Calculus (SC216) Tutorial 12 Solution Second Order Linear Equations

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1 Topics covered:

- General solution of homogeneous and and non-homogeneous differential equation.
- Use of known solution to fins another.
- Homogeneous equation with constant coefficient.
- Method of undetermined coefficient.
- Method of variation of parameters.
- Higher order linear equation.
- (1)(a) Verify that $y_1 = 1$ and $y_2 = x^2$ are solutions of the reduced equation $xy^{''} y^{'} = 0$ and write down the general solution. Solution:

 $y_2 = x^2 \Rightarrow y_2^{'} = 2x \text{ and } y_2^{''} = 2.$ $\Rightarrow xy_2^{''} - y_2^{'} = 0 \Rightarrow y_2 \text{ is a solution.}$ $G.S: C_1 + C_2x^2.$

(b) Determine the value of a for which $y_p = ax^3$ is a particular solution of the complete equation $xy'' - y' = 3x^2$. Use this solution and result of part (a) to write down the general solution of this equation. Solution:

$$y_p = ax^3 \Rightarrow y_p' = 3ax^2 \quad y_p'' = 6ax.$$

$$L.H.S \quad xy_p'' - y_p' = 6ax^2 - 3ax^2 = 3ax^2 = 3x^2 \quad (R.H.S).$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 1. \tag{1}$$

The equation is non-homogeneous.

The general solution of non-homogeneous equation = general solution of homogeneous equation + particular solution.

For general solution of homogeneous equation.

$$xy^{^{\prime\prime}}-y^{^{\prime}}=0.$$

As in (a) $y_1 = 1$ and $y_2 = x^2$ are the general solution.

$$\Rightarrow (G.S)_{nonhom} = C_1 + C_2 x^2 + x^3.$$

(C) Can you discover y_1, y_2 and y_p by inspection? Solution:

Yes

(2) Very that $y_1 = 1$ and $y_2 = log(x)$ are the solutions of the equation xy'' + y' = 0 and write down the general solution. Can you discover y_1 and y_2 by inspection? Solution:

$$y_2 = log(x) \Rightarrow y_2'' = \frac{-1}{x^2}..$$

 $xy_2'' + y_2' = \frac{-1}{x} + \frac{1}{x} = 0 \Rightarrow y_2 \text{ is the solution.}$ (2)

G.S: $C_1 + C_2 log(x)$.

(3). Use the inspection or experiment to find a particular solution for each of the following equation. (a) $x^3y^{''} - x^2y^{'} + xy = 1$.

Solution:

$$y_{p} = \frac{1}{2x} \Rightarrow y_{p}^{1} = \frac{-1}{2x^{2}} \Rightarrow y_{p}^{"} = \frac{1}{x^{3}}.$$

$$x^{3}y_{p}^{"} - x^{2}y_{p}^{'} + xy_{p} = 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow y_{p} = \frac{1}{2x}.$$

[we may start with $y_p = ax^n$]. (b) $y_{"} - 2y' = 6$.

Solution:

 $y_{''} - 2y^{'} = 6$ is not a function of $x \Rightarrow y^{''} \& y^{'}$ are not function of x.

$$y = ax \Rightarrow y^{'} = a \Rightarrow y^{''} = 0.$$

 $y^{''} - 2y^{'} = -2a = 6 \Rightarrow a = -3.$

(C)
$$y^{''} - 2y = sin(x)$$
.
Let $y = a \cdot sin(x) \Rightarrow y^{'} = a \cdot cos(x) \Rightarrow y^{''} = -a \cdot sin(x)$.
 $y^{''} - 2y = -a \cdot sin(x) - 2a \cdot sin(x) = -3a \cdot sin(x) = sin(x)$.
 $\Rightarrow a = \frac{-1}{3} & y_p = \frac{-sin(x)}{3}$.

(4). If $Y_1(x)$ and $y_2(x)$ are two solution of equation (2) (homogeneous) on an interval [a,b], and have a common zero in this interval, show that one is a constant multiple of the other. [Recall that a print x_0 is said to be a zero of a function $f(x_0) = 0$].

