

10/18 - Second Order Linear DE

recall $F(t, y, y', y'') = 0$ (e.g. $y + y' + y'' = 0$)

$y'' = f(t, y, y')$ (normal form)

note: changed my α to β

def - 2nd order linear DE $\Leftrightarrow y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = g(t)$

when $g(t) = 0$, DE is homogeneous

\rightarrow forcing term

thm - Existence & Uniqueness for 2nd order linear DE

suppose $p(t), q(t)$ are continuous on interval (α, β)

then for initial condition (y_1, y_2)

there is one and only one solution $y(t)$ to

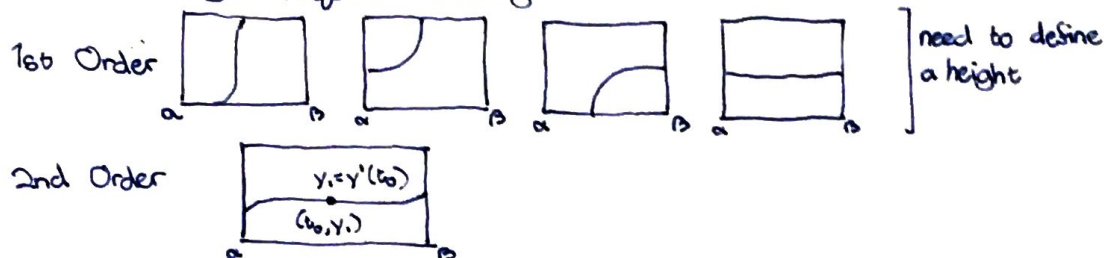
$$y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = g(t) \quad ; \quad y_1 = y(t_0), y_2 = y'(t_0), t_0 \in (\alpha, \beta)$$

remark - $y'' = -p(t)y' - q(t)y + g(t)$

$$= f(y', y, t) \quad \leftarrow \text{why isn't it } f(t, y, y')$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial (y')} = -p(t) \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -q(t)$$

note, we no longer require rectangle



thm - 1st order linear DE $y = y_p + C y_h$

2nd order linear DE $y = y_p + C_1 y_{h1} + C_2 y_{h2}$

(where y_{h1} and y_{h2} are linearly independent solutions to $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0$)

def - two functions $u(x)$ and $v(x)$ are linearly independent

on (α, β) if $u(x) \neq c v(x)$ and $v(x) \neq c u(x)$; $c \in \mathbb{R}$

prop - suppose $u(t), v(t)$ are 2 solutions to the homogeneous equation

1) u and v are linearly independent $\Leftrightarrow W(x) = \begin{vmatrix} u & u' \\ v & v' \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$ on (α, β)

2) u and v are linearly dependent $\Leftrightarrow W(x) \equiv 0$ on (α, β)

thm - 2nd order linear homogeneous DE $y'' + py' + qy = 0$, then

general solution is $y = C_1 y_{n1} + C_2 y_{n2}$ (y_{n1} and y_{n2} are linearly independent)

proof - 1) if y_{n1}, y_{n2} are solutions $\Rightarrow C_1 y_{n1} + C_2 y_{n2}$ is a solution \checkmark

2) b/c y_{n1} and y_{n2} are linearly independent, $W(x) \neq 0$ on (α, β)

let $y(t)$ be a solution of DE, $y(t_0) = y_0$, $y'(t_1) = y_1$

now consider

$$\left. \begin{aligned} C_1 y_{n1}(t_0) + C_2 y_{n2}(t_0) &= y_0 \\ C_1 y_{n1}'(t_1) + C_2 y_{n2}'(t_1) &= y_1 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{ might be what he wrote}$$

\exists some C_1, C_2 satisfy the linear system

$$\text{we let } y_3 = C_1 y_{n1} + C_2 y_{n2} \Rightarrow y_3(t_0) = y_0 = y(t_0)$$

$$y_3' = C_1 y_{n1}' + C_2 y_{n2}' \Rightarrow y_3'(t_1) = y_1 = y'(t_1)$$

therefore, y_3 must be equal to y by E/U