

Theorem 8

Let  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n$  be  $n$  solns of  $L(y) = 0$  on an interval  $J$  and

let  $x_0$  be any point in  $J$ . Then,

$$w(\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n)(x) = \exp\left[-\int_{x_0}^x a_1(t) dt\right] w(\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n)(x_0)$$

Proof:

We first prove this result for the simple case for  $n=2$ .

Consider  $L(y) = y'' + a_1(x)y' + a_2(x)y = 0$ .

Since  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  are soln of  $L(y) = 0$ ,

$$L(\phi_1) = \phi_1'' + a_1(x)\phi_1' + a_2(x)\phi_1 = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$L(\phi_2) = \phi_2'' + a_1(x)\phi_2' + a_2(x)\phi_2 = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \times \phi_2 \Rightarrow \phi_1''\phi_2 + a_1\phi_1'\phi_2 + a_2\phi_1\phi_2 = 0$$

$$\textcircled{2} \times \phi_1 \Rightarrow \phi_2''\phi_1 + a_1\phi_2'\phi_1 + a_2\phi_2\phi_1 = 0$$

$$(\phi_1''\phi_2 - \phi_2''\phi_1) + (a_1\phi_1'\phi_2 - a_1\phi_2'\phi_1) = 0$$

$$\phi_1''\phi_2 - \phi_2''\phi_1 = -a_1(\phi_1'\phi_2 - \phi_2'\phi_1) \rightarrow \textcircled{3}$$

Now,

$$w = \begin{vmatrix} \phi_1 & \phi_2 \\ \phi_1' & \phi_2' \end{vmatrix} = \phi_1\phi_2' - \phi_2\phi_1'$$

$$w = \phi_1\phi_2' - \phi_2\phi_1'$$

$$w' = \phi_1'\phi_2' + \phi_1\phi_2'' - \phi_2'\phi_1' - \phi_2\phi_1''$$

$$w' = \phi_1\phi_2'' - \phi_2\phi_1'' \Rightarrow -(\phi_1''\phi_2 - \phi_2''\phi_1)$$

$$\therefore \textcircled{3} \Rightarrow -w' = a_1 w$$

$$w' = -a_1 w$$

$$\frac{w'}{w} = -a_1$$

$w(\phi_1, \phi_2)$  satisfying the 1<sup>st</sup> linear eqn.

$$\log \frac{w(x)}{w(x_0)} = -\int_{x_0}^x a_1(t) dt$$

$$w(x) = \exp\left[-\int_{x_0}^x a_1(t) dt\right] w(x_0)$$

$$\text{ii) } w(\phi_1, \phi_2)(x) = \exp\left[-\int_{x_0}^x a_1(t) dt\right] w(\phi_1, \phi_2)(x_0)$$

Proof at for general case n

let  $w = w(\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_n)$

$$\Rightarrow w(x) = \begin{vmatrix} \varphi_1 & \varphi_2 & \dots & \varphi_n \\ \varphi_1' & \varphi_2' & \dots & \varphi_n' \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \varphi_1^{(n-1)} & \varphi_2^{(n-1)} & \dots & \varphi_n^{(n-1)} \end{vmatrix}$$

from the above definition of  $w$  as a determinant it follows that its derivative  $w'$  is a sum of  $n$  derivatives

$$w' = v_1 + v_2 + \dots + v_n$$

where  $v_k$  differs from  $w$  only in its  $k^{\text{th}}$  row and the  $k^{\text{th}}$  row of  $v_k$  is obtained by differentiating the  $k^{\text{th}}$  row of  $w$

Thus,

$$w' = \begin{vmatrix} \varphi_1 & \varphi_2 & \dots & \varphi_n \\ \varphi_1' & \varphi_2' & \dots & \varphi_n' \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \varphi_1^{(n-1)} & \varphi_2^{(n-1)} & \dots & \varphi_n^{(n-1)} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} \varphi_1 & \varphi_2 & \dots & \varphi_n \\ \varphi_1' & \varphi_2' & \dots & \varphi_n' \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \varphi_1^{(n-1)} & \varphi_2^{(n-1)} & \dots & \varphi_n^{(n-1)} \end{vmatrix} + \dots + \begin{vmatrix} \varphi_1 & \varphi_2 & \dots & \varphi_n \\ \varphi_1' & \varphi_2' & \dots & \varphi_n' \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \varphi_1^{(n-1)} & \varphi_2^{(n-1)} & \dots & \varphi_n^{(n-1)} \end{vmatrix}$$

The first  $n-1$  determinants  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-1}$  are all zero

since they each have two identical rows.

Since  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_n$  are solutions of  $L(y) = 0$

we have,

$$\varphi_i^{(n)} = -a_1 \varphi_i^{(n-1)} - a_2 \varphi_i^{(n-2)} - \dots - a_n \varphi_i \quad (i=1, 2, \dots, n)$$

$$\therefore w' = \begin{vmatrix} \varphi_1 & \varphi_2 & \dots & \varphi_n \\ \varphi_1' & \varphi_2' & \dots & \varphi_n' \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \varphi_1^{(n-2)} & \varphi_2^{(n-2)} & \dots & \varphi_n^{(n-2)} \\ \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} a_{n-j} \varphi_1^{(j)} & \dots & \dots & - \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} a_{n-j} \varphi_n^{(j)} \end{vmatrix}$$

The value of this determinant is unchanged if we multiply any row by a  $\lambda_0$  and add to the last row



We multiply the first row by  $a_1$   
 then  $(n-1)^{\text{th}}$  row by  $a_2$  and add these to the last row  
 thus we obtain,

$$w' = \begin{vmatrix} \phi_1 & \phi_2 & \dots & \phi_n \\ \phi_1' & \phi_2' & \dots & \phi_n' \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \phi_1^{(n-1)} & \phi_2^{(n-1)} & \dots & \phi_n^{(n-1)} \\ -a_1 \phi_1^{(n-1)} & \dots & \dots & -a_1 \phi_n^{(n-1)} \end{vmatrix} = -a_1 w$$

$\therefore w$  satisfies the linear first order eqn,  $y' + a_1(x)y = 0$ .

$$\frac{w'}{w} = -a_1$$

$$\log \frac{w(x)}{w(x_0)} = - \int_{x_0}^x a_1(t) dt$$

$$\Rightarrow w(x) = \exp \left[ - \int_{x_0}^x a_1(t) dt \right] w(x_0)$$

$$w(\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n)(x) = \exp \left[ - \int_{x_0}^x a_1(t) dt \right] w(\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n)(x_0)$$

Hence the theorem.

