

## Ch 4 Linear Second-Order Equations

- Linear ODEs ( $t$  is independent variables,  $y$  is dependent variables)

First-order  $y' + a_0(t)y = f(t)$  ← We learned how to solve this

Second-order  $y'' + a_1(t)y' + a_0(t)y = f(t)$

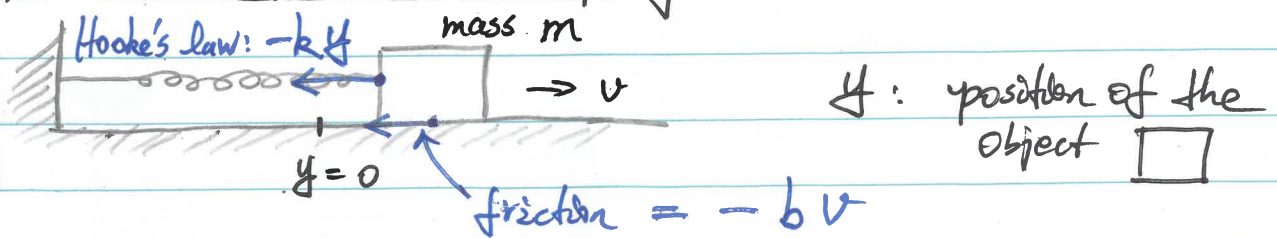
Third-order  $y''' + a_2(t)y'' + a_1(t)y' + a_0(t)y = f(t)$

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Notation: sometimes (section 5.2) we may use  $Dy$  instead of  $y'$ ,  $D^2y$  instead of  $y''$  and so on.

$y' + y = f(t)$  may be written as  $Dy + y = f(t)$ .

### 4.1 Introduction: The Mass-Spring Oscillator



$$m \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = F = -ky - bv$$

force from spring      friction

$$\Rightarrow m y'' + b y' + k y = 0$$

Sometimes there are other forces so the equation will become

$$m y'' + b y' + k y = f(t) \quad (1)$$

Example Find the possible value of  $r$  such that  $y(t) = e^{rt}$  is a solution of the ODE:  $y'' - y' - 2y = 0$

Solution:  $y(t) = e^{rt}$ ,  $y'(t) = r e^{rt}$ ,  $y''(t) = r^2 e^{rt}$

$$\text{So: } y'' - y' - 2y = r^2 e^{rt} - r e^{rt} - 2 \cdot e^{rt} \\ = (r^2 - r - 2) e^{rt} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{r^2 - r - 2}{1} = 0 \Rightarrow r_1 = 2, r_2 = -1$$

$$(r-2)(r+1) \quad \text{or } r_1 = \frac{1 + \sqrt{1^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot (-2)}}{2} = 2$$

we can also use  $\nearrow$  formula  $r_2 = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot (-2)}}{2} = -1$

We get two possible values for  $r$ : 2 and -1, and thus we see that  $e^{2t}$  and  $e^{-t}$  are the solutions (there are also other solutions).

Example  $y'' + y' + 25y = \sin(\omega t)$

Find  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $y(t) = A \cos(\omega t) + B \sin(\omega t)$  is a solution to the ODE above ( $\omega$  is a coefficient)

Solution:

$$y = A \cos(\omega t) + B \sin(\omega t)$$

$$y' = -A\omega \sin(\omega t) + B\omega \cos(\omega t)$$

$$y'' = -A\omega^2 \cos(\omega t) - B\omega^2 \sin(\omega t)$$

$$y'' + y' + 25y = \cos(\omega t) \cdot (-A\omega^2 + B\omega + 25A) \\ + \sin(\omega t) \cdot (-B\omega^2 - A\omega + 25B) = \sin(\omega t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} -A\Omega^2 + B\Omega + 25A = 1 \\ -B\Omega^2 - A\Omega + 25B = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} -\Omega A + (25 - \Omega^2)B = 1 \\ (25 - \Omega^2)A + \Omega B = 0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{linear equations} \\ \text{for } A, B \end{array}$$

Now we are able to solve  $A, B$ .

second line  $\Rightarrow B = -\frac{25 - \Omega^2}{\Omega} A$

substitute into first line  $\Rightarrow -(\Omega + \frac{(25 - \Omega^2)^2}{\Omega}) A = 1$

So  $A = \frac{-\Omega}{\Omega^2 + (\Omega^2 - 25)^2}$

$B = \frac{25 - \Omega^2}{\Omega^2 + (\Omega^2 - 25)^2}$

#### 4.2 Homogeneous Linear Equations: The General Solution

- Existence theory for IVP

$$y'' + a_1(t)y' + a_0(t)y = 0$$

Recall for first-order equation:

$$\begin{cases} y' + a_0(t)y = f(t) \\ y(t_0) = y_0 \end{cases}$$

We call the ODE homogeneous if  $f = 0$ .

Solution is unique if  $a_0(t), f(t)$  are continuous.

Second-order case: textbook uses  $Y_0$  and  $Y_1$  instead of  $t_0, t_1$ .

$$y'' + a_1(t)y' + a_0(t)y = f(t)$$

$$y(t_0) = y_0, \quad y'(t_0) = y_1 \quad \leftarrow \text{initial value}$$

solution is unique if  $a_1, a_0, f$  are continuous.

Third-order linear ODE:

$$\begin{cases} y''' + a_2(t)y'' + a_1(t)y' + a_0(t)y = f(t) \\ \underline{y(t_0) = y_0, y'(t_0) = y_1, y''(t_0) = y_2} \end{cases}$$

IV

You see the pattern.

Examples for solving IVP

Example: We have already seen that  $y'' - y' - 2y = 0$  has two solutions  $y_1(t) = e^{2t}$  and  $y_2(t) = e^{-t}$

We use capital letter  $Y_1, Y_2$  to denote <sup>solutions</sup> ~~solutions~~ (functions) although textbook uses  $y_1, y_2$  instead.

Try to solve the equation together with IV

$$y(0) = 3, y'(0) = 0$$

Observation 1: linear combinations of  $Y_1(t)$  and  $Y_2(t)$  are also solutions.  $\rightarrow Y(t) = c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 e^{-t}$

This is always true for linear ODEs with right hand side = 0  
(can be checked:  $Y(t) = c_1 Y_1(t) + c_2 Y_2(t)$ )  
$$y'' - y' - 2y = \cancel{c_1 Y_1 + c_2 Y_2} - (c_1 Y_1 + c_2 Y_2)'' - (c_1 Y_1 + c_2 Y_2)' - 2(c_1 Y_1 + c_2 Y_2)$$
$$= c_1 (Y_1'' - Y_1' - 2Y_1) + c_2 (Y_2'' - Y_2' - 2Y_2) = c_1 \cdot 0 + c_2 \cdot 0 = 0$$

Observation 2: solving IVP by solving linear equations

$$Y(t) = C_1 e^{2t} + C_2 e^{-t}$$

$$Y'(t) = 2C_1 e^{2t} - C_2 e^{-t}$$

~~$$Y''(t) = 4C_1 e^{2t} + C_2 e^{-t}$$~~

So:  $Y(0) = C_1 + C_2 = 3$

$$Y'(0) = 2C_1 - C_2 = 0$$

Solving  $\begin{cases} C_1 + C_2 = 3 \\ 2C_1 - C_2 = 0 \end{cases}$  gives us  $\begin{cases} C_1 = 1 \\ C_2 = 2 \end{cases}$

$\Rightarrow$  solution of IVP is  $e^{2t} + 2e^{-t}$ .

