

Derivations of integral formulae for  
Second-order linear ODE. ~~1/1/12~~

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Given,

$$a(x)y'' + b(x)y' + c(x)y = f(x) \quad (1)$$

and let  $y_1(x)$  be 1 soln to its  
homogeneous case. To find a second soln  
we could hope

$$y_2(x) = k(x)y_1(x), \quad (2)$$

which is to say that  $y_2$  must be  
more than just a multiple of  $y_1$ . We,  
of course, check (2) against (1) by

$$y_2'(x) = k'y_1 + ky_1'$$

$$y_2''(x) = k''y_1 + k'y_1' + k'y_1' + ky_1''$$

to get [omit the  $x$ -dep to save room]

$$a[k''y_1 + 2k'y_1' + \underline{ky_1''}] + b[k'y_1 + \underline{ky_1'}] + \underline{cy_1} = 0$$

Notice that the blue terms sum to

$$ak_1 y_1'' + bk_1 y_1' + ck_1 y_1 = k_1 (ay_1'' + by_1' + cy_1) = 0$$

Since  $y_1$  solves  
(1) when  $f(x) = 0$  this  
term is zero

This leaves us with

$$(ak'' + bk')y_1 + 2k'ay_1' = 0$$

which can be written as,

$$(by_1 + 2ay_1')k' + ay_1 k'' = 0$$

Assuming  $u = k' \Rightarrow u' = k''$  and

$$(by_1 + 2ay_1')u + ay_1 u' = 0,$$

which is linear first order in  $u$ . Solving  
this gives

$$u(x) = e^{-\int [\frac{b}{a} + \frac{2y_1'}{y_1}] dx} \int \frac{b}{a} dx$$
$$= e^{-\int \frac{b}{a} dx + \ln(y^2)} = \frac{e^{-\int \frac{b}{a} dx}}{y^2} \Rightarrow k(x) = \int \frac{p(x)}{y^2(x)} dx$$

This was not clear. Redo.

We have

$$(by_1 + 2ay_1')u + ay_1 u' = 0, \quad \begin{aligned} u' &= k'' \\ u &= k' \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{u'}{u} = \frac{-by_1 - 2ay_1'}{ay_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{u'}{u} dx = \int \frac{du}{u} = \ln|u| = \int \left( -\frac{b}{a} - \frac{2y_1'}{y_1} \right) dx$$

$$= -\int \frac{b}{a} dx - 2 \int \frac{y_1'}{y_1} dx = -\int \frac{b}{a} dx - 2 \int \frac{dy_1}{y_1} =$$

$$= -\int \frac{b}{a} dx - 2 \ln|y_1|$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x) = e^{-\int \frac{b}{a} dx + \ln(y_1^{-2})} = e^{-\int \frac{b}{a} dx} e^{\ln(y_1^{-2})}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-\int \frac{b(x)}{a(x)} dx}}{y_1^2} \Rightarrow k = \int u dx = \int \frac{p(x)}{[y_1(x)]^2} dx$$

$$\text{where } p(x) = e^{-\int \frac{b(x)}{a(x)} dx}$$

5.1: Let  $a(x)=1$ ,  $b(x)=4$ ,  $c(x)=4$ ,  $f(x)=e^{-2x}$

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

Homogeneous Problem:  $y_1(x) = e^{-2x}$  is one sol<sub>n</sub>

then

$$p(x) = e^{-\int \frac{b(x)}{a(x)} dx} = e^{-\int \frac{4}{1} dx} = e^{-4x+c} = e^c e^{-4x} = \tilde{c} e^{-4x}, \quad \tilde{c} \in \mathbb{R}^+$$

and

$$k(x) = \int \frac{\tilde{c} e^{-4x}}{[e^{-2x}]^2} dx = \tilde{c}x + d, \quad d \in \mathbb{R}$$

thus,

$$\begin{aligned} y_2(x) &= k(x)y_1(x) = (\tilde{c}x + d)e^{-2x} \\ &= \tilde{c}x e^{-2x} + \underbrace{d e^{-2x}}_{\text{more } y_1(x)!} \end{aligned}$$

Thus keeping only independent terms gives

$$y_2(x) = x e^{-2x}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_{inh}(x) = C_1 e^{-2x} + C_2 x e^{-2x}, \quad C_1, C_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

Variation of Parameters: It is possible, using the Homogeneous soln, to define the particular soln. The idea is similar to the previous assumption (2). In this case

$$y_p(x) = k_1(x)y_1(x) + \text{Particular} \int k_2(x)y_2(x),$$

which says that ~~if~~ we hope the soln is just a variation of the homogeneous soln.

$$y_p'(x) = k_1' y_1 + k_1 y_1' + k_2' y_2 + k_2 y_2'$$

$$y_p''(x) = k_1'' y_1 + k_1' y_1' + k_1 y_1'' + k_2'' y_2 + k_2' y_2' + k_2 y_2''$$

which then gives from (1)

Soln to Purple terms are homogeneous problem. Sum to zero.  
Red terms "''". Sum to zero.

