

Problem 33 in Section 3.5. Solve the initial value problem

$$y'' + 9y = \sin 2x, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 0.$$

Solution. There are three steps.

First we solve the homogeneous problem $y'' + 9y = 0$.

We try $y = e^{rx}$ and we consider the Characteristic Equation

$$r^2 + 9 = 0.$$

We see that $r = 3i$ or $r = -3i$. The general solution of the homogeneous equation is $y = C_1 \sin 3x + C_2 \cos 3x$.

Then we find a particular solution of the given Differential Equation.

We try $y = A \sin 2x + B \cos 2x$. We plug

$$\begin{aligned} y &= A \sin 2x + B \cos 2x \\ y' &= 2A \cos 2x - 2B \sin 2x \\ y'' &= -4A \sin 2x - 4B \cos 2x \end{aligned}$$

into $y'' + 9y = \sin 2x$ to obtain

$$-4A \sin 2x - 4B \cos 2x + 9(A \sin 2x + B \cos 2x) = \sin 2x$$

$$(-4A + 9A) \sin 2x + (-4B + 9B) \cos 2x = \sin 2x$$

$$(5A) \sin 2x + (5B) \cos 2x = \sin 2x$$

We take $5A = 1$ and $5B = 0$. That is, $A = \frac{1}{5}$ and $B = 0$. The general solution of the Differential Equation is

$$y = C_1 \sin 3x + C_2 \cos 3x + \frac{1}{5} \sin 2x.$$

Step 3. We use the initial condition to evaluate the constants.

We compute $y' = 3C_1 \cos 3x - 3C_2 \sin 3x + \frac{2}{5} \cos 2x$. Use $y(0) = 1$ and $y'(0) = 0$ to see that

$$1 = C_2 \quad \text{and} \quad 0 = 3C_1 + \frac{2}{5}.$$

Thus, $C_1 = -\frac{2}{15}$ and $C_2 = 1$. The solution of the Initial Value Problem is

$$y = -\frac{2}{15} \sin 3x + \cos 3x + \frac{1}{5} \sin 2x.$$

Check. We plug

$$\begin{aligned}y &= -\frac{2}{15} \sin 3x + \cos 3x + \frac{1}{5} \sin 2x \\y' &= -\frac{6}{15} \cos 3x - 3 \sin 3x + \frac{2}{5} \cos 2x \\y'' &= +\frac{18}{15} \sin 3x - 9 \cos 3x - \frac{4}{5} \sin 2x\end{aligned}$$

into $y'' + 9y$ and obtain

$$\begin{aligned}&\left(+\frac{18}{15} \sin 3x - 9 \cos 3x - \frac{4}{5} \sin 2x \right) + 9 \left(-\frac{2}{15} \sin 3x + \cos 3x + \frac{1}{5} \sin 2x \right) \\&= \left(\frac{6}{5} - \frac{6}{5} \right) \sin 3x + (-9 + 9) \cos 3x + \left(-\frac{4}{5} + \frac{9}{5} \right) \sin 2x = \sin 2x, \checkmark \\y(0) &= 1 \checkmark \text{ and } y'(0) = -\frac{6}{15} + \frac{2}{5} = 0. \checkmark\end{aligned}$$