

Ex.  $t^2 \frac{dy}{dt} + 2ty = y^3$

1. Standard form!

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + \underbrace{\frac{2}{t}y}_{P(t)} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{t^2}y^3}_{Q(t)} = n$$

2. Convert to a linear eq via:  $u = y^{1-n}$

Then solve:

$$\frac{du}{dt} + (1-n)P(t)u = (1-n)Q(t)$$

So:

$$\frac{du}{dt} + (1-3)\frac{2}{t}u = (1-3)\frac{1}{t^2}$$

$$\frac{du}{dt} - \frac{4}{t}u = -\frac{2}{t^2}$$

3. Solve for  $u$  using the int. fact. method.

$$u(t) = e^{\int P(t)} = e^{-\int \frac{4}{t} dt} = e^{-4 \ln(t)} = t^{-4}$$

Multiply eq by  $u(t) = t^{-4}$ :

$$t^{-4} \frac{du}{dt} - 4t^{-5}u = -2t^{-6}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(t^{-4}u) = -2t^{-6}$$

$$t^{-4}u = -2\left(-\frac{1}{5}t^{-5}\right) + C$$

$$u(t) = \frac{2}{5}t^{-1} + Ct^4$$

remember:  $u = y^{1-n}$

$$y = u^{\frac{1}{1-n}} = u^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

4. Convert back to find  $y(t)$ !

$$y(t) = u^{-1/2} = \left(\frac{2}{5}t^{-1} + Ct^4\right)^{-1/2}$$

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{2}{5}t^{-1} + Ct^4}}$$

Second Order, linear, homogeneous, const. coeff. eqs:

$$ay'' + by' + cy = 0$$

Guess:  $y(x) = e^{rx}$

Then,  $ay'' + by' + cy = e^{rx}(ar^2 + br + c) = 0$

Characteristic Equation!

Roots:  $r_{1,2} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$  → discriminant

①  $b^2 - 4ac > 0$  ⇒ two real, distinct roots.  $r_1, r_2 \in \mathbb{R}$

②  $b^2 - 4ac = 0$  ⇒ one real, repeated root.  $r_1 = r_2 \in \mathbb{R}$

③  $b^2 - 4ac < 0$  ⇒ complex conjugates!  $r_1 = \alpha + i\beta, r_2 = \alpha - i\beta, (\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R})$

Ex:  $2y'' + 4y' - y = 0$  ( $a=2, b=4, c=-1$ )

Char. Eq:  $2r^2 + 4r - 1 = 0$

Roots:  $r = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 4(2)(-1)}}{2(2)} = -1 \pm \frac{\sqrt{24}}{4} = -1 \pm \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}$

$$\begin{cases} r_1 = -1 + \sqrt{6}/2 \\ r_2 = -1 - \sqrt{6}/2 \end{cases}$$

In case I, the solution is:

$$y(x) = c_1 e^{r_1 x} + c_2 e^{r_2 x} = c_1 e^{(-1 + \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2})x} + c_2 e^{(-1 - \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2})x}$$

Ex. solve  $2y'' + 4y' + 2y = 0$  ( $a=2, b=4, c=2$ )

Char. Eq:  $2r^2 + 4r + 2 = 0$

Roots:  $r = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 4(2)(2)}}{2(2)} = -1$

Case II: One real repeated root  $r_1 = r_2 = -1$ .

$$y(x) = c_1 e^{r_1 x} + c_2 e^{r_2 x} = c_1 e^{-x} + c_2 e^{-x} = (c_1 + c_2)e^{-x} = C e^{-x}$$

In order to find a second solution, multiply by  $x$ !

$$y(x) = \underbrace{c_1 e^{-x}}_{1^{st} \text{ piece}} + \underbrace{c_2 x e^{-x}}_{2^{nd} \text{ piece}}$$

Ex. solve  $\frac{1}{2}y'' + y' + 5y = 0$

Char. Eq:  $\frac{1}{2}r^2 + r + 5 = 0$

Roots:  $r = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4(\frac{1}{2})(5)}}{2(\frac{1}{2})} = -1 \pm \sqrt{-9} = -1 \pm 3i$

complex conjugates!

$$\begin{cases} \alpha = -1, \\ \beta = 3, \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} r_1 = -1 + 3i \\ r_2 = -1 - 3i \end{cases}$$

In case III, solutions of the form:

$$y(x) = e^{\alpha x}(c_1 \cos(\beta x) + c_2 \sin(\beta x)) = e^{-x}[c_1 \cos(3x) + c_2 \sin(3x)]$$

Case I:  $r_1, r_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  ( $r_1 \neq r_2$ ) ⇒  $y(x) = c_1 e^{r_1 x} + c_2 e^{r_2 x}$

Case II:  $r_1 = r_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  ⇒  $y(x) = c_1 e^{r_1 x} + c_2 x e^{r_1 x}$

Case III:  $r_1, r_2 \in \mathbb{C}$  ( $r_1 = \alpha + i\beta, r_2 = \alpha - i\beta$ ) ⇒  $y(x) = e^{\alpha x}[c_1 \cos(\beta x) + c_2 \sin(\beta x)]$

$$e^{ix} = \cos(x) + i \sin(x)$$

$$e^{r_1 x} = e^{(\alpha + i\beta)x} = e^{\alpha x} \cdot e^{i\beta x} = e^{\alpha x} [c_1 \cos(\beta x) + i c_2 \sin(\beta x)]$$

Wronskian: Given two solutions  $y_1(x), y_2(x)$ , the Jacobian matrix is:

$$J(y_1, y_2) = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{pmatrix}$$

The Wronskian is the determinant of the Jacobian

$$\det(J) = y_1 y_2' - y_1' y_2 \equiv W(y_1, y_2)$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|A| = \det(A) = ad - bc$$