

Thm 2.1 Let  $p, q, f$  be cts on an open interval  $I$ . Let  $x_0 \in I$  and  $A, B$  any real numbers. Then  $y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = f(x)$  with  $y(x_0) = A, y'(x_0) = B$  has a unique solution defined for all  $x$  in  $I$ . (17)

### Homogeneous Equations

Defn A linear 2nd order equation is homogeneous if  $f(x) \equiv 0$ , i.e.

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

Defn If  $y_1(x)$  and  $y_2(x)$  are functions and  $c_1, c_2$  are numbers, then  $c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x)$  is a linear combination of  $y_1$  and  $y_2$ .

Thm: Linear combinations of solutions to a homogeneous equation are homogeneous.

Proof  $y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$  has solutions  $y_1(x)$  and  $y_2(x)$

check  $c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$  is a solution:  $(c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x))'' + p(x)(c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x))' + q(x)(c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x))$

$$= c_1 y_1'' + c_2 y_2'' + p(x)c_1 y_1' + p(x)c_2 y_2' + q(x)(c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2)$$

$$= c_1 (y_1'' + p y_1' + q y_1) + c_2 (y_2'' + p y_2' + q y_2) = 0 \quad \square.$$

Note  $c_1 = c_2 = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0$  is a solution!

Defn two functions  $f$  and  $g$  are linearly dependent on an open interval  $I = (a, b)$  if either  $f(x) = c g(x)$  or  $g(x) = c f(x)$  for all  $x \in I$ ,  $c$  constant.

If  $f$  and  $g$  are not linearly dependent, we say they are linearly independent.

Example  $y_1(x) = \sin(x)$   $y_2(x) = \cos(x)$  linearly indep.

check:  $y_1(0) = 0$   $y_2(0) = 1$ . ( $\Rightarrow y_1(x) = 0 \cdot y_2(x)$ )

but  $y_1(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 1$   $y_2(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 0$   $\neq$ .

Example  $y''+y=0$  has solutions  $y_1(x)=\sin(x)$ ,  $y_2(x)=\cos(x)$ , (18)

linearly indep, so general solution is  $c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x) = c_1 \sin(x) + c_2 \cos(x)$ .

Test for independence: Def<sup>n</sup> The Wronskian  $W(x) = y_1(x)y_2'(x) - y_1'(x)y_2(x)$

$$W(x) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1(x) & y_2(x) \\ y_1'(x) & y_2'(x) \end{vmatrix}$$

Th<sup>m</sup> Let  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  be solutions of  $y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$  on an open interval  $I$

then ① either  $W(x) \equiv 0$  for all  $x \in I$  or  $W(x) \neq 0$  for all  $x \in I$ .

②  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are linearly independent iff  $W(x) \neq 0$  on  $I$ .

Example  $y''+y=0$  has solutions  $y_1(x)=\cos(x)$   
 $y_2(x)=\sin(x)$

$$\text{then } W(x) = \begin{vmatrix} \cos x & \sin x \\ -\sin x & \cos x \end{vmatrix} = \cos^2 x + \sin^2 x = 1 \neq 0.$$

Example  $y''+xy=0$  has solutions  $y_1(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{6}x^3 + \frac{1}{180}x^6 - \dots$

$$y_2(x) = x - \frac{1}{12}x^4 + \frac{1}{504}x^7 - \dots$$

$$W(0) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1(0) & y_2(0) \\ y_1'(0) & y_2'(0) \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \neq 0.$$

Th<sup>m</sup> Let  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  be linearly independent solutions of  $y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$  on an open interval  $I$ . Then every solution of this d.e. is of the form  $c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$ , i.e. a linear combination of  $y_1$  and  $y_2$ .

Def<sup>n</sup>  $y_1, y_2$  solutions of  $y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$  on  $I$

①  $y_1, y_2$  form a fundamental set of solutions iff they are linearly indep.

② in this case, the general solution is  $c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$ .