Corollary:

If the coefficient  $a_1$  of  $y'$  are constant

$$w(\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n)(x) = e^{-a_1(x-x_0)} w(\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n)(x_0)$$

Note:

A sequence of above thm is that  $n$  solns  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n$  of  $y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$  on an interval  $I$  are L.I. iff  $w(\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n)(x_0) \neq 0$  for any particular  $x_0$  in  $I$ .

2.a) one soln of  $y'' + \frac{1}{4x^2}y = 0$  for  $x > 0$  is  $\phi(x) = x^{1/2}$ . S.T there is another soln  $\psi$  of the form  $\psi = u\phi$  where  $u$  is some function

Soln:

$$\text{Given eqn } y'' + \frac{1}{4x^2}y = 0 \rightarrow 0 \text{ for } x > 0, \text{ and } \phi(x) = x^{1/2}$$

Now,

$$y = u\phi \Rightarrow ux^{1/2}$$

$$y' = u \cdot \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2} + x^{1/2}u'$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{2} u x^{-1/2} + x^{1/2} u'$$

$$\Rightarrow y'' = \frac{1}{2} u' x^{-1/2} + \frac{1}{2} u (-1/2) x^{-3/2} + x^{1/2} u'' + u (1/2) x^{-1/2}$$

Since  $y/u$  a soln,

$$y'' + \frac{1}{4x^2} y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{1/2} u'' + u' x^{-1/2} - \frac{1}{4} u x^{-3/2} + \frac{1}{4x^2} u x^{1/2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x^2 x^{1/2} u'' + 4x^2 x^{-1/2} u' - x^{-3/2} x^2 u + u x^{1/2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x^{5/2} u'' + 4x^{3/2} u' - x^{1/2} u + x^{1/2} u = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x^{5/2} u'' + 4x^{3/2} u' = 0$$

$$x^{5/2} u'' + x^{3/2} u' = 0$$

$$x^{3/2} (x u'' + u') = 0$$

Since we have found by trial a soln of order 2

$$x u'' = -u' \Rightarrow u'' = -\frac{u'}{x}$$

$$\frac{u''}{u'} = -\frac{1}{x}$$

Integrating we get,

$$\log u' = -\log x$$

$$\log u' = \log x^{-1}$$

$$u' = \frac{1}{x}$$

Integrating again we get,

$$u = \log x$$

$$y = u \phi = x^{1/2} \log x$$

2.6 Consider the eqn  $L(y) = y'' + a_1(x)y' + a_2(x)y = 0$ . Where  $a_1, a_2$  are

continuous on some interval  $I$ . S.t  $a_1, a_2$  are uniquely

determined by any basis  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  for the soln of  $L(y) = 0$ .

Soln:

$$\text{Given eqn is } L(y) = y'' + a_1(x)y' + a_2(x)y = 0$$

We have  $L(\phi_1) = 0, L(\phi_2) = 0$  since  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  are soln of  $L(y) = 0$



$$\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow \varphi_1'' + a_1(x)\varphi_1' + a_2(x)\varphi_1 = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$\varphi_2'' + a_1(x)\varphi_2' + a_2(x)\varphi_2 = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow a_1(x)\varphi_1' + a_2(x)\varphi_1 = -\varphi_1''$$

$$\textcircled{2} \Rightarrow a_1(x)\varphi_2' + a_2(x)\varphi_2 = -\varphi_2''$$

Since the coefficient determinant is just  $\omega(\varphi_1, \varphi_2) \neq 0$ , we get unique values for  $a_1$  and  $a_2$

$$a_1 = - \frac{\begin{vmatrix} \varphi_1'' & \varphi_2'' \\ \varphi_1' & \varphi_2' \end{vmatrix}}{\omega(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)}$$

$$\text{and } a_2 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} \varphi_1'' & \varphi_2'' \\ \varphi_1 & \varphi_2 \end{vmatrix}}{\omega(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)}$$

### Section-5

## Reduction of the order of a homogeneous eqn

Suppose we have found by some means one soln  $\varphi_1$  of the eqn

$$L(y) = y^{(n)} + a_1(x)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_n(x)y = 0$$

It is then possible to reduce the order of the eqn to be solved by one. The idea is the same as in case of the variation of constants method.

We try to find soln  $\varphi$  of  $L(y) = 0$  of the form  $\varphi = u\varphi_1$ , where  $u$  is some function.

Theorem: 9

Let  $\varphi_1$  be a soln of  $L(y) = 0$  on an interval  $I$  and suppose  $\varphi_1(x) \neq 0$  on  $I$ . If  $v_2, \dots, v_n$  is any basis on  $I$  for the solns of the linear eqn.

$$\varphi_1 v^{(n-1)} + \dots + (n\varphi_1^{(n-1)} + (n-1)\varphi_1^{(n-2)} + \dots + a_{n-1}\varphi_1)v = 0$$

of order  $n-1$  and if  $v_k = u_k'$  ( $k=2, \dots, n$ ) then

$\varphi_1, u_2\varphi_1, \dots, u_n\varphi_1$  is a basis for the solns of  $L(y) = 0$  on  $I$ .

Proof:

Now  $y^{(n)} + a_1(x)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_n(x)y = 0$ .

Also given  $\phi_1$  is one soln of  $y^{(n)} = 0$  on  $I$  and  $\phi_1(x) \neq 0$  on  $I$ .

It's then possible to reduce the order of  $y^{(n)} = 0$  of the form  $y = u\phi_1$ , where  $u$  is some function of  $x$ .

