

5 looking at 2<sup>nd</sup> order systems

- Analytical solution of linear 2<sup>nd</sup> order ODE

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

$$a(x)y'' + b(x)y' + c(x)y = h(x) \Rightarrow p(x) = \frac{b(x)}{a(x)}; q(x) = \frac{c(x)}{a(x)}; g(x) = \frac{h(x)}{a(x)}$$

- Will use variation of parameters to define solution
- For homogeneous equation  $y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$ 
  - Assume a solution  $y_1(x)$  to the equation is known
  - Assume also  $y_2(x)$  another linearly independent solution
  - $y_2(x)$  can be written as  $y_2(x) = v(x)y_1(x)$

- $v(x)$  satisfies the 1<sup>st</sup> order OLDE

Reduction in Order

$$v(x) \left[ \cancel{y_1'' + p(x)y_1' + q(x)y_1} \right] + y_1 v'' + (2y_1' + p y_1) v' = 0$$

$$\text{or } \frac{v''}{v'} = -\frac{2y_1'}{y_1} - p$$

$$\frac{dv'}{v'} = -2\frac{dy_1}{y_1} - p dx$$

$$\ln v' = -2 \ln y_1 - \int p dx$$

$$v' = \frac{1}{y_1^2} \cdot e^{-\int p dx}$$

$$\text{and } v(x) = \int \frac{1}{y_1^2(s)} e^{-\int p(t) dt} ds$$

$$y_2(x) = v y_1 = y_1(x) \int \frac{1}{y_1^2(s)} e^{-\int p(t) dt} ds$$

$$\text{so that } y_h = C_1 y_1(x) + C_2 y_2(x)$$

$$\text{satisfies } y_h'' + p y_h' + q y_h = 0$$

- To solve and obtain the ~~particular~~ <sup>total</sup> solution to  $y'' + p y' + q y = g$

$$\text{Assume } y_p = u_1(x) y_1(x) + u_2(x) y_2(x)$$

Method of Variation of parameters

- If we assume  $u_1' y_1 + u_2' y_2 = 0 \Rightarrow y_p' = u_1 y_1' + u_2 y_2'$
- This leads to  $u_1' y_1' + u_2' y_2' = g$

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• Thus  $\begin{bmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1' \\ u_2' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ g \end{pmatrix}$

•  $u_1'$  &  $u_2'$  can be found via Cramer's Rule

$$u_1' = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & y_2 \\ g & y_2' \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{-g y_2}{y_1 y_2' - y_1' y_2} \Rightarrow u_1(x) = \int \frac{-g(t) y_2(t) dt}{y_1(t) y_2'(t) - y_1'(t) y_2(t)} + C_1$$

$$u_2' = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} y_1 & 0 \\ y_1' & g \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{y_1 g}{y_1 y_2' - y_1' y_2} \Rightarrow u_2(x) = \int \frac{g(t) y_1(t) dt}{y_1(t) y_2'(t) - y_1'(t) y_2(t)} + C_2$$

• Note  $y_1 y_2' - y_1' y_2 = W(y_1, y_2)$  : Wronskian

• if  $W(y_1, y_2) \neq 0$  then  $y_1$  &  $y_2$  are linearly independent &  $y_p = u_1 y_1 + u_2 y_2$

• if at some pt the Wronskian is zero then it must be zero everywhere and  $y_1$  &  $y_2$  are not linearly independent.

• Example  $x^2 y'' - 2x y' + 2y = 4x^2$  for  $x > 0$  and  $y_1(x) = x$

$$y_1'(x) = 1$$

$$y_1''(x) = 0$$

1) Check if  $y_1$  solves  $x^2 y_1'' - 2x y_1' + 2y_1 = 0$

$$x^2 \cdot 0 - 2x \cdot 1 + 2x = 0 \checkmark$$

2) Find  $v(x) \Rightarrow y'' - \frac{2}{x} y' + \frac{2}{x^2} y = 0 \Rightarrow p = -\frac{2}{x} \quad q = \frac{2}{x^2}$

$$v(x) = \int \frac{1}{s^2} e^{-\int \frac{-2}{t} dt} ds = \int \frac{1}{s^2} e^{2 \ln s} ds = \int \frac{1}{s^2} s^2 ds = \underline{x}$$

3) Find  $y_h(x)$

$$y_2(x) = v(x) y_1(x) = x^2$$

$$\therefore y_h(x) = C_1 y_1(x) + C_2 y_2(x) = C_1 x + C_2 x^2$$

4) Now find total solution

$$y_p(x) = u_1(x) \cdot x + u_2(x) \cdot x^2$$

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5) find  $u_1(x)$  &  $u_2(x)$ 

$$x^2 y'' - 2xy' + 2y = 4x^2 \Rightarrow y'' - \frac{2}{x}y' + \frac{2}{x^2}y = 4 \downarrow g(x)$$

$$u_1(x) = \int \frac{-4 \cdot t^2}{t \cdot 2t - 1 \cdot t^2} dt + C_1 = \int -4 dt + C_1$$

$$= -4x + C_1$$

$$W(y_1, y_2) = 2x^2 - x^2 = x^2$$

$$u_2(x) = \int \frac{4 \cdot t}{t^2} dt + C_2 = \int \frac{4}{t} dt + C_2$$

$$= 4 \ln x + C_2$$

$$6) y_p = u_1 y_1 + u_2 y_2 = (-4x + C_1) \frac{x}{x^2} + (4 \ln x + C_2) \frac{x^2}{x^2}$$

$$= \underbrace{-4x^2 + 4x^2 \ln x}_{\text{particular}} + \underbrace{C_1 x + C_2 x^2}_{\text{homog.}}$$

$$y_T = y_p + y_h = -4x^2 + 4x^2 \ln x + C_1 x + C_2 x^2$$

HW Find  $y_2, u_1, u_2, y$  given  $x^2 y'' + 7xy' + 5y = x \quad x > 0 \quad y_1(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

$x^2 y'' + xy' + (x^2 - \frac{1}{4})y = 3x^{3/2} \sin x \quad x > 0 \quad y_1(x) = \frac{\sin x}{\sqrt{x}}$

Ans.  $u_1(x) = C_1$  and  $u_2(x) = C_2$