

THEOREM Principle of Superposition for Homogeneous Eq.

Assume that y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n are n solutions of the homogeneous linear equation

$$y^{(n)} + p_1(x) y^{(n-1)} + \dots + p_{n-1}(x) y' + p_n(x) y = 0$$

on the interval I . Then, the linear combination

$$y = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2 + \dots + c_n y_n \quad (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n: \text{constants})$$

is also a solution of the d.e. on I .

PROOF: Since y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n are solutions, then

$$y_1^{(n)} + p_1 y_1^{(n-1)} + \dots + p_{n-1} y_1' + p_n y_1 = 0$$

$$y_2^{(n)} + p_1 y_2^{(n-1)} + \dots + p_{n-1} y_2' + p_n y_2 = 0$$

$$y_n^{(n)} + p_1 y_n^{(n-1)} + \dots + p_{n-1} y_n' + p_n y_n = 0$$

$$(c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2 + \dots + c_n y_n)^{(n)} + p_1 (c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2 + \dots + c_n y_n)^{(n-1)} + \dots$$

$$+ p_{n-1} (c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2 + \dots + c_n y_n)' + p_n (c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2 + \dots + c_n y_n)$$

$$= c_1 (y_1^{(n)} + p_1 y_1^{(n-1)} + \dots + p_{n-1} y_1' + p_n y_1)$$

$$+ c_2 (y_2^{(n)} + p_1 y_2^{(n-1)} + \dots + p_{n-1} y_2' + p_n y_2)$$

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$$+ c_n (y_n^{(n)} + p_1 y_n^{(n-1)} + \dots + p_{n-1} y_n' + p_n y_n) = 0 //$$

(Ex) $y_1 = e^{-3x}$, $y_2 = \cos 2x$, $y_3 = \sin 2x$ are solutions of

$$y^{(3)} + 3y'' + 4y' + 12y = 0$$

$$y_1 = e^{-3x} \Rightarrow y_1' = -3e^{-3x}, y_1'' = 9e^{-3x}, y_1^{(3)} = -27e^{-3x}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_1^{(3)} + 3y_1'' + 4y_1' + 12y_1 = (-27 + 3 \cdot 9 - 4 \cdot 3 + 12) e^{-3x} = 0$$

$$y_2 = \cos 2x \Rightarrow y_2' = -2\sin 2x, y_2'' = -4\cos 2x, y_2^{(3)} = 8\sin 2x$$

$$\Rightarrow y_2^{(3)} + 3y_2'' + 4y_2' + 12y_2 = (-3 \cdot 4 + 12) \cos 2x + (8 - 4 \cdot 2) \sin 2x = 0$$

$$y_3 = \sin 2x \Rightarrow y_3' = 2 \cos 2x, y_3'' = -4 \sin 2x, y_3^{(3)} = -8 \cos 2x$$

$$\Rightarrow y_3^{(3)} + 3y_3'' + 4y_3' + 12y_3 = (-8 + 4 \cdot 2) \cos 2x + (-34 + 12) \sin 2x = 0$$

Thus, any linear combination of y_1, y_2 and y_3 is also a solution of the d.e.

$$y = c_1 e^{-3x} + c_2 \cos 2x + c_3 \sin 2x.$$

THEOREM Existence and Uniqueness for Linear Eq.

Let p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n and f be continuous functions on the open interval I containing the point a and let the n numbers b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{n-1} be given. Then the n th order linear equation

$$y^{(n)} + p_1(x) y^{(n-1)} + \dots + p_{n-1}(x) y' + p_n(x) y = f(x)$$

has a unique (one and only one) solution on I that satisfies the n initial conditions

$$y(a) = b_0, y'(a) = b_1, \dots, y^{(n-1)}(a) = b_{n-1}.$$

(Ex) $y^{(3)} + 3y'' + 4y' + 12y = 0$, $y = c_1 e^{-3x} + c_2 \cos 2x + c_3 \sin 2x$

$$y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 1, y''(0) = -13$$

$$y(0) = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 + c_2 = 0$$

$$y' = -3c_1 e^{-3x} - 2c_2 \sin 2x + 2c_3 \cos 2x, y'(0) = 1 \Rightarrow -3c_1 + 2c_3 = 1$$