If  $y = u\phi_1$  is a soln, we must have,

$(u\phi_1)^{(n)} + a_1(u\phi_1)^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_{n-1}(u\phi_1)' + a_n(u\phi_1) = 0$

$u^{(n)}\phi_1 + \dots + u\phi_1^{(n)} + a_1[u^{(n-1)}\phi_1 + \dots + u\phi_1^{(n-1)}] + \dots + a_{n-1}[u'\phi_1 + u\phi_1'] + a_n u\phi_1 = 0$

equation  $\rightarrow L[\phi_1] = 0$ . If  $v = u\phi_1$ , this equation.

The coefficient of  $u$  in the above reduces to a linear eqn of order  $(n-1)$  in  $v$ .

$\phi_1 v^{(n-1)} + \dots + [n\phi_1^{(n-1)} + (n-1)\phi_1^{(n-2)} + \dots + a_{n-1}\phi_1]v = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$

The coefficient of  $v^{(n-1)}$  is  $\phi_1$ .

Also  $\phi_1(x) \neq 0$  on an interval  $I$ .

$\rightarrow$  This eqn has  $(n-1)$  I.I Soln  $v_2, \dots, v_n$  on  $I$ .

If  $x_0$  is some point in  $I$  and

$u_k(x) = \int_{x_0}^x v_k(t) dt, \quad k=2, 3, \dots, n$

Then we have  $u_k' = v_k$  and the function  $\phi_1, u_2\phi_1, \dots, u_n\phi_1$  are soln of  $L[y] = 0$ .

Moreover these function forms basis for the soln of  $L[y] = 0$  on  $I$ .

For suppose we have constants  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$  such that:

$c_1\phi_1 + u_2\phi_1 + \dots + c_n u_n\phi_1 = 0$

Since  $\phi_1(x) \neq 0$  on  $I$

We have

$c_1 + c_2 u_2 + \dots + c_n u_n = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$



diff we get,

$$c_3 u_3' + \dots + c_n u_n' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_3 v_3 + \dots + c_n v_n = 0$$

and ③  $\Rightarrow c_1 = 0$

Also since  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  are L.I. on  $I$ , we have  $c_2 = c_3 = \dots = c_n = 0$

Thus the function in ② from a basis for the soln of

$$L(y) = 0 \text{ on } I$$

Theorem: 10

If  $\varphi_1$  is a soln of  $L(y) = y'' + a_1(x)y' + a_2(x)y = 0$  on an interval  $I$  and  $\varphi_1(x) \neq 0$  on  $I$  a second soln  $\varphi_2$  of ① on  $I$

is given by  $\varphi_2(x) = \varphi_1(x) \int \frac{1}{[\varphi_1(s)]^2} \exp\left[-\int_x^s a_1(t) dt\right] ds$  The function

$\varphi_1, \varphi_2$  form a basis for the soln of ① on  $I$

Proof:

$$\text{Given } L(y) = y'' + a_1(x)y' + a_2(x)y = 0$$

If  $\varphi_1$  is a soln on  $I$ ,

we have,

$$L(u\varphi_1) = (u\varphi_1)'' + a_1(u\varphi_1)' + a_2(u\varphi_1)$$

$$= u''\varphi_1 + 2u'\varphi_1' + u\varphi_1'' + a_1(u'\varphi_1 + u\varphi_1') + a_2 u\varphi_1$$

$$= u''\varphi_1 + 2(\varphi_1' + a_1\varphi_1)u' + [\varphi_1'' + a_1\varphi_1' + a_2\varphi_1]u$$

$$= u''\varphi_1 + (2\varphi_1' + a_1\varphi_1)u' + u(0) \quad (\text{since } L(\varphi_1) = 0)$$

$$L(u\varphi_1) = u''\varphi_1 + (2\varphi_1' + a_1\varphi_1)u'$$

Let  $v = u'$  and  $u$  is such that  $L(u\varphi_1) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi_1 v' + 2(\varphi_1' + a_1\varphi_1)v = 0 \rightarrow ②$$

This is linear eqn of order one and can always be solved explicitly.

provided  $\varphi_1(x) \neq 0$  on  $I$

②  $\times \varphi_1$ , we get,

$$\varphi_1^2 v' + (2\varphi_1\varphi_1' + a_1\varphi_1^2)v = 0 \rightarrow ③$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\phi_1^2 v' + 2\phi_1 \phi_1' v + a_1 \phi_1^2 v = 0}$$

$$(\phi_1^2 v)' + a_1 (\phi_1^2 v) = 0$$

$$\phi_1^2(x) v(x) = C \exp\left[-\int_{x_0}^x a_1(t) dt\right]$$

where  $x_0$  is a point in  $I$  and  $C$  is a constant.

since any constant multiple of a soln of (3) is again a soln, we see that

$$v(x) = \frac{1}{[\phi_1(x)]^2} \exp\left[-\int_{x_0}^x a_1(t) dt\right] \text{ is a soln of (3) and also (2)}$$

$\therefore$  The two independent soln of  $(y) = y'' + a_1(x)y' + a_2(x)y = 0$

on  $\Sigma$  are  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$

$$\phi_2 = u\phi_1 \quad \phi_2' = u'\phi_1 + u\phi_1' \quad \phi_2'' = u''\phi_1 + 2u'\phi_1' + u\phi_1''$$

where,

$$\phi_2(x) = \phi_1(x) \int_{x_0}^x \frac{1}{[\phi_1(s)]^2} \exp\left[-\int_{x_0}^s a_1(t) dt\right] ds$$

Example:

Consider the eqn  $y'' - \frac{2}{x}y' = 0, 0 < x < \infty$ . Its easy

to verify that the  $\phi_1$  given by  $\phi_1(x) = x^2$  is a soln  $0 < x < \infty$ .

Since this function not vanish on this interval,

there is another independent soln  $\phi_2$  of the form  $\phi_2 = u\phi_1$ .

If  $v = u'$  then satisfies,

$$x^2 v' + 4xv = 0 \quad (\text{or}) \quad xv' + 4v = 0$$

A soln for this is given by

$$v(x) = x^{-4} \quad 0 < x < \infty$$

and therefore a choice for  $u$  is  $u(x) = -\frac{1}{3x^3}, 0 < x < \infty$ .

