

## Homogeneous Equation

$$a_n(x)y^{(n)} + a_{n-1}(x)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_1(x)y' + a_0(x)y = 0$$

The general solution

$$y = C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2 + \dots + C_n y_n$$

where  $\{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$  is a fundamental set of solutions, i.e.

(1)  $n$  solutions  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$

(2)  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$  are linearly indep.

$$(C \Rightarrow W(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \neq 0)$$

## Nonhomogeneous equation

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

Thm 3.6 IF  $y_p$  is a particular solution of (K) and  $y = C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2 + \dots + C_n y_n$  is the general solution of the associated homo eqn:

$$y = C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2 + \dots + C_n y_n + y_p$$

Ex. Solve  $y''' - 5y'' + 2y' + 8y = 8x^2 + 4x - 16$

Solution: (1) Need a particular solution

$y_p$ : Given that  $y_p = x^2$  is a part. solution

(2) Need to solve the associated homo.

$$\text{eq'n : } y''' - 5y'' + 2y' + 8y = 0$$

Given that:  $y_1 = e^{-x}$ ,  $y_2 = e^{2x}$ ,  $y_3 = e^{4x}$  are linearly indep. solutions

$$y = C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2 + C_3 y_3 = C_1 e^{-x} + C_2 e^{2x} + C_3 e^{4x}$$

(3) The general solution of the homo. eq'n.

$$y = C_1 e^{-x} + C_2 e^{2x} + C_3 e^{4x} + x^2$$

Example

Verify that  $y = C_1 e^{-x} + C_2 e^{3x} - \frac{4}{3}x + \frac{23}{9}$  is the general solution of:  $y'' - 2y' - 3y = 4x - 5$

Solution

(1) Verify that:  $y_p = -\frac{4}{3}x + \frac{23}{9}$

is a particular solution of:  $y'' - 2y' - 3y = 4x - 5$

(2) Verify that:  $y = C_1 e^{-x} + C_2 e^{3x}$

is the general solution for the associated homo eq'n:

$$y'' - 2y' - 3y = 0 \quad \therefore \text{e. both } y_1 = e^{-x}, y_2 = e^{3x} \text{ are}$$

linearly independent solutions of  $y'' - 2y' - 3y = 0$

$$(1) y_p' = -\frac{4}{3}, y_p'' = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= y_p'' - 2y_p' - 3y_p = 0 - 2(-\frac{4}{3}) - 3(-\frac{4}{3}x + \frac{23}{9}) \\ &= \frac{8}{3} + 4x - \frac{23}{3} = 4x - 5 \end{aligned}$$

RHS =  $4x - 5$ . So  $y_p = -\frac{4}{3}x + \frac{23}{9}$  is a solution

(2)  $y_1 = e^{-x}$ ,  $y_2 = e^{3x}$  are two solutions

of  $y'' - 2y' - 3y = 0$ :

$$\text{LHS} = y_1'' - 2y_1' - 3y_1 = e^{-x} - 2(-e^{-x}) - 3e^{-x} = 0 = \text{RHS}$$

$$\text{RHS} = y_2'' - 3y_2 = 9e^{3x} - 2(3e^{3x}) - 3e^{3x} = 0 = \text{RHS}$$

$$\begin{aligned} W(e^{-x}, e^{3x}) &= \begin{vmatrix} e^{-x} & e^{3x} \\ -e^{-x} & 3e^{3x} \end{vmatrix} = 3e^{3x} \cdot e^{-x} - e^{3x}(-e^{-x}) \\ &= 3e^{2x} + e^{2x} \\ &= 4e^{2x} \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore e^{-x}, e^{3x}$  are linearly indep.

(3) So  $y = C_1 e^{-x} + C_2 e^{3x} - \frac{4}{3}x + \frac{23}{9}$

is the general solution of the original eq'n

### 3.2 Reduction of Order (homo.)

$$a_2(x)y'' + a_1(x)y' + a_0(x)y = 0$$

If  $y_1 \neq 0$  is a solution, how to Find a Second solution  $y_2$  such that  $\{y_1, y_2\}$  Form a Fundamental set of solutions.

