

- Wronskian
- Undetermined coefficients

Ex. Compute the wronskian of the solution set

$$y_1(t) = e^{rt}, \quad y_2(t) = e^{rt}.$$

Show when they form a fundamental solution set.

Recall: $W(y_1, y_2)(t_0) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix}$

$$= y_1 y_2' - y_1' y_2$$
$$y_1 = e^{rt}, \quad y_2 = e^{rt}$$
$$y_1' = r e^{rt}, \quad y_2' = r e^{rt}$$
$$W(y_1, y_2)(t_0) = r_2 e^{r_2 t_0} e^{r_1 t_0} - r_1 e^{r_1 t_0} e^{r_2 t_0}$$
$$= (r_2 - r_1) \underbrace{e^{(r_1 + r_2)t_0}}_{\text{if this } \neq 0 \text{ (choose } t_0 = 0)}$$
$$= (r_2 - r_1)$$

if $r_2 \neq r_1$,
then
 $W(y_1, y_2)(0) \neq 0$
 \Rightarrow they form a
fundamental
solution set.

if $r_1 = r_2$, then they
do not form a fund.
solⁿ set.

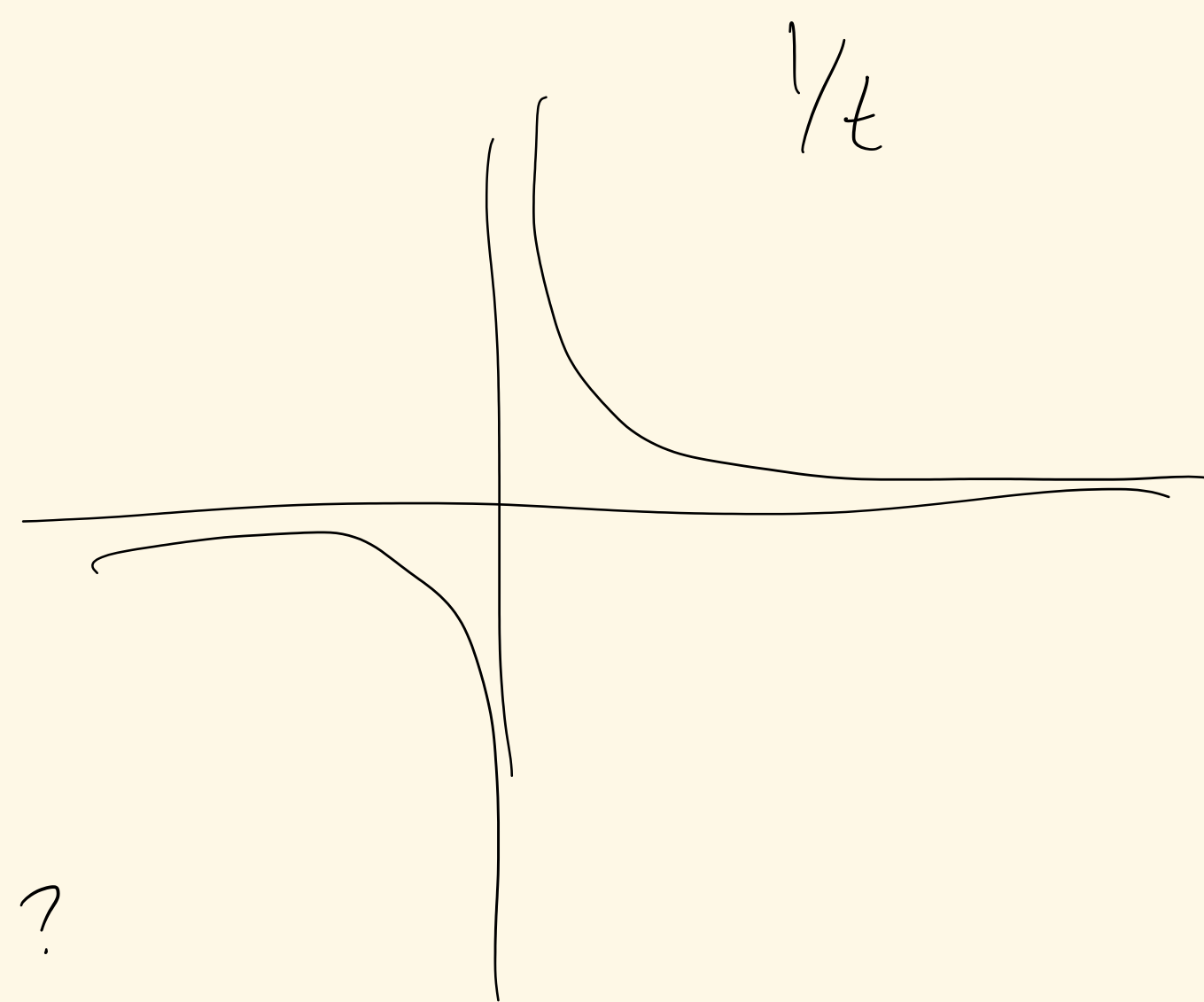
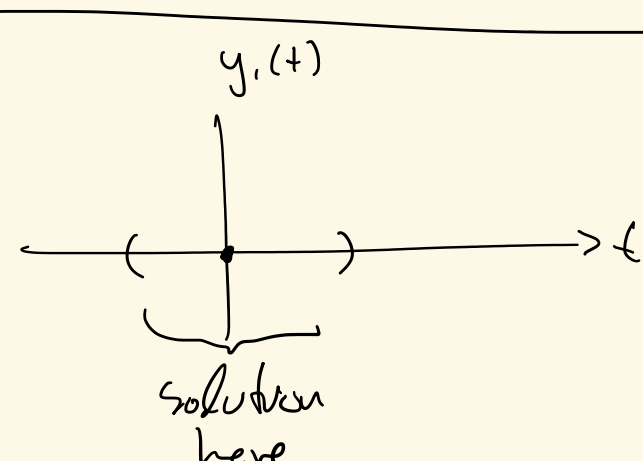
Ex. Can $y_1(t) = \sin(t^2)$ be a solution on an interval containing the origin of a second order diffⁿ eqⁿ with continuous coefficients?

