

- Wronskian
- Undetermined coefficients

Ex. Compute the Wronskian of the solution set (on an interval including the origin)

$y_1 = e^{t^2}, y_2 = e^{t^2}$

Show when they form a fund. sol<sup>n</sup> set.

$$W[y_1, y_2](t_0) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= (y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1') \Big|_{t_0=0}$$
$$= (e^{t_0^2} r_2 e^{r_2 t_0} - e^{r_2 t_0} r_1 e^{r_1 t_0}) \Big|_{t_0=0}$$
$$= (r_2 - r_1) e^{(r_1+r_2)t_0} \Big|_{t_0=0}$$
$$= r_2 - r_1 = W[y_1, y_2](0)$$

When  $r_1 = r_2$ ,  
not linearly indep  
or  
not a fund sol<sup>n</sup> set

$r_1 \neq r_2$ ,  
we have a fund. sol<sup>n</sup> set.

$$\begin{cases} y'' + y' + y = 0, & t > 1 \\ y(1) = 1 \\ y'(1) = 1 \end{cases}$$
$$t_0 = 1$$

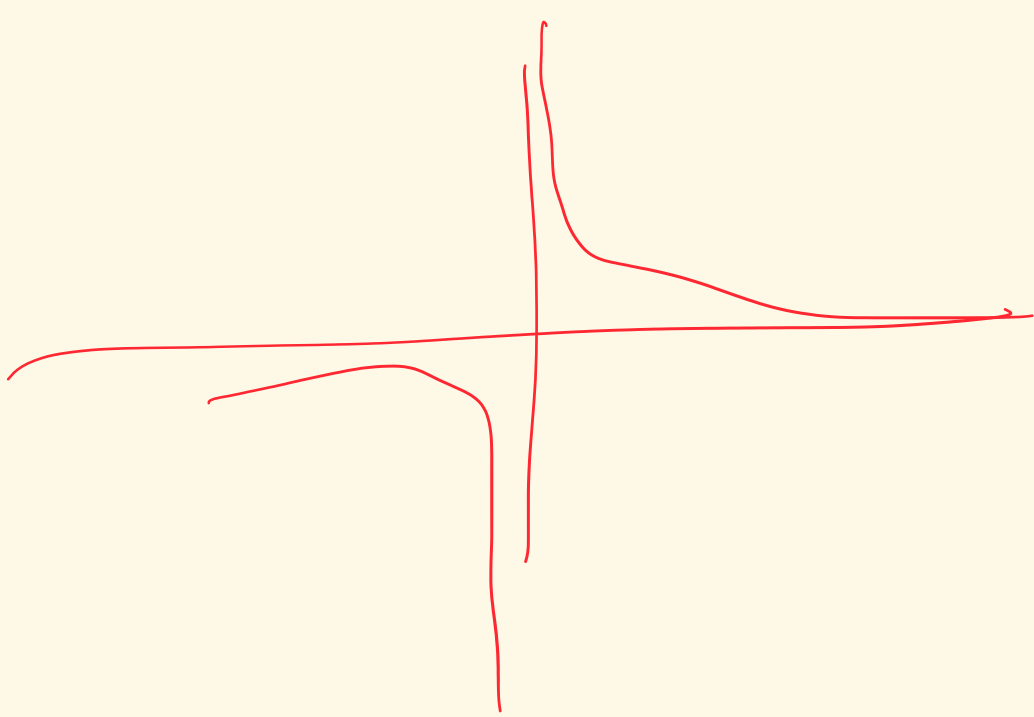
Ex. Can  $y_1(t) = \sin(t^2)$  be a piece of a fund. sol<sup>n</sup> set on an interval containing the origin of a

second order hom. eq<sup>n</sup> with continuous coefficients?

Wronskian take  $t_0 = 0$ .  
Suppose  $y_2(t)$  is any other solution.

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

sol<sup>n</sup>'s are continuous



$$W[y_1, y_2](t_0) = \begin{vmatrix} \sin(t_0^2) & y_2(t_0) \\ 2t_0 \cos(t_0^2) & y_2'(t_0) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= [\sin(t_0^2) \cdot y_2'(t_0) - 2t_0 \cos(t_0^2) y_2(t_0)] \Big|_{t_0=0}$$
$$= 0 \cdot y_2'(t_0) - 0 \cdot 2 \cdot y_2(t_0)$$
$$= 0, \neq 0$$

What if  $y_2 = \frac{1}{t}$ ?

$$W = 0 - 2t \cdot \frac{1}{t} = -2 \neq 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  NO!  $y_1$  cannot be piece of a fund. sol<sup>n</sup> set containing the origin.

Undetermined Coefficients: solve problems like:

$ay'' + by' + cy = Q(x)$   $\rightarrow y_p$

Main idea: Guess a solution based on the "form" of  $Q$  and solve for some coefficients.

Ex.  $y' + y' - 2y = x^2 = Q(x)$ .

1. Find the homogeneous sol<sup>n</sup>!

$r^2 + r - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4(1)(-2)}}{2} = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{9}}{2} = \frac{-1 \pm 3}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}, -2$

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

2. Find the particular solution through a "good" guess:

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

and plug in + solve for  $A, B, C$ .

$y_p'(x) = 2Ax + B$

$y_p''(x) = 2A$

From the original eq<sup>n</sup>:

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

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

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

So,  $y_p(x) = -\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x}{2} - \frac{3}{4}$

Finally, put it all together!

$y(x) = y_h(x) + y_p(x)$

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

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

1. Hom. sol<sup>n</sup>!

$2r^2 + 4r + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 4(2)(2)}}{2 \cdot 2} = -1 \rightarrow$  one repeated root.

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

2. Solve  $y_p(x)$  with a good guess.

Try:  $y_p(x) = A e^{-x}$

Try:  $y_p(x) = (Ax + B) e^{-x} = \frac{Ax e^{-x}}{1} + \frac{B e^{-x}}{1}$

Try:  $y_p(x) = (Ax^2 + Bx + C) e^{-x} = \frac{Ax^2 e^{-x}}{1} + \frac{Bx e^{-x}}{1} + \frac{C e^{-x}}{1}$

$$y_p(x) = Ax^2 e^{-x}$$
$$y_p'(x) = 2Ax e^{-x} - Ax^2 e^{-x}$$
$$y_p''(x) = 2A e^{-x} - 2Ax e^{-x} - 2Ax e^{-x} + Ax^2 e^{-x} = 2A e^{-x} - 4Ax e^{-x} + Ax^2 e^{-x}$$

Plug into orig. eq<sup>n</sup>:

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

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

Putting it all together:

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

$(y_h + y_p)' = y_h' + y_p'$

$y(x) = y_h + y_p$

$$\begin{cases} 2y'' + 4y' + 2y = e^{-x} \\ 2(y_h + y_p)'' + 4(y_h + y_p)' + 2(y_h + y_p) = e^{-x} \end{cases}$$

$$= 2y_h'' + 4y_h' + 2y_h + 2y_p'' + 4y_p' + 2y_p = e^{-x}$$
$$= 0 + e^{-x}$$

$C_1 = C_2 = 0$

$y(x) = y_p(x)$

$$\begin{cases} 2y'' + 4y' + 2y = 0 \\ y(0) = y'(0) = 7 \end{cases}$$

$$y_p = \frac{1}{4} x^2 e^{-x}$$
$$y(0) = 0$$
$$y_p'(0) = 0$$
$$y_h(x) = c_1 e^{-x} + c_2 x e^{-x}$$