

# Math 39100: Feb. 22, 2023: LECTURE 8

Exam 1: Monday, March 6

Warm up: Solve  $2y'' + 7y' - 4y = 0$ .

Char poly:  $2r^2 + 7r - 4 = 0$

$$(2r - 1)(r + 4) = 0$$

$$r_1 = \frac{1}{2}, \quad r_2 = -4$$

$$y_1 = e^{\frac{1}{2}t}, \quad y_2 = e^{-4t}$$

$$y = C_1 e^{\frac{1}{2}t} + C_2 e^{-4t}$$

family of solutions.

## § 3.2 CONT.

Suppose we have IVP:  $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0$ ,

$$y(t_0) = y_0 \quad \text{and} \quad y'(t_0) = y'_0.$$

The solution:  $y = C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2$

$$y' = C_1 y'_1 + C_2 y'_2$$

$$y(t_0) = y_0 \Rightarrow \underbrace{\left( C_1 y_1(t_0) + C_2 y_2(t_0) \right)}_{\text{"x" "y"}} = y_0$$

$$y'(t_0) = y'_0 \Rightarrow \left( c_1 y'_1(t_0) + c_2 y'_2(t_0) = y'_0 \right)$$

Determinate :  $\begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y'_1 & y'_2 \end{vmatrix} = y_1 y'_2 - y_2 y'_1$

↑ This is known  
as The Wronskian

Def:

Wronkian of two solutions  $y_1, y_2$  :  $W(y_1, y_2) = W$

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y'_1 & y'_2 \end{vmatrix} = y_1 y'_2 - y_2 y'_1$$

IF  $W \neq 0$ , then (i) Find unique values for  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ .

(ii) solutions  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are called  
fundamental set of solutions.

(iii)  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are linearly independent.

Find Values for  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  :

$$c_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} y_0 & y_2 \\ y'_0 & y'_2 \end{vmatrix}}{W} = \frac{y_0 y'_2 - y_2 y'_0}{W}$$

$$C_2 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_0 \\ y_1' & y_0' \end{vmatrix}}{W} = \frac{y_1 y_0' - y_0 y_1'}{W}$$

### Theorem 3.2.3

Suppose that  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are two solutions of equation (2)

$$L[y] = y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0,$$

$L$  = differential operator

and that the initial conditions (3)

$$y(t_0) = y_0, \quad y'(t_0) = y_0'$$

are assigned. Then it is always possible to choose the constants  $c_1, c_2$  so that

$$y = c_1 y_1(t) + c_2 y_2(t)$$

satisfies the differential equation (2) and the initial conditions (3) if and only if the Wronskian

$$W[y_1, y_2] = y_1 y_2' - y_1' y_2$$

is not zero at  $t_0$ .

we found that  $y_1(t) = e^{-2t}$  and  $y_2(t) = e^{-3t}$  are solutions of

$$y'' + 5y' + 6y = 0.$$

Find the Wronskian of  $y_1$  and  $y_2$ .

$$W(y_1, y_2) = W = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} e^{-2t} & e^{-3t} \\ -2e^{-2t} & -3e^{-3t} \end{vmatrix} = -3e^{-2t} e^{-3t} + 2e^{-2t} e^{-3t} = -3e^{-5t} + 2e^{-5t}$$

$$= \boxed{-e^{-st}}$$

Show that  $y_1(t) = t^{1/2}$  and  $y_2(t) = t^{-1}$  form a fundamental set of solutions of  
 $2t^2 y'' + 3ty' - y = 0, \quad t > 0.$

$$y_1 = t^{1/2}$$

$$y_2 = t^{-1}$$

$$y_1' = \frac{1}{2} t^{-1/2}$$

$$y_2' = -t^{-2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} W(y_1, y_2) &= \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} t^{1/2} & t^{-1} \\ \frac{1}{2} t^{-1/2} & -t^{-2} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -t^{1/2} \cdot t^{-2} - \frac{1}{2} t^{-1} \cdot t^{-1/2} \\ &= -t^{-3/2} - \frac{1}{2} t^{-3/2} \\ &= -\frac{3}{2} t^{-3/2} \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  form a fundamental set of solution.

