

$$L(y) = y^{(n)} + a_1(x) y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_n(x) y$$

$$L(y) = 0$$

assume y is a known solution.

$$y = u y_1$$

$$(u y_1)^{(k)} = \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} u^{(k-j)} y_1^{(j)}$$

$$y' = u' y_1 + u y_1'$$

⋮

$$y^{(n)} = u^{(n)} y_1 + n u^{(n-1)} y_1' + \dots + u y_1^{(n)}$$

$$L(y) = y_1 u^{(n)} + \dots + (n y_1^{(n-1)} + a_1(x) y_1^{(n-2)} + \dots + a_n y_1) u' + \underbrace{(a_1 y_1^{(n)} + a_2 y_1^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_n y_1) u}_{\substack{\text{so this} \\ \text{disappears}}} \quad L(y_1) = 0$$

if $L(y) = 0$, u must satisfy this new eqn:

$$y_1 u^{(n)} + A_1 u^{(n-1)} + \dots + A_{n-1} u' = 0$$

$$v = u'$$

$$y_1 v^{(n-1)} + A_1 v^{(n-2)} + \dots + A_{n-1} v = 0$$

(reduction of order)

$$J = \{x \in I : y_1(x) \neq 0\}$$

$$v^{(n-1)} + B_1 v^{(n-2)} + \dots + B_{n-1} v = 0$$

Suppose we can solve this & solutions are $\{v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ (linearly independent).

Then we know solution to $L(y) = 0$.

$$u_i = \int_{x_0}^x v_i(t) dt$$

and $\varphi_1, u_1 \varphi_1, \dots, u_n \varphi_1$ are n solutions.

$$(c_1 + c_2 u_2 + c_3 u_3 + \dots + c_n u_n) \varphi_1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_2 u_2' + c_3 u_3' + \dots + c_n u_n' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_i = 0$$

They are linearly independent.

$$x^3 y''' - 3x^2 y'' + 6xy' - 6y = 0 \quad x > 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x < 0$$

One solution is $\varphi_1(x) = x$

$$\varphi = u x$$

$$\varphi' = u' x + u$$

$$\varphi'' = u'' x + 2u'$$

$$\varphi''' = u''' x + 3u''$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} -6 \\ +6x \\ -3x^2 \\ +x^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$L(\varphi) = x^4 u''' \quad \text{solutions: } x, x^2$$

thus x, x^2, x^3 are solutions of $L(y) = 0$.

$$y'' + a_1(x)y' + a_2(x)y = 0$$

$$\varphi = u \varphi_1$$

$$\varphi' = u' \varphi_1 + u \varphi_1'$$

$$\varphi'' = u'' \varphi_1 + 2u' \varphi_1' + u \varphi_1''$$

$$L(\varphi) = \varphi_1 u'' + (2\varphi_1' + a_1(x)\varphi_1)u' = 0$$

$$V = u'$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi_1 v' + (2\varphi_1' + a_1(x)\varphi_1)v = 0 \quad \varphi_1(x) \neq 0 \text{ where we care.}$$

$$\Rightarrow v' + \left(\frac{2\varphi_1'}{\varphi_1} + a_1(x) \right) v = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{v'}{v} = - \frac{2\varphi_1'}{\varphi_1} - a_1(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \log(v) = -2 \log \varphi_1 - \overbrace{\int_{x_0}^x a_1(t) dt}^{A(x)}$$

$$\Rightarrow v = e^{-2 \log \varphi_1 - A(x)} = \varphi_1^{-2} e^{-A(x)}$$

$$S_6 \quad u = \int_{x_1}^x \varphi_1^{-2}(t) e^{-A(t)} dt$$

$$S_6 \quad \varphi_2(x) = \varphi_1(x) \int_{x_1}^x \varphi_1^{-2}(t) e^{-A(t)} dt$$