

Answer on Question #49494 – Math– Differential Calculus | Equations

Question:

Solve the second order differential equation

$$y'' - 3y' + 2y = 3e^{-x} - 10\cos 3x \quad y(0) = 1 \quad y'(0) = 2$$

Solution:

Solve  $-3 \frac{dy(x)}{dx} + \frac{d^2y(x)}{dx^2} + 2y(x) = 3e^{-x} - 10\cos(3x)$ , such that  $y(0) = 1$  and  $y'(0) = 2$ :

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The general solution will be the sum of the complementary solution and particular solution.

Find the complementary solution by solving  $\frac{d^2y(x)}{dx^2} - 3 \frac{dy(x)}{dx} + 2y(x) = 0$ :

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Assume a solution will be proportional to  $e^{\lambda x}$  for some constant  $\lambda$ .

Substitute  $y(x) = e^{\lambda x}$  into the differential equation:

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2}(e^{\lambda x}) - 3 \frac{d}{dx}(e^{\lambda x}) + 2e^{\lambda x} = 0$$

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Substitute  $\frac{d^2}{dx^2}(e^{\lambda x}) = \lambda^2 e^{\lambda x}$  and  $\frac{d}{dx}(e^{\lambda x}) = \lambda e^{\lambda x}$ :

$$\lambda^2 e^{\lambda x} - 3\lambda e^{\lambda x} + 2e^{\lambda x} = 0$$

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Factor out  $e^{\lambda x}$ :

$$(\lambda^2 - 3\lambda + 2)e^{\lambda x} = 0$$

Since  $e^{\lambda x} \neq 0$  for any finite  $\lambda$ , the zeros must come from the polynomial:

$$\lambda^2 - 3\lambda + 2 = 0$$

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Factor:

$$(\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 1) = 0$$

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Solve for  $\lambda$ :

$$\lambda = 1 \text{ or } \lambda = 2$$

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The root  $\lambda = 1$  gives  $y_1(x) = c_1 e^x$  as a solution, where  $c_1$  is an arbitrary constant.

The root  $\lambda = 2$  gives  $y_2(x) = c_2 e^{2x}$  as a solution, where  $c_2$  is an arbitrary constant.

The general solution is the sum of the above solutions:

$$y(x) = y_1(x) + y_2(x) = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{2x}$$

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Determine the particular solution to  $\frac{d^2 y(x)}{dx^2} + 2y(x) - 3\frac{dy(x)}{dx} = 3e^{-x} - 10\cos(3x)$  by the method of undetermined coefficients:

The particular solution will be the sum of the particular solutions to

$$\frac{d^2 y(x)}{dx^2} + 2y(x) - 3\frac{dy(x)}{dx} = 3e^{-x} \text{ and } \frac{d^2 y(x)}{dx^2} + 2y(x) - 3\frac{dy(x)}{dx} = -10\cos(3x).$$

The particular solution to  $\frac{d^2 y(x)}{dx^2} + 2y(x) - 3\frac{dy(x)}{dx} = 3e^{-x}$  is of the form:

$$y_{p1}(x) = \frac{a_1}{e^x}$$

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The particular solution to  $\frac{d^2 y(x)}{dx^2} + 2y(x) - 3\frac{dy(x)}{dx} = -10\cos(3x)$  is of the form:

$$y_{p2}(x) = a_2 \cos(3x) + a_3 \sin(3x)$$

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Sum  $y_{p1}(x)$  and  $y_{p2}(x)$  to obtain  $y_p(x)$ :

$$y_p(x) = y_{p1}(x) + y_{p2}(x) = \frac{a_1}{e^x} + a_2 \cos(3x) + a_3 \sin(3x)$$

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Solve for the unknown constants  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$ , and  $a_3$ :

Compute  $\frac{dy_p(x)}{dx}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy_p(x)}{dx} &= \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{a_1}{e^x} + a_2 \cos(3x) + a_3 \sin(3x) \right) \\ &= -\frac{a_1}{e^x} - 3a_2 \sin(3x) + 3a_3 \cos(3x) \end{aligned}$$

Compute  $\frac{d^2 y_p(x)}{dx^2}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^2 y_p(x)}{dx^2} &= \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left( \frac{a_1}{e^x} + a_2 \cos(3x) + a_3 \sin(3x) \right) \\ &= \frac{a_1}{e^x} - 9a_2 \cos(3x) - 9a_3 \sin(3x)\end{aligned}$$