$y_1$  is a solution,  $cy_1$  is a solution for any constant, but  $y_1, cy_1$  are linearly dependent.  $u(x)y_1 = y_2$ ?

Ex. Given that  $y_1 = x^3$  is a solution of  $x^2y'' - 6y = 0$ . Find a second solution  $y_2$  on  $(0, \infty)$  such that  $y_1, y_2$  Form a Fundamental set of solutions.

Solution: Find a function  $u(x)$  such that

$$y_2 = u(x)y_1 \text{ is a solution, } u(x) = ?$$

$$x^2(uy_1)'' - 6(uy_1) = 0 \quad (\text{solve it for } u(x))$$

$$y_2' = (uy_1)' = (u \cdot x^3)' = u'x^3 + u \cdot 3x^2$$

$$y_2'' = (uy_1)'' = u''x^3 + u'3x^2 + u'3x^2 + u6x \\ = u''x^3 + 6x^2u' + 6xu$$

$$x^2[u''x^3 + 6x^2u' + 6xu] - 6ux^3 = 0 \quad [\text{Eq'n}]$$

$$x^2(u''x^3 + 6x^2u') = 0 \quad x^4(u''x + 6u')$$

$$xu'' + 6u' = 0, \quad [\text{substitution}] \quad w = u'$$

$$xw' + 6w = 0 \quad w' = u''$$

First-order linear eq'n.

### 3.2 Reduction of Order (cont'd)

$$W' + 6/x W = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (e^{\int 6/x dx} W) = 0 \cdot e^{\int 6/x dx} = 0$$

$$e^{6 \ln x} \cdot W = C$$

$$W = Cx^{-6}$$

$$u' = Cx^{-6}$$

$$u = \frac{Cx^{-6+1}}{-6+1} + C$$

$$u(x) = -\frac{x^5}{5}$$

$$y_2 = \frac{1}{5}x^5 \cdot x^3 = \frac{-x^{-2}}{5}$$

$$e^{6 \ln x} = (e^{\ln x})^6 = x^6$$

$$u = \int Cx^{-6} dx$$

$$a_2(x)y'' + a_1(x)y' + a_0(x)y = 0 \quad [- \div a_2(x)]$$

Standard Form

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

Let  $y_1 \neq 0$  be a solution

Let  $y_2 = u(x)y_1$  for some  $u(x)$

$$(uy_1)'' + P(x)(uy_1)' + Q(x)(uy_1) = 0$$

Solve it for  $u(x)$

$$(uy_1)' = u'y_1 + uy_1'$$

$$(uy_1)'' = u''y_1 + u'y_1' + u'y_1' + uy_1''$$

$$= u''y_1 + 2u'y_1' + uy_1''$$

$$[u''y_1 + 2u'y_1' + uy_1''] + P(x)[u'y_1 + uy_1'] + Q(x)uy_1 = 0$$

$$u(y_1'' + P(x)y_1' + Q(x)y_1)$$

$$y_1 u'' + P(x)y_1 u' + 2u'y_1' = 0$$

$$y_1 u'' + [P(x)y_1 + 2y_1']u' = 0$$

Substitution:  $W = u'$ ,  $W' = u''$

$$y_1 W' + [P(x)y_1 + 2y_1']W = 0 \quad - \text{First order}$$

$$W' + (P(x) + 2/y_1 \cdot y_1')W = 0 \quad \rightarrow$$

$$d/dx (e^{\int p(x) dx} + 2y_1/y_1 \cdot dx \cdot W) = 0$$

$$e^{\int p(x) dx} + 2 \ln|y_1| \cdot W = C$$

( $y_1$  is a function of  $x$ )

$$e^{\int p(x) dx} \cdot e^{2 \ln|y_1|} \cdot W = C$$

$$e^{\int p(x) dx} \cdot y_1^2 \cdot W = C$$

$$\hookrightarrow W = \frac{1}{y_1^2} \cdot e^{-\int p(x) dx}, \quad u' = \frac{1}{y_1^2} e^{-\int p(x) dx}$$