Observation 3: When can we do the trick above?

For general IVP:  $Y(0) = Y_0$ ,  $Y'(0) = Y_1$ .

We need to solve  $\begin{cases} C_1 + C_2 = Y_0 \\ 2C_1 - C_2 = Y_1 \end{cases}$

There is always solution if

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \cdot (-1) - 2 \cdot 1 \neq 0$$

$\rightarrow$  determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc$ .

So we can solve for any  $Y_0, Y_1$ .

But if we are given two solutions:

$$Y_1(t) = e^{2t}, \quad Y_2(t) = 3e^{2t}$$

Then consider  $Y(t) = C_1 e^{2t} + C_2 \cdot 3e^{2t}$

$$Y'(t) = 2C_1 e^{2t} + 2C_2 \cdot 3e^{2t}$$

For IV  $Y(0) = \frac{4}{0}$   $Y'(0) = \frac{4}{1}$ , we need to solve

the determinant is }  $C_1 + 3C_2 = \frac{4}{0}$

from the coefficients  
in the linear equations

Since }  $2C_1 + 6C_2 = \frac{4}{1}$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \cdot 6 - 3 \cdot 2 = 0$$

we can't guarantee a solution to IVP.

~~From~~ Definition: For  $Y_1(t)$  and  $Y_2(t)$  are solutions of

$$Y'' + a_1(t)Y' + a_0(t)Y = 0,$$

if  $\begin{vmatrix} Y_1(t) & Y_2(t) \\ Y_1'(t) & Y_2'(t) \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$  for some  $t$ ,

then  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are linearly independent. Otherwise,

$Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are called linearly dependent (i.e. when

$$\begin{vmatrix} Y_1(t) & Y_2(t) \\ Y_1'(t) & Y_2'(t) \end{vmatrix} = 0 \text{ for any } t$$

can be  
proved

$$\iff \begin{vmatrix} Y_1(t) & Y_2(t) \\ Y_1'(t) & Y_2'(t) \end{vmatrix} = 0 \text{ for some } t$$

Remark: The definition above only for  $Y_1(t), Y_2(t)$  are solutions of

ODE.  $\begin{vmatrix} Y_1(t) & Y_2(t) \\ Y_1'(t) & Y_2'(t) \end{vmatrix}$  is called the Wronskian of  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$ .

Example: Show that  $Y_1(t) = \sin(2t)$  and  $Y_2(t) = \cos(2t)$  are two linearly independent solutions of the ODE:

can also be called  
fundamental pair

$$y'' + 4y = 0$$

Solution: First check they are solutions:

$$Y_1(t) = \sin(2t), \quad Y_1'(t) = 2\cos(2t), \quad Y_1''(t) = -4\sin(2t)$$

$$\text{so } Y_1'' + 4Y_1 = -4\sin(2t) + 4\sin(2t) = 0$$

$$Y_2(t) = \cos(2t), \quad Y_2'(t) = -2\sin(2t), \quad Y_2''(t) = -4\cos(2t)$$

$$\text{so } Y_2'' + 4Y_2 = -4\cos(2t) + 4\cos(2t) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow Y_1(t)$  and  $Y_2(t)$  are solutions.

Check they are independent

$$\text{Wronskian: } W[Y_1, Y_2] = \begin{vmatrix} \sin(2t) & \cos(2t) \\ 2\cos(2t) & -2\sin(2t) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -2\sin^2(2t) - 2\cos^2(2t) = -2 \neq 0$$

$\Rightarrow Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are a fundamental pair.

Example (continued from above): Solve the IVP

$$y'' + 4y = 0$$

$$y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 1.$$

Solution: When we have a fundamental pair.

Write the general solution

$$\begin{aligned} Y(t) &= C_1 Y_1(t) + C_2 Y_2(t) \\ &= C_1 \sin(2t) + C_2 \cos(2t) \end{aligned}$$

Now finding the equations for  $C_1, C_2$  to make IV satisfied

$$Y'(t) = 2C_1 \cos(2t) - 2C_2 \sin(2t)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} Y(0) &= C_2 = 1 \\ Y'(0) &= 2C_1 = 1 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} C_1 = \frac{1}{2} \\ C_2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

So the solution to IVP is  $\underline{Y(t)} = \frac{1}{2} \sin(2t) + \cos(2t)$ .

↑  
You can also write  $Y(t)$

### General Procedure to Solve Homogeneous Linear Equations

1. Find a fundamental pair  $Y_1(t), Y_2(t)$

2. Write the general solution

$$Y(t) = C_1 Y_1(t) + C_2 Y_2(t)$$

and set up equations to make IV satisfied

↑ linear equations for  $C_1, C_2$

3. Solve  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ , then get the solution to IVP.

Next: how to do step 1.



• Characteristic equation (auxiliary equation):

The characteristic equation (auxiliary equation) for homogeneous linear ODE  $y'' + a_1 y' + a_0 y = 0$

Now we consider  $a_1, a_0$  are constants!

is

~~$r^2 + a_1 r + a_0 = 0$~~   $r^2 + a_1 r + a_0 = 0$   
characteristic polynomial

Since this is a quadratic equation, we know how to find its roots, and there are different situations regarding the roots.

→ "simple" means the root only appear once when we factor the characteristic polynomial.

• Real Simple Roots:

Example: ODE  $y'' - 3y' - 10y = 0$

characteristic equation:  $r^2 - 3r - 10 = 0$

$(r-5)(r+2) = 0$

⇒ two simple real roots:  $r_1 = 5, r_2 = -2$ .

⇒ a fundamental pair:  $\{e^{5t}, e^{-2t}\}$ .

(The procedure ~~above~~ we introduce guarantee the result is a fundamental pair, so we do not need to check the Wroksian)

As you can see, a simple root  $r = r_1$  corresponds to a solution  $e^{r_1 t}$ .

Example:  ~~$y'' - 5y' + 6y = 0$~~   $y'' - 5y' + 6y = 0$

characteristic equation  $r^2 - 5r + 6 = 0$

$r_1 = 3, r_2 = 2$

⇒ a fundamental pair  $\{e^{3t}, e^{2t}\}$ .

"multiple" means the root appears more than once when we factor the characteristic polynomial

• Real Multiple Roots:

Example: ODE  $2y'' - 20y' + 50y = 0$

$$y'' - 10y' + 25y = 0$$

So the characteristic polynomial is  $r^2 - 10r + 25$ ,  
(or you can say it is  $2r^2 - 20r + 50$  from the first line)

$$r^2 - 10r + 25 = (r - 5)^2$$

$\Rightarrow$  root  $r = 5$  with multiplicity  $m = 2$ .

A fundamental pair is  $\{ e^{5t}, t e^{5t} \}$

Example:  $y'' + 2y' + y = 0$

Characteristic equation  $r^2 + 2r + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow (r+1)^2 = 0$

root  $r = -1$  with multiplicity  $m = 2$ .

A fundamental pair is  $\{ e^{-t}, t e^{-t} \}$ .