Solution:

y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = 0 is the homogeneous equation.

 $y = C_1 y_1(x) + C_2 y_2(x)$ is the general solution of it.

At some $x = x_0, x \in [a, b]$. $y_1(x_0) = y_2(x_0) = 0 = y(x_0)$.

Lemma 1 says, $w(y_1, y_2)$ is either identically zero or neither zero.

 $\Rightarrow w(y_1, y_2)$ s identically zero here.

 $y_1(x)$ and $y_2(x)$ are linearly dependent (lemma 2).

(5) By inspection or experiment, find the linearly independent solution of $x^2y^{"} - 2y = 0$ on the interval [1,2] and determine the particular solution satisfying the initial condition y(1) = 1, y'(1) = 8. Solution:

Solution: $x^2y^{"} - 2y = 0.$

$$y_1 = nx^2 \Rightarrow y_1' = 2nx \Rightarrow y_1'' = 2n.$$

 $x^2 y_1'' - 2y_1 = 2nx^2 - 2nx^2 = 0 \Rightarrow n = 1 \Rightarrow y_1 = x^2.$

 $y_2 = \frac{n}{x} \Rightarrow y_2^{'} = \frac{-n}{x^2} \Rightarrow y_2^{''} = \frac{2n}{x^3}.$

$$x^{2}y_{2}^{"}-2y_{2}=\frac{2n}{x^{3}}x^{2}-\frac{2n}{x}=0 \Rightarrow n=1 \Rightarrow y_{2}=\frac{1}{x}.$$
(3)

The G.S:
$$y = C_1 x^2 + C_2 \frac{1}{x}$$
.
 $y(1) = 1, y'(1) = 8$.
 $y(1) = C_1 + C_2 = 1 \to (1)$
 $y(x) = 2C_1(x) - \frac{C_2}{x^2}$
 $y'(1) = 2C_1 - C_2 = 8 \to (2)$
from (1) and (2), $C_1 = 3$ and $C_2 = -2$.
The P.I: $y(x) = 3x^2 - \frac{2}{x}$.

(6) (a)
$$y'' + (y')^2 = 0$$
. Method:1.

$$y' = p \Rightarrow y'' = p'.$$
$$p' + p^2 = 0$$
$$\frac{dp}{dx} = -p^2 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{p^2} dp = -dx$$

Take integration both side.

$$\frac{1}{p} = x + c$$

$$\frac{dx}{dy} = x + c$$

$$\frac{dx}{x+c} = dy$$

$$logx + c = y + c_2$$

$$y = logx + c + c_3$$

Method:2. independent variable x is missing:

$$y' = p \Rightarrow y'' = p'$$
$$\frac{dp}{dx} = \frac{dp}{dy}\frac{dy}{dx} = p\frac{dp}{dy}$$

The equation is:

$$y'' + (y')^{2} = 0$$
$$\frac{dp}{dx} + p^{2} = 0$$
$$p\frac{dp}{dy} + p^{2} = 0$$
$$\frac{dp}{dy} + p = 0$$

This is the linear equation $\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y + Q(x) = 0$ Here P(x) = 1, Q(x) = 0Solution:

$$e^{y} = c_1 x + c_2$$
$$y = log(x + c_1) + c_3$$

(c) It is proved that $y_1 = 1$ and $y_2 = log(x)$ are linearly independent solutions. To verify whether, $y = c_1 + c_2 log(x)$ is the solution

$$y' = \frac{c_2}{x}, y'' = \frac{-c_2}{x^2}$$
$$y'' + y'^2 = \frac{-c_2}{x^2} + \frac{c_2^2}{x^2} = \frac{c_2^2 - C_2}{x^2}$$

- (7) Use the wronskian to prove that two solutions of the homogeneous equation on an interval [a,b] are linearly dependent if (a) They have a common zero x_0 in the interval.
- (b) They have maxima or minima at the same point x_0 in the interval.

$$w(y_1, y_2) = y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1'$$

Solution: (a) $y_1(x_0) = y_2(x_0) = 0 \Rightarrow w(y_1, y_2) = 0$.