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Substitute the particular solution  $y_p(x)$  into the differential equation:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^2 y_p(x)}{dx^2} - 3 \frac{dy_p(x)}{dx} + 2 y_p(x) &= \frac{3}{e^x} - 10 \cos(3x) \\ \left( \frac{a_1}{e^x} - 9a_2 \cos(3x) - 9a_3 \sin(3x) \right) - 3 \left( -\frac{a_1}{e^x} - 3a_2 \sin(3x) + 3a_3 \cos(3x) \right) + \\ 2 \left( \frac{a_1}{e^x} + a_2 \cos(3x) + a_3 \sin(3x) \right) &= \frac{3}{e^x} - 10 \cos(3x)\end{aligned}$$

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Simplify:

$$\frac{6a_1}{e^x} + (-7a_2 - 9a_3) \cos(3x) + (9a_2 - 7a_3) \sin(3x) = \frac{3}{e^x} - 10 \cos(3x)$$

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Equate the coefficients of  $e^{-x}$  on both sides of the equation:

$$6a_1 = 3$$

Equate the coefficients of  $\cos(3x)$  on both sides of the equation:

$$-7a_2 - 9a_3 = -10$$

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Equate the coefficients of  $\sin(3x)$  on both sides of the equation:

$$9a_2 - 7a_3 = 0$$

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Solve the system:

$$a_1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$a_2 = \frac{7}{13}$$

$$a_3 = \frac{9}{13}$$

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Substitute  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$ , and  $a_3$  into  $y_p(x) = a_1 e^{-x} + a_3 \sin(3x) + a_2 \cos(3x)$ :

$$y_p(x) = \frac{1}{2} e^{-x} + \frac{7}{13} \cos(3x) + \frac{9}{13} \sin(3x)$$

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The general solution is:

$$y(x) = y_c(x) + y_p(x) = \frac{1}{2} e^{-x} + \frac{7}{13} \cos(3x) + \frac{9}{13} \sin(3x) + c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{2x}$$

Solve for the unknown constants using the initial conditions:

Compute  $\frac{dy(x)}{dx}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy(x)}{dx} &= \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{2e^x} + \frac{7}{13} \cos(3x) + \frac{9}{13} \sin(3x) + c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{2x} \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2e^x} + \frac{27}{13} \cos(3x) - \frac{21}{13} \sin(3x) + c_1 e^x + 2c_2 e^{2x}\end{aligned}$$

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Substitute  $y(0) = 2$  into  $y(x) = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{2x} + \frac{e^{-x}}{2} + \frac{9}{13} \sin(3x) + \frac{7}{13} \cos(3x)$ :

$$c_1 + c_2 + \frac{27}{26} = 2$$

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Substitute  $y'(0) = 2$  into  $\frac{dy(x)}{dx} = c_1 e^x + 2c_2 e^{2x} - \frac{e^{-x}}{2} - \frac{21}{13} \sin(3x) + \frac{27}{13} \cos(3x)$ :

$$c_1 + 2c_2 + \frac{41}{26} = 2$$

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Solve the system:

$$c_1 = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$c_2 = -\frac{7}{13}$$

Substitute  $y(0) = 2$  into  $y(x) = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{2x} + \frac{e^{-x}}{2} + \frac{9}{13} \sin(3x) + \frac{7}{13} \cos(3x)$ :

$$c_1 + c_2 + \frac{27}{26} = 2$$

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Substitute  $y'(0) = 2$  into  $\frac{dy(x)}{dx} = c_1 e^x + 2c_2 e^{2x} - \frac{e^{-x}}{2} - \frac{21}{13} \sin(3x) + \frac{27}{13} \cos(3x)$ :

$$c_1 + 2c_2 + \frac{41}{26} = 2$$

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Solve the system:

$$c_1 = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$c_2 = -\frac{7}{13}$$

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Substitute  $c_1 = \frac{3}{2}$  and  $c_2 = -\frac{7}{13}$  into  $y(x) =$

$$c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{2x} + \frac{e^{-x}}{2} + \frac{9}{13} \sin(3x) + \frac{7}{13} \cos(3x):$$

Answer:

$$y(x) = -\frac{7}{13} e^{2x} + \frac{3}{2} e^x + \frac{e^{-x}}{2} + \frac{9}{13} \sin(3x) + \frac{7}{13} \cos(3x)$$