

Section 3.2

n th Order Linear DE:

$$P_0(x)y^{(n)} + P_1(x)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + P_{n-1}(x)y' + P_n(x)y = F(x)$$

assume unless otherwise noted that

① $P_i(x)$ and $F(x)$ are continuous on open I and

② $P_0(x) \neq 0$ @ each point on I

divide by $P_0(x)$ and do similar substitution as in previous §

$$y^{(n)} + p_1(x)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + p_{n-1}(x)y' + p_n(x)y = f(x)$$

← non-homogeneous

then associated homogeneous linear eq'n is:

$$y^{(n)} + p_1(x)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + p_{n-1}(x)y' + p_n(x)y = 0$$

thm: let $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$ be sol'n's on I then LC ← linear combination

$$y = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2 + \dots + c_n y_n \text{ is also a sol'n}$$

where $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$ are constants

given $y''' + 3y'' + 4y' + 2y = 0$ on $\mathbb{R}$

verify $y_1 = e^{-3x}$, $y_2 = \cos 2x$, $y_3 = \sin 2x$ are all sol'n's
 try on your later

by thm above, gen soln is $y(x) = c_1 e^{-3x} + c_2 \cos 2x + c_3 \sin 2x$

recall: a 2nd order linear DE needs 2 initial conditions to find a particular solution

similarly, an n th order linear DE needs n initial conditions

Linear Independence vs. Dependence

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ex. given $f_1 = kf_2$ or $f_2 = kf_1$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (1)f_1 - kf_2 = 0 & & (1)f_2 - kf_1 = 0 \\ \uparrow \quad \quad \uparrow & & \uparrow \quad \quad \uparrow \\ c_1 \quad \quad c_2 & & c_1 \quad \quad c_2 \end{array}$$

c_1, c_2 in both scenarios are non-zero

s.t. $c_1 f_1 + c_2 f_2 = 0$

Linear Dependence Def'n

$f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$ are linearly dependent when there exists non-zero $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$ s.t. $c_1 f_1 + c_2 f_2 + \dots + c_n f_n = 0$

ex. $f_1 = \sin 2x$ $f_2 = \sin x \cos x$ $f_3 = e^x$ are linearly dependent

because $1f_1 - 2f_2 + 0f_3 = 0$

$$1f_1 = 2f_2$$

$$\sin 2x = 2 \sin x \cos x$$

constant multiple $\Rightarrow$ linear dependence

conversely, $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$ are linearly independent when

the identity $c_1 f_1 + c_2 f_2 + \dots + c_n f_n = 0$ called trivial case
only holds when $c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_n = 0$

$\rightarrow c_1 = 1 \neq 0, c_2 = -2 \neq 0 \leftarrow$ non-trivial case

3x3 determinant

cell = a_{ij}
 $\uparrow \quad \quad \uparrow$
row column

ex $\begin{bmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ a_{21} & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

reduce to three 2x2 matrices

$\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = ad - bc$

$$\det A = +a_{11} \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} - a_{21} \begin{vmatrix} a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + a_{31} \begin{vmatrix} a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{22} & a_{23} \end{vmatrix}$$

ex. use Wronskian to show linear independence $y_1 = e^{-3x}$

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 & y_3 \\ y_1' & y_2' & y_3' \\ y_1'' & y_2'' & y_3'' \end{vmatrix}$$

$$y_2 = \cos 2x$$

$$y_3 = \sin 2x$$

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} e^{-3x} & \cos 2x & \sin 2x \\ -3e^{-3x} & -2\sin 2x & 2\cos 2x \\ 9e^{-3x} & -4\cos 2x & -4\sin 2x \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= e^{-3x} \begin{vmatrix} -2\sin 2x & 2\cos 2x \\ -4\cos 2x & -4\sin 2x \end{vmatrix} - (-3e^{-3x}) \begin{vmatrix} \cos 2x & \sin 2x \\ -4\cos 2x & -4\sin 2x \end{vmatrix} + 9e^{-3x} \begin{vmatrix} \cos 2x & \sin 2x \\ -2\sin 2x & 2\cos 2x \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= e^{-3x} (8\sin^2 2x + 8\cos^2 2x) + 3e^{-3x} (-4\sin 2x \cos 2x + 4\sin 2x \cos 2x) + 9e^{-3x} (2\cos^2 2x + 2\sin^2 2x)$$

