

Variation of Parameters
Cauchy-Euler Equation

Find the general solution for the differential equations below. For each one, give *AN* interval where your solution is valid. (Just one that works, is all I'm asking.)

1. $y'' + 3y' + 2y = \frac{1}{1 + e^x}$.

10. $x^2y'' - xy' + 2y = 0$.

2. $x^2y'' - 3xy' - 2y = 0$.

11. $y'' - 2y' + y = \frac{e^x}{x}$.

3. $xy'' + y' = 0$.

12. $y'' + 4y = \sin^2(2x)$.

4. $x^2y'' - xy' + y = \ln x$.

13. $x^2y'' - xy' = x^3e^x$.

5. $y'' + 3y' + 2y = \sin(e^x)$.

14. $25x^2y'' + 25xy' + y = 0$.

6. $y'' + 2y' + y = e^{-x} \ln x$.

15. $y''' - 3y'' + 3y' - y = \frac{e^x}{x}$.

7. $3x^2y'' + 6xy' + y = 0$.

16. $y''' - 3y'' + 2y' = \frac{e^{3x}}{1 + e^x}$.

8. $x^2y'' + 5xy' + 4y = 0$.

9. $x^2y'' - xy' + y = 4x \ln x$.

17. $x^2y'' + xy' + y = \sec(\ln x)$.

4.7 Variation of Parameters

$$y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = g(x) \rightarrow \underline{\text{Standard Form}}$$

① Find the complementary solution $y_c = C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2$

② Compute the determinants:

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{the Wronskian, never } 0)$$

$$W_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & y_2 \\ g(x) & y_2' \end{vmatrix}$$

$$W_2 = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & 0 \\ y_1' & g(x) \end{vmatrix}$$

linearly independent
(fundamental set)

These come from Cramer's Rule

③ Find the functions $u_1(x), u_2(x)$ given by:

$$u_1' = \frac{W_1}{W}; \quad u_2' = \frac{W_2}{W}$$

④ Particular Solution:

$$y_p = u_1 y_1 + u_2 y_2$$

⑤ General Solution: $y = C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2 + u_1 y_1 + u_2 y_2$

General Higher Order:

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

① Find complementary solution: $y_c = C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2 + \dots + C_n y_n$

② Compute the Wronskian of the fundamental set:

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 & \dots & y_n \\ y_1' & y_2' & \dots & y_n' \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ y_1^{(n-1)} & y_2^{(n-1)} & \dots & y_n^{(n-1)} \end{vmatrix}$$

And for every $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$, compute the determinant W_k obtained by replacing the k^{th} column of W by:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ g(x) \end{bmatrix}$$

③ Find the functions $u_1(x), \dots, u_n(x)$ given by: $u_k' = \frac{W_k}{W}$ for every $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$

④ Particular Solution: $y_p = u_1 y_1 + u_2 y_2 + \dots + u_n y_n$

⑤ General Solution: $y = y_c + y_p$

Example: $y''' - 2y'' - y' + 2y = e^{3x}$

① Complementary Solution: $m^3 - 2m^2 - m + 2 = 0$

$(m^2 - 1)(m - 2) = 0 \Rightarrow m \in \{-1, 1, 2\}$

$y_c = c_1 e^{-x} + c_2 e^x + c_3 e^{2x}$

② Determinants:

$W = \begin{vmatrix} e^{-x} & e^x & e^{2x} \\ -e^{-x} & e^x & 2e^{2x} \\ e^{-x} & e^x & 4e^{2x} \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow[\substack{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3}]{R_1 + R_2} \begin{vmatrix} e^{-x} & e^x & e^{2x} \\ 0 & 2e^x & 3e^{2x} \\ 0 & 0 & 3e^{2x} \end{vmatrix} = e^{-x} \begin{vmatrix} 2e^x & 3e^{2x} \\ 0 & 3e^{2x} \end{vmatrix} = 6e^{2x}$

$W_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & e^x & e^{2x} \\ 0 & e^x & 2e^{2x} \\ e^{3x} & e^x & 4e^{2x} \end{vmatrix} = e^{3x} \begin{vmatrix} e^x & e^{2x} \\ e^x & 2e^{2x} \end{vmatrix} = e^{6x}$