Example:  $y''' + 4y'' + 4y' = 0$

Characteristic equation  $r^3 + 4r^2 + 4r = 0$

simple  $r(r+2)^2 = 0$

$\Rightarrow$  root  $r_0 = 0$  (multiplicity 1), root  $r_1 = -2$  (multiplicity 2)

A fundamental set:  $\{ e^{0 \cdot t}, e^{-2t}, t e^{-2t} \}$

Not pair because there are more than 2 solutions in the set.

Remark: We won't solve ODE with order  $> 2$ , this example is just for illustration.

Root  $r = r_1$  with multiplicity  $m$  corresponds to  $m$  solutions;  
 $e^{r_1 t}$ ,  $t e^{r_1 t}$ , ...,  $t^{m-1} e^{r_1 t}$ .

In the last example, we get a fundamental set  
 $\{ e^{0 \cdot t}, e^{-2t}, t e^{-2t} \}$ .

Notice that  $e^{0 \cdot t}$  corresponds to a solution  $Y(t) = e^{0 \cdot t} = 1$ .  
So the general solution of the ODE:  $Y''' + 4Y'' + 4Y' = 0$   
can be given by:  
$$Y(t) = C_1 \cdot 1 + C_2 e^{-2t} + C_3 t e^{-2t}$$
$$= C_1 + C_2 e^{-2t} + C_3 t e^{-2t}.$$

• Complex Simple Roots;

Example:  $Y'' - 2Y' + 3Y = 0$

Characteristic equation  $r^2 - 2r + 3 = 0$

$$r = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{2^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 3}}{2} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{-8}}{2} = \frac{2 \pm (\sqrt{8})i}{2} \quad (\text{Notice } i^2 = -1)$$
$$= \frac{2 \pm 2\sqrt{2}i}{2} = 1 \pm \sqrt{2}i$$

$\Rightarrow$  Two complex simple roots:  $r = 1 + \sqrt{2}i$ ,  $r = 1 - \sqrt{2}i$

Complex roots always come in pairs.

If  $\alpha + \beta i$  is a root, then so is  $\alpha - \beta i$ .

A fundamental pair  $\{ e^{(\alpha + \beta i)t}, e^{(\alpha - \beta i)t} \}$  ?

We can simplify! And also make the solutions real (not complex)!

Euler's formula:  $e^{i\theta} = \cos(\theta) + i \sin(\theta)$

$$\text{So } e^{(d+\beta i)t} = e^{dt} \cdot e^{i\beta t} = e^{dt} (\cos(\beta t) + i \sin(\beta t))$$

$$\begin{aligned} e^{(d-\beta i)t} &= e^{dt} \cdot e^{-i\beta t} = e^{dt} (\cos(\beta t) - i \sin(\beta t)) \\ &= e^{dt} (\cos(\beta t) - i \sin(\beta t)) \end{aligned}$$

Recall that the linear combinations of solutions are also solutions;

$$\frac{1}{2} (e^{(d+\beta i)t} + e^{(d-\beta i)t}) = e^{dt} \cos(\beta t)$$

$$\frac{1}{2i} (e^{(d+\beta i)t} - e^{(d-\beta i)t}) = e^{dt} \sin(\beta t)$$

$\Rightarrow$  A fundamental pair  $\{ e^{dt} \cos(\beta t), e^{dt} \sin(\beta t) \}$ .

In the example above,  $d=1$ ,  $\beta=\sqrt{2}$ , so the fundamental pair is  $\{ e^t \cos(\sqrt{2}t), e^t \sin(\sqrt{2}t) \}$ .

Example:  $y'' + \overset{4}{4} = 0$

Characteristic equation  $r^2 + 4 = 0$

Complex roots:  $r = 2i$ ,  $r = -2i$  ( $d=0$ ,  $\beta=2$ )

So a fundamental pair is  $\{ e^{0 \cdot t} \cos(2t), e^{0 \cdot t} \sin(2t) \}$

$\{ \cos(2t), \sin(2t) \}$ .

Example:  $y'' - 4y' + 5y = 0$

Characteristic equations  $r^2 - 4r + 5 = 0$

$$r = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{4^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 5}}{2} = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{-4}}{2} = \frac{4 \pm 2i}{2}$$

$$= 2 \pm i \quad (\alpha = 2, \beta = 1)$$

A fundamental pair is  $\{ e^{2t} \cos(t), e^{2t} \sin(t) \}$ .

Not required →

Complex Multiple Roots:

Example:  $y'''' + 4y'''' + 14y'' + 20y' + 25y = 0$

Characteristic polynomial  $r^4 + 4r^3 + 14r^2 + 20r + 25 = 0$

$$(r^2 + 2r + 5)^2 = 0$$

$r^2 + 2r + 5 = 0$  has two roots  $r = -1 \pm 2i$ ,

so  $(r^2 + 2r + 5)^2 = 0$

$$(r - (-1 + 2i))^2 (r - (-1 - 2i))^2 = 0$$

Roots:  $r = -1 + 2i$  (multiplicity  $m=2$ )

$r = -1 - 2i$  (multiplicity  $m=2$ )

Fundamental set:  $\{ e^{-t} \cos(2t), t e^{-t} \cos(2t), e^{-t} \sin(2t), t e^{-t} \sin(2t) \}$ .

In general: Pair of roots  $r = \alpha \pm \beta i$  with multiplicity  $m$  corresponds to solutions

$$e^{\alpha t} \cos(\beta t), t e^{\alpha t} \cos(\beta t), \dots, t^{m-1} e^{\alpha t} \cos(\beta t),$$

$$e^{\alpha t} \sin(\beta t), t e^{\alpha t} \sin(\beta t), \dots, t^{m-1} e^{\alpha t} \sin(\beta t).$$

How to find the fundamental pair for 2nd-order ODE with constant coefficients

Summary: (i) Two simple real roots:  $r = r_1, r = r_2,$

fundamental pair  $\{ e^{r_1 t}, e^{r_2 t} \}$

(ii) A multiple real root  $r = r_1$  with multiplicity  $m = 2.$

fundamental pair  $\{ e^{r_1 t}, t e^{r_1 t} \}$

(iii) Complex root pair  $r = \alpha \pm \beta i,$

fundamental pair  $\{ e^{\alpha t} \cos(\beta t), e^{\alpha t} \sin(\beta t) \}.$

To review how to solve IVP

Example: Solve IVP: 
$$\begin{cases} y'' + 2y' + y = 0 \\ y(0) = 1, y'(0) = -2 \end{cases}$$

1. Find a fundamental pair: 
$$\begin{aligned} r^2 + 2r + 1 &= 0 \\ (r+1)^2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  root  $r = -1$  with multiplicity  $m = 2.$

Fundamental pair  $\{ e^{-t}, t e^{-t} \}.$

2. Write general solution  $Y(t) = C_1 e^{-t} + C_2 t e^{-t}.$

3. Solve  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  based on IVPs.

$$Y(t) = C_1 e^{-t} + C_2 t e^{-t}$$

$$Y'(t) = -C_1 e^{-t} + C_2 e^{-t} - C_2 t e^{-t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} Y(0) = C_1 + 0 = 1 \\ Y'(0) = -C_1 + C_2 - 0 = -1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} C_1 = 1 \\ C_2 = -1 \end{cases}$$

