

Practical 6

Solving a differential equation by
variation of parameter method

1 $y'' + y = \tan(x)$

The general solution is given by:

$$y = y_c + y_p$$

where y_c is a complementary
function and y_p is a particular
integral

For y_c : we solve the corresponding
homogeneous equation using ode2

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(%i1) ode2('diff(y,x,2) + y = 0, y, x);
(%o1) y = %k1 sin(x) + %k2 cos(x)

(%i13) y1(x) := sin(x);
      y2(x) := cos(x);

      A: matrix ( [y1(x), y2(x)],
                  [diff(y1(x),x), diff(y2(x),x)]
                  );

      W: determinant(A);          /*Wronskian*/

(%o10) y1(x) := sin(x)
(%o11) y2(x) := cos(x)
(%o12)  $\begin{pmatrix} \sin(x) & \cos(x) \\ \cos(x) & -\sin(x) \end{pmatrix}$ 
(%o13)  $-\sin(x)^2 - \cos(x)^2$ 
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Let $y_p = v_1(x)y_1(x) + v_2(x)y_2(x)$
where v_1 and v_2 are given by

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→ v1 : integrate(-tan(x)* y2(x)/ W , x);
   v2 : integrate(tan(x)* y1(x)/ W , x);

(%o16) -cos(x)
(%o17)  $-\frac{\log(\sin(x)+1)}{2} + \frac{\log(\sin(x)-1)}{2} + \sin(x)$ 
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(%i18) yp: v1* y1(x) + v2 * y2(x);
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(%o18) cos(x) \left( -\frac{\log(\sin(x)+1)}{2} + \frac{\log(\sin(x)-1)}{2} + \sin(x) \right) -
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$$\cos(x) \sin(x)$$

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→ ratsimp(%); /* simplify previous expression*/
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(%o19) - \frac{\cos(x) \log(\sin(x)+1) - \cos(x) \log(\sin(x)-1)}{2}
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Therefore, general solution is

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y= %k1 sin(x) + %k2 cos(x) -
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$$(\cos(x)\log(\sin(x)+1) - \cos(x)\log(\sin(x)-1))/2$$

$$2 \quad x^2 y'' + x y' - y = x^2 \exp(x)$$

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(%i20) ode2(x^2 * 'diff(y,x,2) + x* 'diff(y,x) - y = 0, y, x);
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(%o20) y= %k2 x - \frac{%k1}{2 x}
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(%i24) y1(x) := x;
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y2(x) := 1/x;
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A: matrix ( [y1(x), y2(x)],
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$$[\text{diff}(y1(x), x), \text{diff}(y2(x), x)]$$

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);
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W: determinant(A);
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(%o21) y1(x) := x
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(%o22) y2(x) := \frac{1}{x}
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(%o23) \left( \begin{array}{cc} x & \frac{1}{x} \\ 1 & -\frac{1}{x^2} \end{array} \right)
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(%o24) - \frac{2}{x}
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(%i26) v1 : integrate(-x^2 * exp(x)* y2(x)/ (x^2 * W) , x);
      v2 : integrate(x^2 * exp(x)* y1(x)/ (x^2 * W) , x);
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$$(\%o25) \frac{e^x}{2}$$

$$(\%o26) - \frac{(x^2 - 2x + 2) e^x}{2}$$

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(%i29) yp: v1* y1(x) + v2 * y2(x);
      ratsimp(%);
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$$(\%o28) \frac{x e^x}{2} - \frac{(x^2 - 2x + 2) e^x}{2x}$$

$$(\%o29) \frac{(x-1) e^x}{x}$$

3 $y'' + a^2 y = \sec(ax)$ a is non-zero

4 $y'' - 2y' + y = x \exp(x) \log(x)$; $x > 0$

5 $y'' - y = 2 \exp(x) / (1 + \exp(x))$

6 $y'' - 2y' + y = \exp(x) \arcsin(x)$
(Hint: Use $\operatorname{asin}(x)$)

