



Overview

- Constant-coefficient homogeneous equations
- Non-homogeneous equations
- Undetermined coefficients



Constant coefficient equations: distinct real roots

Example 1. $y'' + 6y' + 5y = 0, y(0) = 3, y'(0) = -1.$

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(%i3) de: 'diff(y,x,2) + 6*'diff(y,x) + 5*y
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$$(\%o3) \frac{d^2 y}{d x^2} + 6 \left(\frac{d y}{d x} \right) + 5 y$$

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(%i4) gsoln: ode2(de,y,x);
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$$(\%o4) y = \%k1 e^{-x} + \%k2 e^{-5x}$$

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(%i6) psoln: ic2(gsoln,x=0,y=3,'diff(y,x)=-1)
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$$(\%o6) y = \frac{7 e^{-x}}{2} - \frac{e^{-5x}}{2}$$

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(%i11) plot2d(rhs(psoln),[x,0,5],[ylabel,"y(x)"])$
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Constant coefficient equations: double real roots

Example 2. $y'' + 6y' + 9y = 0, y(0) = 3, y'(0) = -1.$

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(%i12) de: 'diff(y,x,2) + 6*'diff(y,x) + 9*y
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$$(\%o12) \frac{d^2 y}{d x^2} + 6 \left(\frac{d y}{d x} \right) + 9 y$$

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(%i13) gsoln: ode2(de,y,x);
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$$(\%o13) y = (\%k2 x + \%k1) e^{-3x}$$

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(%i14) psoln: ic2(gsoln,x=0,y=3,'diff(y,x)=-1)
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$$(\%o14) y = (8 x + 3) e^{-3x}$$

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(%i15) plot2d(rhs(psoln),[x,0,5],[ylabel,"y(x)"])$
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Constant coefficient equations: complex conjugate roots

Example 3. $y'' + 4y' + 13y = 0, y(0) = 2, y'(0) = -3.$

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(%i16) de: 'diff(y,x,2) + 4*'diff(y,x) + 13*y
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$$(\%o16) \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 4 \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) + 13 y$$

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(%i17) gsoln: ode2(de,y,x);
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$$(\%o17) y = e^{-2x} (\%k1 \sin(3x) + \%k2 \cos(3x))$$

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(%i18) psoln: ic2(gsoln,x=0,y=2,'diff(y,x)=-3)
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$$(\%o18) y = e^{-2x} \left(\frac{\sin(3x)}{3} + 2 \cos(3x) \right)$$

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(%i19) plot2d(rhs(psoln),[x,0,5],[ylabel,"y(x)"])$
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Theorem. Consider p, q, f continuous on (a, b) , and $x_0 \in (a, b)$, $k_0, k_1 \in \mathbb{R}$. The initial value problem $y'' + py' + qy = f$, $y(x_0) = k_0$, $y'(x_0) = k_1$, has a unique solution on (a, b) .

Theorem. If $\{y_1, y_2\}$ is a fundamental solution set for $y'' + py' + qy = 0$ on (a, b) , and y_p is a particular solution of the $y'' + py' + qy = f$ on (a, b) , then the solution of the problem $y'' + py' + qy = f$, $y(x_0) = k_0$, $y'(x_0) = k_1$, is of the form

$$y = y_p + c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2.$$

Example 4. $y'' + y = 1$, $y(0), y'(0) = 7$. $y_p = 1$, $\{y_1, y_2\} = \{\cos x, \sin x\}$

$$y = 1 + \cos x + 7 \sin x.$$

Example 5. $y'' - 2y' + y = -3 - x + x^2$, $y(0) = -2$, $y'(0) = 1$.

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(%i24) de: 'diff(y,x,2) - 2*'diff(y,x) + y + 3 + x -x^2
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$$(\%o24) \frac{d^2 y}{d x^2} - 2 \left(\frac{d y}{d x} \right) + y - x^2 + x + 3$$

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(%i25) gsoln: ode2(de,y,x);
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$$(\%o25) y = (\%k1 + \%k2 x) e^x + x^2 + 3x + 1$$

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(%i26) psoln: ic2(gsoln,x=0,y=-2,'diff(y,x)=1)
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$$(\%o26) y = (x - 3) e^x + x^2 + 3x + 1$$

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(%i23) plot2d(rhs(psoln),[x,0,5],[ylabel,"y(x)"])$
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Non-homogeneous equations

Example 6. $x^2 y'' + xy' - 4y = 2x^4$, $y(0) = -2$, $y'(0) = 1$.

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(%i27) de: x^2*'diff(y,x,2) + x*'diff(y,x) -4*y - 2*x^2
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$$(\%o27) \quad x^2 \left(\frac{d^2 y}{d x^2} \right) + x \left(\frac{d y}{d x} \right) - 4 y - 2 x^2$$

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(%i28) gsoln: ode2(de,y,x);
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$$(\%o28) \quad y = \frac{4 x^2 \log(x) - x^2}{8} + \%k1 x^2 + \frac{\%k2}{x^2}$$

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(%i30) psoln: ic2(gsoln,x=1,y=1,'diff(y,x)=1)
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$$(\%o30) \quad y = \frac{4 x^2 \log(x) - x^2}{8} + \frac{3 x^2}{4} + \frac{3}{8 x^2}$$

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(%i32) plot2d(rhs(psoln),[x,1,5],[ylabel,"y(x)"])$
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- Consider equations of form $ay'' + by' + cy = e^{\alpha x} G(x)$, $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$. The approach to finding a particular solution is to try the form $y_p = u e^{\alpha x}$

1 For $G(x) = g$, a constant, try $y_p = A e^{\alpha x}$

$$A(a\alpha^2 + b\alpha + c) = g, a\alpha^2 + b\alpha + c \neq 0 \Rightarrow A = \frac{g}{a\alpha^2 + b\alpha + c}$$

2 If $a\alpha^2 + b\alpha + c = 0$, try $y_p = Ax e^{\alpha x}$

3 For general $G(x)$, try $y_p = u(x) e^{\alpha x}$

Example 7. $y'' - 3y' + 2y = e^{3x}(x^2 + 2x - 1)$, $y(0) = 1$, $y'(0) = 1$.

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(%i33) de: 'diff(y,x,2)-3*'diff(y,x)+2*y-exp(3*x)*(x^2+2*x-1)
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$$(\text{o33}) \quad \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 3 \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) + 2 y - (-1 + 2 x + x^2) e^{3x}$$

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(%i34) gsoln: ode2(de,y,x);
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$$(\text{o34}) \quad y = \frac{(-1 - 2x + 2x^2) e^{3x}}{4} + \%k1 e^{2x} + \%k2 e^x$$

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(%i36) psoln: ic2(gsoln,x=0,y=1,'diff(y,x)=1)
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$$(\text{o36}) \quad y = \frac{(-1 - 2x + 2x^2) e^{3x}}{4} + e^{2x} + \frac{e^x}{4}$$

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(%i38) plot2d(rhs(psoln),[x,0,1],[ylabel,"y(x)"])$
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