$W_2 = \begin{vmatrix} e^{-x} & 0 & e^{2x} \\ -e^{-x} & 0 & 2e^{2x} \\ e^{-x} & e^{3x} & 4e^{2x} \end{vmatrix} = -e^{3x} \begin{vmatrix} e^{-x} & e^{2x} \\ -e^{-x} & 2e^{2x} \end{vmatrix} = -3e^{4x}$

! position (-1) $\begin{matrix} 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{matrix} = -1$

$W_3 = \begin{vmatrix} e^{-x} & e^x & 0 \\ -e^{-x} & e^x & 0 \\ e^{-x} & e^x & e^{3x} \end{vmatrix} = e^{3x} \begin{vmatrix} e^{-x} & e^x \\ -e^{-x} & e^x \end{vmatrix} = 2e^{3x}$

③ $u_1' = \frac{e^{6x}}{6e^{2x}} = \frac{1}{6} e^{4x} \Rightarrow u_1 = \frac{1}{24} e^{4x}$

$u_2' = \frac{-3e^{4x}}{6e^{2x}} = -\frac{1}{2} e^{2x} \Rightarrow u_2 = -\frac{1}{4} e^{2x}$

$u_3' = \frac{2e^{3x}}{6e^{2x}} = \frac{1}{3} e^x \Rightarrow u_3 = \frac{1}{3} e^x$

④ $y_p = \left(\frac{1}{24} e^{4x}\right) e^{-x} + \left(-\frac{1}{4} e^{2x}\right) e^x + \left(\frac{1}{3} e^x\right) e^{2x} = \frac{1}{8} e^{3x} \quad y_p = \frac{1}{8} e^{3x}$

⑤ $y = c_1 e^{-x} + c_2 e^x + c_3 e^{2x} + \frac{1}{8} e^{3x}$

4.3 Cauchy-Euler Equation

$$ax^2y'' + bxy' + cy = 0$$

Solve on $(0, \infty)$

• Characteristic Equation:

$$am^2 + (b-a)m + c = 0$$

• 3 Cases:

① 2 distinct real roots m_1, m_2 :

$$y = C_1 X^{m_1} + C_2 X^{m_2}$$

② 1 repeated real root m_1 :

$$y = C_1 X^{m_1} + C_2 X^{m_1} \ln X$$

③ 2 complex roots $\alpha \pm i\beta$:

$$y = X^\alpha (C_1 \cos(\beta \ln X) + C_2 \sin(\beta \ln X))$$

Why?

Solve $ax^2y'' + bxy' + cy = 0$ on $(0, \infty)$.

Substitution: $x = e^t$, or $\ln x = t$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{1}{x} \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{x} \frac{dy}{dt} \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{x^2} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{d}{dx} \frac{dy}{dt} \cdot \frac{1}{x} \\ &= -\frac{1}{x^2} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} \cdot \frac{dt}{dx} \cdot \frac{1}{x} \\ &= \frac{1}{x^2} \left(\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - \frac{dy}{dt} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$ax^2 \cdot \frac{1}{x^2} \left(\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - \frac{dy}{dt} \right) + bx \cdot \left(\frac{1}{x} \frac{dy}{dt} \right) + cy = 0$$

$$a \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - a \frac{dy}{dt} + b \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} + cy = 0$$

$a \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + (b-a) \frac{dy}{dt} + cy = 0$ Constant coeff. w/ Char. eqn.:

$$am^2 + (b-a)m + c = 0$$

- 2 distinct real roots $m_1, m_2 \Rightarrow y = C_1 e^{m_1 t} + C_2 e^{m_2 t} = C_1 X^{m_1} + C_2 X^{m_2}$ ($t = \ln X$)
- 1 repeated real root $m_1 \Rightarrow y = C_1 e^{m_1 t} + C_2 t e^{m_1 t} = C_1 X^{m_1} + C_2 X^{m_1} \ln X$.
- 2 complex roots $\alpha \pm i\beta \Rightarrow y = e^{\alpha t} (C_1 \cos(\beta t) + C_2 \sin(\beta t))$
 $= X^\alpha (C_1 \cos(\beta \ln X) + C_2 \sin(\beta \ln X))$.