From Lemma $1 \to w(y_1, y_2)$ is identically zero.

From lemma $2 \to y_1, y_2$ are linearly dependent.

(b)
$$y_2'(x_0) = 0 = y_1'(x_0) \Rightarrow w(y_1, y_2) = 0.$$

 $\Rightarrow y_1 and y_2$ are linearly dependent.

- (8) Consider the two functions $f(x) = x^3$ and $g(x) = x^2$ on the interval [-1,1].
- (a) Show that their wronskian w(f,g) vanish identically.
- (b) show that f and g are not linearly dependent.
- (c) Do (a) and (b) contradict lemma 2? if not why not?

$$\rightarrow w(f,g) = fg' - gf'$$

Solution: (a) $f(x) = x^3$ and $g(x) = x^3 : x > 0$, and $g(x) = -x^3 : x < 0$.

$$w(f,g) = x^{3}(3x^{2}) - x^{3}(3x^{2}) = 0 \text{ if } x > 0$$
$$w(f,g) = x^{3}(-3x^{2}) - x^{3}(-3x^{2}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow w(f,g) = 0$$

(b)
$$w(f,g) = 0$$

$$f(x) = x^3 \text{ and } g(x) = x^2|x|$$

let
$$f(x) = kf(y)$$
 then k=1 x;0.

$$f(x) = kf(y)$$
 then k=-1 x;0.

- (c) (a) and (b) are in support with lemma 2.
- (9) The equation xy'' + 3y' = 0 has the one solution $y_1 = 1$. find y_2 and the general solution.

$$xy'' + 3y' = 0$$

$$y'' + \frac{3}{x}y' = 0$$

Here $p(x) = \frac{3}{x}$

$$V = \int \frac{1}{y_1^2} e^{-\int p dx} dx$$

$$V = \int e^{-\int \frac{3}{x} dx} dx$$

$$V = \int e^{-3log(x)} dx$$

$$V = \int \frac{1}{x^3} dx$$

$$V = \frac{-1}{2x^2}$$

 $y_2 = vy_1 \Rightarrow y_2$ and y_1 are linearly independent

General solution $y = c_1 + c_2 \frac{1}{x^2}$ (10) Find the solution of y'' - xf(x)y' + f(x)y = 0

Solution:

$$y'' - xf(x)y' + f(x)y = 0$$

Where P(x) = -xf(x) and Q(x) = f(x)

As the linear equation the solution is By inspection method, We can say that $y_1 = x$ is one of the solution. let

other solution is $y_2 = vy_1$.

$$V = \int \frac{1}{y_1^2} e^{-\int p dx} dx$$
$$V = \int \frac{1}{x^2} e^{\int x f(x) dx} dx$$

General solution is $y = c_1 x + \int \frac{1}{x^2} e^{\int x f(x) dx} dx$

(11) Find the general solution of each of the following equation: (a) y'' - 4y' + 4y = 0let $y = e^{mx}$ is the solution.

$$y' = me^{mx} \text{ and } y'' = m^2 e^{mx}$$

 $(m^2 - 4m + 4)e^{mx} = 0$
 $(m^2 - 4m + 4) = 0 \Rightarrow m = 2, 2$

one of the solution is $y_1 = e^{2x}$. let other solution is $y_2 = vy_1$

$$V = \int \frac{1}{y_1^2} e^{-\int p dx} dx$$

$$V = \int \frac{1}{e^4 x} e^{-\int 4 dx} dx = x$$

Second solution is $y_2 = xe^{2x}$. General solution: $y = (c_1 + c_2 x)e^{2x}$ (b) 4y'' - 12y' + 9y = 0let $y = e^{mx}$ is the solution.

$$y' = me^{mx} \text{ and } y'' = m^2 e^{mx}$$

 $(m^2 - 3m + \frac{9}{4})e^{mx} = 0$
 $(m^2 - 3m + \frac{9}{4}) = 0 \Rightarrow m = \frac{3}{2}$

one of the solution is $y_1 = e^{\frac{3}{2}x}$. let other solution is $y_2 = vy_1$

$$V = \int \frac{1}{y_1^2} e^{-\int p dx} dx$$

$$V = \int e^{-\frac{3x}{2}} e^{-\int e^{3x/2} dx} dx$$
(4)

Second solution is $y_2 = xe^{\frac{3}{2}x}$.

