ae^{3x} + Be^x$$

## Particular Integral

$$y = p \sin x + q \cos x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = p \cos x - q \sin x \text{ and } \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -p \sin x - q \cos x$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 4 \frac{dy}{dx} + 3y = 10 \sin x$$

$$(-p \sin x - q \cos x) - 4(p \cos x - q \sin x) + 3(p \sin x + q \cos x) = 10 \sin x$$

$$-p \sin x - q \cos x - 4p \cos x + 4q \sin x + 3p \sin x + 3q \cos x = 10 \sin x$$

$$-p \sin x + 4q \sin x + 3p \sin x = 10 \sin x \therefore 2p + 4q = 10$$

$$-q \cos x - 4p \cos x + 3q \cos x = 0 \therefore -4p + 2q = 0$$

$$2p + 4q = 10 \times 2 \quad 4p + 8q = 20$$

$$-4p + 2q = 0 \quad -4p + 2q = 0$$

$$y = \sin x + 2 \cos x \quad 10q = 20 \therefore q = 2 \text{ and } p = 1$$

$$y = Ae^{3x} + Be^x$$

$$y = Ae^{3x} + Be^x + \sin x + 2 \cos x$$

Find the particular solution of the second order differential equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 4 \frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = e^x$$

$$x = 0, y = 2 \text{ and } \frac{dy}{dx} = 1$$

Complementary Function

$$k^2 - 4k + 4 = 0$$

$$(k - 2) = 0$$

$k = 2$  equal roots

$$y = (Ax + b)e^{2x}$$

## Particular Integral

$$y = pe^x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = pe^x \text{ and } \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = pe^x$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 4\frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = e^x$$

$$(pe^x) - 4(pe^x) + 4(pe^x) = e^x$$

$$pe^x = e^x \therefore p = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= pe^x \\ y &= e^x \end{aligned} \qquad y = (Ax + B)e^{2x}$$

$$y = (Ax + B)e^{2x} + e^x$$

$$y = (Ax + B)e^{2x} + e^x \quad x = 0, y = 2$$

$$2 = (A(0) + B)e^{2(0)} + e^0$$

$$2 = B + 1 \therefore B = 1$$

$$y = (Ax + B)e^{2x} + e^x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = Ae^{2x} + 2e^{2x}(Ax + B) + e^x \quad \text{Product and Sum Rule}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1, x = 0 \text{ and } B = 1$$

$$1 = Ae^{2(0)} + 2e^{2(0)}(A(0) + 1) + e^{(0)}$$

$$1 = A + 2(1) + 1 \therefore A = -2$$

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