

Topic 6: P(D), ERF, SRF (day 2 of 2)
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1 Agenda

- Review
- Exponential response formula (ERF)
- Sinusoidal response formula (SRF)
- Driven damped harmonic oscillators (in problems)

2 Review

Operator D : $D = \frac{d}{dt}$, $P(r) = r^2 + 8r + 7 \leftrightarrow P(D) = D^2 + 8D + 7I$.

Linearity: Operator T is linear if

$$T(c_1f + c_2g) = c_1Tf + c_2Tg \text{ for constants } c_1, c_2.$$

Important: $D, D^2, P(D)$ are all linear

Do Problem 2 from yesterday (if not already done).

Superposition principles

General: If $P(D)x_1 = f_1$, $P(D)x_2 = f_2$, then $P(D)(c_1x_1 + c_2x_2) = c_1f_1 + c_2f_2$.

Homogeneous: If $P(D)x_1 = 0$, $P(D)x_2 = 0$, then $P(D)(c_1x_1 + c_2x_2) = 0$.

Particular + homogeneous: If $P(D)x_p = f$, $P(D)x_h = 0$, then $P(D)(x_p + x_h) = f$.

Observation: If $P(D)x_1 = f$, $P(D)x_2 = f$, then $P(D)(x_1 - x_2) = 0$.

Proof of all of these: Linearity!

Substitution rule: $P(D)e^{at} = P(a)e^{at}$.

3 Exponential response formula (ERF)

Consider the inhomogeneous DE with exponential input: $P(D)x = e^{at}$,

e.g., $(D^2 + 8D + 7I)x = e^{2t} \leftrightarrow x'' + 8x' + 7x = e^{2t}$.

[Exponential response formula \(ERF\)](#) for the equation $P(D)x = e^{at}$.

If $P(a) \neq 0$, this has a particular solution $x_p(t) = \frac{e^{at}}{P(a)}$ (ERF)

If $P(a) = 0$, $P'(a) \neq 0$, then $x_p(t) = \frac{te^{at}}{P'(a)}$ (Extended ERF)

If $P(a) = 0$, $P'(a) = 0$, $P''(a) \neq 0$, then $x_p(t) = \frac{t^2 e^{at}}{P''(a)}$ (Extended ERF)

Example 1. Find a particular solution (any one) to $x'' + 8x' + 7x = e^{2t}$.

Solution: $P(r) = r^2 + 8r + 7$, so $P(2) = 27$. Therefore, by the ERF, $x_p(t) = \frac{e^{2t}}{27}$ is a solution.

Reason: Method of optimism: Guess solution $x(t) = ce^{2t}$.

Algebra will determine which, if any, values of c work: substitute $x(t) = ce^{2t}$ into the DE:

$$\underbrace{x'' + 8x' + 7x}_{\text{left side of DE}} = P(D)x = P(D) \underbrace{(ce^{2t})}_{x(t)} \stackrel{\text{substitution rule}}{=} cP(2)e^{2t} = \underbrace{e^{2t}}_{\text{right side of DE}}$$

So we need $cP(2) = 1$, which gives $c = \frac{1}{P(2)}$, thus $x(t) = \frac{e^{2t}}{P(2)} = \frac{e^{2t}}{27}$ (This is the ERF!)

Do some problems.

4 Sinusoidal response formula (SRF)

Consider the DE with sinusoidal input: $P(D)x = \cos(\omega t)$,

e.g., $(D^2 + 8D + 7I)x = \cos(2t) \iff x'' + 8x' + 7x = \cos(2t)$.

Sinusoidal response formula (SRF) for the equation $P(D)x = \cos(\omega t)$.

If $P(i\omega) \neq 0$, this has a particular solution

$$x_p(t) = \frac{\cos(\omega t - \phi)}{|P(i\omega)|}, \quad \text{where } \phi = \text{Arg}(P(i\omega)). \quad (\text{SRF})$$

If $P(i\omega) = 0$, $P'(i\omega) \neq 0$ this has a particular solution

$$x_p(t) = \frac{t \cos(\omega t - \phi)}{|P'(i\omega)|}, \quad \text{where } \phi = \text{Arg}(P'(i\omega)). \quad (\text{extended SRF})$$

The pattern continues if $P(i\omega) = 0$, $P'(i\omega) = 0$, $P''(i\omega) \neq 0$ etc.

Example 2. Solve $x'' + 8x' + 7x = \cos(2t)$.

Solution: $P(r) = r^2 + 8r + 7$. So, $P(2i) = -4 + 16i + 7 = 3 + 16i$.

Polar form: $|P(2i)| = \sqrt{265}$, $\phi = \text{Arg}(P(2i)) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{16}{3}\right)$ in Q1.

So, by the SRF, $x_p(t) = \frac{\cos(\omega t - \phi)}{\sqrt{265}}$ is a solution.

Reason: (Probably won't do in class. It's in the Topic 6 notes)

Use complex replacement and the ERF:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Want to solve} & P(D)x = \cos(\omega t). \\ \text{Let } y \text{ be a solution to} & P(D)y = \sin(\omega t). \\ \text{By linearity} & P(D)\underbrace{(x + iy)}_z = \underbrace{\cos(\omega t) + i \sin(\omega t)}_{e^{i\omega t}} \end{array}$$

That is, $P(D)z = e^{i\omega t}$ and $x = \text{Re}(z)$: By the ERF, $z_p(t) = \frac{e^{i\omega t}}{P(i\omega)}$.

Polar form: $P(i\omega) = |P(i\omega)| e^{i\phi}$, where $\phi = \text{Arg}(P(i\omega))$.

$$\text{So, } z_p(t) = \frac{e^{i\omega t}}{|P(i\omega)| e^{i\phi}} = \frac{1}{|P(i\omega)|} e^{i(\omega t - \phi)}.$$

$$\text{Finally, } x_p(t) = \text{Re}(z_p(t)) = \frac{1}{|P(i\omega)|} \cos(\omega t - \phi) \quad \blacksquare$$

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