This leads to  $\phi_2(x) = \frac{-1}{3x}, 0 < x < \infty$ .

but since any constant times a soln is a soln we may as well choose for a second soln  $\phi_2(x) = x^{-1}$ . Thus  $x^2, x^{-1}$  form a basis for the solns on  $0 < x < \infty$ .

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + Py = Q \quad (6)$$

$P = a_1$   
 $e^{\int P dt} = e^{\int a_1 dt} = e^{\int a_1 dt}$   
 $y_0 = \int 0 + C \phi_1^2 = Ce$



Method of finding one soln of a Second order homogeneous eqn (16)

Put the eqn in the form,

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + a_1(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + a_2(x) y = 0$$

Rule: 1

$y = e^{mx}$  is a soln if  $m^2 + m a_1 + a_2 = 0$ .

In particular,

$y = x$  is a soln if  $a_1 + a_2 x = 0$

$y = x^2$  is a soln if  $2 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 = 0$

$y = 1/x$  is a soln if  $2 - a_1 x + a_2 x^2 = 0$

As an illustration the eqn

$$x \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - (2x-1) \frac{dy}{dx} + (x-1)y = 0 \text{ can be put in the form}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - \left(\frac{2x-1}{x}\right) \frac{dy}{dx} + \left(\frac{x-1}{x}\right) y = 0$$

with  $a_1 = -\left(\frac{2x-1}{x}\right)$ ,  $a_2 = \left(\frac{x-1}{x}\right)$  and  $1 + a_1 + a_2 = 0$

$\therefore y = e^x$  is a soln.

The second soln can be found using reduction of order method

3.a) consider the eqn  $x^2 y'' - 7xy' + 15y = 0$  such that  $\phi_1(x) = x^3$  ( $x > 0$ )

is a soln of the eqn and find a second independent soln.

Soln:

$$\text{Given eqn is } x^2 y'' - 7xy' + 15y = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$\phi_1(x) = x^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi_1'(x) = 3x^2, \quad \phi_1''(x) = 6x$$

$$x^2 \phi_1'' - 7x \phi_1' + 15 \phi_1 = x^2(6x) - 7x(3x^2) + 15x^3$$

$$= 6x^3 - 21x^3 + 15x^3$$

$$x^2 \phi_1'' - 7x \phi_1' + 15 \phi_1 = 0$$

$\therefore \phi_1$  satisfies the eqn.

Let the second soln  $\phi_2$  be of the form. (63)

$$\phi_2 = u\phi_1 = ux^3$$

$$\phi_2' = u \cdot 3x^2 + x^3 \cdot u'$$

$$\phi_2'' = u \cdot 6x + 3x^2 u' + 3x^2 u' + x^3 u''$$

$$\phi_2''' = x^3 u''' + 6x^2 u'' + 6xu'$$

Sub in ①

$$x^3(x^3 u''' + 6x^2 u'' + 6xu') - 7x(x^3 u' + 3x^2 u) + 15x^3 u = 0$$

$$x^5 u''' + 6x^4 u'' + 6x^3 u' - 7x^4 u' - 21x^3 u + 15x^3 u = 0$$

$$x^5 u''' - x^4 u' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow u''' - \frac{1}{x} u' = 0$$

$$v' - \frac{1}{x} v = 0 \quad \text{where } v = u'$$

$$\therefore v = x, \quad u' = x, \quad u = x^2/2$$

we can take,  $u = x^2$

$$\phi_2 = \phi_1 \cdot u = x^3 \cdot x^2 = x^5$$

also  $w(\phi_1, \phi_2) = 2x^7 \neq 0 \quad (\because x > 0)$

$\therefore$  The two independent solns are  $\phi_1 = x^3, \phi_2 = x^5$ .

3.b) one soln of  $x^3 y''' - 3x^2 y'' + 6xy' - 6y = 0$  for  $x > 0$  is  $\phi_1(x) = x$

find a basis for the soln for  $x > 0$ .

Soln:

$\phi_1(x) = x$  is a first soln.

$\phi_2(x) = u\phi_1 = x \cdot u$  be a second soln of the eqn.

$$\phi_2'(x) = xu' + u$$

$$\phi_2''(x) = xu'' + 2u'$$

$$\phi_2'''(x) = xu''' + 3u''$$

Sub in Given eqn.

$$x^3(xu''' + 3u'') - 3x^2(xu'' + 2u') + 6x(xu' + u) - 6xu = 0$$

$$\text{① } x^4 u''' = 0$$

$$u''' = 0.$$



The characteristic polynomial is

$$r^3 = 0$$

The roots are 0, 0, 0

∴ The three independent solns are  $1, x, x^2$

The three solns of the given eqn are  $x, x^2, x^3$

Also,  $w(x, x^2, x^3) = 2x^3 \neq 0 \quad (x \neq 0)$

Hence these solns are linearly independent.

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### Section-6

The non-homogeneous eqn.

Theorem: II (Variation of constants method extended to eqn with variable coefficients)

Let  $b$  be continuous on an interval  $I$  and let  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n$  be a basis for the solns of  $L(y) = 0$  on  $I$ . Every soln  $\psi$  of  $L(y) = b(x)$  can be written as  $\psi = \psi_p + C_1\phi_1 + \dots + C_n\phi_n$  where  $\psi_p$  is a particular soln of  $L(y) = b(x)$  and  $C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n$  are constants. Every soln  $\psi$  is a soln of  $L(y) = b(x)$ .

A particular soln  $\psi_p$  is given by

$$\psi_p(x) = - \sum_{k=1}^n \phi_k(x) \int_{x_0}^x \frac{w_k(t) b(t)}{w(\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n)(t)} dt$$

Proof:

Consider the eqn  $L(y) = y^{(n)} + a_{n-1}(x)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_1(x)y' + a_0(x)y = b(x) \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$

where  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, b$  are continuous functions on  $I$ .

W.K.T when all  $a_k$ 's are constants the eqn can be solved by the method of variation of constants.

The method does not depend on the fact that the  $a_k$  are constants and is therefore valid for the eqn  $\textcircled{1}$

If  $\psi_p$  is a particular soln of  $\textcircled{1}$  any soln  $\psi$  has the form,

$$\psi = \psi_p + C_1\phi_1 + C_2\phi_2 + \dots + C_n\phi_n$$

where  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$  are constants and  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n$  is a basis for the soln of  $L(y) = 0$ . (65)

Every  $\psi$  is a soln of  $L(y) = b(x)$ .