$$y'' = 9c_1 e^{-3x} - 4c_2 \cos 2x - 4c_3 \sin 2x, y''(0) = -13 \Rightarrow 9c_1 - 4c_2 = -13$$

$$\begin{cases} c_1 + c_2 = 0 \\ 9c_1 - 4c_2 = -13 \end{cases} \Rightarrow c_1 = -c_2 \Rightarrow -9c_2 - 4c_2 = -13 \Rightarrow c_2 = 1 \Rightarrow c_1 = -1$$

$$-3c_1 + 2c_3 = 1 \Rightarrow +3 + 2c_3 = 1 \Rightarrow c_3 = -1$$

$$y = -e^{-3x} + \cos 2x - \sin 2x$$

The theorem above implies that there is no other solution which satisfies the same initial values.

(Ex) Existence and uniqueness theorem for linear eq. implies that $y=0$ is the only solution of the hom. eq.

$$y^{(n)} + p_1 y^{(n-1)} + \dots + p_{n-1} y' + p_n y = 0 \quad (*)$$

that satisfies the trivial initial conditions

$$y(a) = y'(a) = \dots = y^{(n-1)}(a) = 0.$$

Now, let's consider the d.e. $x^2 y'' - 4xy' + 6y = 0$ with the initial conditions $y(0) = y'(0) = 0$.

As you can easily verify that the trivial solution $y=0$ satisfies the d.e with these initial conditions. But so do $y=x^2$ and $y=x^3$.

Does this contradict with the theorem?

the answer is no. This happens because when we write the d.e in the form of (*) we get

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

for which $p_1(x) = -4/x$ and $p_2(x) = 6/x^2$ are not continuous on an open interval containing the point $x=0$.

LINEAR INDEPENDENCE OF FUNCTIONS

f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n are linearly independent on I if

$$c_1 f_1 + c_2 f_2 + \dots + c_n f_n = 0$$

only when $c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_n = 0$ for all $x \in I$.

If you have 2 functions f and g , check if f/g or g/f is a constant valued func. on I . If so, they are linearly dependent.

$$\frac{f}{g} = c \Rightarrow f = c g.$$

Ex $f(x) = \sin x$, $g(x) = \cos x \Rightarrow \frac{f}{g} = \tan x \Rightarrow f, g: \text{Lin. indep.}$
 $f(x) = \sin 2x$, $g(x) = \sin x \cdot \cos x \Rightarrow \frac{f}{g} = 2 \Rightarrow f, g: \text{Lin. dep.}$

WROSKIAN $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n: (n-1)$ times diff. func.

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} f_1 & f_2 & \dots & f_n \\ f_1' & f_2' & \dots & f_n' \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ f_1^{(n-1)} & f_2^{(n-1)} & \dots & f_n^{(n-1)} \end{vmatrix} \rightarrow \text{Wroskian}$$

THEOREM Wroskians of Solutions

Let y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n be the n solutions of the hom. n th order linear equation

$$y^{(n)} + p_1(x) y^{(n-1)} + \dots + p_{n-1}(x) y' + p_n(x) y = 0$$

on an open int. I where p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n are all continuous.

- * If y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n are Lin. dependent, then $w(y_1, \dots, y_n) = 0$ on I .
- * If y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n are Lin. independent, then $w(y_1, \dots, y_n) \neq 0$ for $\forall x \in I$.

PROOF: $c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2 + \dots + c_n y_n = 0$

$$c_1 y_1' + c_2 y_2' + \dots + c_n y_n' = 0$$

$$\vdots$$

$$c_1 y_1^{(n-1)} + c_2 y_2^{(n-1)} + \dots + c_n y_n^{(n-1)} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} y_1 & y_2 & \dots & y_n \\ y_1' & y_2' & \dots & y_n' \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ y_1^{(n-1)} & y_2^{(n-1)} & \dots & y_n^{(n-1)} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{coeff. matrix } n \times n} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix}_{n \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_{n \times 1}$$

We know that a hom. $n \times n$ Lin. system of equations has a nontrivial solution (at least one of c_k is nonzero) if and only if its coeff. matrix is not invertible. $\Rightarrow W=0$.

