

Wronskian

Assume a ODE with the solutions $y_1 = e^x \cos^2 x$, $y_2 = e^{-x} \cos^2 x$. How to find the Wronskian?

$$W = \begin{pmatrix} e^{x} \cos^{2} x & e^{-x} \cos^{2} x &$$

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Set-up ODE

How to find the ODE with previous solutions:

$$\bar{A}(x)y'' + \bar{B}(x)y' + \bar{C}()y = 0$$

- Here we have 3 unknwons but only 2 equations?
- divide by the coefficients $(-\bar{C}(x))$ (this coefficients cannot be zero, otherwise we would see $y_1 = \text{const.}$)

Hence

$$A(x)y'' + B(x)y' - y = 0$$

or

$$Ay_1'' + By_1' = y_1$$

 $Ay_2'' + By_2' = y_2$

is a linear system

Hint for all labs: Cramer's rule

- systematic method for solving of linear problems
- · elegant for two unknowns:

$$a_{11}X_1 + a_{12}X_2 = b_1$$

 $a_{21}X_1 + a_{22}X_2 = b_1$

is solved by

$$X_{1} = \frac{\det \begin{pmatrix} b_{1} & a_{12} \\ b_{2} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}}{\det \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}} \quad X_{2} = \frac{\det \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & b_{1} \\ a_{21} & b_{2} \end{pmatrix}}{\det \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}}$$

- Where to use for ODE:
 - initial values
 - variation of constants (Wronskian is the nominator)
 - setup of ODE for given solutions y_1 and y_2

- ...

- expressions are linear in X_1 and X_2 , but a_{ij} and b_i can be very complicated expressions (remember linearity of determinants)
- elegant if the matrix contains parameters/functions
- (helpfull if not all unknowns are required)

Cramer's rule here
$$A = X_1$$
 and $B = X_2$

$$y_1'' = e^x \cos^2 x - 4e^x \cos x \sin x - 2e^x (-\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x) = e^x (-\cos^2 x - 4\cos x \sin x + 2\sin^2 x))$$

$$y_2'' = e^{-x} \cos^2 x + 4e^{-x} \cos x \sin x - 2e^{-x} (-\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x) = e^{-x} (-\cos^2 x + 4\cos x \sin x + 2\sin^2 x)$$

$$N = \det \begin{pmatrix} y_1'' & y_1' \\ y_2'' & y_2' \end{pmatrix} = e^{x-x} \begin{pmatrix} (-\cos^2 x - 4\cos x \sin x + 2\sin^2 x) & \cos^2 x - 2\cos x \sin x \\ (-\cos^2 x + 4\cos x \sin x + 2\sin^2 x) & -\cos^2 x - 2\cos x \sin x \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$= \cos^4 x + 2\cos^3 x \sin x + 4\cos^3 x \sin x + 8\cos^2 x \sin^2 x - 2\cos^2 x \sin^2 x - 4\cos x \sin^3 x$$

$$\cos^4 x - 2\cos^3 x \sin x - 4\cos^3 x \sin x + 8\cos^2 x \sin^2 x - 2\cos^2 x \sin^2 x + 4\cos x \sin^3 x$$

$$= 2\cos^4 x + 12\cos^2 x \sin^2 x$$

SO

$$A = \frac{\det \begin{pmatrix} y_1 & y_1' \\ y_2 & y_2' \end{pmatrix}}{N} = \frac{W}{N} = \frac{-2\cos^4 x}{2\cos^4 x + 12\cos^2 x \sin^2 x} = \frac{-\cos^2 x}{\cos^2 x + 6\sin^2 x}$$

$$B = \frac{\det \begin{pmatrix} y_1'' & y_1 \\ y_2'' & y_2 \end{pmatrix}}{N} = \frac{-\frac{dW}{dx}}{N} = \frac{-(-8\cos^3 x(-\sin x))}{2\cos^4 x + 12\cos^2 x\sin^2 x} = \frac{-4\cos x\sin x}{\cos^2 x + 6\sin^2 x}$$

for *B* we used:

$$-\frac{\mathrm{d}W}{\mathrm{d}x} = \frac{\mathrm{d}\{y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1'\}}{\mathrm{d}x} = -(y_1' y_2' + y_1 y_2'' - y_2' y_1' - y_2 y_1'')$$

Hence, we find the ODE

$$-\frac{\cos^2 x}{\cos^2 x + 6\sin^2 x}y'' - \frac{4\cos x \sin x}{\cos^2 x + 6\sin^2 x}y' - y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^2 xy'' + 4\cos x \sin xy' + (6\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x)y = 0$$



Substitution of argument

- a) Find **via substitution** a differential equation with the two solutions $y_1 = \sqrt{\frac{x-1}{x+1}}$ and $y_2 = \sqrt{\frac{x+1}{x-1}}$ based on a Euler-Cauchy equation with adequate coefficients. The answer should be given in the form: $a(x)y'' + b(x)y' 1 \cdot y = 0$.
- b) Determine the Wronskian of y_1 and y_2 .
- c) Calculate the particular solution which fulfills y(2) = 10 and y'(2) = -5.