A particular soln  $\psi_p$  can be found having the form

$$\psi_p = u_1 \phi_1 + u_2 \phi_2 + \dots + u_n \phi_n$$

where  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  are functions satisfying,

$$u_1' \phi_1 + u_2' \phi_2 + \dots + u_n' \phi_n = 0$$

$$u_1' \phi_1' + u_2' \phi_2' + \dots + u_n' \phi_n' = 0$$

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$$u_1' \phi_1^{(n-1)} + u_2' \phi_2^{(n-1)} + \dots + u_n' \phi_n^{(n-1)} = 0$$

$$u_1' \phi_1^{(n-1)} + u_2' \phi_2^{(n-1)} + \dots + u_n' \phi_n^{(n-1)} = b$$

If  $x_0$  is any point on  $I$ , take,

$$u_k(x) = \int_{x_0}^x \frac{\omega_k(t) b(t)}{\omega(\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n)(t)} dt \quad (k=1, 2, \dots, n)$$

and then  $\psi_p$  has the form,

$$\psi_p(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n \phi_k(x) \int_{x_0}^x \frac{\omega_k(t) b(t)}{\omega(\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n)(t)} dt$$

Here  $\omega(\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n)$  is the wronskian of the basis  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n$  and  $\omega_k$  is the determinant obtained from  $\omega(\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n)$  by replacing the  $k^{\text{th}}$  column  $(\phi_k, \phi_k', \dots, \phi_k^{(n-1)})$  by  $(0, 0, \dots, 0, 1)$ .

Problems.

1.a) Find all soln of the eqn  $y'' - \frac{2}{x^2} y = x$ ,  $0 < x < \infty$  and given  $\phi_1(x) = x^2$  is one soln of  $y'' - \frac{2}{x^2} y = 0$

Soln:

$$y'' - \frac{2}{x^2} y = x \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$\text{and } y'' - \frac{2}{x^2} y = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

$$\text{Now, } \phi_1(x) = x^2, \quad \phi_2(x) = x^1$$



A soln  $\psi_p$  of the non homogeneous eqn has the form,

$$\psi_p = u_1 \phi_1 + u_2 \phi_2$$

$$\psi_p = u_1 x^2 + u_2 x^{-1} \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

where  $u_1, u_2$  satisfy,

$$x^2 u_1' + x^{-1} u_2' = 0$$

$$2x u_1' - x^{-2} u_2' = x$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} W(\phi_1, \phi_2) &= \begin{vmatrix} x^2 & x^{-1} \\ 2x & -x^{-2} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= x^2(-x^{-2}) - 2x \cdot x^{-1} \\ &= -1 - 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$W(\phi_1, \phi_2) = -3$$

$$\therefore u_1' = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & x^{-1} \\ x & -x^{-2} \end{vmatrix}}{-3} = \frac{0 - x \cdot x^{-1}}{-3}$$

$$u_1' = \frac{1}{3} \rightarrow \textcircled{4}$$

$$u_2' = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x^2 & 0 \\ 2x & x \end{vmatrix}}{-3} = \frac{x^3}{-3}$$

$$u_2' = -\frac{x^3}{3} \rightarrow \textcircled{5}$$

for  $u_1, u_2$  we may take,

$$\textcircled{4} \Rightarrow u_1 = \frac{x}{3}$$

$$\textcircled{5} \Rightarrow u_2 = -\frac{x^4}{12}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow \psi_p = \left(\frac{x}{3}\right)x^2 + \left(-\frac{x^4}{12}\right)x^{-1}$$

$$\psi_p = \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^3}{12} = \frac{x^3}{4}$$

Every soln  $\phi$  of  $\textcircled{1}$  then has form,

$$\phi(x) = \frac{x^3}{4} + C_1 x^2 + C_2 x^{-1}$$

b) one soln of  $x^2y'' - xy' + y = 0$  ( $x > 0$ ) is  $\phi_1(x) = x$ .

find the soln  $\psi$  of  $x^2y'' - xy' + y = x^2$  satisfying  $\psi(1) = 1, \psi'(1) = 0$

Soln:

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Given  $\phi_1(x) = x$ ,

let  $\phi_2 = u\phi_1 = ux$  be a second soln of the homogeneous eqn

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

$$x^2(xu)'' - x(xu)' + xu = 0$$

$$x^2[xu'' + 2u'] - x[xu' + u] + xu = 0$$

$$x^3u'' + 2x^2u' - x^2u' - x^2u' = 0$$

$$xu'' + u' = 0$$

$$xv' + v = 0$$

one soln of  $x^2y'' - xy' + y = 0$  is  $\phi_1(x) = x$ .  
 find all solns of

by taking  $v = u'$

Solving we get,  $v = \frac{1}{x}$

$$\therefore u = \int v dx = \log x$$

$$\phi_2(x) = x \log x$$

A soln  $\psi_p$  of the non homogeneous eqn is

$$\psi_p = u_1x + u_2x \log x$$

where  $u_1'$  and  $u_2'$  satisfy

$$u_1'x + u_2'x \log x = 0$$

$$u_1' + u_2'(1 + \log x) = x^2$$

$$\therefore w(\phi_1, \phi_2) = \begin{vmatrix} x & x \log x \\ 1 & 1 + \log x \end{vmatrix} = x(1 + \log x) - x \log x = x + x \log x - x \log x = x$$

$$w(\phi_1, \phi_2) = x$$

$$u_1' = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & x \log x \\ x^2 & 1 + \log x \end{vmatrix}}{x} = -x^2 \log x \Rightarrow u_1 = -\int x^2 \log x dx = -\frac{x^3}{3} \log x + \frac{x^3}{9}$$

$$u_2' = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x & 0 \\ 1 & x^2 \end{vmatrix}}{x} = \frac{x^3}{3} = x^2 \Rightarrow u_2 = \frac{x^3}{3}$$