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

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

Ex. Given that  $y_1 = x^3$  is a solution of  
 $x^2 y'' - 6y = 0$

Find the general solution

$$p(x) = 0$$

Solution:  $y_2 = y_1 \int \frac{e^{-\int p(x) dx}}{y_1^2} dx$   
 $= x^3 \int \frac{e^{-\int 0 dx}}{(x^3)^2} dx$

$$y_2 = x^3 \int \frac{e^0}{x^6} dx = x^3 \int \frac{1}{x^6} dx$$

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

The general solution:

$$y = C_1 x^3 + C_2 (-1/5 x^{-2})$$

$$y = C_1 x^3 + C_2 x^{-2}$$

OR

Ex. Given that  $y_1 = x^4$  is a solution

$$x^2 y'' - 2xy' - 4xy = 0$$

Find the general solution.

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

$$P(x) = ?$$

$$P(x) = \frac{-2}{x} \quad (\text{don't miss the sign})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int e^{\int P(x) dx} dx &= e^{\int -2/x dx} \\ &= e^{-2 \ln|x|} \\ &= x^{-2} \end{aligned}$$

$$y'' - \frac{2xy'}{x^2} - \frac{4xy}{x^2} = 0$$

$$y'' - \frac{2}{x} y' - \frac{4}{x} y = 0$$

$$y_2 = x^4 \int \frac{e^{-\int -2/x dx}}{(x^4)^2} dx$$

$$= x^4 \int \frac{x^2}{x^8} dx$$

$$\Rightarrow x^4 \int x^{-6} dx = x^4 \cdot \left( \frac{x^{-6+1}}{-6+1} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{5} x^{-1} \quad \text{or } y_2 = x^{-1}$$

The general solution

$$y = C_1 x^4 + C_2 x^{-1}$$

Ex. Use the example above, solve

$$x^2 y'' - 2xy' - 4y = x$$

Solution (i) solve the associated homo. eq'n.

$$x^2 y'' - 2xy' - 4y = 0$$

From the example above:  $y = C_1 x^4 + C_2 x^{-1}$

(2) To Find a particular Solution,  $y_p$ ,

let  $y_p = u(x)y_1$ , For some  $u(x)$ ,  $y_1 = x^4$

$$x^2(uy_1)'' - 2x(uy_1)' - 4(uy_1) = x \quad (\text{solve it for } u(x))$$

$$(uy_1)' = u'y_1 + uy_1'$$

$$(uy_1)'' = u''y_1 + u'y_1' + u'y_1' + uy_1'' \\ = u''y_1 + 2u'y_1' + uy_1''$$

$$x^2[u''y_1 + 2u'y_1' + \cancel{uy_1''}] - 2x[u'y_1 + \cancel{uy_1'}] - 4[\cancel{uy_1}] \\ u(x^2y_1'' - 2xy_1' - 4y_1)$$

$$x^2y_1 u'' + 2xy_1' - 2xy_1 u' = x, \quad \boxed{\begin{matrix} y_1 = x^4 \\ y_1' = 4x^3 \end{matrix}}$$

$$x^2 \cdot x^4 \cdot u'' + (2x^2 \cdot 4x^3 - 2x \cdot x^4)u' = x$$

$$x^6 u'' + 6x^5 u' = x$$

$$xu'' + 6u' = x \cdot 1/x^5 \\ = 1/x^4$$

$$xu'' + 6u' = x^{-4} \quad \text{Reduction of order}$$

$$\text{Sub. } w = u', \quad w' = u''$$