

Solve the nonhomogeneous ODE

$$y'' + 4y = -16 \sin 2x, \quad (\text{N})$$

with initial conditions

$$y(0) = -3, \quad y'(0) = 10.$$

NOTE: The input function is $g(x) = -16 \sin 2x$.

STEP 1:

Solve the *associated homogeneous problem*:

$$y'' + 4y = 0, \quad (\text{H})$$

to obtain the *complementary solution* of (N):

$$y_c = c_1 \cos 2x + c_2 \sin 2x. \quad (\text{C})$$

STEP 2:

Construct a *particular solution* y_p of (N) by **Undetermined Coefficients**.

Input Function:	Terms
$g = -16 \sin 2x$	$\sin 2x$
$g' = -32 \cos 2x$	$\cos 2x$
$g'' = 64 \sin 2x$	$\sin 2x$
	List: $\cos 2x, \sin 2x$
	New List: $x \cos 2x, x \sin 2x$

Q: Do any terms in the List already appear in y_c ?

A: Yes, so must modify the repeating terms:

$$\cos x \rightarrow x \cos x, \quad \sin x \rightarrow x \sin x.$$

So a particular solution y_p of (N) must be a linear combination of terms in the New List:

$$y_p = ax \cos 2x + bx \sin 2x. \quad (\text{P})$$

We will substitute y_p into (N), but first

$$\begin{aligned} y_p &= ax \cos 2x + bx \sin 2x, \\ y_p' &= a \cos 2x - 2ax \sin 2x + b \sin 2x + 2bx \cos 2x, \\ y_p'' &= -4a \sin 2x - 4ax \cos 2x + 4b \cos 2x - 4bx \sin 2x. \end{aligned}$$

Plug these into (N) to obtain

$$y_p'' + 4y_p \equiv -16 \sin 2x,$$

$$\begin{aligned} -4a \sin 2x - 4ax \cos 2x + 4b \cos 2x - 4bx \sin 2x \\ + 4(ax \cos 2x + bx \sin 2x) &\equiv -16 \sin 2x. \end{aligned}$$

Collect like terms:

$$4b \cos 2x - 4a \sin 2x + (-4a + 4a)x \cos 2x + (-4b + 4b)x \sin 2x \equiv -16 \sin 2x.$$

simplify:

$$4b \cos 2x - 4a \sin 2x \equiv 0 \cos 2x + -16 \sin 2x.$$

Equate like terms:

$$\begin{aligned} \cos 2x : 4b &\equiv 0 &\implies b &= 0 \\ \sin 2x : -4a &\equiv -16 &\implies a &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

Litmus Test: Note that these terms are exactly those terms that were in the "List".

So by (P), a particular solution of (N) is

$$\begin{aligned} y_p &= ax \cos 2x + bx \sin 2x \\ &= 4x \cos 2x. \end{aligned}$$

STEP 3:

Then the general solution of the nonhomogeneous problem (N) is

$$\begin{aligned} y &= y_c + y_p \\ &= c_1 \cos 2x + c_2 \sin 2x + 4x \cos 2x. \end{aligned}$$

It is a 2-parameter family of solutions of (N).

STEP 4:

Apply the initial conditions: $y(0) = -3$, $y'(0) = 10$.

So,

$$\begin{aligned} y(0) &= c_1 \cos 0 + c_2 \sin 0 + 4 \cdot 0 \cdot \cos 0, \\ -3 &= c_1, \\ \text{and } y'(0) &= -2c_1 \sin 0 + 2c_2 \cos 0 + 4 \cdot \cos 0 - 8 \cdot 0 \cdot \sin 0, \\ 10 &= 2c_2 + 4. \end{aligned}$$

So $c_1 = -3$ and $c_2 = 3$. So the initial value problem (IVP) has solution

$$y = -3 \cos 2x + 3 \sin 2x + 4x \cos 2x.$$