$$\therefore \psi = \psi_p + C_1 \phi_1 + C_2 \phi_2$$

$$= x \left[ -\frac{x^3}{3} \log x + \frac{x^3}{9} \right] + (x \log x) \frac{x^3}{3} + C_1 x + C_2 x \log x$$

$$\psi = C_1 x + C_2 x \log x + \frac{x^4}{9}$$

Given  $\psi(1) = 1$

$$C_1 + \frac{1}{9} = 1$$

$$C_1 = \frac{8}{9}$$

and  $\psi'(1) = 0$

$$C_1 + C_2 + \frac{4}{9} = 0$$

$$\frac{8}{9} + C_2 + \frac{4}{9} = 0$$

$$C_2 + \frac{4}{3} = 0$$

$$C_2 = -\frac{4}{3}$$

$$\therefore \psi = \frac{8}{9}x - \frac{4}{3}x \log x + \frac{x^4}{9}$$

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1.c) consider the eqn  $y'' + a_1(x)y' + a_2(x)y = 0$ , where  $a_1, a_2$  are continuous on some interval  $I$  containing  $x_0$ . Suppose  $\phi_1$  is a soln such that  $\phi_1(x) \neq 0$  for all  $x$  in  $I$ .

(a) s.t. There is a second soln  $\phi_2$  on  $I$  such that,  $w(\phi_1, \phi_2)(x_0) = 1$

(b) compute such a  $\phi_2$  in terms of  $\phi_1$  by solving the first order

$$\phi_1(x)\phi_2'(x) - \phi_1'(x)\phi_2(x) = \exp \left[ -\int_{x_0}^x a_1(t) dt \right]$$

Soln:

(a) for some  $x_0 \in I$

$$\text{let } \phi_2(x_0) = 0 \text{ and } \phi_2'(x_0) = \frac{1}{\phi_1(x_0)}$$

then

$$w(\phi_1, \phi_2)(x_0) = \begin{vmatrix} \phi_1(x_0) & \phi_2(x_0) \\ \phi_1'(x_0) & \phi_2'(x_0) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \phi_1(x_0) & 0 \\ \phi_1'(x_0) & \frac{1}{\phi_1(x_0)} \end{vmatrix} = \phi_1(x_0) \cdot \frac{1}{\phi_1(x_0)} = 1$$

$$w(\phi_1, \phi_2)(x_0) = 1$$

$$\therefore \psi = \psi_p + C_1 \phi_1 + C_2 \phi_2$$

$$= x \left[ -\frac{x^3}{3} \log x + \frac{x^3}{9} \right] + (x \log x) \frac{x^3}{3} + C_1 x + C_2 x \log x$$

$$\psi = C_1 x + C_2 x \log x + \frac{x^4}{9}$$

Given  $\psi(1) = 1$

$$C_1 + \frac{1}{9} = 1$$

$$C_1 = \frac{8}{9}$$

and  $\psi'(1) = 0$

$$C_1 + C_2 + \frac{4}{9} = 0$$

$$\frac{8}{9} + C_2 + \frac{4}{9} = 0$$

$$C_2 + \frac{4}{3} = 0$$

$$C_2 = -\frac{4}{3}$$

$$\therefore \psi = \frac{8}{9}x - \frac{4}{3}x \log x + \frac{x^4}{9}$$

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1.c) consider the eqn  $y'' + a_1(x)y' + a_2(x)y = 0$ , where  $a_1, a_2$  are continuous on some interval  $I$  containing  $x_0$ . Suppose  $\phi_1$  is a soln such that  $\phi_1(x) \neq 0$  for all  $x$  in  $I$ .

(a) s.t. there is a second soln  $\phi_2$  on  $I$  such that,  $\omega(\phi_1, \phi_2)(x_0) = 1$ .

(b) compute such a  $\phi_2$  in terms of  $\phi_1$  by solving the first order eqn

$$\phi_1(x)\phi_2'(x) - \phi_1'(x)\phi_2(x) = \exp \left[ -\int_{x_0}^x a_1(t) dt \right]$$

soln:

(a) for some  $x_0 \in I$

$$\text{let } \phi_2(x_0) = 0 \text{ and } \phi_2'(x_0) = \frac{1}{\phi_1(x_0)}$$

then

$$\omega(\phi_1, \phi_2)(x_0) = \begin{vmatrix} \phi_1(x_0) & \phi_2(x_0) \\ \phi_1'(x_0) & \phi_2'(x_0) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \phi_1(x_0) & 0 \\ \phi_1'(x_0) & \frac{1}{\phi_1(x_0)} \end{vmatrix} = \phi_1(x_0) \cdot \frac{1}{\phi_1(x_0)}$$

$$\omega(\phi_1, \phi_2)(x_0) = 1$$



b) Given  $q_1(x)q_2'(x) - q_1'(x)q_2(x) = \exp\left[-\int_x^x a_1(t)dt\right]$

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This is linear in  $q_2$ .

$$\therefore q_2'(x) - \frac{q_1'(x)}{q_1(x)} \cdot q_2(x) = \frac{1}{q_1(x)} A(x), \text{ where } A(x) = \exp\left[-\int_x^x a_1(t)dt\right]$$

$$\therefore q_2(x) = q_1(x) \int_x^x \frac{1}{|q_1(x)|^2} A(x) dx$$

1.d) Two solns of  $x^3y''' - 3xy'' + 3y = 0$  ( $x > 0$ ) are  $q_1(x) = x$ ,

$q_2(x) = x^3$  use this information to find a third independent soln.

Soln:

Method of successive reduction of order

Step:1 First stage reduction.

$$x^3y''' - 3xy'' + 3y = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$q_1(x) = x$  is a soln of  $\textcircled{1}$

Let  $q_2(x) = uq_1 = ux$  be the second soln.

