

1. Find the general solution of

$$y'' - 5y' + 4y = 0.$$

$$r^2 - 5r + 4 = (r-1)(r-4) = 0. \quad r_1 = 1, \quad r_2 = 4$$

$$y(x) = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{4x}$$

2. Find the solution of the IVP

$$y'' - 4y' + 4y = 0, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = -1.$$

$$r^2 - 4r + 4 = (r-2)^2 = 0 \quad r_1 = r_2 = 2$$

$$y(x) = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 x e^{2x} \Rightarrow y'(x) = 2c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{2x} + 2c_2 x e^{2x}$$

$$\begin{cases} 1 = y(0) = c_1 e^0 + 0 \\ -1 = y'(0) = 2c_1 + c_2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 = 1 \\ c_2 = -3 \end{cases}$$

$$y(x) = e^{2x} - 3x e^{2x}$$

3. Find the general solution of

$$y'' - 4y' + 5y = 0.$$

$$r^2 - 4r + 5 = 0 \quad r_{1,2} = 2 \pm i$$

$$y(x) = c_1 e^{2x} \cos x + c_2 e^{2x} \sin x$$

4. Find the general solution of

$$y'' - 5y' + 4y = e^{2t}.$$

The homogeneous solution is from problem 1.

$$\text{Let } y_p = A e^{2t} \Rightarrow y_p' = 2A e^{2t}, \quad y_p'' = 4A e^{2t}$$

$$\text{plug into the eqn.} \quad 4A e^{2t} - 5(2A e^{2t}) + 4A e^{2t} = e^{2t} \Rightarrow -2A = 1, \quad A = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$y_p(t) = \frac{1}{2} e^{2t}$$

$$y(t) = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{4t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{2t}$$

5. Use the variation parameter method to find the general solution of

$$y'' + 4y = 1$$

$$r^2 + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow y_c = C_1 \cos 2x + C_2 \sin 2x$$

$$W[y_1, y_2] = \begin{vmatrix} \cos 2x & \sin 2x \\ -2\sin 2x & 2\cos 2x \end{vmatrix} = 2 \quad y_p = u_1(x)y_1 + u_2(x)y_2$$

$$u_1(x) = \int \frac{-y_2 f}{W[y_1, y_2]} dx = \int -\frac{1}{2} \sin 2x dx = \frac{1}{4} \cos 2x$$

$$u_2(x) = \int \frac{y_1 f}{W[y_1, y_2]} dx = \int \frac{\cos 2x}{2} dx = \frac{1}{4} \sin 2x$$

$$\Rightarrow y_p = \frac{1}{4} \cos^2 2x + \frac{1}{4} \sin^2 2x = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\boxed{y(x) = C_1 \cos 2x + C_2 \sin 2x + \frac{1}{4}}$$

6. In problem 4, if we replace the nonhomogeneous term e^{2t} by e^{4t} , find y_p .

$$y_p = A t e^{4t}, \quad y_p' = A(e^{4t} + 4t e^{4t}), \quad y_p'' = A(4e^{4t} + 4e^{4t} + 16t e^{4t})$$

plug into the eqn.

$$(8A e^{4t} + 16A t e^{4t}) - 5A(e^{4t} + 4t e^{4t}) + 4A t e^{4t} = e^{4t}$$

$$3A e^{4t} = e^{4t} \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\boxed{y_p = \frac{1}{3} t e^{4t}}$$

7. Show $y_1 = 1$, $y_2 = x$, $y_3 = x^2$ are three linearly independent solutions to the differential equation $y''' = 0$.

$$y''' = 0 \Rightarrow r_1 = r_2 = r_3 = 0$$

$$y_1 = e^{0x} = 1, \quad y_2 = x e^{0x} = x, \quad y_3 = x^2 e^{0x} = x^2$$

$$W[y_1, y_2, y_3] = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2x \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \neq 0 \Rightarrow y_1, y_2, y_3 \text{ are l.i.}$$

8. Find the general solution of the linear first order system $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$ where

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 5 \\ -6 & -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 9-\lambda & 5 \\ -6 & -2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (9-\lambda)(-2-\lambda) + 30 = \lambda^2 - 7\lambda + 12 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 3, \lambda_2 = 4$$

for $\lambda_1 = 3$,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 6 & 5 \\ -6 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow 6u_1 + 5u_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{u}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} e^{3t}$$

for $\lambda_2 = 4$,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 5 \\ -6 & -6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow u_1 + u_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{u}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{4t}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{x}(t) = C_1 \vec{x}_1 + C_2 \vec{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -5C_1 e^{3t} - C_2 e^{4t} \\ 6C_1 e^{3t} + C_2 e^{4t} \end{pmatrix}}$$

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$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -2 \\ 9 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} -3-\lambda & -2 \\ 9 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 - 9 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_{1,2} = \pm 3i$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -3-3i & -2 \\ 9 & 3-3i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow 9u_1 + 3(1-i)u_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1+i \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + i \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \cos 3t - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \sin 3t = \begin{pmatrix} -\cos 3t - \sin 3t \\ 3 \cos 3t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cos 3t + \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \sin 3t = \begin{pmatrix} \cos 3t - \sin 3t \\ 3 \sin 3t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x}(t) = C_1 \begin{pmatrix} -\cos 3t - \sin 3t \\ 3 \cos 3t \end{pmatrix} + C_2 \begin{pmatrix} \cos 3t - \sin 3t \\ 3 \sin 3t \end{pmatrix}$$

10. Convert the third order equation

$$y''' + 2y'' - 3y' + y = 0$$

into a first order system. Here the prime means derivative with respect to t .

Let $y_1 = y, y_2 = y', y_3 = y''$, we get

$$\begin{cases} y_1' = y_2 \\ y_2' = y_3 \\ y_3' = -y_1 + 3y_2 - 2y_3 \end{cases}$$

11. Given an Euler equation

$$x^2 y'' + 2xy' - 6y = 0.$$

Let $y = x^r$ be solution. Plug it into the equation to derive a characteristic equation as we did for the constant coefficient equation. Solve the characteristic equation to get two roots r_1, r_2 . Then $y_1 = x^{r_1}, y_2 = x^{r_2}$ are two solutions to the Euler equation. Show they are linearly independent. Then write out the general solution.

$y = x^r, y' = r x^{r-1}, y'' = r(r-1)x^{r-2}$ plug into the eqn.

$$r(r-1)x^r + 2rx^r - 6x^r = 0 \Rightarrow r(r-1) + 2r - 6 = 0 \Rightarrow r^2 + r - 6 = 0$$

$r_1 = -3, r_2 = 2 \Rightarrow y_1 = x^{-3}, y_2 = x^2$ are two solutions. $W(y_1, y_2) = \begin{vmatrix} x^{-3} & x^2 \\ -3x^{-4} & 2x \end{vmatrix} = 5x^{-2} \neq 0$

$$y(x) = C_1 x^{-3} + C_2 x^2$$

12. For problem 8, add a nonhomogeneous term $f(t) = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^t$. Find a particular solution $x_p(t)$.

Let $\vec{x}_p = \vec{a} e^t$ plug into the eqn $(\vec{a} e^t)' = A(\vec{a} e^t) + \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^t$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} = A\vec{a} + \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 5 \\ -6 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 5 \\ -6 & -3 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -5 \\ 6 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2/3 \\ 5/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x}_p = \begin{bmatrix} -2/3 \\ 5/3 \end{bmatrix} e^t$$