

Section 3.7

1. The solution of the homogeneous equation is $y_c(t) = c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 e^{3t}$. The functions $y_1(t) = e^{2t}$ and $y_2(t) = e^{3t}$ form a fundamental set of solutions. The Wronskian of these functions is $W(y_1, y_2) = e^{5t}$. Using the method of *variation of parameters*, the particular solution is given by $Y(t) = u_1(t) y_1(t) + u_2(t) y_2(t)$, in which

$$\begin{aligned} u_1(t) &= - \int \frac{e^{3t}(2e^t)}{W(t)} dt \\ &= 2e^{-t} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_2(t) &= \int \frac{e^{2t}(2e^t)}{W(t)} dt \\ &= -e^{-2t} \end{aligned}$$

Hence the particular solution is $Y(t) = 2e^t - e^t = e^t$.

3. The solution of the homogeneous equation is $y_c(t) = c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 t e^{-t}$. The functions $y_1(t) = e^{-t}$ and $y_2(t) = t e^{-t}$ form a fundamental set of solutions. The Wronskian of these functions is $W(y_1, y_2) = e^{-2t}$. Using the method of *variation of parameters*, the particular solution is given by $Y(t) = u_1(t) y_1(t) + u_2(t) y_2(t)$, in which

$$\begin{aligned} u_1(t) &= - \int \frac{t e^{-t}(3e^{-t})}{W(t)} dt \\ &= -3t^2/2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_2(t) &= \int \frac{e^{-t}(3e^{-t})}{W(t)} dt \\ &= 3t \end{aligned}$$

Hence the particular solution is $Y(t) = -3t^2 e^{-t}/2 + 3t^2 e^{-t} = 3t^2 e^{-t}/2$.

4. The functions $y_1(t) = e^{t/2}$ and $y_2(t) = t e^{t/2}$ form a fundamental set of solutions. The Wronskian of these functions is $W(y_1, y_2) = e^t$. First write the equation in standard form, so that $g(t) = 4e^{t/2}$. Using the method of *variation of parameters*, the particular solution is given by $Y(t) = u_1(t) y_1(t) + u_2(t) y_2(t)$, in which

$$\begin{aligned} u_1(t) &= - \int \frac{t e^{t/2}(4e^{t/2})}{W(t)} dt \\ &= -2t^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_2(t) &= \int \frac{e^{t/2}(4e^{t/2})}{W(t)} dt \\
 &= 4t
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the particular solution is $Y(t) = -2t^2e^{t/2} + 4t^2e^{t/2} = 2t^2e^{t/2}$.

6. The solution of the homogeneous equation is $y_c(t) = c_1 \cos 3t + c_2 \sin 3t$. The two functions $y_1(t) = \cos 3t$ and $y_2(t) = \sin 3t$ form a fundamental set of solutions, with $W(y_1, y_2) = 3$. The particular solution is given by $Y(t) = u_1(t)y_1(t) + u_2(t)y_2(t)$, in which

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_1(t) &= - \int \frac{\sin 3t(9 \sec^2 3t)}{W(t)} dt \\
 &= - \csc 3t
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_2(t) &= \int \frac{\cos 3t(9 \sec^2 3t)}{W(t)} dt \\
 &= \ln|\sec 3t + \tan 3t|
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the particular solution is $Y(t) = -1 + (\sin 3t)\ln|\sec 3t + \tan 3t|$. The general solution is given by $y(t) = c_1 \cos 3t + c_2 \sin 3t + (\sin 3t)\ln|\sec 3t + \tan 3t| - 1$.

7. The functions $y_1(t) = e^{-2t}$ and $y_2(t) = te^{-2t}$ form a fundamental set of solutions. The Wronskian of these functions is $W(y_1, y_2) = e^{-4t}$. The particular solution is given by $Y(t) = u_1(t)y_1(t) + u_2(t)y_2(t)$, in which

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_1(t) &= - \int \frac{te^{-2t}(t^{-2}e^{-2t})}{W(t)} dt \\
 &= - \ln t
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_2(t) &= \int \frac{e^{-2t}(t^{-2}e^{-2t})}{W(t)} dt \\
 &= -1/t
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the particular solution is $Y(t) = -e^{-2t} \ln t - e^{-2t}$. Since the *second term* is a solution of the homogeneous equation, the general solution is given by $y(t) = c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2 t e^{-2t} - e^{-2t} \ln t$.