$\Rightarrow y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$: Lin. dependent

$$** \quad w' = -p_1(x)w \Rightarrow w(x) = Ke^{-\int p_1(x) dx} \quad \begin{matrix} \nearrow K=0 \Rightarrow w=0 \\ \searrow K \neq 0 \Rightarrow w \neq 0 \end{matrix}$$

$$\textcircled{\text{Ex}} \quad w(\sin x, \cos x) = \begin{vmatrix} \sin x & \cos x \\ \cos x & -\sin x \end{vmatrix} = -\sin^2 x - \cos^2 x = -1 \neq 0$$

$\Rightarrow y_1 = \sin x, y_2 = \cos x$ Lin indep.

$$\begin{aligned} w(\sin 2x, \sin x \cos x) &= \begin{vmatrix} \sin 2x & \sin x \cos x \\ 2\cos 2x & \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \sin 2x (\cos^2 x - \sin^2 x) - \cos 2x \cdot 2\sin x \cos x \\ &= \sin 2x \cos 2x - \cos 2x \sin 2x = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow y_1 = \sin 2x, y_2 = \sin x \cos x$ Lin dep.

$$\textcircled{\text{Ex}} \quad y^{(3)} + p_1 y'' + p_2 y' + p_3 y = 0, \quad y_1, y_2, y_3$$

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 & y_3 \\ y_1' & y_2' & y_3' \\ y_1'' & y_2'' & y_3'' \end{vmatrix} = y_1(y_2' y_3'' - y_2'' y_3') - y_2(y_1' y_3'' - y_1'' y_3') + y_3(y_1' y_2'' - y_1'' y_2')$$

$$\begin{aligned} W' &= y_1'(y_2' y_3'' - y_2'' y_3') + y_1(y_2'' y_3''' + y_2' y_3^{(3)} - y_2^{(3)} y_3' - y_2'' y_3'') \\ &\quad - y_2'(y_1' y_3'' - y_1'' y_3') - y_2(y_1'' y_3'' + y_1' y_3''' - y_1^{(3)} y_3' - y_1'' y_3'') \\ &\quad + y_3'(y_1' y_2'' - y_1'' y_2') + y_3(y_1'' y_2''' + y_1' y_2^{(3)} - y_1^{(3)} y_2' - y_1'' y_2'') \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= y_1'(y_2' y_3'' - y_2'' y_3') + y_1(y_2' y_3^{(3)} - y_2^{(3)} y_3') - y_2'(y_1' y_3'' - y_1'' y_3') - y_2(y_1' y_3^{(3)} - y_1^{(3)} y_3') \\ &\quad + y_3'(y_1' y_2'' - y_1'' y_2') + y_3(y_1'' y_2^{(3)} - y_1^{(3)} y_2') = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 & y_3 \\ y_1' & y_2' & y_3' \\ y_1^{(3)} & y_2^{(3)} & y_3^{(3)} \end{vmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$y_1^{(3)} = -p_1 y_1'' - p_2 y_1' - p_3 y_1$$

$$y_2^{(3)} = -p_1 y_2'' - p_2 y_2' - p_3 y_2$$

$$y_3^{(3)} = -p_1 y_3'' - p_2 y_3' - p_3 y_3$$

$$W' = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 & y_3 \\ y_1' & y_2' & y_3' \\ -p_1 y_1'' - p_2 y_1' - p_3 y_1 & -p_1 y_2'' - p_2 y_2' - p_3 y_2 & -p_1 y_3'' - p_2 y_3' - p_3 y_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 & y_3 \\ y_1' & y_2' & y_3' \\ -p_1 y_1'' & -p_1 y_2'' & -p_1 y_3'' \end{vmatrix} = -p_1 W$$

$$W' = -p_1 W \Rightarrow \frac{dW}{W} = -p_1 dx \Rightarrow \ln W = -\int p_1 dx \Rightarrow W = e^{-\int p_1 dx}$$

THEOREM General Solutions of Homogeneous Eq.