Subⁿ: Suppose $y_1(t) = \sin(t^2)$ and $y_2(t)$ form a fund. solⁿ set.

$$y_1'(t) = \cos(t^2) \cdot 2t = 2t \cos(t^2)$$

$$W(y_1, y_2)(0) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix} \rightarrow \text{not diffⁿ or continuous at } t=0!$$
$$= \left[\sin(t^2) y_2' - y_2 \cdot 2t \cos(t^2) \right]_{t=0}$$
$$= \underline{0} y_2' - y_2 \cdot \underline{0} = 0$$

No! It cannot be a piece of a fund. solⁿ set.



What if $y_2 = 1/t$?

$$- y_2 \cdot 2t \cos(t^2)$$
$$= -\frac{1}{t} \cdot 2t \cos(t^2)$$
$$= -2 \cos(t^2) \Big|_{t=0}$$
$$= -2 \neq 0$$

Undetermined Coefficients:

solve: $ay'' + by' + cy = Q(x).$

based on its
form, guess
a solution and
solve for some
coefficients.

Ex. solve $y'' + y' - 2y = x^2 \rightarrow$ inhomogeneous!

1. Homogeneous solⁿ = (Characteristic eqⁿ)

2. Particular solⁿ = (Undetermined coeff's)

1. $r^2 + r - 2 = 0$

$$\rightarrow \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1^2 - 4(1)(-2)}}{2(1)} = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{9}}{2}$$
$$= \frac{-1 \pm \frac{3}{2}}{2} \begin{cases} r_1 = 1 \\ r_2 = -2 \end{cases}$$

\Rightarrow two real, distinct roots

So, $y_h(x) = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{-2x}$

2. Find the particular solⁿ! Look at $Q(x)$: $Q(x) = x^2$.

\Rightarrow polynomial \Rightarrow second order.