Proof Let  $\phi$  be a solution of  $y'' + py' + qy = 0$  on  $I$

aim: show  $\phi = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$ .

pick  $x_0 \in I$ . Let  $\phi(x_0) = A$ ,  $\phi'(x_0) = B$ , then  $\phi$  is the unique solution of the initial value problem:  $y'' + py' + qy = 0$ ,  $y(x_0) = A$ ,  $y'(x_0) = B$ .

consider:

$$\begin{cases} c_1 y_1(x_0) + c_2 y_2(x_0) = A \\ c_1 y_1'(x_0) + c_2 y_2'(x_0) = B \end{cases} \text{ solve for } c_1, c_2$$

$$y_2'(x_0) \textcircled{1} - y_2(x_0) \textcircled{2} : \quad c_1 \underbrace{(y_1(x_0) y_2'(x_0) - y_1'(x_0) y_2(x_0))}_{w(x_0) \neq 0!} = A y_2'(x_0) - B y_2(x_0)$$

$$c_1 = \frac{A y_2'(x_0) - B y_2(x_0)}{w(x_0)}$$

$$y_1'(x_0) \textcircled{1} - y_1(x_0) \textcircled{2} : \quad c_2 \underbrace{(y_1'(x_0) y_2(x_0) - y_1(x_0) y_2'(x_0))}_{-w(x_0) \neq 0!} = A y_1'(x_0) - B y_1(x_0)$$

$$c_2 = \frac{B y_1(x_0) - A y_1'(x_0)}{w(x_0)}$$

so  $c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x)$  satisfies IVP, uniqueness  $\Rightarrow \phi(x) = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2 \square$ .

Example solve  $y'' - 3y' + 2y = 0$ ,  $y(0) = 1$ ,  $y'(0) = 4$ .

look for soln  $y(x) = e^{\lambda x}$ :  $y' = \lambda e^{\lambda x}$ ,  $y'' = \lambda^2 e^{\lambda x}$ .

$$\lambda^2 e^{\lambda x} - 3\lambda e^{\lambda x} + 2e^{\lambda x} = 0$$

$$e^{\lambda x} [\lambda^2 - 3\lambda + 2] = 0 \quad (\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 1) = 0$$

solutions:  $y = e^{2x}, e^x$ . general solution:  $y(x) = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{2x}$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} y(0) &= c_1 + c_2 = 1 \\ y'(0) &= c_1 + 2c_2 = 4 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} c_2 &= 3 \\ c_1 &= -2 \end{aligned}$$

## Non-homogeneous case

Example  $y'' + 4y = 8x$

Facts :  $y'' + 4y = 0$  has general solution  $y = c_1 \cos 2x + c_2 \sin 2x$

$y'' + 4y = 8x$  has <sup>a particular</sup> solution  $y = 2x$ .

claim the general solution is  $\underbrace{c_1 \cos 2x + c_2 \sin 2x}_{\text{homogeneous soln}} + \underbrace{2x}_{\text{particular solution}}$

Thm 2.5 let  $\gamma_p$  be a solution of  $y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = f(x)$  and let  $y_1, y_2$  be lin indep solutions of the homogeneous equation  $y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$ . Then every solution of (\*) is of the form  $c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2 + \gamma_p$ .

Method solve  $y'' + py' + qy = f(x)$

① solve homogeneous problem  $y'' + py' + qy = 0$

② find any solution  $\gamma_p$

③ general solution is  $c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2 + \gamma_p$ .

### § 2.2 Constant coefficients

$$y'' + ay' + by = 0 \quad a, b \text{ numbers.}$$

look for solution  $y = e^{\lambda x}$  :  $y' = \lambda e^{\lambda x}$   $y'' = \lambda^2 e^{\lambda x}$

$$\lambda^2 e^{\lambda x} + a \lambda e^{\lambda x} + b e^{\lambda x} = 0$$

$$e^{\lambda x} (\lambda^2 + a\lambda + b) = 0 \quad \lambda = \frac{-a \pm \sqrt{a^2 - 4b}}{2}$$

① distinct real roots  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$

② repeated roots  $\lambda_1, \lambda_1$

③ complex roots

① distinct real roots: general solution is  $c_1 e^{\lambda_1 x} + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 x}$ . (2)

Example  $y'' - y' - 6y = 0$   $\lambda^2 - \lambda - 6 = (\lambda - 3)(\lambda + 2)$   $y = c_1 e^{3x} + c_2 e^{-2x}$ .