Let y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n be n linearly indep. solutions of the hom. eq.

$$y^{(n)} + p_1(x)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + p_{n-1}(x)y' + p_n(x)y = 0$$

on an open interval I where p_1, \dots, p_n are all continuous.

If y is any solution of the d.e., then there exist numbers c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n such that

$$y = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2 + \dots + c_n y_n$$

for all $x \in I$.

($y = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2 + \dots + c_n y_n$: general sol of the d.e.)

Ex $y'' - 4y = 0$

$y_1 = e^{2x}$ and $y_2 = e^{-2x}$ are solutions of the d.e.

$$W(y_1, y_2) = \begin{vmatrix} e^{2x} & e^{-2x} \\ 2e^{2x} & -2e^{-2x} \end{vmatrix} = -2 - 2 = -4 \neq 0 \Rightarrow y_1, y_2: \text{lin indep.}$$

$\Rightarrow y = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{-2x}$: general solution of the d.e.

$y_3 = \cosh 2x$ and $y_4 = \sinh 2x$ are also solutions of the d.e.

$$W(y_3, y_4) = \begin{vmatrix} \cosh 2x & \sinh 2x \\ 2\sinh 2x & 2\cosh 2x \end{vmatrix} = 2(\cosh^2 2x - \sinh^2 2x) = 2 \neq 0$$

$\Rightarrow y_3, y_4$: lin indep.

$\Rightarrow y_3, y_4$ can be written as a lin. combination of y_1 and y_2 .

$$\cosh 2x = \frac{1}{2} e^{2x} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-2x}, \quad \sinh 2x = \frac{1}{2} e^{2x} - \frac{1}{2} e^{-2x}$$

This means that there are 2 different basis for the solution space of the d.e. $\{e^{2x}, e^{-2x}\}$ and $\{\cosh 2x, \sinh 2x\}$.

\Rightarrow Every particular solution y can be written as a linear combination of both basis.

THEOREM Solutions of Nonhomogeneous Eq.

Let y_p be a particular solution of the nonhom. eq.

$$y^{(n)} + p_1(x) y^{(n-1)} + \dots + p_{n-1}(x) y' + p_n(x) y = f(x) \quad (*)$$

on an open interval I where p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n and f are all continuous. Let y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n be n linearly independent solutions of the associated homog. eq.

$$y^{(n)} + p_1(x) y^{(n-1)} + \dots + p_{n-1}(x) y' + p_n(x) y = 0.$$

If y is any solution of $(*)$ on I , then

$$y = c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x) + \dots + c_n y_n(x) + y_p(x)$$

for all $x \in I$.

$y_c(x)$: complementary function

HOMOGENEOUS EQUATIONS WITH CONSTANT COEFFICIENTS

$$a_n y^{(n)} + a_{n-1} y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_2 y'' + a_1 y' + a_0 y = 0, \quad (a_n \neq 0)$$

Offer a solution of the form $y = e^{rx}$

$$\underbrace{(a_n r^n + a_{n-1} r^{n-1} + \dots + a_2 r^2 + a_1 r + a_0)}_{=0} \underbrace{e^{rx}}_{\neq 0} = 0$$

Characteristic Equation

$$a_n r^n + a_{n-1} r^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 r + a_0 = 0$$

r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n : roots of the char. eq.

Real and Distinct Roots

$r_1 \neq r_2 \neq \dots \neq r_n$, all real

$$y = c_1 e^{r_1 x} + c_2 e^{r_2 x} + \dots + c_n e^{r_n x}$$

$$\{e^{r_1 x}, e^{r_2 x}, \dots, e^{r_n x}\}$$

↓
basis

Repeated Real Roots

r : repeated real root
of multiplicity k

$$y = (c_1 + c_2 x + \dots + c_k x^{k-1}) e^{rx}$$

$$\{e^{rx}, x e^{rx}, \dots, x^{k-1} e^{rx}\}$$

↓
basis

Complex Roots

$$r = a \pm ib \quad (b \neq 0)$$

$$y = e^{ax} (c_1 \cos bx + c_2 \sin bx)$$

$$\{e^{ax} \cos bx, e^{ax} \sin bx\}$$

↓
basis

Repeated Complex Roots

$r = a \pm ib$ of multiplicity of k

$$y = e^{ax} [(c_1 + c_2 x + \dots + c_k x^{k-1}) \cos bx + (c_1 + c_2 x + \dots + c_k x^{k-1}) \sin bx]$$