### Theorem 3.2.1 | (Existence and Uniqueness Theorem)

Consider the initial value problem

$$y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = g(t), \quad y(t_0) = y_0, \quad y'(t_0) = y_0', \quad (4)$$

where  $p, q$ , and  $g$  are continuous on an open interval  $I$  that contains the point  $t_0$ . This problem has exactly one solution  $y = \phi(t)$ , and the solution exists throughout the interval  $I$ .

### Theorem 3.2.2 | (Principle of Superposition)

If  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are two solutions of the differential equation (2),

$$L[y] = y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0,$$

then the linear combination  $c_1y_1 + c_2y_2$  is also a solution for any values of the constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ .

proof: Assume  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are solutions to

$$L[y] = y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0. \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Then } L[y_1] = y_1'' + p(t)y_1' + q(t)y_1 = 0 \text{ and}$$

$$L[y_2] = y_2'' + p(t)y_2' + q(t)y_2 = 0.$$

We want to show that  $L[c_1y_1 + c_2y_2]$  solves the eq. (1).

$$\begin{aligned} L[c_1y_1 + c_2y_2] &= [c_1y_1 + c_2y_2]'' + p(t)[c_1y_1 + c_2y_2]' + \\ &\quad q(t)[c_1y_1 + c_2y_2] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= c_1y_1'' + c_2y_2'' + p(t)c_1y_1' + p(t)c_2y_2' \\ &\quad + q(t)c_1y_1 + q(t)c_2y_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= c_1 \underbrace{[y_1'' + p(t)y_1' + q(t)y_1]}_{L[y_1]} + c_2 \underbrace{[y_2'' + p(t)y_2' + q(t)y_2]}_{L[y_2]} \end{aligned}$$

$$= c_1 L[y_1] + c_2 L[y_2]$$

$$\text{Since } L[y_1] = 0 \text{ and } L[y_2] = 0$$

$$\text{Thus, we have } L[c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2] = 0.$$

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### Theorem 3.2.7 | (Abel's Theorem)<sup>4</sup>

If  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are solutions of the second-order linear differential equation

$$L[y] = y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0, \quad (22)$$

where  $p$  and  $q$  are continuous on an open interval  $I$ , then the Wronskian  $W[y_1, y_2](t)$  is given by

$$W[y_1, y_2](t) = c \exp\left(-\int p(t) dt\right), = c e^{-\int p(t) dt} \quad (23)$$

where  $c$  is a certain constant that depends on  $y_1$  and  $y_2$ , but not on  $t$ . Further,  $W[y_1, y_2](t)$  either is zero for all  $t$  in  $I$  (if  $c = 0$ ) or else is never zero in  $I$  (if  $c \neq 0$ ).

proof:  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are solutions to  $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0$ .

$$\text{Then, } y_1'' + p(t)y_1' + q(t)y_1 = 0 \quad (\text{eq1}) \quad \text{and}$$

$$y_2'' + p(t)y_2' + q(t)y_2 = 0. \quad (\text{eq2})$$

Multiply (eq1) by  $-y_2$  and (eq2) by  $y_1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & -y_1'' y_2 - p(t) y_1' y_2 - q(t) y_1 y_2 = 0 \\ \textcircled{+} & y_1 y_2'' + p(t) y_1 y_2' + q(t) y_1 y_2 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\underbrace{y_1 y_2'' - y_1'' y_2}_{w'} + p \underbrace{(y_1 y_2' - y_1' y_2)}_w = 0$$

$$w' + p w = 0$$

$$\frac{dw}{dt} + p w = 0 \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Separable} \\ \& \\ \text{Linear} \end{array}$$

$$\int \frac{dw}{w} = - \int p dt$$

$$\ln|w| = - \int p dt + C$$

$$w > 0, \quad w = C e^{-\int p(t) dt}$$

$$w \neq 0 \quad \text{unless} \quad C = 0.$$

□

eg. Given  $y'' - 4y' + 3y = 0$ . Use Abel's theorem

to compute the wronskian of the solutions.

$$p(t) = -4, \quad w = C e^{-\int -4 dt} = \boxed{C e^{4t}}$$