8. The solution of the homogeneous equation is $y_c(t) = c_1 \cos 2t + c_2 \sin 2t$. The two functions $y_1(t) = \cos 2t$ and $y_2(t) = \sin 2t$ form a fundamental set of solutions, with $W(y_1, y_2) = 2$. The particular solution is given by $Y(t) = u_1(t)y_1(t) + u_2(t)y_2(t)$, in which

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_1(t) &= - \int \frac{\sin 2t(3 \csc 2t)}{W(t)} dt \\
 &= - 3t/2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_2(t) &= \int \frac{\cos 2t(3 \csc 2t)}{W(t)} dt \\
 &= \frac{3}{4} \ln |\sin 2t|
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the particular solution is $Y(t) = -\frac{3}{2}t \cos 2t + \frac{3}{4}(\sin 3t) \ln |\sin 2t|$. The general solution is given by $y(t) = c_1 \cos 2t + c_2 \sin 2t - \frac{3}{2}t \cos 2t + \frac{3}{4}(\sin 3t) \ln |\sin 2t|$.

9. The functions $y_1(t) = \cos(t/2)$ and $y_2(t) = \sin(t/2)$ form a fundamental set of solutions. The Wronskian of these functions is $W(y_1, y_2) = 1/2$. First write the ODE in standard form, so that $g(t) = \sec(t/2)/2$. The particular solution is given by $Y(t) = u_1(t)y_1(t) + u_2(t)y_2(t)$, in which

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_1(t) &= - \int \frac{\cos(t/2)[\sec(t/2)]}{2W(t)} dt \\
 &= 2 \ln[\cos(t/2)]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_2(t) &= \int \frac{\sin(t/2)[\sec(t/2)]}{2W(t)} dt \\
 &= t
 \end{aligned}$$

The particular solution is $Y(t) = 2\cos(t/2)\ln[\cos(t/2)] + t \sin(t/2)$. The general solution is given by

$$y(t) = c_1 \cos(t/2) + c_2 \sin(t/2) + 2 \cos(t/2) \ln[\cos(t/2)] + t \sin(t/2).$$

10. The solution of the homogeneous equation is $y_c(t) = c_1 e^t + c_2 t e^t$. The functions $y_1(t) = e^t$ and $y_2(t) = t e^t$ form a fundamental set of solutions, with $W(y_1, y_2) = e^{2t}$. The particular solution is given by $Y(t) = u_1(t)y_1(t) + u_2(t)y_2(t)$, in which

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_1(t) &= - \int \frac{t e^t (e^t)}{W(t)(1+t^2)} dt \\
 &= - \frac{1}{2} \ln(1+t^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_2(t) &= \int \frac{e^t (e^t)}{W(t)(1+t^2)} dt \\
 &= \arctan t
 \end{aligned}$$

The particular solution is $Y(t) = -\frac{1}{2}e^t \ln(1+t^2) + t e^t \arctan(t)$. Hence the general

solution is given by $y(t) = c_1 e^t + c_2 t e^t - \frac{1}{2} e^t \ln(1+t^2) + t e^t \arctan(t)$.

12. The functions $y_1(t) = \cos 2t$ and $y_2(t) = \sin 2t$ form a fundamental set of solutions, with $W(y_1, y_2) = 2$. The particular solution is given by $Y(t) = u_1(t)y_1(t) + u_2(t)y_2(t)$, in which

$$u_1(t) = -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^t g(s) \sin 2s \, ds$$

$$u_2(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t g(s) \cos 2s \, ds$$

Hence the particular solution is

$$Y(t) = -\frac{1}{2} \cos 2t \int_0^t g(s) \sin 2s \, ds + \frac{1}{2} \sin 2t \int_0^t g(s) \cos 2s \, ds.$$

Note that $\sin 2t \cos 2s - \cos 2t \sin 2s = \sin(2t - 2s)$. It follows that

$$Y(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t g(s) \sin(2t - 2s) \, ds.$$

The general solution of the differential equation is given by

$$y(t) = c_1 \cos 2t + c_2 \sin 2t + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t g(s) \sin(2t - 2s) \, ds.$$

13. Note first that $p(t) = 0$, $q(t) = -2/t^2$ and $g(t) = (3t^2 - 1)/t^2$. The functions $y_1(t)$ and $y_2(t)$ are solutions of the homogeneous equation, verified by substitution. The Wronskian of these two functions is $W(y_1, y_2) = -3$. Using the method of *variation of parameters*, the particular solution is $Y(t) = u_1(t)y_1(t) + u_2(t)y_2(t)$, in which

$$\begin{aligned} u_1(t) &= - \int \frac{t^{-1}(3t^2 - 1)}{t^2 W(t)} dt \\ &= t^{-2}/6 + \ln t \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_2(t) &= \int \frac{t^2(3t^2 - 1)}{t^2 W(t)} dt \\ &= -t^3/3 + t/3 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $Y(t) = 1/6 + t^2 \ln t - t^2/3 + 1/3$. Hence the general solution is

