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(p.111) 3.1.3. Nonhomogeneous EquationsGeneral Solution is :

$$y = c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x) + \dots + c_n y_n(x) + y_p$$

where  $c_i, i=1, 2, \dots, n$  are arbitrary constants

$$\therefore y = y_c(x) + y_p(x) \text{ where}$$

$y_c(x)$  is the complementary function  
and  $y_p(x)$  is any particular solution

Superposition Principle:

Let  $y_{p1}, y_{p2}, \dots, y_{pk}$  be particular solutions of the general form of a nonhomogeneous D.E. on the interval  $I$ , corresponding to  $k$  distinct functions  $g_1, g_2, \dots, g_k$  that is

$$a_n(x)y^n + a_{n-1}(x)y^{n-1} + \dots + a_1(x)y' + a_0(x)y = g_i(x)$$

where  $i=1, 2, \dots, k$  then,

$$y_p = y_{p1}(x) + y_{p2}(x) + \dots + y_{pk}(x)$$

is a particular solution of;

$$\begin{aligned} a_n(x)y^n + a_{n-1}(x)y^{n-1} + \dots + a_1(x)y' + a_0(x)y \\ = g_1(x) + g_2(x) + \dots + g_k(x). \end{aligned}$$

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p113 Example 11: Superposition Principle.Verify that  $y_{p_i}$  are particular solutions:

$$y_{p_1} = -4x^2 \rightarrow y'' - 3y' + 4y = -16x^2 + 24x - 8$$

$$y_{p_2} = e^{2x} \rightarrow y'' - 3y' + 4y = 2e^{2x}$$

$$y_{p_3} = xe^x \rightarrow y'' - 3y' + 4y = 2xe^x - e^x$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad y' = -8x, \quad y'' = -8$$

$$-8 + 24x - 16x^2 = -16x^2 + 24x - 8 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad y' = 2e^{2x}, \quad y'' = 4e^{2x}$$

$$4e^{2x} - 6e^{2x} + 4e^{2x} = 2e^{2x} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad y' = xe^x + e^x, \quad y'' = xe^x + e^x + e^x$$

$$xe^x + 2e^x - 3xe^x - 3e^x + 4xe^x = 2xe^x - e^x$$

$$2xe^x - e^x = 2xe^x - e^x \quad \checkmark$$

From the superposition principle  
the combination:  $y = y_{p_1} + y_{p_2} + y_{p_3}$

OR  $y = -4x^2 + e^{2x} + xe^x$  is a solution

$$\text{of } y'' - 3y' + 4y = \underbrace{-16x^2 + 24x - 8}_{y_{p_1}} + \underbrace{2e^{2x}}_{y_{p_2}} + \underbrace{2xe^x - e^x}_{y_{p_3}}$$



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$$y = C_1 x^{-1/2} + C_2 x^{-1} + \frac{1}{15} x^2 - \frac{1}{6} x$$

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is the general solution to:

$$2x^2 y'' + 5xy' + y = x^2 - x$$

$$y' = -\frac{1}{2} C_1 x^{-3/2} - C_2 x^{-2} + \frac{2}{15} x - \frac{1}{6}$$

$$y'' = +\frac{3}{4} C_1 x^{-5/2} + 2C_2 x^{-3} + \frac{2}{15}$$

$$2x^2 \left\{ \frac{3}{4} C_1 x^{-5/2} + 2C_2 x^{-3} + \frac{2}{15} \right\}$$

$$+ (-5x) \left( -\frac{1}{2} C_1 x^{-3/2} - C_2 x^{-2} + \frac{2}{15} x - \frac{1}{6} \right)$$

$$+ C_1 x^{-1/2} + C_2 x^{-1} + \frac{1}{15} x^2 - \frac{1}{6} x = x^2 - x$$

$$\frac{6}{4} C_1 x^{-5} + 4C_2 x^{-1} + \frac{4}{15} x^2$$

$$= \frac{5}{2} C_1 x^{-1/2} - 5C_2 x^{-1} + \frac{2}{3} x - \frac{5}{6} x$$

$$+ C_1 x^{-1/2} +$$

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But if we use Super position...