$$\{x^p e^{ax} \cos bx, x^p e^{ax} \sin bx\}$$

$$p = 0, 1, \dots, k-1$$

↓
basis

EX $y'' + 5y' + 6y = 0, y(0) = 2, y'(0) = 3$

$$r^2 + 5r + 6 = 0 \Rightarrow (r+2)(r+3) = 0 \Rightarrow r_1 = -2, r_2 = -3 \text{ (real dist.)}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2 e^{-3t} \Rightarrow y' = -2c_1 e^{-2t} - 3c_2 e^{-3t}$$

$$\begin{cases} y(0) = 2 \Rightarrow c_1 + c_2 = 2 \\ y'(0) = 3 \Rightarrow -2c_1 - 3c_2 = 3 \end{cases} \Rightarrow -c_2 = 7 \Rightarrow c_2 = -7 \Rightarrow c_1 = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 9e^{-2t} - 7e^{-3t}$$

EX $y^{IV} - y = 0$

$$r^4 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow (r+1)(r-1)(r^2+1) = 0 \Rightarrow r_1 = -1, r_2 = 1, r_{3,4} = \pm i$$

$$\Rightarrow y = c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 e^t + c_3 \cos t + c_4 \sin t$$

EX $9y^{(5)} - 6y^{(4)} + y^{(3)} = 0$

$$9r^5 - 6r^4 + r^3 = 0 \Rightarrow r^3(9r^2 - 6r + 1) = 0 \Rightarrow r^3(3r-1)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r_{1,2,3} = 0, r_{4,5} = 1/3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow y &= (c_1 + c_2 x + c_3 x^2) e^{0x} + (c_4 + c_5 x) e^{x/3} \\ &= c_1 + c_2 x + c_3 x^2 + (c_4 + c_5 x) e^{x/3} \end{aligned}$$

EX $Dy = y', D^2y = y'', \dots, D^n y = y^{(n)} \Rightarrow (D^2 + 6D + 13)^2 y = 0$

$$\Rightarrow (r^2 + 6r + 13)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \Delta = 36 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 13 = -16 = 16i^2$$

$$\Rightarrow r_{1,2} = \frac{-6 \pm 4i}{2} = -3 \pm 2i, \text{ multiplicity } k=2$$

$$\Rightarrow y = e^{-3x} [(c_1 + c_2 x) \cos 2x + (d_1 + d_2 x) \sin 2x]$$

nth order nonhom. Lin. equations with const. coeff.

$$a_0 y^{(n)} + a_1 y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_{n-1} y' + a_n y = f(x) \quad (1)$$

Find $y_c = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2 + \dots + c_n y_n$

Is $f(x)$ in the form of a polynomial $P_m(x)$, $P_m(x)e^{ax}$, $P_m(x)e^{ax}\cos bx$ or $P_m(x)e^{ax}\sin bx$?

Yes

No

Method of Undetermined Coeff.

Variation of Parameters

$f(x)$

y_p

$$P_m(x) = b_0 x^m + b_1 x^{m-1} + \dots + b_m$$

$$P_m(x)e^{ax}$$

$$P_m(x)e^{ax} \begin{cases} \cos bx \\ \sin bx \end{cases} \text{ or land}$$

$$x^s (A_0 x^m + \dots + A_m)$$

$$x^s (A_0 x^m + \dots + A_m) e^{ax}$$

$$x^s [(A_0 x^m + \dots + A_m) \cos bx + (B_0 x^m + \dots + B_m) \sin bx] e^{ax}$$

- Evaluate $w(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$
- Find $w_m(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$ for $m=1, 2, \dots, n$ where w_m is the determinant obtained by replacing the m th column of w with $(0, 0, \dots, 0, 1)$.
- $u_m(x) = \int f(x) \frac{w_m}{w} dx, m=1, 2, \dots, n$
- $y_p = u_1 y_1 + u_2 y_2 + \dots + u_n y_n$

Here s is the smallest nonnegative integer for which every term in y_p differs from every term in y_c .