$$= 8e^{-3x} + 18e^{-3x}$$

$$= 26e^{-3x} \neq 0$$

never zero

$\therefore y_1, y_2, y_3$ are linearly independent

ex. show $y_1 = x$, $y_2 = x \ln x$, $y_3 = x^2$ are linearly independent sol's

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} x & x \ln x & x^2 \\ 1 & \ln x + 1 & 2x \\ 0 & \frac{1}{x} & 2 \end{vmatrix} = x \begin{vmatrix} \ln x + 1 & 2x \\ \frac{1}{x} & 2 \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} x \ln x & x^2 \\ \frac{1}{x} & 2 \end{vmatrix} + 0$$

$$= x (2 \ln x + 2 - 2) - (2x \ln x - x)$$

$$= 2x \ln x - 2x \ln x + x$$

$$= x$$

since $W \neq 0$ for $x > 0$, then y_1, y_2, y_3 are linearly independent
 follow up: find particular sol'n given $y(1)=3, y'(1)=2, y''(1)=1$
 tip: use Wronskian instead of taking derivatives again

$$y(x) = c_1 x + c_2 x \ln x + c_3 x^2 \rightarrow y(1) = c_1 + 0 + c_3 = 3$$

$$y'(x) = c_1 + c_2(\ln x + 1) + 2c_3 x \rightarrow y'(1) = c_1 + c_2 + 2c_3 = 2$$

$$y''(x) = 0 + c_2\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + 2c_3 \rightarrow y''(1) = c_2 + 2c_3 = 1$$

show yourself later that

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 &= 1 \\ c_2 &= -3 \\ c_3 &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$ particular sol'n is $y(x) = x - 3x \ln x + 2x^2$

expand def'n from previous §:

thm: let $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$ be n linearly independent sol'n's of a homogeneous eq'n $y^{(n)} + p_1(x)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + p_{n-1}(x)y' + p_n(x)y = 0$

on open I where $p_i(x)$ are continuous

then there exists $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$ s.t. $Y = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2 + \dots + c_n y_n$ is a general sol'n to the DE

thm: given $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n, f(x)$ are continuous on open I containing point a

then $y^{(n)} + p_1(x)y^{(n-1)} + \dots = f(x) \leftarrow$ non-homogeneous

has a unique sol'n on I that satisfies initial conditions: $y(a) = b_0, y'(a) = b_1, \dots, y^{(n-1)}(a) = b_{n-1}$

revisit $y''' + 3y'' + 4y' + 12y = 0$ w its linearly indep. sol'n's: $y_1 = e^{-3x}$
 $y_2 = \cos 2x$
 $y_3 = \sin 2x$

saw that $y(x) = c_1 e^{-3x} + c_2 \cos 2x + c_3 \sin 2x$

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exists a particular solution that satisfies (for example)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{let } a=0 \quad y(0) &= b_0 \\ y'(0) &= b_1 \\ y''(0) &= b_2 \end{aligned}$$

based on its Wronskian $W = \begin{vmatrix} e^{-3x} & \cos 2x & \sin 2x \\ -3e^{-3x} & -2\sin 2x & 2\cos 2x \\ 9e^{-3x} & -4\cos 2x & -4\sin 2x \end{vmatrix}$

setup for linear eqns are:

$$\begin{cases} y(0) = c_1 + c_2 + 0 = b_0 \\ y'(0) = -3c_1 + 0 + 2c_3 = b_1 \\ y''(0) = 9c_1 - 4c_2 + 0 = b_2 \end{cases}$$

Next, consider the non-homogeneous scenario:

given a single, fixed particular sol'n of a non-homogeneous eq'n
 $\uparrow$ known y_p

and Y is another sol'n

$$\text{let } y_c = Y - y_p \quad \leftarrow \text{LC}$$

we'll see next time that y_c is a solution to the corresponding homogeneous eq'n