$$y(t) = c_1 t^2 + c_2 t^{-1} + t^2 \ln t + 1/2.$$

15. Observe that $g(t) = t e^{2t}$. The functions $y_1(t)$ and $y_2(t)$ are a fundamental set of solutions. The Wronskian of these two functions is $W(y_1, y_2) = t e^t$. Using the method of *variation of parameters*, the particular solution is $Y(t) = u_1(t) y_1(t) + u_2(t) y_2(t)$, in which

$$\begin{aligned} u_1(t) &= - \int \frac{e^t (t e^{2t})}{W(t)} dt \\ &= - e^{2t} / 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_2(t) &= \int \frac{(1+t)(t e^{2t})}{W(t)} dt \\ &= t e^t \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $Y(t) = - (1+t)e^{2t}/2 + t e^{2t} = - e^{2t}/2 + t e^{2t}/2$.

16. Observe that $g(t) = 2(1-t)e^{-t}$. Direct substitution of $y_1(t) = e^t$ and $y_2(t) = t$ verifies that they are solutions of the homogeneous equation. The Wronskian of the two solutions is $W(y_1, y_2) = (1-t)e^t$. Using the method of *variation of parameters*, the particular solution is $Y(t) = u_1(t) y_1(t) + u_2(t) y_2(t)$, in which

$$\begin{aligned} u_1(t) &= - \int \frac{2t(1-t)e^{-t}}{W(t)} dt \\ &= t e^{-2t} + e^{-2t} / 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_2(t) &= \int \frac{2(1-t)}{W(t)} dt \\ &= - 2 e^{-t} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $Y(t) = t e^{-t} + e^{-t} / 2 - 2t e^{-t} = - t e^{-t} + e^{-t} / 2$.

17. Note that $g(x) = \ln x$. The functions $y_1(x) = x^2$ and $y_2(x) = x^2 \ln x$ are solutions of the homogeneous equation, as verified by substitution. The Wronskian of the solutions is $W(y_1, y_2) = x^3$. Using the method of *variation of parameters*, the particular solution is

$$Y(x) = u_1(x) y_1(x) + u_2(x) y_2(x),$$

in which

$$\begin{aligned} u_1(x) &= - \int \frac{x^2 \ln x (\ln x)}{W(x)} dx \\ &= - (\ln x)^3 / 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_2(x) &= \int \frac{x^2(\ln x)}{W(x)} dx \\
 &= (\ln x)^2/2
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $Y(x) = -x^2(\ln x)^3/3 + x^2(\ln x)^3/2 = x^2(\ln x)^3/6$.

19. First write the equation in *standard form*. Note that the forcing function becomes $g(x)/(1-x)$. The functions $y_1(x) = e^x$ and $y_2(x) = x$ are a fundamental set of solutions,

as verified by substitution. The Wronskian of the solutions is $W(y_1, y_2) = (1-x)e^x$.

Using the method of *variation of parameters*, the particular solution is

$$Y(x) = u_1(x) y_1(x) + u_2(x) y_2(x),$$

in which

$$u_1(x) = - \int^x \frac{\tau(g(\tau))}{(1-\tau)W(\tau)} d\tau$$

$$u_2(x) = \int^x \frac{e^\tau(g(\tau))}{(1-\tau)W(\tau)} d\tau$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 Y(x) &= -e^x \int^x \frac{\tau(g(\tau))}{(1-\tau)W(\tau)} d\tau + x \int^x \frac{e^\tau(g(\tau))}{(1-\tau)W(\tau)} d\tau \\
 &= \int^x \frac{(xe^\tau - e^x\tau)g(\tau)}{(1-\tau)^2 e^\tau} d\tau.
 \end{aligned}$$

20. First write the equation in *standard form*. The forcing function becomes $g(x)/x^2$. The functions $y_1(x) = x^{-1/2}\sin x$ and $y_2(x) = x^{-1/2}\cos x$ are a fundamental set of solutions. The Wronskian of the solutions is $W(y_1, y_2) = -1/x$. Using the method of *variation of parameters*, the particular solution is

$$Y(x) = u_1(x) y_1(x) + u_2(x) y_2(x),$$

in which

$$u_1(x) = \int^x \frac{\cos \tau (g(\tau))}{\tau \sqrt{\tau}} d\tau$$

$$u_2(x) = - \int^x \frac{\sin \tau (g(\tau))}{\tau \sqrt{\tau}} d\tau$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
Y(x) &= \frac{\sin x}{\sqrt{x}} \int^x \frac{\cos \tau (g(\tau))}{\tau \sqrt{\tau}} d\tau - \frac{\cos x}{\sqrt{x}} \int^x \frac{\sin \tau (g(\tau))}{\tau \sqrt{\tau}} d\tau \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \int^x \frac{\sin(x - \tau) g(\tau)}{\tau \sqrt{\tau}} d\tau.
\end{aligned}$$

