

### 3.6 Variation of Parameters

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

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

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

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

$$(r - 1)^2 = 0, \text{ and hence } r = 1$$

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} u_1(t) &= \int \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & \phi_2 \\ 1 & \phi_2' \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} \phi_1 & \phi_2 \\ \phi_1' & \phi_2' \end{vmatrix}} g(t) dt = - \int \frac{\phi_2(t)g(t)}{W(\phi_1, \phi_2)} dt = - \int \frac{(te^t)(e^t \ln(t))}{e^{2t}} dt \\ &= - \int t \ln(t) dt = - \left[ \frac{t^2 \ln(t)}{2} - \int \frac{t}{2} \right] = - \frac{t^2 \ln(t)}{2} + \frac{t^2}{4} \end{aligned}$$

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \ln(t) & dv &= t dt \\ du &= \frac{dt}{t} & v &= \frac{t^2}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \ln(t) & dv &= dt \\ du &= \frac{dt}{t} & v &= t \end{aligned}$$

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

$y = u_1\phi_1 + u_2\phi_2$  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  $u_1'\phi_1 + u_2'\phi_2 = 0$**

$y' = u_1\phi_1' + u_2\phi_2'$  implies  $y'' = u_1\phi_1'' + u_1'\phi_1' + u_2\phi_2'' + u_2'\phi_2'$

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

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

$$u_1\phi_1'' + u_1'\phi_1' + u_2\phi_2'' + u_2'\phi_2' + pu_1\phi_1' + pu_2\phi_2' + qu_1\phi_1 + qu_2\phi_2 = g$$

$$u_1\phi_1'' + pu_1\phi_1' + qu_1\phi_1 + u_1'\phi_1' + u_2\phi_2'' + pu_2\phi_2' + qu_2\phi_2 + u_2'\phi_2' = g$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$y' = u_1'e^t + u_1e^t + u_2'te^t + u_2(e^t + te^t) = e^{2t} + te^{2t} - te^{2t} - e^{2t}.$$

Two unknown functions,  $u_1$  and  $u_2$ , but only one equation ( $y'' - 2y' + y = e^t \ln(t)$ ). Thus might be OK to choose 2nd eq'n.

**Avoid 2nd derivative in  $y''$ :** **Choose**  $u_1'e^t + u_2'te^t = 0$

Hence  $y' = u_1e^t + u_2(e^t + te^t)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } y'' &= u_1'e^t + u_1e^t + u_2'(e^t + te^t) + u_2(e^t + e^t + te^t). \\ &= u_1'e^t + u_1e^t + u_2'e^t + u_2'te^t + u_2(2e^t + te^t). \\ &= u_1e^t + u_2'e^t + u_2(2e^t + te^t). \end{aligned}$$

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

$$u_1e^t + u_2'e^t + u_2(2e^t + te^t) - 2[u_1e^t + u_2(e^t + te^t)] + u_1e^t + u_2te^t = e^t \ln(t)$$

$$u_2'e^t + 2u_2e^t + u_2te^t - 2u_2e^t - 2u_2te^t + u_2te^t = e^t \ln(t)$$

$$u_2' = \ln(t) \text{ or in other words, } \frac{du_2}{dt} = \ln(t)$$

$$\text{Thus } \int du_2 = \int \ln(t) dt$$

$u_2 = t \ln(t) - t$ . Note only need one solution, so don't need  $+C$ .

$$y = u_1(t)e^t + [t \ln(t) - t]te^t$$

$$u_1'e^t + u_2'te^t = 0. \text{ Thus } u_1' + u_2't = 0. \text{ Hence } u_1' = -u_2't = -t \ln(t)$$

$$\text{Thus } u_1 = -\int t \ln(t) dt = -\frac{t^2 \ln(t)}{2} + \frac{t^2}{4}$$

Thus the general solution is

$$y = c_1e^t + c_2te^t + \left(-\frac{t^2 \ln(t)}{2} + \frac{t^2}{4}\right)e^t + (t \ln(t) - t)te^t$$