

## Tutorial 4

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3.2 (4) Prove that: if  $y_1$  &  $y_2$  have a common point of inflection  $t_0$  in I, then they cannot be a fundamental set of solutions on I unless both  $p$  &  $q$  are zero at  $t_0$ .

Proof: Assume  $y_1$  &  $y_2$  not

Assume  $p$  &  $q$  are not both zero at  $t_0$ .

then  $y_1''(t_0) = y_2''(t_0) = 0$  and the eqn.

$$y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0$$

imply that

$$\begin{cases} p(t_0)y_1'(t_0) + q(t_0)y_1(t_0) = 0 \\ p(t_0)y_2'(t_0) + q(t_0)y_2(t_0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Since  $(p(t_0), q(t_0)) \neq 0$ ,  $\begin{vmatrix} y_1'(t_0) & y_1(t_0) \\ y_2'(t_0) & y_2(t_0) \end{vmatrix} = 0$ .

Then  $W(y_1, y_2)(t_0) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1(t_0) & y_2(t_0) \\ y_1'(t_0) & y_2'(t_0) \end{vmatrix} = 0$ .

By Abel's theorem,  $W(y_1, y_2)(t) = W(y_1, y_2)(t_0) \exp\left(-\int_{t_0}^t p(s)ds\right)$

So         . □

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3.4 24 Use the method of reduction of order to find  
a second solution of the given differential equation.

$$t^2 y'' + t y' - 4y = 0, \quad t > 0; \quad y_1(t) = t^2$$

Sol. Let  $y = vt$   $y_1(t) = t^2$

then the equation implies

$$t^2 (2v'' + 4tv' + t^2 v') + t(2tv + t^2 v') - 4tv = 0$$

$$t^4 v'' + 5t^3 v' = 0$$

$$t v'' + 5v' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow v' = t^{-5} + C$$

$$\Rightarrow y = vt = -\frac{t^{-2}}{4} + Ct^3$$

Choosing  $C=0$  gives a new solution  $y_2 = -\frac{t^2}{4}$ .

The Wronskian of  $y_1$  &  $y_2$  is.

$$W(y_1, y_2)(t) = \begin{vmatrix} t^2 & -\frac{t^2}{4} \\ 2t & t^3 \end{vmatrix} = t^{-1} \neq 0.$$

Therefore  $y_1$  &  $y_2$  consists of a fundamental set of solutions.

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3.6 [Q] Verify the given  $y_1$  &  $y_2$  satisfies the corresponding homogeneous equation; then find a particular solution of the given nonhomogeneous equation.

$$x^2y'' - 3xy' + 4y = x^2 \ln x \quad x > 0 \quad ; \quad y_1(x) = x^2, \quad y_2(x) = x^2 \ln x$$


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Sol., The corresponding homogeneous equation is

$$x^2y'' - 3xy' + 4y = 0.$$

(Verification in )

~~$$y'' - \frac{3}{x}y' + \frac{4}{x^2}y = \ln x.$$~~ (standard form)

Therefore a particular sol. of the nonhomogeneous eqn. is

$$Y(t) = -x^2 \int_{x_0}^x \frac{s^2 \ln s}{W(y_1, y_2)(s)} ds + x^2 \ln x \int_{x_0}^x \frac{s^2 \ln s}{W(y_1, y_2)(s)} ds$$

$$W(y_1, y_2)(s) = \begin{vmatrix} s^2 & s^2 \ln s \\ 2s & 2s \ln s + s \end{vmatrix} = s^3$$

$$Y(t) = -x^2 \int_{x_0}^x \frac{(\ln s)^2}{s} ds + x^2 \ln x \int_{x_0}^x \frac{\ln s}{s} ds$$

$$= \frac{x^2 (\ln x)^3}{6} + C_0$$

See the back page   $\Rightarrow C_0 = 0 \quad Y(t) = \frac{1}{6} x^2 (\ln x)^3 \quad \square$

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$$Y_{(1)} = \frac{1}{6}x^2 (\ln x)^3 + C_0$$

$$Y'(x) = \frac{x}{3}(\ln x)^3 + \frac{x}{2}(\ln x)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} Y''(x) &= \frac{(\ln x)^3}{3} + (\ln x)^2 + \frac{(\ln x)^2}{2} + \ln x \\ &= \frac{(\ln x)^3}{3} + \frac{3}{2}(\ln x)^2 + \ln x \end{aligned}$$

The equation

$$x^2 y'' - 3x y' + 4y = x^2 \ln x$$

gives  $C_0 = 0$ .