Problem can be solved by substitution or linear systems. According to the question, substitution is expected here!

We need a Euler ODE with the solutions t and t^{-1}

$$t^{2}\ddot{y} + t\dot{y} - y = 0$$
$$\mu(\mu - 1) + \mu - 1 = \mu^{2} - 1 = 0$$

subsitution and chain rule

$$t := y_1 = \sqrt{\frac{x-1}{x+1}}$$

$$\frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{x+1}{x-1}} \frac{(x+1) - (x-1)}{(x+1)^2} = \frac{1}{y_1} \frac{1}{(1+x)^2} = y_2 \frac{1}{(1+x)^2}$$

$$\dot{y} = \frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}t} = \frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x} \frac{1}{\frac{\mathrm{d}t}{\mathrm{d}x}} = y'((x+1)^2) \sqrt{\frac{x-1}{x+1}} = y'((x+1)^2) y_1$$

$$\begin{split} \frac{\mathrm{d}\dot{y}}{\mathrm{d}t} &= \frac{\mathrm{d}y'}{\mathrm{d}x} \frac{1}{\frac{\mathrm{d}t}{\mathrm{d}x}} = \left(y'((x+1)^2)\sqrt{\frac{x-1}{x+1}}\right)'((x+1)^2)\sqrt{\frac{x-1}{x+1}} = \left(y'((x+1)^2)y_1\right)'((x+1)^2)y_1 = \\ &= \left(y''(x+1)^2\sqrt{\frac{x-1}{x+1}} + y'\left(2(x+1)\right)\sqrt{\frac{x-1}{x+1}} + y'(x+1)^2\sqrt{\frac{x+1}{x-1}} \frac{1}{(x+1)^2}\right)(x+1)^2\sqrt{\frac{x-1}{x+1}} \\ &= \left(y''(x+1)^4\frac{x-1}{x+1} + y'\left(2(x+1)^3\right)\frac{x-1}{x+1} + y'(x+1)^4\frac{1}{(x+1)^2}\right) = \\ &= \left(y''(x+1)^4y_1^2 + y'\left(2(x+1)^3\right)y_1^2 + y'(x+1)^4\frac{1}{(x+1)^2}\right) \end{split}$$

insert into ODE

$$\left(y''(x+1)^4 \frac{(x-1)^2}{(x+1)^2} + y' \left(2(x+1)^3\right) \frac{(x-1)^2}{(x+1)^2} + y'(x+1)^4 \frac{(x-1)}{(x+1)^3}\right) + y'((x+1)^2) \frac{x-1}{x+1} - y = 0$$

$$\left(y''(x^2-1)^2 + 2y'(x^2-1)(x-1) + y'(x^2-1)\right) - y = 0$$

$$y''(x^2 - 1)^2 + 2y'x(x^2 - 1) - y = 0$$



Wronskian

$$W = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\frac{x-1}{x+1}} & \sqrt{\frac{x+1}{x-1}} \\ \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{x+1}{x-1}}\frac{(x+1)1-(x-1)}{(x+1)^2} & \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{x-1}{x+1}}\frac{(x-1)1-(x+1)}{(x-1)^2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\frac{x-1}{x+1}} & \sqrt{\frac{x+1}{x-1}} \\ \sqrt{\frac{x+1}{x-1}}\frac{1}{(x+1)^2} & \sqrt{\frac{x-1}{x+1}}\frac{-1}{(x-1)^2} \end{pmatrix} = \\ = -\frac{1}{(x-1)^2}\frac{x-1}{x+1} - \frac{1}{(x+1)^2}\frac{x+1}{x-1} = -\frac{2}{x^2-1}$$



initial values

$$y(2) = A\sqrt{\frac{2-1}{2+1}} + B\sqrt{\frac{2+1}{2-1}} = A\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} + B\sqrt{3} = 10$$

$$y'(2) = A\sqrt{\frac{2+1}{2-1}} \frac{1}{(2+1)^2} + B\sqrt{\frac{2-1}{2+1}} \frac{-1}{(2-1)^2} = A\frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}} - B\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = -5$$

$$-\frac{1}{3}y(2) = -\frac{A}{3\sqrt{3}} - B\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = -\frac{10}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow B = -\frac{-15-10}{3\cdot 2}\sqrt{3} = \frac{25}{2\sqrt{3}}$$

$$A = -\frac{5}{2}\sqrt{3}$$