

Method of Annihilators

Sophistication
of Undetermined
(Coefficients)

$D-a$ annihilates e^{at} because if $y = e^{at}$, then $y' - ay = 0$
 $(D-a)^2$ annihilates e^{at}, te^{at} because if $y = e^{at} + te^{at}$
then $y'' - 2ay' + a^2y = 0$

$(D-a)^m$ annihilates $e^{at}, te^{at}, \dots t^{m-1}e^{at}$ because if $y = \text{any of these}$,
then $(D-a)^m y(t) = 0$.

$(D+a^2)$ annihilates $\sin at$ and $\cos at$

$(D^2+a^2)^2$ annihilates $\sin at, \cos at, t \sin at, \cos at$

$(D^2+a^2)^m$ annihilates $t^j \sin at, t^j \cos at$ for $0 \leq j \leq m-1$

$D^2 - 2aD + a^2 + b^2$ annihilates $e^{at} \cos bt, e^{at} \sin bt$

$(D^2 - 2aD + a^2 + b^2)^m$ annihilates $t^j e^{at} \cos bt, t^j e^{at} \sin bt$

Read Method of Annihilators (starting bottom of page 237-238)

Here is how to do #46 page 237 using the technique at bottom of page 238.

(a) Find the general solution $y^{(4)} + 2y'' + y = 3 + \cos 2t$. (*)

$$g(t) = 3(1) + 1 \cos 2t$$

$D = D-0$ annihilates $1 = e^{0t}$

~~$D^2 + 4$~~ $D^2 + 4$ annihilates $\cos 2t$

(a) $\therefore H(D) = D(D^2+4)$ annihilates $3 + \cos 2t$

$$L(D) = D^4 + 2D^2 + 1 = (D^2 + 1)^2$$

$\therefore L(D)$ annihilates $c_1 \sin t + c_2 \cos t + c_3 t \sin t + c_4 t \cos t$

(b) $\therefore H(D)L(D)y = 0$ has a general solution $c_0 \sin 2t$

(c) $y(t) = c_1 \sin t + c_2 \cos t + c_3 t \sin t + c_4 t \cos t + c_5 e^{0t} + c_6 + c_7 t \cos t$

$$y_p(t) = c_5 + c_6 \sin 2t + c_7 \cos 2t$$

$$y_p'(t) = 2c_6 \cos 2t - 2c_7 \sin 2t$$

$$y_p''(t) = 4c_6 \sin 2t - 4c_7 \cos 2t$$

$$y_p'''(t) = -8c_6 \cos 2t + 8c_7 \sin 2t$$

$$y_p^{(4)}(t) = 16c_6 \sin 2t + 16c_7 \cos 2t$$

$$y_p(t) + 2y_p''(t) + y_p(t) = c_5 + 9c_6 \sin 2t + 9c_7 \cos 2t = 3 + \cos 2t$$

$$\therefore c_5 = 3 \quad c_6 = 0 \quad c_7 = \frac{1}{9} \cos 2t$$

\therefore general soln (*) is $\boxed{y(t) = 3 + \frac{1}{9} \cos 2t + c_1 \sin t + c_2 \cos t + c_3 t \sin t + c_4 t \cos t}$

#18 Page 23) using the method of annihilators

18. $y^{(4)} + 2y''' + 2y'' = 3e^t + 2te^{-t} + e^{-t}\sin t$

$D-1$ annihilates e^t

$(D+1)^2$ annihilates $2te^{-t}$

$D^2 + 2D + 1 + 2 = D^2 + 2D + 2$ annihilates $e^{-t}\sin t$

$\therefore H(D) = (D-1)(D+1)^2(D^2 + 2D + 2)$ annihilates $3e^t + 2te^{-t} + e^{-t}\sin t$

$L(D) = D^4 + 2D^3 + 2D^2 = D^2(D^2 + 2D + 2)$

$\therefore H(D)L(D) = (D-1)(D+1)^2(D^2 + 2D + 2)^2 D^2$

gen. solution to $H(D)L(D)y = 0$

is

$$y(t) = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-t} + c_3 te^{-t} + c_4 e^{-t}\sin t + c_5 e^{-t}\cos t \\ + c_6 te^{-t}\sin t + c_7 te^{-t}\cos t + c_8 + c_9 t$$

terms that appear in $L(D)y = 0$

are D^2 terms $c_8, c_9 t$

$D^2 + 2D + 2$ $c_4 e^{-t}\sin t, c_5 e^{-t}\cos t$

$\therefore Y_p(t) = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-t} + c_3 te^{-t} + c_6 te^{-t}\sin t + c_7 te^{-t}\cos t$

gen solution is

$$y(t) = Y_p(t) + c_4 e^{-t}\sin t + c_5 e^{-t}\cos t + c_8 + c_9 t$$

The problem does not ask us to find the specific values for $c_1, c_2, c_3, c_6, -c_7$ in $Y_p(t)$.

Do #14, #16 using the method of annihilators.