Sub in  $\textcircled{1}$

$$x^3(ux)''' - 3x(ux)'' + 3(ux) = 0$$

$$x^3(u'''x + 3u'') - 3x(u'x + u) + 3ux = 0$$

$$x^4u''' + 3x^3u'' - x^2(3u' + u) = 0$$

$$x^2(x^2u''' + 3xu'' - 3u') = 0$$

$$x^2u''' + 3xu'' - 3u' = 0$$

Taking  $v = u'$

$$x^2v'' + 3xv' - 3v = 0$$

This is a second order differential eqn, we again reduce its order by

Step:2 Second stage reduction.

$$x^2v'' + 3xv' - 3v = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

We have  $q_2 = uq_1$

$$u = \frac{q_2}{q_1} = \frac{x^3}{x} = x^2$$

$$(\because q_1(x) = x, \quad q_2(x) = x^3)$$

But  $v = u' = 2x$

$$v_3 = 2xw$$

Sub in @ we get,

$$x^2(2xw)'' + 2x(2xw)' - 3(2xw) = 0$$

$$2x^2(xw'' + 2w') + 6x(2xw') - 6xw = 0$$

$$2x^3w'' + 10x^2w' = 0$$

$$xw'' + 5w' = 0$$

Taking  $z = w'$  we get,

$$xz' + 5z = 0$$

Solving this we get,

$$z = \frac{1}{x^5}$$

Now get the soln of the original eqn by back substitution in the following order.  $z \rightarrow w \rightarrow v \rightarrow u \rightarrow \phi$

$$z = w' \quad \therefore w = \int z dx = \int \frac{dx}{x^5} = \frac{-4}{x^4}$$

$$v_3 = 2xw = \frac{-8}{x^3}$$

$$v = u', \quad u = \int v dx = \int \frac{-8}{x^3} dx = \frac{24}{x^2}$$

$$\phi_3 = ux = \frac{24}{x}$$

Omitting constant we get  $\phi(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  is the third soln of the given original eqn.

We can show that  $w(\frac{1}{x}, x, x^2) = 8 \neq 0$

$\therefore$  The solns  $\frac{1}{x}, x, x^2$  are linearly independent.

1.e)

(a) S.T There is a basis  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  for the solns of

$$x^2y'' + 4xy' + (2+x^2)y = 0 \quad (x > 0)$$
 of the form  $\phi_1(x) = \frac{\gamma_1(x)}{x^2}$

$$\phi_2(x) = \frac{\gamma_2(x)}{x^2}$$



b. Find all the solns of  $x^2 y'' + 4xy' + (2+x^2)y = x^2$  for  $x > 0$ .

Soln:

(a) If  $\phi$  is a soln of  $x^2 y'' + 4xy' + (2+x^2)y = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$

let  $\phi = \frac{v}{x^2}$  be another soln.  $v$  being some function of  $x$ .

$$\phi' = \frac{x^2 v' - 2vx}{x^4} = \frac{xv' - 2v}{x^3}$$

$$\phi'' = \frac{x^2 v'' - 4xv' + 6v}{x^4}$$

sub in  $\textcircled{1}$

$$\phi'' = x^2 \left[ \frac{x^2 v'' - 4xv' + 6v}{x^4} \right] + 4x \left[ \frac{xv' - 2v}{x^3} \right] + (2+x^2) \frac{v}{x^2} = 0$$

$$\text{(c) } v'' + v = 0$$

The characteristic polynomial

$$r^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$r = \pm i$$

$\therefore$  The two independent solns are  $\cos x$ ,  $\sin x$ .

$$\text{Hence } \phi_1 = \frac{\cos x}{x^2}, \quad \phi_2 = \frac{\sin x}{x^2}$$

$\therefore$  Here  $\psi_1(x) = \cos x$ ;  $\psi_2(x) = \sin x$

Any particular soln  $\psi_p$  of the eqn

$x^2 y'' + 4xy' + (x^2 + 2)y = x^2$  is of the form

$$\psi_p = u_1 \phi_1 + u_2 \phi_2$$

$$\psi_p = u_1 \frac{\cos x}{x^2} + u_2 \frac{\sin x}{x^2}$$

where  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  satisfy

$$u_1' \frac{\cos x}{x^2} + u_2' \frac{\sin x}{x^2} = 0$$

$$u_1' \left[ \frac{-x \sin x - 2 \cos x}{x^3} \right] + u_2' \left[ \frac{x \cos x - 2 \sin x}{x^3} \right] = -x^2$$

$$w(\phi_1, \phi_2) = \begin{vmatrix} \phi_1 & \phi_2 \\ \phi_1' & \phi_2' \end{vmatrix}$$

$$w(\phi_1, \phi_2) = \frac{1}{x^4}$$

$$u_1' = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & \frac{\sin x}{x^2} \\ x & x(\cos x - 2\sin x) \end{vmatrix}}{x^3} = -x^4 \sin x$$

$$u_2' = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} \frac{\cos x}{x^2} & 0 \\ -x \sin x - 2 \cos x & x^2 \end{vmatrix}}{x^3} = x^4 \cos x$$

$$u_1 = -\int x^4 \sin x dx$$

$$u_2 = \int x^4 \cos x dx$$

using bernoulli's formula for integration.

$$u_1 = -[x^4(-\cos x) - 4x^3(-\sin x) + 12x^2(\cos x) - 24x \sin x - 24 \cos x]$$

$$u_1 = x^4 \cos x - 4x^3 \sin x - 12x^2 \cos x + 24x \sin x + 24 \cos x$$

$$u_2 = x^4 \sin x - 4x^3(-\cos x) + 12x^2(-\sin x) - 24x \cos x + 24 \sin x$$

$$u_2 = x^4 \sin x + 4x^3 \cos x - 12x^2 \sin x - 24x \cos x + 24 \sin x$$

$$\therefore \psi_p = u_1 \phi_1 + u_2 \phi_2$$

$$= (x^4 \cos x - 4x^3 \sin x - 12x^2 \cos x + 24x \sin x + 24 \cos x) \frac{\cos x}{x^2} + (x^4 \sin x + 4x^3 \cos x - 12x^2 \sin x - 24x \cos x + 24 \sin x) \frac{\sin x}{x^2}$$

$$\psi_p = x^2 + \frac{24}{x^2} - 12$$

$$\psi = c_1 \frac{\cos x}{x^2} + c_2 \frac{\sin x}{x^2} + x^2 + \frac{24}{x^2} - 12$$

1.f) Reduction of order method to find a particular soln.