General solution: $y = (c_1 + c_2 x)e^{\frac{3}{2}x}$

(c) y'' - 9y' + 20y = 0

let $y = e^{mx}$ is the solution.

$$y' = me^{mx} \text{ and } y'' = m^2 e^{mx}$$

 $(m^2 - 9m + 20)e^{mx} = 0$
 $(m^2 - 9m + 20) = 0 \Rightarrow m = 5, 4$

General solution: $y = c_1 e^{4x} + c_2 e^{5x}$.

(12) In this problem we present another way of discovering the second linearly independent solution of y'' +

py' + qy = 0 where p and q are constant. When the roots of the auxiliary equation are real and equal. (a) If $m_1 = m_2$, verify that the differential equation $y'' - (m_1 + m_2)y' + m_1m_2y = 0$ has $y = \frac{e^{m_1x} - e^{m_2x}}{m_1 - m_2}$ as a solution.

(c) Verify that the limit in part (b) sastisfy the differential equation obtained from the equation in part(a) by replacing m_1 by m_2 .

Solution: (a) $y'' + py' + qy = 0 \to (1)$. $y'' - (m_1 + m_2)y' + m_1m_2y = 0 \rightarrow (2).$ $y = e^{mx}$ be the solution of (1). $(m^2 + pm + q)e^{mx} = 0 \Rightarrow (m^2 + pm + q) = 0.$ As, $p = -(m_1 + m_2)$ and $q = (-m_1)(-m_2)$. m_1 and m_2 are solution of this differential equation.

General solution: $y = c_1 e^{m_1 x} + c_2 e^{m_2 x}$. Or $y = \frac{g}{m_1 m_2} e^{m_1 x} - e^{m_2 x}$ is also a solution.

Verify:

$$y = \frac{1}{m_1 - m_2} e^{m_1 x} - e^{m_2 x}$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{m_1 - m_2} m_1 e^{m_1 x} - m_2 e^{m_2 x}$$

$$y'' = \frac{1}{m_1 - m_2} m_1^2 e^{m_1 x} - m_2^2 e^{m_2 x}$$

Equation is $y'' - (m_1 + m_2)y' + m_1m_2y$

$$y'' - (m_1 + m_2)y' + m_1 m_2 y = \frac{1}{m_1 - m_2} m_1^2 e^{m_1 x} - m_2^2 e^{m_2 x} - \frac{m_1 + m_2}{m_1 - m_2} m_1 e^{m_1 x} - m_2 e^{m_2 x} + \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 - m_2} e^{m_1 x} - e^{m_2 x}$$

$$= \frac{m_1^2 - (m_1 + m_2)m_1 + m_1 m_2}{m_1 - m_2} e^{m_1 x} - \frac{m_2^2 - (m_1 + m_2)m_2 + m_1 m_2}{m_1 - m_2} e^{m_1 x} = 0$$

y is the solution.

(c)
$$y'' - (m_1 + m_2)y' + m_1m_2y = 0$$

$$y_2'' - (m_1 + m_2)y_2' + m_1m_2y_2 = (m_2 + m_2 + xm_2^2)e^{xm_2} - (m_1 + m_2)(1 + xm_2)e^{xm_2} + xm_1m_2e^{xm_2}$$

$$= (2m_2 + xm_2^2 - m_1 - m_2 - xm_1m_2 - xm_2^2 + xm_1m_2)$$

$$= (m_2 - m_1)e^{xm_2} = 0(asm_1 \to m_2)$$

(13) If $y_1(x)$ and $y_2(x)$ are solution of $y'' + p(x)y' + Q(x)y = R_1(x)$ and $y'' + p(x)y' + Q(x)y = R_2(x)$. Show that $y(x) = y_1(x) + y_2(x)$ is a solution of $y'' + p(x)y' + Q(x)y = R_1(x) + R_2(x)$. This is called the principle of superposition use this principle to find the general solution of