21. Let $y_1(t)$ and $y_2(t)$ be a fundamental set of solutions, and $W(t) = W(y_1, y_2)$ be the corresponding Wronskian. Any solution, $u(t)$, of the homogeneous equation is a linear combination $u(t) = \alpha_1 y_1(t) + \alpha_2 y_2(t)$. Invoking the initial conditions, we require that

$$\begin{aligned}
y_0 &= \alpha_1 y_1(t_0) + \alpha_2 y_2(t_0) \\
y'_0 &= \alpha_1 y'_1(t_0) + \alpha_2 y'_2(t_0)
\end{aligned}$$

Note that this system of equations has a unique solution, since $W(t_0) \neq 0$. Now consider the *nonhomogeneous* problem, $L[v] = g(t)$, with *homogeneous* initial conditions. Using the method of variation of parameters, the particular solution is given by

$$Y(t) = -y_1(t) \int_{t_0}^t \frac{y_2(s) g(s)}{W(s)} ds + y_2(t) \int_{t_0}^t \frac{y_1(s) g(s)}{W(s)} ds.$$

The general solution of the IVP (iii) is

$$\begin{aligned}
v(t) &= \beta_1 y_1(t) + \beta_2 y_2(t) + Y(t) \\
&= \beta_1 y_1(t) + \beta_2 y_2(t) + y_1(t) u_1(t) + y_2(t) u_2(t)
\end{aligned}$$

in which u_1 and u_2 are defined above. Invoking the initial conditions, we require that

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= \beta_1 y_1(t_0) + \beta_2 y_2(t_0) + Y(t_0) \\
0 &= \beta_1 y'_1(t_0) + \beta_2 y'_2(t_0) + Y'(t_0)
\end{aligned}$$

Based on the definition of u_1 and u_2 , $Y(t_0) = 0$. Furthermore, since $y_1 u'_1 + y_2 u'_2 = 0$, it follows that $Y'(t_0) = 0$. Hence the only solution of the above system of equations is the *trivial solution*. Therefore $v(t) = Y(t)$. Now consider the function $y = u + v$. Then $L[y] = L[u + v] = L[u] + L[v] = g(t)$. That is, $y(t)$ is a solution of the nonhomogeneous

problem. Further, $y(t_0) = u(t_0) + v(t_0) = y_0$, and similarly, $y'(t_0) = y'_0$. By the uniqueness theorems, $y(t)$ is the unique solution of the initial value problem.

23. A fundamental set of solutions is $y_1(t) = \cos t$ and $y_2(t) = \sin t$. The Wronskian $W(t) = y_1 y'_2 - y'_1 y_2 = 1$. By the result in Prob. 22,

$$\begin{aligned}
Y(t) &= \int_{t_0}^t \frac{\cos(s) \sin(t) - \cos(t) \sin(s)}{W(s)} g(s) ds \\
&= \int_{t_0}^t [\cos(s) \sin(t) - \cos(t) \sin(s)] g(s) ds.
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, we have $\cos(s) \sin(t) - \cos(t) \sin(s) = \sin(t - s)$.

24. A fundamental set of solutions is $y_1(t) = e^{at}$ and $y_2(t) = e^{bt}$. The Wronskian $W(t) = y_1 y_2' - y_1' y_2 = (b - a) \exp[(a + b)t]$. By the result in Prob. 22,

$$\begin{aligned} Y(t) &= \int_{t_0}^t \frac{e^{as} e^{bt} - e^{at} e^{bs}}{W(s)} g(s) ds \\ &= \frac{1}{b - a} \int_{t_0}^t \frac{e^{as} e^{bt} - e^{at} e^{bs}}{\exp[(a + b)s]} g(s) ds. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the particular solution is

$$Y(t) = \frac{1}{b - a} \int_{t_0}^t [e^{b(t-s)} - e^{a(t-s)}] g(s) ds.$$

26. A fundamental set of solutions is $y_1(t) = e^{at}$ and $y_2(t) = te^{at}$. The Wronskian $W(t) = y_1 y_2' - y_1' y_2 = e^{2at}$. By the result in Prob. 22,