So the solution to the IVP is:

$$Y(t) = e^{-t} - t e^{-t}$$

## 4.4 Nonhomogeneous Equations: the Method of Undetermined Coefficients

This section will focus on nonhomogeneous equation

$$\downarrow$$

$$f(t) \neq 0$$

$$y'' + a_1(t)y' + a_0(t)y = f(t)$$

Examples:

$$y'' + 2y' - 3y = e^t$$

$$y'' + 4y = t \cos(2t)$$

• Idea of solving nonhomogeneous equation:

Consider:  $y'' + 2y' - 3y = f(t)$

Suppose we know a particular solution  $Y_p(t)$  of the equation above. Now we want to find all solutions, suppose  $Y(t)$  is also a solution, then we plug in  $Y(t) - Y_p(t)$

$$\begin{aligned} & (Y(t) - Y_p(t))'' + 2(Y(t) - Y_p(t))' - 3(Y(t) - Y_p(t)) \\ &= [Y''(t) + 2Y'(t) - 3Y(t)] - [Y_p''(t) + 2Y_p'(t) - 3Y_p(t)] \\ &= f(t) - f(t) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow Y(t) - Y_p(t)$  is a solution to the homogeneous version of the equation:  $y'' + 2y' - 3y = 0$

We know all solutions of the homogeneous equation are:

$$C_1 e^{-3t} + C_2 e^t$$

(because characteristic equation is  $r^2 + 2r - 3 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow (r+3)(r-1) = 0 \Rightarrow r = \underline{1, -3}$$

Fundamental pair  $\{ e^{3t}, e^t \}$  ) simple real roots

Therefore  $Y(t) - Y_p(t) = C_1 e^{-3t} + C_2 e^t$

$$\Rightarrow Y(t) = Y_p(t) + C_1 e^{-3t} + C_2 e^t$$

• General Method:  $Y'' + a_1 Y' + a_0 = f(t)$

(1) Find the fundamental pair  $\{ Y_1, Y_2 \}$  for the homogeneous version  $Y'' + a_1 Y' + a_0 = 0$ .

(2) Find one single solution  $Y_p$  for the original ODE.

(3) Then the general solutions of the original ODE is

$$Y(t) = Y_p(t) + C_1 Y_1(t) + C_2 Y_2(t)$$

Warning: the fundamental pair is for the homogeneous version, the nonhomogeneous ODE doesn't have a fundamental pair.

Examples:  $Y'' + 4Y' = 4t$

1. Homogeneous version  $Y'' + 4Y' = 0$

characteristic equation  $r^2 + 4r = 0$

$$r(r+4) = 0$$

Two roots:  $r = 0, -4$ .



$\Rightarrow$  Fundamental pair  $\left\{ \begin{matrix} e^{0 \cdot t} \\ 1 \\ e^{-4t} \end{matrix} \right\}$

2. Find a particular solution of the nonhomogeneous ODE  
original ODE

Consider  $Y_p(t) = \frac{1}{2}t^2 - \frac{1}{4}t$

$$Y_p'(t) = t - \frac{1}{4}, \quad Y_p''(t) = 1$$

$$\text{So } Y_p'' + 4Y_p' = 1 + 4\left(t - \frac{1}{4}\right) = 4t$$

We'll discuss later how to find  $Y_p(t)$ .

3. Thus the solutions to  $y'' + 4y' = 4t$  are

$$Y(t) = \left(\frac{1}{2}t^2 - \frac{1}{4}t\right) + C_1 + C_2 e^{-4t}$$

Example:  $y'' + y = \cos(2t)$

1. Homogeneous version  $y'' + y = 0$   
 $r^2 + 1 = 0$

$\Rightarrow$  complex roots  $r = \pm i$

$\Rightarrow$  Fundamental pair  $\left\{ \cos(t), \sin(t) \right\}$ .

2. Find a particular solution of the original ODE

Try  $Y_p(t) = A \cos(2t) + B \sin(2t)$ .

$$Y_p'(t) = -2A \sin(2t) + 2B \cos(2t)$$

$$Y_p''(t) = -4A \cos(2t) - 4B \sin(2t)$$

$$Y_p'' + Y_p = \left[-4A \cos(2t) - 4B \sin(2t)\right] + \left[A \cos(2t) + B \sin(2t)\right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (A - 4A) \cos(2t) + (B - 4B) \sin(2t) \\
 &= -3A \cos(2t) - 3B \sin(2t) \\
 &= \cos(2t)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} -3A = 1 \\ -3B = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} A = -\frac{1}{3} \\ B = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$Y_p(t) = -\frac{1}{3} \cos(2t)$$

3. Thus the general solution of the original ODE is

$$Y(t) = -\frac{1}{3} \cos(2t) + C_1 \cos(t) + C_2 \sin(t)$$

• How to find the particular solution of the homogeneous equation

Example:  $y'' - y = 2e^{5t}$

If  $f(t) = C \cdot e^{5t}$ , then  $Y_p(t)$  probably looks like  $Ae^{5t}$ . Plug in:

$$(Ae^{5t})'' - Ae^{5t}$$

$$= 25Ae^{5t} - Ae^{5t} = 24Ae^{5t}$$

Set  $24Ae^{5t} = 2e^{5t}$  gives us

$$24A = 2 \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{12}$$

So one particular solution  $Y_p(t) = \frac{1}{12} e^{5t}$ .

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However, for  $f(t) = e^{5t}$ , we cannot <sup>always</sup> try to look for  $Y_p(t) = A e^{5t}$  because 5 may be a root for the characteristic equation.

If  $r=5$  is a root, for example characteristic equation is  $r(r-5) = r^2 - 5r = 0$ .

Nonhomogeneous equation  $y'' - 5y' = e^{5t}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } (e^{5t})'' - 5(e^{5t})' \\ = 25e^{5t} - 5 \cdot 5e^{5t} = \underline{\underline{0}} \end{aligned}$$

Of course we will get 0 b/c  $e^{5t}$  is a solution to the homogeneous equation.

General Method: 1.  $y'' + a_1 y' + a_0 y = (\underbrace{c_n t^n + \dots + c_0}_{\text{polynomial of } t}) e^{r_1 t}$

Try the form  $Y_p(t) = t^m (A_n t^n + \dots + A_0) e^{r_1 t}$

where  $r=r_1$  is a root of multiplicity  $m$  of the characteristic equation. Plug in  $Y_p$  to the original equation to solve  $A_n, \dots, A_0$ .

$m=0$ : if  $r=r_1$  is not a root

$m=1$ : if  $r=r_1$  is a simple root

$m=2$ : if  $r=r_1$  is a multiple root with multiplicity 2.

$$2. \text{ If } f(t) = \begin{cases} (C_n t^n + \dots + C_0) e^{\alpha t} \cos(\beta t) \\ \text{or } (C_n t^n + \dots + C_0) e^{\alpha t} \sin(\beta t) \\ \text{or combination of the above} \end{cases}$$

Use the form

$$Y_p(t) = t^m (A_n t^n + \dots + A_0) e^{\alpha t} \cos(\beta t) \\ + t^m (B_n t^n + \dots + B_0) e^{\alpha t} \sin(\beta t)$$

where  $m=0$  if  $d \pm \beta i$  is not root of characteristic equation.  
 $m=1$  if  $d \pm \beta i$  is a simple root.

Remark: The method above can only be applied for  $f(t)$  of one of the forms above. We do not know how to find a particular solution for general  $f(t)$ .