② <sup>complex</sup> repeated roots  $\lambda = \alpha \pm \beta i$

Example  $y'' + 4y' + 4y = 0$   $\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 4 = (\lambda + 2)^2$   $\lambda = -2 \pm 0i$

$c_1 e^{2ix} + c_2 e^{-2ix}$  ? recall:  $e^{i\theta} = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta$   
 $e^{-i\theta} = \cos\theta - i\sin\theta$

$c_1 (\cos 2x + i\sin 2x) + c_2 (\cos 2x - i\sin 2x)$

$e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta} = 2\cos\theta$

$e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta} = 2i\sin\theta$

$(c_1 + c_2) \cos 2x + i(c_1 - c_2) \sin 2x$

$\hookrightarrow c_1 = c_2 : \cos 2x$   
 $c_1 = -c_2 : \sin 2x$  } general solution  $c_1 \cos 2x + c_2 \sin 2x$ .

In general  $\lambda = \alpha \pm \beta i$  get general solution  $c_1 e^{\alpha x} \cos \beta x + c_2 e^{\alpha x} \sin \beta x$

Example  $y'' + 2y' + 2y = 0$   $\lambda = -1 \pm i$ .

③ repeated roots: Example  $y'' + 4y' + 4y = 0$   $\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 4 = 0$   
 $(\lambda + 2)^2 = 0$   $\lambda = -2, -2$ .

problem:  $e^{-2x}, e^{-2x}$  not independent!

find second solution: (reduction of order) look for a solution

$y(x) = u(x) e^{-2x}$

$y'(x) = u' e^{-2x} + u \cdot -2e^{-2x}$

$y''(x) = u'' e^{-2x} + u' \cdot -2e^{-2x} + u' \cdot -2e^{-2x} + u \cdot 4e^{-2x}$   
 $= u'' e^{-2x} - 4u' e^{-2x} + 4u e^{-2x}$

sub in ③: 
$$\left. \begin{aligned} u'' e^{-2x} - 4u' e^{-2x} + 4u e^{-2x} \\ + 4u' e^{-2x} - 8u e^{-2x} \\ + 4u e^{-2x} \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} u''(x) \underbrace{e^{-2x}}_{\neq 0} = 0 \\ \Rightarrow u''(x) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

so  $u(x) = cx+d$ , so  $(cx+d)e^{-2x}$  is a solution

so general soln is  $c_1 e^{-2x} + c_2 x e^{-2x}$

Fact if  $y'' + ay' + by = 0$  has repeated root  $\lambda$ , then general soln is  $c_1 e^{\lambda x} + c_2 x e^{\lambda x}$

§2.3.1 Variation of parameters.

$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = f(x)$  (1)

suppose we have solutions  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  for homogeneous equation.

Q: how do we find particular solution  $Y_p$ ?

try: look for solution  $Y_p(x) = u_1(x)y_1(x) + u_2(x)y_2(x)$

then  $Y_p'(x) = u_1'y_1 + u_1y_1' + u_2'y_2 + u_2y_2'$

simplifying assumption:  $u_1'y_1 + u_2'y_2 = 0$  (2)

$Y_p'(x) = u_1y_1' + u_2y_2'$

$Y_p'' = u_1'y_1' + u_1y_1'' + u_2'y_2' + u_2y_2''$

plug in to (1):

$u_1'y_1' + u_1y_1'' + u_2'y_2' + u_2y_2'' = f(x)$  (2)

$\left. \begin{matrix} + pu_1y_1' \\ + qu_1y_1 \end{matrix} \right\} = 0$        $\left. \begin{matrix} + pu_2y_2' \\ + qu_2y_2 \end{matrix} \right\} = 0$

- (1)  $u_1'y_1 + u_2'y_2 = 0$
  - (2)  $u_1'y_1' + u_2'y_2' = f(x)$
- } solve