* Then, replace y_p in (1) to determine the values of the coeff. in y_p .

$$y = y_c + y_p$$

Important Note:

You can use variation of parameters for n th order nonhom. Lin eq even if the coeff. are not constants.

$$a_i \rightarrow p_i(x)$$

Ex $y''' - 4y' = e^{3x}$

$$r^3 - 4r = 0 \Rightarrow r(r^2 - 4) = 0 \Rightarrow r_1 = 0, r_2 = 2, r_3 = -2$$

$$\Rightarrow y_c = c_1 + c_2 e^{2x} + c_3 e^{-2x}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_p = A e^{3x}, y_p' = 3A e^{3x}, y_p'' = 9A e^{3x}, y_p''' = 27A e^{3x}$$

$$\Rightarrow (27A - 4 \cdot 3A) e^{3x} = e^{3x} \Rightarrow 15A = 1 \Rightarrow A = 1/15$$

$$y = y_c + y_p \Rightarrow y = c_1 + c_2 e^{2x} + c_3 e^{-2x} + \frac{1}{15} e^{3x}$$

* $y''' - 4y' = 12x + e^{-2x} + 2\cos x$

For $12x$, $y_{p1} = (Ax + B) \cdot x$ \hookrightarrow because of c_1 in y_c .

$$y_{p1}' = 2Ax + B, y_{p1}'' = 2A, y_{p1}''' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 - 4(2Ax + B) = 12x \Rightarrow -8Ax - 4B = 12x + 0 \Rightarrow A = -12/8 = -3/2, B = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y_{p1} = -\frac{3}{2} x^2$$

For e^{-2x} , $y_{p2} = A e^{-2x} \cdot x$ \hookrightarrow because of $c_3 e^{-2x}$ in y_c .

$$y_{p2}' = A(1 - 2x) e^{-2x}, y_{p2}'' = A(-2 - 2 + 4x) e^{-2x} = A(-4 + 4x) e^{-2x}$$

$$y_{p2}''' = A(4 + 8 - 8x) e^{-2x} = A(12 - 8x) e^{-2x}$$

$$\Rightarrow A[12 - 8x - 4(1 - 2x)] e^{-2x} = e^{-2x} \Rightarrow 8A = 1 \Rightarrow A = 1/8$$

$$\Rightarrow y_{p2} = \frac{1}{8} e^{-2x} x$$

For $2\cos x$, $y_{p3} = A \cos x + B \sin x$

$$y_{p3}' = -A \sin x + B \cos x, y_{p3}'' = -A \cos x - B \sin x, y_{p3}''' = A \sin x - B \cos x$$

$$A \sin x - B \cos x - 4[-A \sin x + B \cos x] = 2 \cos x$$

$$\Rightarrow 5A \sin x - 5B \cos x = 2 \cos x \Rightarrow A = 0, B = -2/5$$

$$\Rightarrow y_{p3} = -\frac{2}{5} \sin x$$

$$\Rightarrow y = y_c + y_{p1} + y_{p2} + y_{p3}$$

$$y = c_1 + c_2 e^{2x} + c_3 e^{-2x} - \frac{3}{2} x^2 + \frac{1}{8} e^{-2x} x - \frac{2}{5} \sin x$$

VARIATION OF PARAMETERS

$$y^{(n)} + p_1(x)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + p_n y = f(x)$$

$$y_c = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2 + \dots + c_n y_n$$

$$y_p = u_1 y_1 + u_2 y_2 + \dots + u_n y_n$$

$$y_p' = (u_1 y_1' + u_2 y_2' + \dots + u_n y_n') + \underbrace{(u_1' y_1 + u_2' y_2 + \dots + u_n' y_n)}_{=0}$$