$$y_1(x) = C_1 x^{-1/2}, \quad y_1'(x) = -\frac{1}{2} C_1 x^{-3/2}$$

$$y_2(x) = C_2 x^{-1}, \quad y_2'(x) = -C_2 x^{-2}$$

homogeneous Equation is:

$$2x^2 y'' + 5x y' + y = 0$$

$$y_1(x): y_1''(x) = +\frac{3}{4} C_1 x^{-5/2} \quad \text{so}$$

$$2x^2 \left( \frac{3}{4} C_1 x^{-5/2} \right) + 5x \left( -\frac{1}{2} C_1 x^{-3/2} \right) + C_1 x^{-1/2} = 0$$

$$\frac{3}{2} x^{-1/2} - \frac{5}{2} x^{-1/2} + \frac{2}{2} x^{-1/2} = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

Now try  $y_2(x)$ ...

$$\text{and } y_p(x) = \frac{1}{15} x^2 - \frac{1}{6} x \quad \text{is a}$$

particular solution to the  
non homogeneous equation.



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p.115 3.2 Reduction of Order

Consider the differential equation in standard form:

$$y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = 0$$

Let  $y_1(x)$  be a solution on the interval  $I$  and that  $y_1(x) \neq 0$  for every  $x$  on the interval.

Product  
Rule

If we define  $y = u(x)y_1(x)$ , then

$$\rightarrow y' = u y_1' + y_1 u', \quad y'' = u y_1'' + 2y_1' u' + y_1 u''$$

$$\therefore y'' + P y' + Q y = u [y_1'' + P y_1' + Q y_1] + y_1 u'' + (2y_1' + P y_1) u' = 0$$

but  $y_1'' + P y_1' + Q y_1 = 0$  so

$$y_1 u'' + 2(y_1' + P y_1) u' = 0; \text{ let } \boxed{w = u'}$$

$$\therefore y_1 w' + (2y_1' + P y_1) w = 0$$

Order has been reduced from second order to first order via the substitution to  $w$ .

The equation is now separable!!

$$y_1 w' + 2y_1' w + P y_1 w = 0$$

$$w' + \frac{2y_1'}{y_1} w + P(x)w = 0$$

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$$\frac{dw}{dx} + \frac{2y_1'}{y_1} w + Pw = 0$$

Rewrite

$$\left\{ \frac{dw}{w} + \frac{2y_1'}{y_1} dx + Pdx = 0 \right.$$

Integrate

$$\left\{ \ln|w| + \int \frac{2}{y_1} \frac{dy_1}{dx} dx + \int P dx = 0 \right.$$

$$\ln|w| + 2\ln|y_1| + \int P dx = C$$

$$\ln|wy_1^2| + \int P dx = C$$

$$\ln|wy_1^2| = -\int P dx + C$$

$$wy_1^2 = C e^{-\int P dx}$$

$$w = \frac{C e^{-\int P dx}}{y_1^2}, \text{ but } w = u'$$

$$u' = \frac{C e^{-\int P dx}}{y_1^2}$$

$$u = \int \frac{C e^{-\int P dx}}{y_1^2(x)} dx + C, \quad y = u(x) y_1(x)$$

$$\frac{y}{y_1} = \int \frac{C e^{-\int P dx}}{y_1^2(x)} dx$$

$$\boxed{y_2 = y_1(x) \int \frac{C e^{-\int P(x) dx}}{y_1^2(x)} dx} \text{ is a}$$

Solution to  $y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$   
and  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are independent for  $y_1 \neq 0$



Example (#4, p.117)