(a) $y'' + 4y = 4\cos(2x) + 6\cos(x) + 8x^2 - 4x$. $y_1(x)$ and $y_2(x)$ are the solution of the given equations. $y_1'' + p(x)y_1' + Q(x)y_1 = R_1(x).$ $y_2'' + p(x)y_2' + Q(x)y_2 = R_2(x).$ Let $y(x) = y_1(x) + y_2(x)$.

$$y'' + p(x)y' + Q(x)y = (y_1'' + y_2'') + p(x)(y_1' + y_2') + Q(x)(y_1 + y_2)$$
$$(y_1('') + p(x)y' + Q(x)y) + (y_2'' + p(x)y_2' + Q(x)y) = R_1(x) + R_2(x)$$

 $\Rightarrow y(x) = y_1(x) + y_2(x)$ is the solution.

(15). Find a particular solution of y'' - 2y' + y = 2x first by inspection and then by variation of parameters. Solution:

y'' - 2y' + y = 2x.

By inspection:

$$y_1 = ax + b \Rightarrow y_1' = a \Rightarrow y_1'' = 0.$$

 $y^{"'} - 2y^{'} + y = 2x = -2a + ax + b = 2x$
 $\Rightarrow a = 2, b = 2a = 4..$
 $so, y_p = 2x + 4..$

By variation of parameter:

 $y'' - 2y' + y = 0 \rightarrow homo \text{ General solution: } y = e^{mx}.$

$$\Rightarrow (m^{2} - 2m + 1)e^{mx} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (m - 1) = 0 \Rightarrow m = 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow y_{1} = C_{1}e^{x} + C_{2}xe^{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_{1} = e^{x} \Rightarrow y_{1}^{'} = e^{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_{2} = xe^{x} \Rightarrow y_{2}^{'} = xe^{x} + e^{x}$$

$$w(y_{1}, y_{2}) = y_{1}y_{2}^{'} - y_{2}y_{1}^{'} = e^{x}[xe^{x} + e^{x}] - xe^{x}[e^{x}] = e^{2x}$$

Variation of parameter:

$$v_{1} = \int \frac{-y_{2}R(x)}{w(y_{1}, y_{2})} dx = -\int \frac{xe^{x}2x}{e^{2x}} dx$$

$$= -\int 2x^{2}e^{-x} dx$$

$$= +2e^{-x}(x(x+2) + 2).$$

$$v_{1}y_{1} = 2(x^{2} + 2x + 2).$$
(5)

$$v_{2} = \int \frac{-y_{1}R(x)}{w(y_{1}, y_{2})} dx = -\int \frac{e^{x}2x}{e^{2x}} dx$$

$$= -\int 2xe^{-x} dx$$

$$= -2e^{-x}(x+1).$$

$$v_{2}y_{2} = -2x(x+1).$$
(6)

$$y_p = v_1 y_1 + v_2 y_2$$

$$= 2(x^2 + 2x + 2) - 2x(x+1)$$

$$y_p = 2x + 4$$
(7)

(16)(a) Show that the method of variation of parameters applied to the equation $y^{''} + y = f(x)$ leads to the particular solution $y_p(x) = \int_0^x \sin(x-t)dt$.

(b) Find the similar formula for a particular solution of equation $y'' + k^2 = f(k)$, where k is a positive constant. Solution:

(a) The general solution to y'' + y = 0 is $y = C_1 sin(x) + C_2 cos(x)$

$$\begin{split} y_1 &= \sin(x) \Rightarrow y_1^{'} = \cos(x) \quad y_2 = \cos(x) \Rightarrow y_2^{'} = -\sin(x). \\ w(y_1, y_2) &= y_1 y_2^{'} - y_2 y_1^{'} = -\sin^2(x) - \cos^2(x) = -1. \\ v_1 &= \int \frac{-y_2 R(x)}{w(y_1, y_2)} dx = -\int \frac{\cos(x) f(x)}{-1} dx = \int f(x) \cos(x) dx. \\ v_2 &= \int \frac{-y_1 R(x)}{w(y_1, y_2)} dx = \int f(x) \sin(x) dx. \\ y_p &= v_1 y_1 + v_2 y_2 = \sin(x) \int f(x) \cos(x) dx + \cos(x) \int f(x) \sin(x) dx. \end{split}$$

(b). $y^{''} + k^2 y = f(x)$, k is a positive constant. G.S to $y^{''} + k^2 y = 0$.