We assume that the 2nd term on the right hand side is 0 to make the calculation as simple as possible.

$$y_p'' = (u_1 y_1'' + u_2 y_2'' + \dots + u_n y_n'') + \underbrace{(u_1' y_1' + u_2' y_2' + \dots + u_n' y_n')}_{=0}$$

If we go on like this, we'll eventually get:

$$y_p^{(n)} = (u_1 y_1^{(n)} + u_2 y_2^{(n)} + \dots + u_n y_n^{(n)}) + (u_1' y_1^{(n-1)} + u_2' y_2^{(n-1)} + \dots + u_n' y_n^{(n-1)})$$

Since $y^{(n)} + p_1(x)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + p_n(x)y = f(x)$, then

$$y_p^{(n)} + p_1 y_p^{(n-1)} + \dots + p_n y_p = f(x).$$

$$(u_1 y_1^{(n)} + u_2 y_2^{(n)} + \dots + u_n y_n^{(n)}) + (u_1' y_1^{(n-1)} + \dots + u_n' y_n^{(n-1)}) + p_1 (u_1 y_1^{(n-1)} + \dots + u_n y_n^{(n-1)}) + \dots + p_n (u_1 y_1 + \dots + u_n y_n) = f(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow u_1 (y_1^{(n)} + p_1 y_1^{(n-1)} + \dots + p_n y_1) + u_2 (y_2^{(n)} + p_1 y_2^{(n-1)} + \dots + p_n y_2) + \dots + u_n (y_n^{(n)} + p_1 y_n^{(n-1)} + \dots + p_n y_n) + (u_1' y_1^{(n-1)} + \dots + u_n' y_n^{(n-1)}) = f(x)$$

Each paranthesis except the last one is zero since

y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n are all solutions of the homog. equation

$$y^{(n)} + p_1 y^{(n-1)} + \dots + p_n y = 0. \text{ Then } u_1' y_1^{(n-1)} + \dots + u_n' y_n^{(n-1)} = f(x)$$

Now, we have n unknowns and n equations.

$$y_1 u_1' + y_2 u_2' + \dots + y_n u_n' = 0$$

$$y_1' u_1 + y_2' u_2 + \dots + y_n' u_n = 0$$

$$\vdots$$

$$y_1^{(n-1)} u_1' + y_2^{(n-1)} u_2' + \dots + y_n^{(n-1)} u_n' = f(x).$$

Since $w(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \neq 0$ (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n are all lin. indep), we can find u_1', u_2', \dots, u_n' by using Cramer's rule.

$$\Rightarrow u_m' = \frac{f(x) \cdot w_m}{w} \Rightarrow u_m = \int f(x) \cdot \frac{w_m}{w} dx$$

$$y_p = \sum_{m=1}^n y_m u_m = \sum_{m=1}^n y_m \int f(x) \frac{w_m}{w} dx$$

Ex $y'' + y = \tan x$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow r_{1,2} = \pm i \Rightarrow y_c = c_1 \underbrace{\cos x}_{=y_1} + c_2 \underbrace{\sin x}_{=y_2}$$

$$w = \begin{vmatrix} \cos x & \sin x \\ -\sin x & \cos x \end{vmatrix} = \cos^2 x + \sin^2 x = 1$$

$$w_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & \sin x \\ 1 & \cos x \end{vmatrix} = -\sin x, \quad w_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \cos x & 0 \\ -\sin x & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \cos x$$

$$u_1 = \int \tan x \cdot \frac{-\sin x}{1} dx = - \int \frac{\sin^2 x}{\cos x} dx = - \int \frac{1 - \cos^2 x}{\cos x} dx$$

$$= \int \cos x dx - \int \sec x dx = \sin x - \ln |\sec x + \tan x|$$

$$u_2 = \int \tan x \cdot \frac{\cos x}{1} dx = \int \sin x dx = -\cos x$$

$$\Rightarrow y_p = u_1 y_1 + u_2 y_2 = (\sin x - \ln |\sec x + \tan x|) \cos x + (-\cos x) \sin x$$

$$= -\ln |\sec x + \tan x| \cdot \cos x$$

$$\Rightarrow y = y_c + y_p$$

$$\Rightarrow y = c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x - \cos x \ln |\sec x + \tan x|$$