Examples:  $y'' + 3y' + 2y = 2e^{3t}$

1. Homogeneous equation  $y'' + 3y' + 2y = 0$

Characteristic equation:  $r^2 + 3r + 2 = 0$

$$(r+1)(r+2) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  two simple roots  $r = -1, -2$

Fundamental pair  $\{e^{-t}, e^{-2t}\}$

2.  $f(t) = 2e^{3t}$ , and  $r=3$  is not a root.

Use the form  $Y_p(t) = Ae^{3t}$

$$Y_p'(t) = 3Ae^{3t}, \quad Y_p''(t) = 9Ae^{3t}$$

$$Y_p'' + 3Y_p' + 2Y_p = 9Ae^{3t} + 3 \cdot 3Ae^{3t} + 2Ae^{3t} = 20Ae^{3t}$$

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$$\text{Let } 20Ae^{3t} = 2e^{3t} \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{10}.$$

$$\text{So } Y_p(t) = \frac{1}{10} e^{3t}.$$

3. General solution is

$$Y(t) = \frac{1}{10} e^{3t} + C_1 e^{-t} + C_2 e^{-2t}.$$

Example:  $Y'' - 3Y' + 2Y = 7e^{2t}$

1. Homogeneous equation  $Y'' - 3Y' + 2Y = 0$

$$r^2 - 3r + 2 = 0$$

$$(r-1)(r-2) = 0$$

Two simple roots  $r = 1, 2$ . Fundamental pair  $\{e^t, e^{2t}\}$ .

2.  $f(t) = 7e^{2t}$ ,  $r = 2$  is a root with multiplicity 1.

Use the form  $Y_p(t) = t^1 \cdot A e^{2t} = Ate^{2t}$

~~$$Y_p'' - 3Y_p' + 2Y_p = Y_p'(t) = Ae^{2t} + 2Ate^{2t}$$~~

$$Y_p''(t) = 2Ae^{2t} + 2Ae^{2t} + 4Ate^{2t}$$

$$= 4Ae^{2t} + 4Ate^{2t}$$

$$Y_p'' - 3Y_p' + 2Y_p = 4Ae^{2t} + 4Ate^{2t} - 3(Ae^{2t} + 2Ate^{2t}) + 2Ate^{2t}$$

$$= (4A - 3A)e^{2t} + (4At - 6At + 2At)e^{2t}$$

$$= Ae^{2t} = 7e^{2t}$$

$$\Rightarrow A = 7. \text{ Then } Y_p(t) = 7te^{2t}.$$

3. General solution is

$$Y(t) = 7te^{2t} + C_1 e^t + C_2 e^{2t}.$$

Example:  $y'' + 2y' + 2y = 17 \cos(3t)$

1. Homogeneous equation:  $y'' + 2y' + 2y = 0$   
 $r^2 + 2r + 2 = 0$

$\Rightarrow$  complex roots  $r = -1 \pm 1 \cdot i$ .

Fundamental pair  $\{ e^{-t} \cos(t), e^{-t} \sin(t) \}$ .

2.  $r = 0 \pm 3i$  is not a root.

Use the form  $y_p(t) = A \cos(3t) + B \sin(3t)$ .

Then  $y_p' = -3A \sin(3t) + 3B \cos(3t)$ .

$y_p'' = -9A \cos(3t) - 9B \sin(3t)$ .

Plug into ODE:

$$-9A \cos(3t) - 9B \sin(3t) + 2(-3A \sin(3t) + 3B \cos(3t)) + 2(A \cos(3t) + B \sin(3t)) = 17 \cos(3t)$$

$$\Rightarrow (-7A + 6B) \cos(3t) + (-6A - 7B) \sin(3t) = 17 \cos(3t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} -7A + 6B = 17 \\ -6A - 7B = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} A = -\frac{7}{5} \\ B = \frac{6}{5} \end{cases}$$

$$y_p(t) = -\frac{7}{5} \cos(3t) + \frac{6}{5} \sin(3t)$$

3. General solution

$$y(t) = -\frac{7}{5} \cos(3t) + \frac{6}{5} \sin(3t) + C_1 e^{-t} \cos(t) + C_2 e^{-t} \sin(t)$$

Example  $y'' - 2y' + 5y = e^t \cos(2t)$

Solution: 1. Characteristic equation of homogeneous version ODE

$$r^2 - 2r + 5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4-20}}{2} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{-16}}{2} = \frac{2 \pm 4i}{2} = 1 \pm 2i$$

$\alpha = 1, \beta = 2$ , fundamental solutions:  $\{e^t \cos(2t), e^t \sin(2t)\}$   
pair of

2.  $r = 1 \pm 2i$  is a simple root.

Use the form  $Y_p(t) = t A e^t \cos(2t) + t B e^t \sin(2t)$

Then 
$$Y_p(t) = A e^t \cos(2t) + At (e^t \cos(2t) - 2e^t \sin(2t))$$

$$+ B e^t \sin(2t) + Bt (e^t \sin(2t) + 2e^t \cos(2t))$$

$$Y_p''(t) = 2(A e^t \cos(2t) - A 2e^t \sin(2t))$$

$$+ At (e^t \cos(2t) - 4e^t \sin(2t) - 4e^t \cos(2t))$$

$$+ 2(B e^t \sin(2t) + B 2e^t \cos(2t))$$

$$+ Bt (e^t \sin(2t) + 4e^t \cos(2t) - 4e^t \sin(2t))$$

So 
$$Y_p'' - 2Y_p' + 5Y_p = At (-3e^t \cos(2t) - 4e^t \sin(2t) - 2e^t \cos(2t) + 4e^t \sin(2t) + 5e^t \cos(2t))$$

$$+ Bt (-3e^t \sin(2t) + 4e^t \cos(2t) - 2e^t \sin(2t) - 4e^t \cos(2t) + 5e^t \sin(2t))$$

$$+ (2A + 4B - 2A) e^t \cos(2t) + (-4A + 2B - 2B) e^t \sin(2t)$$

$$= 4B e^t \cos(2t) - 4A e^t \sin(2t) = e^t \cos(2t)$$

$$\Rightarrow B = \frac{1}{4}, A = 0$$

Therefore  $Y_p(t) = \frac{1}{4} t e^t \sin(2t)$ .

3. General solution is

$$Y(t) = \frac{1}{4} e^t \sin(2t) + C_1 e^t \cos(2t) + C_2 e^t \sin(2t)$$

Example:  $Y'' - 3Y' + 2Y = 5t e^{4t}$ ,  $Y(0) = 0$ ,  $Y'(0) = 0$ .

1. Characteristic equation:  $r^2 - 3r + 2 = 0$   
 $(r-1)(r-2) = 0$

Two simple roots  $r = 1, 2$

Fundamental pair  $\{ e^t, e^{2t} \}$

2.  $r = 4$  is not a root.

