

Extra Practice: Section 4.4

1. For each differential equation, find the general solution:

(a) $y'' + 6y' + 9y = e^{-2t}$

SOLUTION: The characteristic equation is $\lambda^2 + 6\lambda + 9 = 0$, or $(\lambda + 3)^2 = 0$, so $\lambda = -3, -3$. The homogeneous part of the solution is therefore:

$$y_h(t) = C_1e^{-3t} + C_2te^{-3t} = e^{-3t}(C_1 + C_2t)$$

For the particular part, we guess: $y_p = e^{-2t}$. Since this is not e^{-3t} , we can continue by putting it into the DE. Doing that, we get the equation:

$$Ae^{-2t}(4 - 12 + 9) = e^{-2t} \Rightarrow A = 1$$

The general solution is therefore

$$y(t) = e^{-3t}(C_1 + C_2t) + e^{-2t}$$

(b) $y'' + 6y' + 9y = e^{-3t}$

SOLUTION: We've already gotten the homogeneous part of the solution, so we just analyze the particular part, with $y_p = Ae^{-3t}$. But this is part of the homogeneous solution, so we multiply by t : $y_p = Ate^{-3t}$. But this is still part of the homogeneous solution, so multiply by t again to finally get

$$y_p = At^2e^{-3t} \quad y'_p = 2Ate^{-3t} - 3At^2e^{-3t} \quad y''_p = 2Ae^{-3t} - 12Ate^{-3t} + 9At^2e^{-3t}$$

Line these up to make the computations easier:

$$\begin{array}{r} y''_p = 2Ae^{-3t} - 12Ate^{-3t} + 9At^2e^{-3t} \\ 6y'_p = \phantom{2Ae^{-3t}} + 12Ate^{-3t} - 18At^2e^{-3t} \\ +9y_p = \phantom{2Ae^{-3t}} + \phantom{12Ate^{-3t}} + 9At^2e^{-3t} \\ \hline e^{-2t} = 2Ae^{-3t} \end{array}$$

The full solution is therefore

$$y(t) = e^{-3t} \left(C_1 + C_2t + \frac{1}{2}t^2 \right)$$

(c) $y'' + 6y' + 9y = \cos(3t)$

SOLUTION: We first complexify the problem to $y'' + 6y' + 9y = e^{3it}$, and so we want the real part of the particular solution.

In this case, we guess that $y_p = Ae^{3it}$, and substitute it back in as usual. I like to factor out the common terms as I go:

$$Ae^{3it}(-9 + 6(3i) + 9) = e^{3it} \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{18i} = -\frac{i}{18}$$

Now we want the real part of Ae^{3it} :

$$Ae^{3it} = \frac{-i}{18} \cos(3t) + \frac{1}{18} \sin(3t)$$

so that the full solution is:

$$y(t) = e^{-3t}(C_1 + C_2t) + \frac{1}{18} \sin(3t)$$

(d) $y'' + 6y' + 9y = \sin(3t)$

SOLUTION: See the previous problem, as the computations will be identical. The only difference is that we want the imaginary part of y_p , so the full solution is:

$$y(t) = e^{-3t}(C_1 + C_2t) - \frac{3}{18} \cos(3t)$$

2. Find the particular part of the solution to the following DE:

$$y'' + py' + qy = \cos(\omega t)$$

SOLUTION: Let $y_p = Ae^{i\omega t}$, and substitute into the DE. We will want the real part of what we get. Note the derivatives are:

$$y_p = Ae^{i\omega t} \quad y'_p = i\omega Ae^{i\omega t} \quad y''_p = -\omega^2 Ae^{i\omega t}$$

If we factor $Ae^{i\omega t}$ out of the expression as we go, we end up with:

$$Ae^{i\omega t}(-\omega^2 + ip\omega + q) = e^{i\omega t} \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{(q - \omega^2) + ip\omega}$$

Now multiply $Ae^{i\omega t}$ out, and you should find that the real part is:

$$y_p(t) = \frac{q - \omega^2}{(q - \omega^2)^2 + p^2\omega^2} \cos(\omega t) + \frac{p\omega}{(q - \omega^2)^2 + p^2\omega^2} \sin(\omega t)$$

3. Suppose that $Y = Ae^{i\omega t} = \frac{1}{a + ib} e^{i\omega t}$.

Show that the amplitude of the real part of Y is $1/|a + ib|$, and the phase shift (δ) of the real part of Y is the same as the polar angle for $a + ib$.

