

3.6 Variation of Parameters

Solve  $y'' - 2y' + y = e^t \ln(t)$

1) Find homogeneous solutions: Solve  $y'' - 2y' + y = 0$

Guess:  $y = e^{rt}$ , then  $y' = re^{rt}$ ,  $y'' = r^2 e^{rt}$ , and

$$r^2 e^{rt} - 2re^{rt} + e^{rt} = 0 \text{ implies } r^2 - 2r + 1 = 0$$

$(r-1)^2 = 0$ , and hence  $r = 1$

General homogeneous solution:  $y = c_1 e^t + c_2 t e^t$

since have two linearly independent solutions:  $\{e^t, t e^t\}$

2.) Find a non-homogeneous solution:

Sect. 3.5 method: Educated guess  $y = c_1 e^t + c_2 t e^t + \frac{y(t)}{t}$

Sect. 3.6: Guess  $y = u_1(t)e^t + u_2(t)te^t$  and solve for  $u_1$  and  $u_2$

$$u_1(t) = \int \begin{vmatrix} 0 & \phi_2 \\ 1 & \phi_2' \end{vmatrix} g(t) dt = - \int \frac{\phi_2(t)g(t)}{W(\phi_1, \phi_2)} dt = - \int \frac{(te^t)(e^t \ln(t))}{e^{2t}} dt$$

$$= - \int t \ln(t) dt = - \left[ \frac{t^2 \ln(t)}{2} - \int \frac{t^2}{2} \right] = - \frac{t^2 \ln(t)}{2} + \frac{t^2}{4}$$

$$u_2(t) = \int \begin{vmatrix} \phi_1 & 0 \\ \phi_1' & 1 \end{vmatrix} g(t) dt = \int \frac{\phi_1(t)g(t)}{W(\phi_1, \phi_2)} dt = \int \frac{e^t(e^t \ln(t))}{e^{2t}} dt$$

$$= \int \ln(t) dt = t \ln(t) - t$$

$$W(\phi_1, \phi_2) = \begin{vmatrix} \phi_1 & \phi_2 \\ \phi_1' & \phi_2' \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} e^t & te^t \\ e^t & e^t + te^t \end{vmatrix}$$

$$u = \ln(t) \quad dv = t dt$$

$$du = \frac{dt}{t} \quad v = \frac{t^2}{2}$$

General solution:  $y = c_1 e^t + c_2 t e^t + \left(-\frac{t^2 \ln(t)}{2} + \frac{t^2}{4}\right) e^t + (t \ln(t) - t) t e^t$   
 which simplifies to  $y = c_1 e^t + c_2 t e^t + \left(\frac{\ln(t)}{2} - \frac{3}{4}\right) t^2 e^t$

Solve  $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = g(t)$  where  $y = c_1 \phi_1(t) + c_2 \phi_2(t)$  is solution to homogeneous equation  $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0$

Guess  $y = u_1(t)\phi_1(t) + u_2(t)\phi_2(t)$

$$y = u_1 \phi_1 + u_2 \phi_2 \text{ implies } y' = u_1' \phi_1 + u_1 \phi_1' + u_2' \phi_2 + u_2 \phi_2'$$

Two unknown functions,  $u_1$  and  $u_2$ , but only one equation  $(y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = g(t))$ . Thus might be OK to choose 2nd eq'n.

Avoid 2nd derivative in  $y''$ : Choose  $u_1' \phi_1 + u_2' \phi_2 = 0$

$$y' = u_1 \phi_1' + u_2 \phi_2' \text{ implies } y'' = u_1' \phi_1' + u_1 \phi_1'' + u_2' \phi_2' + u_2 \phi_2''$$

Plug into  $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = g(t)$ :

$$u_1 \phi_1'' + u_1' \phi_1' + u_2 \phi_2'' + u_2' \phi_2' + p(u_1 \phi_1' + u_2 \phi_2') + q(u_1 \phi_1 + u_2 \phi_2) = g$$

$$u_1 \phi_1'' + u_1' \phi_1' + u_2 \phi_2'' + u_2' \phi_2' + p u_1 \phi_1' + p u_2 \phi_2' + q u_1 \phi_1 + q u_2 \phi_2 = g$$

$$u_1 \phi_1'' + p u_1 \phi_1' + q u_1 \phi_1 + u_1' \phi_1' + u_2 \phi_2'' + p u_2 \phi_2' + q u_2 \phi_2 + u_2' \phi_2' = g$$

$$u_1(\phi_1'' + p \phi_1' + q \phi_1) + u_1' \phi_1' + u_2(\phi_2'' + p \phi_2' + q \phi_2) + u_2' \phi_2' = g$$

$\phi_1, \phi_2$  are homogeneous solutions. Thus  $\phi_i'' + p \phi_i' + q \phi_i = 0$ .

Hence  $u_1(0) + u_1' \phi_1' + u_2(0) + u_2' \phi_2' = g$

Thus we have 2 eqns to find 2 unknowns, the functions  $u_1$  and  $u_2$ :

$$u_1' \phi_1 + u_2' \phi_2 = 0 \text{ implies } \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1 & \phi_2 \\ \phi_1' & \phi_2' \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1' \\ u_2' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ g \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Cramer's rule: } u_1'(t) = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & \phi_2 \\ g & \phi_2' \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} \phi_1 & \phi_2 \\ \phi_1' & \phi_2' \end{vmatrix}} \text{ and } u_2'(t) = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} \phi_1 & 0 \\ \phi_1' & \phi_2' \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} \phi_1 & \phi_2 \\ \phi_1' & \phi_2' \end{vmatrix}}$$