Use the form  $Y_p(t) = (A_1 t + A_0) e^{4t}$ .

$$Y_p' = A_1 e^{4t} + (A_1 t + A_0) 4 e^{4t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Y_p'' &= 4A_1 e^{4t} + A_1 4 e^{4t} + (A_1 t + A_0) 16 e^{4t} \\ &= 8A_1 e^{4t} + (16A_1 t + 16A_0) e^{4t} \end{aligned}$$

So  $Y_p'' - 3Y_p' + 2Y_p = 8A_1 e^{4t} + (16A_1 t + 16A_0) e^{4t} - 3A_1 e^{4t} - (12A_1 t + 12A_0) e^{4t} + (2A_1 t + 2A_0) e^{4t}$

$$= (6A_1 t + 5A_1 + 6A_0) e^{4t} = 5t e^{4t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} 6A_1 = 5 \\ 5A_1 + 6A_0 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} A_1 = \frac{5}{6} \\ A_0 = -\frac{25}{36} \end{cases}$$



$$\text{So } Y_p(t) = \left(\frac{5}{6}t - \frac{25}{36}\right)e^{4t}.$$

3. General solution is

$$Y(t) = \left(\frac{5}{6}t - \frac{25}{36}\right)e^{4t} + C_1 e^{2t} + C_2 e^t.$$

To find  $C_1, C_2$  satisfying IVs.

$$Y'(t) = \frac{5}{6}e^{4t} + \left(\frac{5}{6}t - \frac{25}{36}\right)4e^{4t} + 2C_1 e^{2t} + C_2 e^t$$

$$Y(0) = -\frac{25}{36} + C_1 + C_2 = 0$$

$$Y'(0) = \frac{5}{6} - \frac{25}{36} \cdot 4 + 2C_1 + C_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} C_1 + C_2 = \frac{25}{36} \\ 2C_1 + C_2 = \frac{35}{18} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} C_1 = \frac{45}{36} = \frac{5}{4} \\ C_2 = -\frac{5}{9} \end{cases}$$

So the solution of IVP is

$$\boxed{Y(t) = \left(\frac{5}{6}t - \frac{25}{36}\right)e^{4t} + \frac{5}{4}e^{2t} - \frac{5}{9}e^t}$$

#### 4.5 The Superposition Principle and Undetermined Coefficients Revisited

Theorem: If  $Y_1$  solves  $Y'' + a_1(t)Y' + a_0(t) = \underline{f_1(t)}$

and  $Y_2$  solves  $Y'' + a_1(t)Y' + a_0(t) = \underline{f_2(t)}$ ,

then  $k_1 Y_1 + k_2 Y_2$  is a solution of

$$Y'' + a_1(t)Y' + a_0(t) = \underline{k_1 f_1(t) + k_2 f_2(t)}.$$

Example:  $y'' + y' = t + 3e^t$ ,  $y(0) = 0$ ,  $y'(0) = 1$ .

Solution: 1. Characteristic equation  $r^2 + r = 0$   
(L.E)  $r(r+1) = 0$

Two simple roots:  $r = 0, r = -1$

Fundamental pair  $\{ e^{0 \cdot t} = 1, e^{-t} \}$

2.  $f(t) = t + 3e^t$  has two parts, first find  $Y_{p,1}(t)$  s.t.  $Y_{p,1}'' + Y_{p,1}' = t$ . →  $t \cdot e^{0 \cdot t}$

Use the form  $Y_{p,1}(t) = t(A_1 t + A_0) = A_1 t^2 + A_0 t$ .

bc  $r=0$  is a simple root.

Then  $Y_{p,1}' = 2A_1 t + A_0$ ,  $Y_{p,1}'' = 2A_1$ ,

so  $Y_{p,1}'' + Y_{p,1}' = 2A_1 + 2A_1 t + A_0 = 2A_1 t + (2A_1 + A_0) = t$

$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} 2A_1 = 1 \\ 2A_1 + A_0 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} A_1 = \frac{1}{2} \\ A_0 = -1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow Y_{p,1}(t) = \frac{1}{2} t^2 - t$

Next find  $Y_{p,2}(t)$  s.t.  $Y_{p,2}'' + Y_{p,2}' = 3e^t$

Use the form  $Y_{p,2}(t) = B e^t$

Then  $Y_{p,2}' = B e^t$ ,  $Y_{p,2}'' = B e^t$ , so

$Y_{p,2}'' + Y_{p,2}' = B e^t + B e^t = 2B e^t = 3e^t \Rightarrow B = \frac{3}{2}$

Therefore  $Y_{p,2}(t) = \frac{3}{2} e^t$

Combining  $Y_{p,1}$  and  $Y_{p,2}$  together, we get

$Y_p(t) = Y_{p,1}(t) + Y_{p,2}(t) = \frac{1}{2} t^2 - t + \frac{3}{2} e^t$ .

3. General solution is (for the ODE)

$$Y(t) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}t^2 - t + \frac{3}{2}e^t}_{Y_p(t)} + C_1 + C_2 e^{-t}$$

To solve the IVP

$$Y'(t) = t - 1 + \frac{3}{2}e^t + (-C_2)e^{-t}$$

So

$$Y(0) = \frac{3}{2} + C_1 + C_2 = 0$$

$$Y'(0) = -1 + \frac{3}{2} - C_2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} C_1 = -1 \\ C_2 = -\frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

Therefore the solution to the IVP is

$$Y(t) = \frac{1}{2}t^2 - t + \frac{3}{2}e^t - 1 - \frac{1}{2}e^{-t}$$

Example:  $Y'' + 2Y' + 2Y = 5 \sin(t) + 5 \cos(t) + e^{-t}$

Solution: 1. CE:  $r^2 + 2r + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow r = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4-8}}{2} = -1 \pm i$   
 Fundamental pair  $\{ e^{-t} \cos(t), e^{-t} \sin(t) \}$ .

2.  $f(t) = \underbrace{(5 \sin(t) + 5 \cos(t))}_{\text{first part}} + \underbrace{e^{-t}}_{\text{second part}} = f_1(t) + f_2(t)$

First deal with  $f_1(t)$ , since  $0 \pm 5i$  is not a solution, use the form  $Y_{p,1}(t) = A \cos(t) + B \sin(t)$ , then

$$Y'_{p,1} = -A \sin(t) + B \cos(t), \quad Y''_{p,1} = -A \cos(t) - B \sin(t)$$

$$Y''_{p,1} + 2Y'_{p,1} + 2Y_{p,1} = -A \cos(t) - B \sin(t) + 2(-A \sin(t) + B \cos(t)) + 2(A \cos(t) + B \sin(t))$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (-A + 2B + 2A) \cos(t) + (-B - 2A + 2B) \sin(t) \\
 &= (2B + A) \cos(t) + (B - 2A) \sin(t) = 5 \sin(t) + 5 \cos(t)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} 2B + A = 5 \\ B - 2A = 5 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} B = 3 \\ A = -1 \end{cases}$$

$$Y_{p,1}(t) = -\cos(t) + 3 \sin(t)$$

Next deal with  $f_2(t)$ . Since  $-1$  is not a solution, use the form  $Y_{p,2}(t) = C e^{-t}$ . Then

$$Y'_{p,2} = -C e^{-t}, \quad Y''_{p,2} = C e^{-t}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Y''_{p,2} + 2Y'_{p,2} + 2Y_{p,2} &= C e^{-t} - 2C e^{-t} + 2C e^{-t} \\
 &= C e^{-t} = e^{-t} \Rightarrow C = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$Y_{p,2}(t) = e^{-t}$$

Therefore  $Y_p(t) = Y_{p,1}(t) + Y_{p,2}(t) = -\cos(t) + 3 \sin(t) + e^{-t}$ .

