

### 3.6 (continued)

#### Variation of Parameters

$$y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = g(t)$$

$$\text{Solution: } y = C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2 + Y$$

$y_1, y_2$  fundamental solutions

$$y = u_1 y_1 + u_2 y_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_1' y_1 + u_2' y_2 &= 0 \\ u_1' y_1' + u_2' y_2' &= g(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1' \\ u_2' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1' \\ u_2' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ g \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1' \\ u_2' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ g \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{W} \begin{bmatrix} y_2' & -y_2 \\ -y_1' & y_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ g \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u_1' = -\frac{y_2 g}{W}$$

$$u_2' = \frac{y_1 g}{W}$$

example

$$y'' - y = e^t + e^{-t}$$

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$$r^2 - 1 = 0 \quad r = \pm 1 \quad y_1 = e^t \quad y_2 = e^{-t}$$

$$y = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-t} + Y$$

if we used undetermined coeff.

$$Y = A e^t + B e^{-t} \quad \text{but it copies } y_1 \text{ and } y_2$$

$$\text{fix: } Y = A t e^t + B t e^{-t}$$

but if we use Variation, the method takes care of the copying issue

we just simply solve the system

$$u_1' y_1 + u_2' y_2 = 0$$

$$u_1' y_1' + u_2' y_2' = g$$

$$u_1' e^t + u_2' e^{-t} = 0$$

$$u_1' e^t - u_2' e^{-t} = e^t + e^{-t}$$

add them

$$2u_1' e^t = e^t + e^{-t}$$

$$u_1' = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-2t}$$

$$u_1 = \frac{1}{2} t - \frac{1}{4} e^{-2t} + c_1$$

$$u_1' e^t + u_2' e^{-t} = 0$$

$$u_2' e^{-t} = -u_1' e^t = -\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-2t}\right) e^t$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} e^t - \frac{1}{2} e^{-t}$$

$$u_2' = -\frac{1}{2} e^{2t} - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$u_2 = -\frac{1}{4} e^{2t} - \frac{1}{2} t + c_2$$

general solution :  $y = u_1 y_1 + u_2 y_2$

$$y = \left(\frac{1}{2}t - \frac{1}{4}e^{-2t} + c_1\right)e^t + \left(-\frac{1}{4}e^{2t} - \frac{1}{2}t + c_2\right)e^{-t}$$

$$= c_1e^t + c_2e^{-t} - \frac{1}{4}e^t - \frac{1}{4}e^{-t} + \frac{1}{2}te^t - \frac{1}{2}te^{-t}$$

absorb  
because

$$c_1e^t - \frac{1}{4}e^t$$

$$= (c_1 - \frac{1}{4})e^t = c_1e^t$$

the t's we would need  
to supply in undet. coeff

$$= c_1e^t + c_2e^{-t} + \frac{1}{2}te^t - \frac{1}{2}te^{-t}$$

complementary

particular

example

$$y'' - 4y' + 4y = e^{2t}$$



$$r^2 - 4r + 4 = 0 \quad (r-2)^2 = 0 \quad r = 2, 2$$

fundamental solutions:  $y_1 = e^{2t}$

$$y_2 = te^{2t}$$

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this we need to supply

$$u_1' y_1 + u_2' y_2 = 0$$

$$u_1' y_1' + u_2' y_2' = g$$

this time, let's do  $u_1' = -\frac{y_2 g}{W}$ ,  $u_2' = \frac{y_1 g}{W}$

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} e^{2t} & te^{2t} \\ 2e^{2t} & 2te^{2t} + e^{2t} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2te^{4t} + e^{4t} - 2te^{4t} = e^{4t}$$

$$u_1' = -\frac{y_2 g}{w} = -\frac{te^{2t} \cdot e^{2t}}{e^{4t}} = -t$$

$$u_1 = -\frac{1}{2}t^2 + C_1$$

$$u_2' = \frac{y_1 g}{w} = \frac{e^{2t} \cdot e^{2t}}{e^{4t}} = 1$$

$$u_2 = t + C_2$$

$$y = u_1 y_1 + u_2 y_2$$

$$= \left(-\frac{1}{2}t^2 + C_1\right)e^{2t} + (t + C_2)te^{2t}$$

$$= C_1 e^{2t} + C_2 t e^{2t} - \frac{1}{2}t^2 e^{2t} + t^2 e^{2t}$$

$$= \boxed{C_1 e^{2t} + C_2 t e^{2t} + \frac{1}{2}t^2 e^{2t}}$$

Variation can handle non constant coefficients, provided we have  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  (somehow).

example  $t^2 y'' - 3t y' + 4y = t^2 \ln(t) \quad (t > 0)$



Euler's equation

or Euler-Cauchy eq.

solutions are  $y = t^r$   
instead of  $e^{rt}$

here,  $y_1 = t^2$

$y_2 = t^2 \ln(t)$



for Euler's eq. we throw  $\ln(t)$  at solution if things are copying each other

solve  $u_1' y_1 + u_2' y_2 = 0$

$u_1' y_1' + u_2' y_2' = g$

$$u_1' t^2 + u_2' t^2 \ln(t) = 0$$

$$2u_1' t + u_2' (t + 2t \ln(t)) = t^2 \ln(t)$$

$$u_1' = -u_2' \ln(t)$$

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

$$u_2' = t \ln(t)$$

$$u_2 = \frac{1}{2} t^2 \ln(t) - \frac{1}{4} + C_2$$

$$u_1' = -t [\ln(t)]^2$$

$$u_1 = \frac{1}{4} t^2 - \frac{1}{2} t^2 \ln(t) + \frac{1}{2} t^2 (\ln(t))^2 + C_1$$

$$y = u_1 y_1 + u_2 y_2$$

Variation can be used for higher-order eqs. and even 1st-order

$$t y' + 2y = \frac{\cos(t)}{t}$$

$$y' + \frac{2}{t} y = \frac{\cos(t)}{t^2}$$

normally done w/ integrating factor

but variation works too

first, solve  $y' + \frac{2}{t} y = 0$  (separable)

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$$y = C \cdot \frac{1}{t^2} \quad \text{fundamental / complementary}$$

replace  $C$  w/  $u$ :  $y = u(t) \cdot \frac{1}{t^2}$  plus into diff. eq.

$$= u t^{-2}$$

$$y' = -2u t^{-3} + u' t^{-2}$$

$$-2u t^{-2} + u' t^{-1} + 2u t^{-2} = \frac{\cos(t)}{t}$$

$$u' = \cos(t)$$

$$u = \sin(t) + C$$

$$\text{solution: } y = u \cdot \frac{1}{t^2} = (\sin(t) + C) \frac{1}{t^2}$$

$$y = \frac{\sin(t)}{t^2} + \frac{C}{t^2}$$

same as if done  
w/ integrating  
factor