

3.6 Variation of Parameters.

Consider

$$\boxed{y''(t) + p(t)y'(t) + q(t)y(t) = g(t)} \quad (1.1)$$

Assume $y_1(t)$ and $y_2(t)$ are two linearly independent solutions of (1.1) (they form a fundamental set).

We will look for solutions as:

Key Idea: $\boxed{y_p(t) = u_1(t)y_1(t) + u_2(t)y_2(t)} \quad (1.2)$

where $u_1(t)$ and $u_2(t)$ are unknown functions to be determined.

Procedure:

Step 1: Obtain derivatives of y_p (y_p' and y_p'')

Step 2: Assume: $u_1'y_1 + u_2'y_2 = 0$

Step 3: Substitute y_p, y_p' and y_p'' into (1.1)

Step 4: obtain a linear system of equations for u_1' and u_2' and solve it

Step 5: Integrate u_1' and u_2' and subst. into (1.2) to obtain $y_p(t)$.

$$q * \left(y_p = u_1 y_1 + u_2 y_2 \right)$$

$$p * \left(y_p' = u_1 y_1' + u_2 y_2' \right), \quad \text{assuming: } \boxed{u_1' y_1 + u_2' y_2 = 0} \quad \text{key idea.}$$

$$y_p'' = u_1 y_1'' + u_2 y_2'' + u_1' y_1' + u_2' y_2'$$

Then, $y_p'' + p y_p' + q y_p =$

$$u_1 (y_1'' + p y_1' + q y_1) + u_2 (y_2'' + p y_2' + q y_2)$$

$$+ u_1' y_1' + u_2' y_2' = g(t)$$

As a result,

$$\begin{cases} u_1' y_1 + u_2' y_2 = 0 & (v.1) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} u_1' y_1' + u_2' y_2' = g(t) & (v.2) \end{cases}$$

Consider this as a system of two equations with two unknowns: u_1' and u_2' .

Solving the System for u_1' and u_2' :

$$u_1' y_1 = -u_2' y_2 \Rightarrow u_1' = -\frac{y_2}{y_1} u_2' \quad (V.3)$$

Subst. into (V.2)

$$-\frac{y_2}{y_1} u_2' y_1' + u_2' y_2' = g$$

$$\therefore u_2' \left(y_2' - \frac{y_2 y_1'}{y_1} \right) = g$$

$$\text{or } u_2' \left(\frac{y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1'}{y_1} \right) = g$$

$$\Rightarrow u_2' = \frac{y_1 g}{y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1'} = \frac{y_1 g}{w(y_1, y_2)}$$

and from (V.3)

$$u_1' = -\frac{y_2}{y_1} \left(\frac{y_1 g}{w(y_1, y_2)} \right) = \frac{-y_2 g}{w(y_1, y_2)}$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} u_1(t) &= - \int \frac{y_2(t) g(t)}{w(y_1, y_2)(t)} dt \\ u_2(t) &= \int \frac{y_1(t) g(t)}{w(y_1, y_2)(t)} dt \end{aligned}$$

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$$y'' + 4y' + 4y = x^{-2} e^{-2x},$$

 $x > 0.$
(4.1)

 Charact. eqn.: $(r+2)^2 = 0$

Fundamental Set:

$$y_1(x) = e^{-2x}, \quad y_2(x) = x e^{-2x}$$

Applying the previous procedure, we propose a particular solution of the form:

$$y_p(x) = u_1(x) y_1(x) + u_2(x) y_2(x)$$

or

$$y_p(x) = u_1(x) e^{-2x} + u_2(x) x e^{-2x}. \quad (4.2)$$

With $u_1(x)$ and $u_2(x)$ unknown functions.