$$\begin{aligned} & a \left[ \underline{k_1'' y_1} + \underline{2k_1' y_1'} + \underline{k_1 y_1''} + \underline{k_2'' y_2} + \underline{2k_2' y_2'} + \underline{k_2 y_2''} \right] + \\ & + b \left[ \underline{k_1' y_1} + \underline{k_1 y_1'} + \underline{k_2' y_2} + \underline{k_2 y_2'} \right] + c \left[ \underline{k_1 y_1} + \underline{k_2 y_2} \right] = \\ & = a \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \underline{k_1' y_1} \right] + \underline{a k_1' y_1'} + a c \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \underline{k_2' y_2} \right] + \underline{a k_2' y_2'} + b \left[ \underline{k_1' y_1} + \underline{k_2' y_2} \right] = f(x) \end{aligned}$$

Note that we are looking for  $k_1, k_2$  but have only 1 Eqn. One last rewrite gives

$$a \frac{d}{dx} [k_1' y_1 + k_2' y_2] + b [k_1' y_1 + k_2' y_2] + a k_1' y_1 + a k_2' y_2 = f(x)$$

If we require  $k_1' y_1 + k_2' y_2 = 0$  then the Eqn becomes,

$$k_1' y_1 + k_2' y_2 = f(x)$$

Which are 2 Eqn on the  $k_1', k_2'$  variables.  
Again

$$\begin{aligned} k_1' y_1 + k_2' y_2 &= 0 \\ a k_1' y_1 + a k_2' y_2 &= f(x) \end{aligned}$$

The soln to such a system can be found many ways to get

$$k_1' = \frac{-y_2 f(x)}{a(y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1')} , \quad k_2' = \frac{y_1 f(x)}{a(y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1')}$$

where  $W(x) = y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1'$

After an integration step we get

$$k_1(x) = - \int \frac{y_2 f(x)}{a(x) W(x)} dx$$

$$k_2(x) = \int \frac{y_1 f(x)}{a(x) W(x)} dx$$

and

$$y_p(x) = -y_1 \int \frac{y_2(x) f(x)}{a(x) W(x)} dx + y_2 \int \frac{y_1(x) f(x)}{a(x) W(x)} dx$$

\* Key Point: If you have 1 soln to a second order linear ODE then it is possible to construct the rest via integration.

However, it is often easier to just guess in the simple cases

5.2: Given

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

Where

$$y_h(x) = C_1 y_1(x) + C_2 y_2(x), \quad y_1(x) = e^{-2x}$$
$$y_2(x) = x e^{-2x}$$

$$W(x) = e^{-2x} (e^{-2x} - 2x e^{-2x}) - (-2) e^{2x} (x e^{-2x}) =$$
$$= e^{-4x} - 2x e^{-4x} + 2x e^{-4x} = e^{-4x}$$

Thus,

$$y_p(x) = y_2(x) \int \frac{e^{-2x} \cdot e^{-2x}}{e^{-4x}} dx - y_1(x) \int \frac{x e^{-2x} e^{-2x}}{e^{-4x}} dx =$$

$$= y_2(x) [x + C_3] - y_1(x) \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} + C_4 \right] =$$

$$= \frac{x^2 e^{-2x}}{2} + \underbrace{y_2(x) C_3 - y_1(x) C_4}$$

This is just more homogeneous sol<sup>s</sup>  $\Rightarrow y_p(x) = \frac{x^2 e^{-2x}}{2}$



## 5.2: Undetermined Coeff.

$$\text{Since } f(x) = e^{-2x} \text{ and } y_1(x) = e^{-2x}$$

$$y_2(x) = x e^{-2x}$$

we guess,

$$y_p(x) = Ax^2 e^{-2x}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_p'(x) = 2Ax e^{-2x} - 2Ax^2 e^{-2x}$$

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

and

$$\begin{aligned} y_p'' + 4y_p' + 4y_p &= 2Ae^{-2x} - 8Ax e^{-2x} + 4Ax^2 e^{-2x} + \\ &+ 8Ax e^{-2x} - 8Ax^2 e^{-2x} \\ &+ 4Ax^2 e^{-2x} = 2Ae^{-2x} = e^{-2x} = f(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow y_p(x) = \frac{x^2 e^{-2x}}{2}$$

5.3: Problem where you must use the integral formulae

$$y'' + y = \sec(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow y_h(x) = C_1 \cos(x) + C_2 \sin(x)$$

$$W(x) = \cos(x) \cos(x) - (-\sin(x) \sin(x)) = 1$$

$$y_p(x) = y_2 \int \frac{\sec(x) \cdot \cos(x)}{1} dx - y_1 \int \frac{\sec(x) \sin(x)}{1} dx$$

$$= y_2 \int dx - y_1 \int \tan(x) dx =$$

$$= y_2(x) \cdot [x + c_1] - y_1(x) [\ln |\cos(x)| + c_2] =$$

$$= x \sin(x) + \ln |\sec(x)| + \text{homogeneous stuff.}$$