(a) consider the eqn  $y'' + a_1(x)y' + a_2(x)y = b(x)$ , where  $a_1, a_2, b$  are continuous on some interval  $I$ . Suppose  $\phi_1$  is a soln of  $(1)$  such that  $\phi_1(x) \neq 0 \forall x$  in  $I$ . S.T. There is a particular soln  $\psi_p$  of  $(1)$  of the form  $\psi_p = u \phi_1$ , where  $u = u_p$  is a particular soln of the first order eqn  $\phi_1(x)v' + [2\phi_1'(x) + a_1(x)\phi_1(x)]v = b(x)$ .



using The idea in (a) to find all solns of  $x^2 y'' - xy' + y = x^2$  for  $x > 0$ .

Soln: <sup>given</sup>

a) Let  $\psi_p = u_p \phi_1$  be any particular soln of  $L(y) = b(x)$ , where  $\phi_1$  is a soln of  $L(y) = 0$ .

$$\psi_p' = u_p \phi_1' + u_p' \phi_1$$

$$\psi_p'' = u_p \phi_1'' + 2u_p' \phi_1' + u_p'' \phi_1$$

Sub in the eqn  $L(y) = b(x)$  we obtain,

$$u_p (\phi_1'' + a_1 \phi_1' + a_2 \phi_1) + (2\phi_1' + a_1 \phi_1) u_p' = b(x) \quad \text{where } u_p' = v_p$$

$$(i) \quad u_p'' \phi_1 + (2\phi_1' + a_1 \phi_1) u_p' = b(x)$$

$$v_p' \phi_1(x) + 2(\phi_1'(x) + a_1(x)\phi_1(x))v_p = b(x)$$

(b) Consider the eqn

$$x^2 y'' - xy' + y = x^2$$

one soln of the homogeneous eqn  $x^2 y'' - xy' + y = 0$  is  $\phi_1(x) = x$ .

Now,  $\psi_p = u_p \phi_1 = u_p x$

$$\psi_p' = u_p' x + u_p$$

$$\psi_p'' = u_p'' x + 2u_p'$$

Sub in the eqn  $x^2 y'' - xy' + y = x^2$

we get,

$$x^2 [x u_p'' + 2u_p'] - x [x u_p' + u_p] + x u_p = x^2$$

$$x^3 u_p'' + x^2 u_p' = x^2$$

$$x u_p'' + u_p' = 1$$

Taking  $u_p' = v_p$

$$x v_p' + v_p = 1$$

$$(i) \quad \frac{d}{dx} (x v_p) = 1$$

$$x v_p = 1$$

$$\therefore u_p = \int v_p dx = \int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln x$$

and  $\psi_p = u_p \phi_1 = x \ln x$

Now we find the two independent

$$x^2 y'' - x y' + y = 0$$

Since  $\phi_1(x) = x$  is a soln

We take  $\phi_2 = u\phi_1 = ux$

Sub we get,

$$x^2 (ux)'' - x(ux)' + ux = 0$$

$$x^2 (u''x + 2u') - x(u'x + u) + ux = 0$$

$$x^3 u'' + 2x^2 u' = 0$$

$$xu'' + u' = 0$$

Taking  $u' = v$

$$\text{We get, } xv' + v = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(xv) = 0$$

$$xv = 1$$

$$v = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$u = \int v dx = \int \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$u = \log x$$

$$\therefore \phi_2 = ux = x \log x$$

$\therefore$  The two linearly independent solns of the homogeneous eqn

$$x^2 y'' - x y' + y = 0 \text{ are } \phi_1(x) = x, \phi_2(x) = x \log x$$

We have,

$$\psi_p = x u_p = x^2$$

$\therefore$  The most general soln is

$$\psi = \psi_p + C_1 \phi_1 + C_2 \phi_2$$

$$\psi = x^2 + C_1 x + C_2 x \log x$$

1.9) Consider the eqn  $y'' + y = b(x)$ , where  $b$  is a continuous fun on  $1 \leq x < \infty$  satisfying  $\int_1^{\infty} |b(t)| dt < \infty$

(a) s.t a particular soln  $\psi_p$  is given by  $\psi_p(x) = \int_1^x \sin(x-t) b(t) dt$

(b) s.t any soln is bounded on  $1 \leq x < \infty$



Soln:

The characteristic polynomial of  $y'' + y = 0$  is  $\lambda^2 + 1 = 0$

$$\text{(i) } \lambda^2 = -1 \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm i$$

$\therefore$  we take  $\phi_1(x) = \cos x$ ,  $\phi_2(x) = \sin x$  as two linearly independent solns.

Any particular soln  $\psi_p$  of  $y'' + y = b(x)$  has the form

$$\psi_p = u_1 \phi_1 + u_2 \phi_2$$

where  $u_1'$  and  $u_2'$  satisfy

$$u_1' \phi_1 + u_2' \phi_2 = 0$$

$$u_1' \phi_1' + u_2' \phi_2' = b(x)$$

$$\therefore u_1' \cos x + u_2' \sin x = 0$$

$$-u_1' \sin x + u_2' \cos x = b(x)$$

$$u_1' = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & \sin x \\ b(x) & \cos x \end{vmatrix}}{w(\phi_1, \phi_2)} = \frac{-b(x) \sin x}{1}$$

$$u_1' = -b(x) \sin x$$

$$u_2' = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} \cos x & 0 \\ -\sin x & b(x) \end{vmatrix}}{w(\phi_1, \phi_2)} = \frac{b(x) \sin x}{1}$$

$$u_2' = b(x) \sin x$$

$$\psi_p = \phi_1 u_1 + \phi_2 u_2 = \cos x \left[ \int_1^x -b(t) \sin t dt \right] + \sin x \int_1^x b(t) \cos t dt$$

$$= \int_1^x (\sin x \cos t - \cos x \sin t) b(t) dt$$

$$= \int_1^x \sin(x-t) b(t) dt$$

$$\therefore \psi = C_1 \cos x + C_2 \sin x + \int_1^x \sin(x-t) b(t) dt$$

$$\text{(b) } |\psi| \leq (|C_1| + |C_2|) + \int_1^x |b(t)| dt$$

$\rightarrow \infty$

$\therefore \psi$  is bounded on  $1 \leq x < \infty$