EULER'S EQUATION

$$ax^2y'' + bxy' + cy = 0 \rightarrow \text{2nd order Euler eq.}$$

a, b, c : constants

Let's assume that $x > 0$ and let's use the substitution $v = \ln x$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dv} \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{1}{x} \frac{dy}{dv}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{x} \frac{dy}{dv} \right) = -\frac{1}{x^2} \frac{dy}{dv} + \frac{1}{x} \frac{d}{dv} \left(\frac{dy}{dv} \right) \left(\frac{dv}{dx} \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{x^2} \frac{dy}{dv} + \frac{1}{x^2} \frac{d^2y}{dv^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow ax^2 \left[-\frac{1}{x^2} \frac{dy}{dv} + \frac{1}{x^2} \frac{d^2y}{dv^2} \right] + bx \left[\frac{1}{x} \frac{dy}{dv} \right] + cy = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a \frac{d^2y}{dv^2} + (b-a) \frac{dy}{dv} + cy = 0 \rightarrow \text{constant coefficient linear eq.}$$

Assume that r_1 and r_2 are two distinct real roots of the characteristic equation. Then

$$\begin{aligned} y &= c_1 e^{r_1 v} + c_2 e^{r_2 v} \\ &= c_1 e^{r_1 \ln x} + c_2 e^{r_2 \ln x} \\ &= c_1 e^{\ln x^{r_1}} + c_2 e^{\ln x^{r_2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = c_1 x^{r_1} + c_2 x^{r_2} : \text{gen. sol. of the Euler eq.}$$

Ex $x^2y'' + xy' - y = 0$ Euler eq. $a=1, b=1, c=-1 \Rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dv^2} - y = 0$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow r_{1,2} = \pm 1$$

$$\Rightarrow y = c_1 x + c_2 x^{-1}$$

REDUCTION OF ORDER

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$$

Suppose that one solution $y_1(x)$ of the homogeneous 2nd order Linear diff eq. is known.

$\Rightarrow y(x) = v(x)y_1(x)$ where y is the gen. sol. of the diff eq.

$$y = v'y_1 + v y_1' \Rightarrow y'' = v''y_1 + 2v'y_1' + v y_1''$$

$$\Rightarrow v''y_1 + 2v'y_1' + v y_1'' + p(v'y_1 + v y_1') + q \cdot v \cdot y_1 = 0$$

$$v \underbrace{(y_1'' + p y_1' + q y_1)}_{=0} + v''y_1 + 2v'y_1' + p v'y_1 = 0$$

$=0$ since y_1 is the solution of diff eq.

$$\Rightarrow y_1 v'' + (2y_1' + p y_1) v' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dv'}{v'} = - \frac{2y_1' + p y_1}{y_1} dx \rightarrow \text{separable diff eq.}$$

EX $x^2 y'' + x y' - 9y = 0, x > 0, y_1(x) = x^3$

$$y_1 = x^3 \Rightarrow y_1' = 3x^2, y_1'' = 6x \Rightarrow x^2 6x + x \cdot 3x^2 - 9x^3 = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow x^2 y_1'' + x y_1' - 9y_1 = 0$$

$$y'' + \frac{1}{x} y' - \frac{9}{x^2} y = 0 \Rightarrow p = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{dv'}{v'} = - \frac{2 \cdot 3x^2 + \frac{1}{x} x^3}{x^3} dx = - \frac{7}{x} dx \Rightarrow \ln v' = -7 \ln x + \ln c_1$$

$$\ln v' = \ln(c_1 x^{-7}) \Rightarrow v' = c_1 x^{-7} \Rightarrow dv = c_1 x^{-7} dx$$

$$\Rightarrow v = -c_1 \frac{x^{-6}}{6} + c_2 \Rightarrow y = v y_1 = -c_1 \frac{x^{-3}}{6} + c_2 x^3$$

\downarrow
 y_2

\downarrow
 y_1

$$\Rightarrow y_2 = x^{-3}$$