

Workshop 11

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1 Question 1

Suppose $p(t), q(t)$ are continuous functions on (a, b) Consider $x'' + px' + qx = 0$
Given any two differentiable functions $x_1(t), x_2(t)$, define the function $W(t) = x_1(t)x_2'(t) - x_1'(t)x_2(t)$ Called the Wronskian

Assuming these are two solutions of the DE for t in (a, b) show that $W'(t) = -p(t)W(t)$. Use this to show $W(t) = 0$ or $W(t) \neq 0$ for all t in (a, b)

Solution:

$$W(t) = x_1(t)x_2'(t) - x_1'(t)x_2(t)$$

$$W'(t) = x_1'x_2' + x_1x_2'' - x_1'x_2' - x_1''x_2$$

$$W'(t) = x_1x_2'' - x_1''x_2$$

$$W'(t) = x_1(-px_2' - qx_2) - x_2(-px_1' - qx_1)$$

$$W'(t) = -px_1x_2' - qx_1x_2 + px_1x_2' + qx_1x_2$$

$$W'(t) = -p(x_1x_2' - x_1'x_2)$$

$$W'(t) = -pW(t)$$

Now, we know that $W'(t) = -pW(t)$ we can "solve" for $W(t)$ by integrating both sides.

$$\int \frac{dW(t)}{W(t)} = \int -p(t)dt$$

$$\ln |W(t)| = - \int p(t)dt + C$$

$$W(t) = e^{-\int p(t)dt} C$$

We see from prior experience that this solution is existant and unique for all time t in (a, b)

Thus, $W(t) = 0$ (an equilibrium solution) or $W(t) \neq 0$ for all t in (a, b)

2 Question 2

Consider the DE $x'' + px' + qx = r$ where $p(t), q(t), r(t)$ are continuous functions on (a, b)

Let $x_1(t), x_2(t)$ be two solutions of the DE for t in (a, b) such that $W(t) \neq 0$ for all t in (a, b)

Let $Y(t) = c_1(t)x_1(t) + c_2(t)x_2(t)$

Assume $c'_1x_1 + c'_2x_2 = 0$. Show $c'_1x'_1 + c'_2x'_2 = r(t)$

Conclude that we get a formula for $c'_1(t), c'_2(t)$

Solution:

$$Y(t) = c_1(t)x_1(t) + c_2(t)x_2(t)$$

$$Y'(t) = c_1x'_1 + c_2x'_2$$

$$Y''(t) = c'_1x'_1 + c_1x''_1 + c'_2x'_2 + c_2x''_2$$

$$Y''(t) + pY'(t) + qY(t) = r$$

$$c'_1x'_1 + c_1x''_1 + c'_2x'_2 + c_2x''_2 + pc_1x'_1 + pc_2x'_2 + qc_1x_1 + qc_2x_2 = r$$

$$c'_1x'_1 + c'_2x'_2 + c_1(x''_1 + px'_1 + qx_1) + c_2(x''_2 + px'_2 + qx_2) = r$$

$$c'_1x'_1 + c'_2x'_2 = r$$

As desired.

Now, we can solve for $c'_1(t), c'_2(t)$ by considering the matrix representation of the above equations.

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ x'_1 & x'_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c'_1 \\ c'_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ r \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} c'_1 \\ c'_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x'_2 & -x_2 \\ -x'_1 & x_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ r \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{W(t)}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} c'_1 \\ c'_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -x_2r \\ x_1r \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{W(t)}$$

As desired.

3 Question 3

Set up the ODE as $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -q & -p \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ r \end{bmatrix}$

Notice $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x'_1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ x'_2 \end{bmatrix}$ are two LI solution of the homogenous part. Do the integral in the Duhamels fomular and extract first component. Compare to the Previous Question.

Solution:

From Duhamels formula in terms of flow we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
X(t) &= \Phi_{t,0}X_0 + \int_0^t \Phi_{t,s}r(s)ds \\
X(t) &= \Phi_{t,0}X_0 + M(t) \int_0^t M(s)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ r(s) \end{bmatrix} ds \\
X(t) &= \Phi_{t,0}X_0 + \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) & x_2(t) \\ x'_1(t) & x'_2(t) \end{bmatrix} \int_0^t \begin{bmatrix} x_2(s) & -x_2(s) \\ -x_1(s) & x_1(s) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ r(s) \end{bmatrix} ds \\
X(t) &= \Phi_{t,0}X_0 + \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) & x_2(t) \\ x'_1(t) & x'_2(t) \end{bmatrix} \int_0^t \begin{bmatrix} c'_1(s) \\ c'_2(s) \end{bmatrix} ds \\
X(t) &= \Phi_{t,0}X_0 + \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) & x_2(t) \\ x'_1(t) & x'_2(t) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1(t) \\ c_2(t) \end{bmatrix} \\
X(t) &= \Phi_{t,0}X_0 + \begin{bmatrix} c_1(t)x_1(t) + c_2(t)x_2(t) \\ c_1(t)x'_1(t) + c_2(t)x'_2(t) \end{bmatrix} \\
X(t) &= \Phi_{t,0}X_0 + Y(t)
\end{aligned}$$