3. General solution of the ODE is :

$$Y(t) = \underbrace{-\cos(t) + 3 \sin(t) + e^{-t}}_{Y_p(t)} + C_1 e^{-t} \cos(t) + C_2 e^{-t} \sin(t)$$

## 4.6 Variation of Parameters

last section:  $y'' + a_1 y' + a_0 y = \underline{f(t)}$

$f(t) \neq 0$  but has specific forms:  $(c_n t^n + \dots + c_0) e^{rt}$

or  $(C_n t^n + \dots + C_0) e^{\alpha t} \cos(\beta t) + (D_n t^n + \dots + D_0) e^{\alpha t} \sin(\beta t)$ .

Then we can find  $Y_p(t)$  and hence general solution of ODE

is  $Y(t) = Y_p(t) + C_1 Y_1(t) + C_2 Y_2(t)$  for any  $C_1, C_2$ .

This section, we remove restriction on  $f(t)$ . We can find  $Y_p(t)$  for any  $f(t) \neq 0$ .

Idea:  $y'' + a_1(t) y' + a_0(t) y = f(t)$

Assume we have a fundamental pair  $\{Y_1, Y_2\}$  for the homogeneous version  $y'' + a_1(t) y' + a_0(t) y = 0$ .

To find  $Y_p(t)$ , use the form

$$Y_p(t) = \underline{u_1(t)} Y_1(t) + \underline{u_2(t)} Y_2(t).$$

Notice here  $u_1, u_2$  are not constant numbers.

$$Y_p'(t) = \left[ \underline{u_1'(t) Y_1(t) + u_2'(t) Y_2(t)} \right] + \left[ \underline{u_1(t) Y_1'(t) + u_2(t) Y_2'(t)} \right]$$

We require  $\underline{u_1'(t) Y_1(t) + u_2'(t) Y_2(t) = 0}$  to avoid messy calculations.

Then  $Y_p'(t) = \underline{u_1(t)} Y_1'(t) + \underline{u_2(t)} Y_2'(t)$

$$Y_p''(t) = u_1(t) Y_1''(t) + u_2(t) Y_2''(t) + u_1'(t) Y_1'(t) + u_2'(t) Y_2'(t)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& Y_p'' + a_1 Y_p' + a_0 Y_p \\
&= u_1(t) Y_1''(t) + u_2(t) Y_2''(t) + u_1'(t) Y_1'(t) + u_2'(t) Y_2'(t) \\
&\quad + a_1(t) (u_1(t) Y_1'(t) + u_2(t) Y_2'(t)) \\
&\quad + a_0(t) (u_1(t) Y_1(t) + u_2(t) Y_2(t)) \\
&= u_1(t) (Y_1''(t) + a_1(t) Y_1'(t) + a_0(t) Y_1(t)) \\
&\quad + u_2(t) (Y_2''(t) + a_1(t) Y_2'(t) + a_0(t) Y_2(t)) \\
&\quad + (u_1'(t) Y_1'(t) + u_2'(t) Y_2'(t)) \\
&= u_1'(t) Y_1'(t) + u_2'(t) Y_2'(t) = f(t)
\end{aligned}$$

b/c  $Y_1$  is a sol to the homogeneous equation  
b/c  $Y_2$  is a sol to the homogeneous equation

Therefore in order to make  $Y_p(t) = u_1(t) Y_1(t) + u_2(t) Y_2(t)$  a particular solution to the nonhomogeneous ODE, we need

$$\begin{cases} u_1' Y_1 + u_2' Y_2 = 0 \\ u_1' Y_1' + u_2' Y_2' = f(t) \end{cases} \quad (*)$$

In matrix form, it can be written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} Y_1 & Y_2 \\ Y_1' & Y_2' \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1' \\ u_2' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ f(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

Using linear algebra:

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1' \\ u_2' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Y_1 & Y_2 \\ Y_1' & Y_2' \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ f(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1' \\ u_2' \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{W[Y_1, Y_2]} \begin{bmatrix} -Y_2 f(t) \\ Y_1 f(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $W[Y_1, Y_2] = \begin{vmatrix} Y_1 & Y_2 \\ Y_1' & Y_2' \end{vmatrix} = Y_1 Y_2' - Y_2 Y_1'$ .

Thus  $u_1' = -\frac{Y_2(t) f(t)}{W[Y_1, Y_2]}$ ,  $u_2' = \frac{Y_1(t) f(t)}{W[Y_1, Y_2]}$  (\*\*)

Once we solve  $u_1'(t)$  and  $u_2'(t)$  through either (\*) or (\*\*), we can then determine  $u_1(t)$  and  $u_2(t)$ . In the end, substitute  $u_1(t)$  and  $u_2(t)$  into the expression for  $Y_p(t)$  to obtain a particular solution  $Y_p(t)$ .

Here is a formula for  $Y_p(t)$

$$(\Delta) \quad Y_p(t) = Y_1 \int \frac{-Y_2(t) f(t)}{W[Y_1, Y_2]} dt + Y_2 \int \frac{Y_1(t) f(t)}{W[Y_1, Y_2]} dt$$

Summary of Method for finding  $Y_p(t)$

Use formula ( $\Delta$ ) or follows procedure ~~at~~ below:

(1) Find a fundamental pair  $\{Y_1(t), Y_2(t)\}$

(2) Write  $Y_p(t) = u_1(t) Y_1(t) + u_2(t) Y_2(t)$

(3) Solve  $u_1', u_2'$  from (\*), then solve  $u_1, u_2$

(4) Plug in to find  $Y_p(t)$ .

Examples:  $Y'' + Y = \sec(t)$   $\rightarrow \sec(t) = \frac{1}{\cos(t)}$

Solution: 1. CE:  $r^2 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow r = \pm i$

Fundamental pair  $\{\cos(t), \sin(t)\}$

2.  $Y_p(t) = u_1(t) Y_1(t) + u_2(t) Y_2(t)$ ,

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} u_1' \cdot \overset{Y_1}{\cos(t)} + u_2' \cdot \overset{Y_2}{\sin(t)} = 0 \\ u_1' \cdot \underset{Y_1'}{-\sin(t)} + u_2' \cdot \underset{Y_2'}{\cos(t)} = \sec(t) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} u_1' \cdot \overset{Y_1}{\cos(t)} + u_2' \cdot \overset{Y_2}{\sin(t)} = 0 \\ u_1' \cdot \underset{Y_1'}{-\sin(t)} + u_2' \cdot \underset{Y_2'}{\cos(t)} = \sec(t) \end{array} \right\}$$

First line:  $u_2' = -\frac{\cos(t)}{\sin(t)} u_1'$

$$-u_1' \sin(t) - \frac{\cos^2(t)}{\sin(t)} u_1' = -\frac{1}{\sin(t)} u_1' = \sec(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow u_1' = -\tan(t), \quad u_2' = 1.$$

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substitution  $v = \cos(t)$ ,  $dv = -\sin(t)dt$ 

$$u_1 = \int -\tan(t) dt = - \int \frac{\sin(t)}{\cos(t)} dt = \int \frac{1}{v} dv$$

$$= \ln|v| = \ln|\cos(t)| + C$$

$$u_2 = \int 1 dt = t + C$$

$$Y_p(t) = u_1 Y_1 + u_2 Y_2 = \ln|\cos(t)| \cos(t) + t \sin(t)$$

General solution is

$$Y(t) = \ln|\cos(t)| \cos(t) + t \sin(t) + C_1 \cos(t) + C_2 \sin(t)$$

Examples:  $Y'' + Y = \tan(t)$ 

$$1. \text{ CE: } r^2 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow r = \pm i$$