Let
$$y = e^{mx}$$
.
 $y'' + k^2 y = 0$.

$$\Rightarrow (m^2 + k^2)e^{mx} = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow m^2 + k^2 = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow m^2 = -k^2.$$

$$\Rightarrow m = \pm jk.$$

So $y_1 = e^{ikx}$ and $y_2 = e^{-jkx}$.

$$y_1 = (cos(kx) + isin(kx))$$
 and $y_2 = (cos(kx) - isin(kx))$.

To get the real solution: $\frac{y_1+y_2}{2}$ and $\frac{y_1-y_2}{2}$. G.S: $y=C_1cos(kx)+C_2sin(kx)$.

 $y'' + k^2 y = f(x).$

Variation of parameter:

$$v_1 = \int \frac{y_2 R(x)}{w(y_1, y_2)}.$$

Here, $y_1 = cos(kx) \Rightarrow y_1^{'} = -ksin(kx)$. $y_2 = sin(kx) \Rightarrow y_1^{'} = kcos(kx)$. $w(y_1, y_2) = y_1y_2^{'} - y_2y_1^{'} = +k$.

$$v_1 = \int \frac{\sin(kx)f(x)}{k} dx.$$
$$v_2 = \int \frac{1}{k} f(x)\cos(kx) dx.$$

$$y_p = v_1 y_1 + v_2 y_2.$$

$$= \frac{1}{k} cos(kx) \int sin(kx) f(x) dx + \frac{1}{k} sin(kx) \int f(x) cos(kx) dx.$$

$$y_p = \frac{1}{k} \int_0^k f(t) sin(tx) dt.$$

(17). Find the general solution of the following. $y^{'''} - y = 0$. Solution:

$$y^{'''} - y = 0.$$

Let $y = e^{mx}$.

$$\Rightarrow (m^{3} - 1)e^{mx} = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow (m - 1)(m^{2} + m + 1) = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow (m - 1)(m + (\frac{1}{2} - j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}))(m - (\frac{-1}{2} - j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})) = 0.$$

$$m = 1, m = \frac{-1}{2} + j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \text{ and } m = \frac{-1}{2} - j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}.$$

$$y = C_{1}e^{x} + C_{2}e^{\frac{-x}{2}} \left[C_{3}cos(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}) + C_{4}sin(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}) \right].$$

(18) Find the particular solution using successive integration method. $y^{''}-y=e^{-x}.$

Solution:

$$(D^2 - 1)y = e^{-x}.$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{(D+1)(D-1)}e^{-x}.$$

$$\frac{1}{D-1}e^{-x} = e^{x} \int e^{-x}e^{-x}dx = e^{x} \int e^{-2x}dx = \frac{-1}{2}e^{-x}.$$

$$\frac{1}{D+1}\left(\frac{1}{D-1}e^{-x}\right) = e^{-x} \int e^{x}\left(\frac{-1}{2}e^{-x}\right)dx = e^{-x}\left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)x.$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{-1}{2}(1+x)e^{-x}.$$

(19) Find a particular solution by using series expansions of operators method: $4y^{''} + y = x^4$. Solution:

$$4y'' + y = x^{4}.$$

$$\Rightarrow (4D^{2} + 1)y = x^{4}.$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{1 + 4D^{2}}x^{4}.$$

$$= (1 - 4D^{2} + 16D^{4} - 64D^{6} + \cdots)x^{4}.$$

$$= x^{4} - 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot x^{2} + 16 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1.$$

$$y = x^{4} - 48x^{2} + 384.$$