The key assumption is

$$e^{-2x} u_1' + x e^{-2x} u_2' = 0 \quad (4.3)$$

Jumping to step 4, we obtain the following linear system of equations for u_1' and u_2' ,

$$\begin{cases} u_1' y_1 + u_2' y_2 = 0 \\ u_1' y_1' + u_2' y_2' = x^{-2} e^{-2x} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{or } \begin{cases} e^{-2x} (u_1' + x u_2') = 0 \\ \cancel{e^{-2x}} (-2u_1' + (1-2x)u_2') = \cancel{x^{-2}} \cancel{e^{-2x}} \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} y_1' = -2e^{-2x} \\ y_2' = e^{-2x}(1-2x) \end{matrix}$$

$$\text{or } \boxed{\begin{cases} u_1' + x u_2' = 0 \\ -2u_1' + (1-2x)u_2' = x^{-2} \end{cases}} \quad (5.1)$$

Solving for u_1' and u_2' :

$$\boxed{u_1' = -x u_2'} \Rightarrow -2(-x u_2') + (1-2x)u_2' = x^{-2}$$

$$2x u_2' + u_2' - 2x u_2' = x^{-2}$$

$$u_2' = x^{-2} \Rightarrow \boxed{u_2(x) = -x^{-1}} + C = 0$$

$$\text{Thus, } u_1' = -x u_2' = -x^{-1} \Rightarrow \boxed{u_1(x) = -\ln x} + d = 0$$

Alternative using Kramer's rule:

$$\begin{cases} u_1' + x u_2' = 0 & (6) \\ -2u_1' + (1-2x) u_2' = \frac{1}{x^2} & (7) \end{cases}$$

This system can be considered a linear system of equations for the unknowns u_1' and u_2' .

It has a unique soln. if $\Delta \neq 0$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x \\ -2 & 1-2x \end{vmatrix} = 1-2x+2x = 1 \neq 0. \text{ for all } x.$$

And using Cramer's rule

$$u_1' = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & x \\ \frac{1}{x^2} & 1-2x \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & x \\ -2 & 1-2x \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{-\frac{1}{x}}{1} = -\frac{1}{x} \quad (8)$$

$$u_2' = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -2 & \frac{1}{x^2} \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & x \\ -2 & 1-2x \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{\frac{1}{x^2}}{1} = \frac{1}{x^2} \quad (9)$$

Integrating (8) and (9).

$$u_1(x) = - \int \frac{1}{x} dx = -\ln(x) + C_1,$$

$$u_2(x) = \int \frac{1}{x^2} dx = -x^{-1} + C_2$$

Since, we are looking for particular u_1 and u_2

We choose $C_1 = 0, C_2 = 0$, so

$$\begin{cases} u_1(x) = -\ln x \\ u_2(x) = -\frac{1}{x} \end{cases}$$

Finally, the particular solution we are looking for is given by

$$\begin{aligned} y_p(x) &= u_1(x) e^{-2x} + u_2(x) x e^{-2x} = \\ &= -\ln(x) e^{-2x} - \frac{1}{x} \cdot x e^{-2x} = -\ln(x) e^{-2x} - e^{-2x} \end{aligned}$$

Since e^{-2x} is a soln. of the homogeneous equation corresponding to (1)

$$y_p(x) = -\ln(x) e^{-2x} \quad (10)$$

is a particular soln.

$$\text{General Solution: } y(x) = C_1 e^{-2x} + C_2 x e^{-2x} - \ln x e^{-2x}$$

Thm 3.7.1

Consider

$$\boxed{y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = g(t)} \quad (8.1)$$

with $p(t)$, $q(t)$ and $g(t)$ continuous on (α, β) .

If $y_1(t)$ and $y_2(t)$ form a fundamental set of solutions for the corresponding homogeneous equation,

$$\boxed{y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0} \quad (8.2)$$

then a particular solution of (8.1) is given by

$$\boxed{y_p(t) = u_1(t)y_1(t) + u_2(t)y_2(t)} \quad (8.3)$$

where

$$u_1(t) = - \int \frac{y_2(t)g(t)}{w(y_1, y_2)(t)} dt$$

and

$$u_2(t) = \int \frac{y_1(t)g(t)}{w(y_1, y_2)(t)} dt.$$