$$\begin{aligned} Y(t) &= \int_{t_0}^t \frac{e^{as} e^{bt} - e^{at} e^{bs}}{W(s)} g(s) ds \\ &= \frac{1}{b - a} \int_{t_0}^t \frac{e^{as} e^{bt} - e^{at} e^{bs}}{\exp[(a + b)s]} g(s) ds. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the particular solution is

$$Y(t) = \frac{1}{b - a} \int_{t_0}^t [e^{b(t-s)} - e^{a(t-s)}] g(s) ds.$$

26. A fundamental set of solutions is $y_1(t) = e^{at}$ and $y_2(t) = te^{at}$. The Wronskian $W(t) = y_1 y_2' - y_1' y_2 = e^{2at}$. By the result in Prob. 22,

$$\begin{aligned} Y(t) &= \int_{t_0}^t \frac{te^{as+at} - se^{at+as}}{W(s)} g(s) ds \\ &= \int_{t_0}^t \frac{(t - s)e^{as+at}}{e^{2as}} g(s) ds. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the particular solution is

$$Y(t) = \int_{t_0}^t (t - s)e^{a(t-s)} g(s) ds.$$

27. Depending on the values of a , b and c , the operator $aD^2 + bD + c$ can have *three* types of fundamental solutions.

(i) The characteristic roots $r_{1,2} = \alpha, \beta$; $\alpha \neq \beta$. $y_1(t) = e^{\alpha t}$ and $y_2(t) = e^{\beta t}$.

$$K(t) = \frac{1}{\beta - \alpha} [e^{\beta t} - e^{\alpha t}].$$

(ii) The characteristic roots $r_{1,2} = \alpha, \beta$; $\alpha = \beta$. $y_1(t) = e^{\alpha t}$ and $y_2(t) = te^{\alpha t}$.

$$K(t) = te^{\alpha t}.$$

(iii) The characteristic roots $r_{1,2} = \lambda \pm i\mu$. $y_1(t) = e^{\lambda t} \cos \mu t$ and $y_2(t) = e^{\lambda t} \sin \mu t$.

$$K(t) = \frac{1}{\mu} e^{\lambda t} \sin \mu t.$$

28. Let $y(t) = v(t)y_1(t)$, in which $y_1(t)$ is a solution of the *homogeneous equation*. Substitution into the given ODE results in

$$v''y_1 + 2v'y_1' + vy_1'' + p(t)[v'y_1 + vy_1'] + q(t)vy_1 = g(t).$$

By assumption, $y_1'' + p(t)y_1' + q(t)y_1 = 0$, hence $v(t)$ must be a solution of the ODE

$$v''y_1 + [2y_1' + p(t)y_1]v' = g(t).$$

Setting $w = v'$, we also have $w'y_1 + [2y_1' + p(t)y_1]w = g(t)$.

30. First write the equation as $y'' + 7t^{-1}y + 5t^{-2}y = t^{-1}$. As shown in Prob. 28, the function $y(t) = t^{-1}v(t)$ is a solution of the given ODE as long as v is a solution of

$$t^{-1}v'' + [-2t^{-2} + 7t^{-2}]v' = t^{-1},$$

that is, $v'' + 5t^{-1}v' = 1$. This ODE is *linear and first order* in v' . The integrating factor is $\mu = t^5$. The solution is $v' = t/6 + c t^{-5}$. Direct integration now results in $v(t) = t^2/12 + c_1 t^{-4} + c_2$. Hence $y(t) = t/12 + c_1 t^{-5} + c_2 t^{-1}$.

31. Write the equation as $y'' - t^{-1}(1+t)y + t^{-1}y = t e^{2t}$. As shown in Prob. 28, the function $y(t) = (1+t)v(t)$ is a solution of the given ODE as long as v is a solution of

$$(1+t)v'' + [2 - t^{-1}(1+t)^2]v' = t e^{2t},$$

that is, $v'' - \frac{1+t^2}{t(1+t)}v' = \frac{t}{t+1}e^{2t}$. This equation is first order linear in v' , with integrating factor $\mu = t^{-1}(1+t)^2 e^{-t}$. The solution is $v' = (t^2 e^{2t} + c_1 t e^t)/(1+t)^2$. Integrating, we obtain $v(t) = e^{2t}/2 - e^{2t}/(t+1) + c_1 e^t/(t+1) + c_2$. Hence the solution of the original ODE is $y(t) = (t-1)e^{2t}/2 + c_1 e^t + c_2(t+1)$.

32. Write the equation as $y'' + t(1-t)^{-1}y - (1-t)^{-1}y = 2(1-t)e^{-t}$. The function $y(t) = e^t v(t)$ is a solution to the given ODE as long as v is a solution of