

The general second order linear D.E. is

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + P(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + Q(x) y = R(x) \quad (1)$$

In general we do not know the explicit soln.

So we want to know existence & uniqueness

Theorem Let $P(x)$, $Q(x)$ & $R(x)$ be cont. fns. on a closed interval. If $x_0 \in [a, b]$ & if y_0 & y'_0 are any numbers whatever then (1) has one and only one soln. $y(x)$ on the entire interval s.t. $y(x_0) = y_0$ & $y'(x_0) = y'_0$.

Example Find the soln. of the IVP (Initial Value problem)

$$y'' + y = 0, \quad y(0) = 0 \quad \text{&} \quad y'(0) = 1$$

□ We know $y = \sin x$ & $y = \cos x$

in general $y = c_1 \sin x + c_2 \cos x$ are all solns. of this D.E. but only $y = \sin x$ is the soln. that satisfies the initial conditions

Similarly, $y = \cos x$ is the only soln. of the following IVP

$$y'' + y = 0, \quad y(0) = 1 \quad \text{&} \quad y'(0) = 0.$$

B.V.P. If in eqn (1) we put the conditions of

the form $y(x_0) = y_0$ & $y(x_1) = y_1$ for $x_0, x_1 \in [a, b]$ such a problem is called Boundary Value problem (B.V.P.)

— Eqⁿs of the type

Reduced
↓ Eqⁿ

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0 \quad (2)$$

are called homogeneous eqⁿs.

if $R(x) \neq 0$ in (1) we call it a non homo. eqⁿ.

— **Theorem**

If $y_g(x, c_1, c_2)$ is the general soln of the reduced eqⁿ (2) & y_p is any particular soln. (P.S.) of the complete eqⁿ (1) Then $y_g + y_p$ is the general soln. of (1).

□ Note that $y(x) - y_p(x)$

Suppose $y(x)$ is any soln. of (1) then note that $y(x) - y_p(x)$ is a soln. of (2)

For ~~y~~ $(y - y_p)'' + p(x)(y - y_p)' + q(x)(y - y_p)$
 $= [y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y] - [y_p'' + p(x)y_p' + q(x)y_p]$
 $= R(x) - R(x) = 0$

~~\therefore~~ $y_g(x, c_1, c_2)$ is the G.S. of (2)

$$\Rightarrow y(x) - y_p(x) = y_g(x, c_1, c_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow y(x) = y_g(x, c_1, c_2) + y_p(x)$$

— **Theorem**

If $y_1(x)$ & $y_2(x)$ are two solutions of (2)
then $c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x)$ is also a soln. for any consts. c_1, c_2

□ Prove it yourself.



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Remark

The above theorem tells us that the linear combination of two solutions of homogenous eqn. is also a soln.

The soln. given by above theorem will be general if y_1 & y_2 are l.i. (linearly independent) soln. (Recall your Algebraic 5th class)
i.e., if $\not\exists$ a const. λ s.t. $y_1 = \lambda y_2$
(does not exist)

Recall Wronskian of two functions!

$$W(y_1, y_2) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y'_1 & y'_2 \end{vmatrix} = y_1 y'_2 - y_2 y'_1$$

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0 \quad (*)$$

Lemma 1 If $y_1(x)$ & $y_2(x)$ are any two solns. of $(*)$ on $[a, b]$ then their Wronskian $W = W(y_1, y_2)$ is either identically zero or never zero on $[a, b]$.

$$\square \quad \therefore W = y_1 y'_2 - y_2 y'_1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow W' &= y_1 y''_2 + y'_1 y'_2 - y_2 y''_1 - y'_2 y'_1 \\ &= y_1 y''_2 - y_2 y''_1 \end{aligned}$$

Now both y_1 & y_2 are solns. of (*) we have

$$y''_1 + p y'_1 + q y_1 = 0$$

$$\& y''_2 + p y'_2 + q y_2 = 0$$

Multiply first by y_2 & second by y_1 & subtract to get $(y_1 y''_2 - y_2 y''_1) + p(y_1 y'_2 - y_2 y'_1) = 0$

$$\text{or } \frac{dW}{dx} + pW = 0$$

\Rightarrow G.S. of this first order eqn. is

$$W = c \cdot e^{-\int p dx} \neq 0 \Rightarrow W = 0 \text{ if } c = 0 \quad \text{③} \quad \& \neq 0 \text{ if } c \neq 0$$

Lemma 2 If $y_1(x)$ & $y_2(x)$ are two solutions of $y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = 0$ on $[a, b]$ then they are linearly independent on $[a, b]$ iff their Wronskian $W(y_1, y_2) := y_1y_2 - y_2y_1' = 0$.

□ Proof is left as an exercise! (Hint: Assume $y_2 = c_1 y_1$)

Theorem Let $y_1(x)$ & $y_2(x)$ be l.i. solns of the homo eqn $y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = 0$ on $[a, b]$. Then $c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x)$ is the general soln. in the sense that any soln. can be obtained from this by suitable choice of arbitrary const. c_1, c_2 .

Example Show that $y = c_1 \sin x + c_2 \cos x$ is the G.S. of $y'' + y = 0$ on any interval & find the P.S. for which $y(0) = 2$ & $y'(0) = 3$

□ $y_1 = \sin x$ & $y_2 = \cos x$ is a soln. (Verify.)

$$\text{and } W(y_1, y_2) = \boxed{-1 \neq 0}$$

$\Rightarrow y_1$ & y_2 are l.i.

$\Rightarrow y = c_1 \sin x + c_2 \cos x$ is a G.S.

$$\Rightarrow y = c_1 \sin x + c_2 \cos x \text{ but } y(0) = 2$$

To find the P.S. put $y(0) = 2$ & $y'(0) = 3$

gives

$$c_1 \sin 0 + c_2 \cos 0 = 2$$

$$c_1 \cos 0 - c_2 \sin 0 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow c_2 = 2 \text{ & } c_1 = 3$$

$\Rightarrow y = 3 \sin x + 2 \cos x$ is a P.S.