Fundamental pair  $\{\cos(t), \sin(t)\}$ 

$$2. Y_p(t) = u_1(t) Y_1(t) + u_2(t) Y_2(t), \text{ where } \begin{cases} Y_1(t) = \cos(t) \\ Y_2(t) = \sin(t) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} Y_1 & Y_2 \\ Y_1' & Y_2' \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1' \\ u_2' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ f(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos(t) & \sin(t) \\ -\sin(t) & \cos(t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1' \\ u_2' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \tan(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow u_1' = -\frac{\sin^2(t)}{\cos(t)}, \quad u_2' = \sin(t)$$

$$u_1 = \int \frac{-\sin^2(t)}{\cos(t)} dt = \int \frac{-\sin^2(t)}{\cos^2(t)} \cos(t) dt$$

$$= - \int \frac{v^2}{1-v^2} dv = + \int +1 + \frac{-1}{2(1-v)} + \frac{-1}{2(1+v)} dv$$

$$= +v + \frac{1}{2} \ln|1-v| - \frac{1}{2} \ln|1+v|$$

$$= \sin(t) - \frac{1}{2} \ln \left| \frac{1+\sin(t)}{1-\sin(t)} \right| + C$$

can also be written as  $\ln|\sec(t) + \tan(t)|$ substitution  
 $v = \cos(t)$   
 $dv = -\sin(t)dt$



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$$u_2 = \int \sinh(t) dt = -\cos(t) + C$$

$$\text{So } Y_p(t) = u_1 Y_1 + u_2 Y_2$$

$$= \left( \sinh(t) - \frac{1}{2} \ln \left| \frac{1 + \sinh(t)}{1 - \sinh(t)} \right| \right) \cos(t) - \cos(t) \sinh(t)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \cos(t) \ln \left| \frac{1 + \sinh(t)}{1 - \sinh(t)} \right|$$

So the general solution of ODE is

$$Y(t) = -\frac{1}{2} \cos(t) \ln \left| \frac{1 + \sinh(t)}{1 - \sinh(t)} \right| + C_1 \cos(t) + C_2 \sinh(t)$$

Example:  $(t^2+1) y'' - 2t y' + 2y = (t^2+1)^2$

Find a particular solution for the equation above, suppose we are given a fundamental pair  $\{t, t^2-1\}$ .

Not constant coefficients, we do not know how to find a fundamental pair.

\*Write ODE as:  $y'' - \frac{2t}{(t^2+1)} y' + \frac{2}{t^2+1} y = \frac{(t^2+1)^2}{t^2+1} = f(t)$

Solution: Let's try to use formula ( $\Delta$ ) directly.

$$W[Y_1, Y_2] = \begin{vmatrix} t & t^2-1 \\ 1 & 2t \end{vmatrix} = t \cdot 2t - (t^2-1) = t^2+1$$

$$u_1 \rightarrow \int \frac{-Y_2(t) f(t)}{W[Y_1, Y_2]} dt = \int \frac{-(t^2-1)(t^2+1)}{t^2+1} dt = \int (1-t^2) dt = t - \frac{1}{3} t^3 + C$$

$$u_2 \rightarrow \int \frac{Y_1(t) f(t)}{W[Y_1, Y_2]} dt = \int \frac{t(t^2+1)}{t^2+1} dt = \int t dt = \frac{1}{2} t^2 + C$$

$$Y_p(t) = \left( t - \frac{1}{3} t^3 \right) t + \left( \frac{1}{2} t^2 \right) \cdot (t^2-1) = \frac{1}{6} t^4 + \frac{1}{2} t^2$$

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We can make this example an IVP by adding IVs:

$$y(1) = 0, \quad y'(1) = 1.$$

Since general solution is

$$\begin{aligned} Y(t) &= Y_p(t) + C_1 t + C_2 (t^2 - 1) \\ &= \frac{1}{6} t^4 + \frac{1}{2} t^2 + C_1 t + C_2 (t^2 - 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Then } Y'(t) = \frac{2}{3} t^3 + t + C_1 + 2C_2 t$$

$$Y(1) = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{2} + C_1 = 0$$

$$Y'(1) = \frac{2}{3} + 1 + C_1 + 2C_2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow C_1 = -\frac{2}{3}, \quad C_2 = 0$$

So the solution to the IVP is  $Y(t) = \frac{1}{6} t^4 + \frac{1}{2} t^2 - \frac{2}{3} t$ .

Remark: The method introduced in this section is general.

So it can be also applied to  $f(t)$  of the form in last section.

However, the method of undetermined coefficients is usually easier.

Let's do an example we did in the last section:

$$y'' + 3y' + 2y = 2e^{3t}$$

Solution: CE:  $r^2 + 3r + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow r = -1, -2$

Fundamental pair  $\{e^{-t}, e^{-2t}\}$

$\begin{array}{cc} \uparrow & \uparrow \\ Y_1 & Y_2 \end{array}$

$$W[Y_1, Y_2] = \begin{vmatrix} e^{-t} & e^{-2t} \\ -e^{-t} & -2e^{-2t} \end{vmatrix} = e^{-t} \cdot (-2e^{-2t}) - e^{-2t} \cdot (-e^{-t})$$

$$= -2e^{-3t} + e^{-3t} = -e^{-3t}$$

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$$\int \frac{-Y_2(t)f(t)}{W[Y_1, Y_2]} dt = \int \frac{-e^{-2t} \cdot 2e^{3t}}{-e^{-3t}} dt = \int 2e^{4t} dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} e^{4t} + C$$

$$\int \frac{Y_1(t)f(t)}{W[Y_1, Y_2]} dt = \int \frac{e^{-t} \cdot 2e^{3t}}{-e^{-3t}} dt = \int -2e^{5t} dt$$

$$= -\frac{2}{5} e^{5t} + C$$

$$\text{So: } Y_p(t) = \frac{1}{2} e^{4t} \cdot e^{-t} + \left(-\frac{2}{5} e^{5t}\right) \cdot e^{-2t}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} e^{3t} - \frac{2}{5} e^{3t} = \frac{1}{10} e^{3t}$$

General solution to the ODE is  $Y(t) = \frac{1}{10} e^{3t} + C_1 e^{-t} + C_2 e^{-2t}$

I think this process is more complicated than the one we did using the method of undetermined coefficients. However, if you prefer the method here, you're free to use it for any  $f(t)$ .

#### 4.7 Variable-Coefficient Equations

Cauchy-Euler Equation:  $a_2 t^2 y'' + a_1 t y' + a_0 y = f(t)$

or  $a t^2 y'' + b t y' + c y = f(t)$

Examples:  $3t^2 y'' + 11t y' - 3y = \sinh(t)$  ✓

$t^2 y'' + 5t y' + 5y = 0$  ✓

Not Cauchy-Euler  $\rightarrow 2y'' - 3t y' + 11y = 3t - 1$  ✗

Next we show how to find a fundamental pair  $\{Y_1, Y_2\}$  for the homogeneous equation  $a t^2 y'' + b t y' + c y = 0$ .