HINT: Multiply out the expression for Y first.

SOLUTION: If we multiply the expression out, we can get the real part of Y . Note that

$$\frac{1}{a + ib} = \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2} - i \frac{b}{a^2 + b^2}$$

Here we go:

$$Y = \left(\frac{a}{a^2 + b^2} - i \frac{b}{a^2 + b^2} \right) (\cos(\omega t) + i \sin(\omega t)) =$$

$$\left(\frac{a}{a^2 + b^2} \cos(\omega t) + \frac{b}{a^2 + b^2} \sin(\omega t) \right) + i \left(-\frac{b}{a^2 + b^2} \cos(\omega t) + \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2} \sin(\omega t) \right)$$

The real part of Y is the first part of the last expression. Writing this expression as $R \cos(\omega t - \delta)$, we find

$$R = \sqrt{\frac{a^2}{(a^2 + b^2)^2} + \frac{b^2}{(a^2 + b^2)^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{a^2 + b^2}{(a^2 + b^2)^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{a^2 + b^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} = \frac{1}{|a + ib|}$$

For the angle δ , we take:

$$\delta = \arctan \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)$$

where we add π if (a, b) is in Quadrant II or III. This is the same computation we would make for the polar angle of $a + ib$.

4. Find the amplitude and phase angle for the solution to the following DEs. Try to do as little work as you can, and you may use a calculator to assist you, if necessary.

(a) $y'' + y' + 4y = \cos(2t)$

SOLUTION:

Let $y_p = Ae^{2it}$ and substitute it into the DE. We then get:

$$Ae^{2it}(-4 + 2i + 4) = e^{2it} \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{2i}$$

We can get the amplitude and phase angle from $2i$: $R = 1/|2i| = 1/2$ and $\delta = \frac{\pi}{2}$

Side Remark: Looking at the solution we get, we see that

$$\frac{-i}{2}(\cos(2t) + i \sin(2t)) = \frac{1}{2} \sin(2t) - \frac{i}{2} \cos(2t)$$

so $y_p(t) = \frac{1}{2} \sin(2t) = \frac{1}{2} \cos(2t - \pi/2)$

(b) $y'' + \frac{1}{2}y' + 2y = \cos(2t)$

SOLUTION: Same idea as before. Let $y_p = Ae^{2it}$ and put it into the DE to get:

$$Ae^{2it}(-4 + i + 2) = e^{2it} \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{-2 + i}$$

The amplitude of the response is therefore:

$$\frac{1}{|-2 + i|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4 + 1}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$$

The phase angle is the phase angle of $-2 + i$ (add π to the arctangent since we're in Quadrant II):

$$\delta = \tan^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) + \pi$$

Side Remark: We want the real part of

$$\frac{1}{-2 + i}(\cos(2t) + i \sin(2t)) = \left(\frac{-2}{5} - \frac{1}{5}i\right)(\cos(2t) + i \sin(2t))$$

which is:

$$-\frac{2}{5}\cos(2t) + \frac{1}{5}\sin(2t)$$

which has amplitude and phase shift (as $R \cos(\omega t - \delta)$):

$$R = \sqrt{\frac{4+1}{25}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \quad \delta = \tan^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) + \pi$$

which is what we computed above without actually having to compute $y_p(t)$.

5. Given $y'' + \frac{1}{2}y' + 2y = \cos(\omega t)$, find the value of ω that gives the maximum amplitude.

SOLUTION: Let $y_p = Ae^{i\omega t}$. Then substituting it into the DE, we get

$$A\left(-\omega^2 + i\frac{1}{2}\omega + 2\right) = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad A = \frac{1}{(2 - \omega^2) + i\omega/2}$$

The magnitude of A is then given by:

$$|A| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2 - \omega^2)^2 + \omega^2/4}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{F(\omega)}}$$

As we showed in class, the critical points of $|A|$ are found by $F'(\omega) = 0$, or:

$$2(2 - \omega^2)^1(-2\omega) + \omega/2 = 0$$

Since $\omega \neq 0$, we can divide it out and get:

$$-8 + 4\omega^2 + \frac{1}{2} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 4\omega^2 = \frac{15}{2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \omega^2 = \frac{15}{8}$$

We'll only take $\omega > 0$, giving

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{15}{8}} \approx 1.37$$

Just for completeness, the graph of $|A| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{F(\omega)}}$ is shown below.