So, guess: $y_p(x) = Ax^2 + Bx + C$, and solve for A, B, C .

So, plug in $y_p(x)$ into the eqⁿ:

$$y_p = Ax^2 + Bx + C$$
$$y_p' = 2Ax + B$$
$$y_p'' = 2A$$

Plug in:

$$x^2 = 2A + (2Ax + B) - 2(Ax^2 + Bx + C)$$
$$= (-2A)x^2 + (2A - 2B)x + (2A + B - 2C)$$

Match the coefficients on each side!

$$1 \cdot x^2 + 0 \cdot x + 0 = (-2A)x^2 + (2A - 2B)x + (2A + B - 2C)$$

solve:

$$\begin{cases} -2A = 1 \rightarrow A = -1/2 \\ 2A - 2B = 0 \rightarrow B = A = -1/2 \\ 2A + B - 2C = 0 \end{cases}$$
$$C = A + \frac{B}{2}$$
$$= -\frac{1}{2} + \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)$$
$$= -\frac{2}{4} - \frac{1}{4}$$
$$= -3/4$$

Thus: $y_p(x) = Ax^2 + Bx + C$

$$= -\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x}{2} - \frac{3}{4}$$

Our final solⁿ is then given by:

$$y(x) = y_h(x) + y_p(x)$$
$$= c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{-2x} + \left(-\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x}{2} - \frac{3}{4}\right)$$

Ex: Solve $2y'' + 4y' + 2y = e^{-x}$.

1. Hom. solⁿ: $\frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 4(2)(2)}}{2(2)} = -1$.

\rightarrow one repeated root.

$$y_h(x) = c_1 e^{-x} + c_2 x e^{-x}$$

2. $Q(x) = e^{-x}$. Guess $y_p(x) = A e^{-x}$.

~~this is the homogeneous solⁿ!!~~

Okay, multiply by x ! Guess: $y_p(x) = A x e^{-x}$.

same problem!

Guess: $(Ax + B) e^{-x}$

$$= A x e^{-x} + B e^{-x}$$

So! Try: $y_p(x) = (Ax^2 + Bx + C) e^{-x}$.

$$= A x^2 e^{-x} + B x e^{-x} + C e^{-x}$$

\rightarrow throw away

Plug into the eqⁿ:

$$1 e^{-x} = 2(2A x^2 e^{-x} - 2A x e^{-x} - 2A x e^{-x} + A x^2 e^{-x})$$
$$+ 4(2A x e^{-x} - A x^2 e^{-x})$$
$$+ 2(A x^2 e^{-x})$$
$$= 2(A x^2 e^{-x} - 4A x e^{-x} + 2A e^{-x})$$
$$+ 4(-A x^2 e^{-x} + 2A x e^{-x})$$
$$+ 2(A x^2 e^{-x})$$
$$= x^2 (2A - 4A + 2A) e^{-x}$$
$$+ (-8A + 8A) e^{-x}$$
$$1(4A) e^{-x}$$
$$\Rightarrow 1 = 4A$$
$$\Rightarrow A = 1/4$$

So, $y_p(x) = \frac{1}{4} x^2 e^{-x}$.

So, our final solⁿ is:

$$y(x) = y_h(x) + y_p(x)$$
$$= c_1 e^{-x} + c_2 x e^{-x} + \frac{1}{4} x^2 e^{-x}$$

$$Q = x$$

\rightarrow guess $Ax + B$

$$Q = x^4,$$

guess: $Ax^4 + Bx^3 + Cx^2 + Dx + E$

$$= e^{-x}$$

$$= 2A e^{-x} x$$

\downarrow

$$A = 0$$