

Math 214.

Lecture 13.

Summary (of const coeff 2nd linear homogeneous case)

$$ay'' + by' + cy = 0 \Rightarrow ar^2 + br + c = 0$$

Char. eqn. r_1, r_2 - roots

1) $r_1 \neq r_2$, real distinct

$$y = C_1 e^{r_1 t} + C_2 e^{r_2 t}$$

2) $r_1 = r_2$ real repeated

$$y = C_1 e^{rt} + C_2 t e^{rt}$$

3) $r_{1,2} = \lambda \pm i\mu$ complex

$$y = C_1 e^{\lambda t} \cos \mu t + C_2 e^{\lambda t} \sin \mu t$$

Methods for obtaining 2nd linearly indep.
solution having a 2nd order eqn and the
first solution $y_1(t)$ available:

↙
Reduction of order

Assume $y_2(t) = v(t)y_1(t)$

Plug into the eqn to get $v(t)$

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Abel's Theorem.

$$y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0$$

$$W(y_1, y_2)(t) = C e^{-\int p(t) dt}$$

Compute Wronskian ↗

Then use the fact

$$W(y_1, y_2)(t) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix}$$

to get y_2

Ex. 1 $t^2 y'' - 4t y' + 6y = 0, t > 0, y_1 = t^2$
Find ~~the~~ _a second lin. indep. solution y_2 .

Method 1: Abel's Theorem.

$$y'' - \frac{4}{t}y' + \frac{6}{t^2}y = 0 \quad p(t) = -\frac{4}{t}$$

$$W(y_1, y_2) = Ce^{-\int (\frac{4}{t}) dt} = Ce^{4 \ln t} = Ct^4$$

by det $\begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} t^2 & y_2 \\ 2t & y_2' \end{vmatrix} = t^2 y_2' - 2t y_2$

$$\Rightarrow t^2 y_2' - 2t y_2 = Ct^4$$

$$y_2' - \frac{2}{t}y_2 = Ct^2 \leftarrow \text{standard form}$$

$$p(t) = -\frac{2}{t}, \quad \mu(t) = e^{\int p(t) dt} = e^{-\int \frac{2}{t} dt} = e^{-2 \ln t} = t^{-2}$$

$$(t^{-2} y_2)' = C$$

$$t^{-2} y_2 = Ct + C_1$$

$$y_2 = Ct^3 + C_1 t^2$$

standard choice: $C=1, C_1=0 \Rightarrow \boxed{y_2 = t^3}$

Additional question: what is the gen. sol.

of $t^2 y'' - 4t y' + 6y = 0$?

Since $y_1 = t^2, y_2 = t^3$ are lin. indep. solutions $\Rightarrow$

they form a fund. set $\Rightarrow \boxed{y = C_1 t^2 + C_2 t^3 \text{ is the gen. solution}}$

Method 2: Reduction of order.

$$y_1 = t^2 \Rightarrow y_2 = v(t) t^2$$

$$y_2' = v' t^2 + 2t v$$

$$y_2'' = v'' t^2 + 2t v' + 2t v' + 2v$$

Plug in: $t^2 y_2'' - 4t y_2' + 6y_2 = 0$

$$t^2(\underline{v'' t^2} + \underline{4t v'} + \underline{2v}) - 4t(\underline{v' t^2} + \underline{2t v}) + \underline{6v t^2} = 0$$

$$t^4 v'' + \underbrace{(4t^3 - 4t^3)}_{=0} v' + \underbrace{(2t^2 - 8t^2 + 6t^2)}_{=0} v = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t^4 v'' = 0 \quad \begin{array}{l} u = v' \leftarrow \text{change of variables} \\ u' = v'' \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow t^4 u' = 0$$

$$t > 0 \Rightarrow u' = 0$$

$$u = C \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} v' = C \\ v = Ct + C_1 \end{array}$$

$$y_2 = v(t) \cdot t^2 = (Ct + C_1)t^2 = Ct^3 + C_1 t^2$$

$$\text{Pick } C=1, C_1=0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{y_2 = t^3}$$

Ex. 2. $t^2 y'' + 2t y' - 2y = 0, t > 0, y_1 = t$

$$y_2 = v \cdot t = v(t) \cdot t$$

$$y_2' = v' t + v$$

$$y_2'' = v'' t + v' + v'$$

$$t^2(v'' t + 2v') + 2t(v' t + v) - 2vt = 0$$

$$t^3 v'' + (2t^2 v' + 2t^2 v') + \underline{2vt - 2vt} = 0$$

$$t^3 v'' + 4t^2 v' = 0$$

$$u = v' \Rightarrow t^3 u' + 4t^2 u = 0$$

$$u' + \frac{4}{t} u = 0 \quad \mu = e^{\int \frac{4}{t} dt} = t^4$$

$$(t^4 u)' = 0$$

$$t^4 u = C \Rightarrow u = Ct^{-4}$$

$$u = v' = Ct^{-4}$$

$$v = -\frac{C}{3} t^{-3} + C_1$$

$$y_2 = \left(-\frac{C}{3} t^{-3} + C_1\right) t = C_1 t - \frac{C}{3} t^{-2}$$

Simplest form: $\boxed{y_2 = t^{-2}}$ $\begin{array}{l} C_1 = 0 \\ C = -3 \end{array}$

Ex. 3 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} t^2 y'' - t(t+2)y' + (t+2)y = 0, t > 0 \\ y_1 = t \text{ Find } y_2(t). \end{array} \right.$

Abel's Theorem: $y'' - \frac{t+2}{t}y' + \frac{t+2}{t^2}y = 0$

$$W(y_1, y_2) = C e^{-\int p(t) dt} = C e^{\int \frac{t+2}{t} dt} = C e^{t+2 \ln t} = C t^2 e^t$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} t & y_2 \\ 1 & y_2' \end{vmatrix} = t y_2' - y_2$$

$$\Rightarrow t y_2' - y_2 = C t^2 e^t$$

$$y_2' - \frac{1}{t} y_2 = C t e^t$$

$$p(t) = -\frac{1}{t}$$

$$\mu(t) = e^{\int p(t) dt} = e^{-\ln t} = t^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow (t^{-1} y_2)' = C e^t$$

$$t^{-1} y_2 = C e^t + C_1$$

$$y_2 = C t e^t + C_1 t$$

Pick $C_1 = 0$ $C = 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{y_2 = t e^t}$

§3.6. Nonhomogeneous equations.

$$y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = g(t) \neq 0$$

Fact 1: y_1, y_2 - solutions to $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = g(t)$

Then $y_1 - y_2$ solves $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0$.

Fact 2: If $y_h = C_1 y_1(t) + C_2 y_2(t)$ - gen. solution to homogeneous eqn $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0$

Then $y_{\text{nonhom.}}(t) = C_1 y_1(t) + C_2 y_2(t) + \underline{y_p(t)}$

Special sol.
to nonhom. eqn.

$$\boxed{\text{Gen. sol. nonhom. eqn.}} = \boxed{\text{Gen. sol. hom. eqn.}} + \boxed{\text{Particular sol. of nonhom. eqn.}}$$

Reason: $y_1 - y_2$ solves hom. eqn.

$$\Rightarrow y_1 - y_2 = c_1 y_1(t) + c_2 y_2(t)$$

Choose $y_2 = y_p(t) \leftarrow$ particular sol. of nonhom. eqn.

$$\Rightarrow y_1(t) = c_1 y_1(t) + c_2 y_2(t) + y_p(t)$$

The whole task is to find y_p .