Solve by reduction of order formula;

$$y'' + 9y = 0, \quad y_1 = \sin 3x, \quad \text{Given } \underline{\underline{\text{No } P(x)!}}$$

$$\text{let } y = u(x) y_1(x) = u \sin 3x$$

$$y' = 3u \cos 3x + u' \sin 3x$$

$$y'' = -9u \sin 3x + 3u' \cos 3x + u'' \sin 3x + 3u' \cos 3x$$

$$= -9u \sin 3x + 6u' \cos 3x + u'' \sin 3x$$

Substituting:

$$u'' \sin 3x + 6 \cos 3x u' - 9u \sin 3x + 9u \sin 3x = 0$$

$$\therefore u'' \sin 3x + 6 \cos 3x u' = 0$$

$$\text{let } w = u', \quad w' = u''$$

$$\therefore w' \sin 3x + 6 \cos 3x w = 0$$

$$w' + \frac{6 \cos 3x}{\sin 3x} w = 0$$

First  
order  
ODE!

$$\left\{ w' + 6 (\cot 3x) w = 0 \right.$$

Integrating factor is:

$$e^{\int P dx} \quad \text{where } P = 6 \cot 3x$$

$$\therefore e^{\int 6 \cot 3x dx} = e^{6 \left[ \frac{1}{3} \ln |\sin 3x| \right]}$$

$$= e^{2 \ln |\sin 3x|} = \sin^2 3x$$

$$\therefore \frac{d}{dx} [(\sin^2 3x) w] = 0, \quad (\sin^2 3x) w = C$$

$$w = u' = C \csc^2 3x, \quad u = C \cot 3x$$

$$\therefore y_2 = \cot 3x \sin 3x = \cos 3x$$

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Example (#10, p. 117)

Solve by reduction of order formula  
or find a second solution to:

$$x^2 y'' + 2xy' - 6y = 0, \text{ Given: } y_1 = x^2$$

$$y'' + \frac{2}{x} y' - \frac{6}{x^2} y = 0$$

Since  $P(x) = \frac{2}{x}$  we can use  
the integrating factor:

$$e^{-\int P(x) dx} = e^{-2 \ln |x|} = x^{-2}$$

$$\therefore y_2(x) = y_1(x) \int \frac{C e^{-\int P(x) dx}}{y_1^2(x)} dx$$

$$= x^2 \int \frac{C x^{-2}}{x^4} dx = x^2 \left( -\frac{C}{5} \right) x^{-5}$$

$$y_2(x) = -\frac{C}{5} x^{-3} = \frac{C}{x^3} \quad (\text{any constant works here})$$

A second solution is

$$\boxed{y_2(x) = \frac{C}{x^3}}$$

Why?  
It satisfies  
the ODE!



We show that our formula works!

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Example (#10, p.117) (The Hard Way)

$$x^2 y'' + 2xy' - 6y = 0, y_1 = x^2$$

$$y'' + \frac{2}{x} y' - \frac{6}{x^2} y = 0$$

$$P(x) = \frac{2}{x}, \quad e^{\int P(x) dx} = e^{2 \ln|x|} = x^2$$

$$\text{let } y_2 = u(x)y_1 = u x^2$$

$$y' = 2ux + u'x^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} y'' &= 2u + 2xu' + u''x^2 + 2u'x \\ &= 2u + 4xu' + u''x^2 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting:

$$\begin{aligned} x^2(u''x^2 + 4xu' + 2u) + 2x(u'x^2 + 2ux) \\ - 6ux^2 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x^4 u'' + 4x^3 u' + 2ux^2 + 2x^3 u' + 4ux^2 \\ - 6ux^2 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$x^4 u'' + 6x^3 u' = 0$$

$$u'' + \frac{6}{x} u' = 0, \text{ let } w = u'$$

$$w' + \frac{6}{x} w = 0 \leftarrow \text{Standard Form}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [x^6 w] = 0, \quad x^6 w = C = x^6 u'$$

$$u = -\frac{1}{5} C x^{-5}, \quad y = C x^{-5} x^2, \quad \boxed{y_2 = C x^{-3}}$$

Proof!