

§ 4.6 #2 $y'' + y = \sec t$; note $y_h = C_1 \cos t + C_2 \sin t$. That is we have fundamental sol^s $y_1 = \cos t$ and $y_2 = \sin t$. Now then the method of variation of parameters begins with the ansatz,

$$y_p = V_1 y_1 + V_2 y_2$$

Here V_1 and V_2 play the role A, B, C, ... played in the method of undetermined coefficients, big difference here is that V_1 & V_2 are unknown functions of t which we are to determine. Upon finding them we'll have a particular sol^p that we could not have found with previous methods. As derived on p. 194-195 of text we see that the conditions that V_1 & V_2 must meet for $y_p = V_1 y_1 + V_2 y_2$ to solve $y'' + y = \sec t = g(t)$ are,

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} y_1 V'_1 + y_2 V'_2 = 0 \\ y'_1 V_1 + y'_2 V_2 = g(t) \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} \cos t V'_1 + \sin t V'_2 = 0 \\ -\sin t V'_1 + \cos t V'_2 = \sec(t) = \frac{1}{\cos t} \end{array} \right\} \quad (1) \quad (2)$$

Solve (2) for $V'_2 = \frac{\sin t}{\cos t} V'_1 + \frac{1}{\cos^2 t}$ now substitute into Eq (1),

$$\cos t V'_1 + \sin t \left(\frac{\sin t}{\cos t} V'_1 + \frac{1}{\cos^2 t} \right) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} V'_1 \left(\cos t + \frac{\sin^2 t}{\cos t} \right) &= -\frac{\sin t}{\cos^2 t} \Rightarrow V'_1 (\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t) = -\frac{\sin t}{\cos t} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{dV_1}{dt} = \frac{-\sin t}{\cos t} \Rightarrow dV_1 = -\frac{\sin t dt}{\cos t} \\ &\Rightarrow \boxed{V_1 = \ln |\cos t|} \end{aligned}$$

Now since $V'_1 = -\frac{\sin t}{\cos t}$ we find for V'_2 that

$$\begin{aligned} V'_2 &= \frac{\sin t}{\cos t} \left(-\frac{\sin t}{\cos t} \right) + \frac{1}{\cos^2 t} = \frac{1 - \sin^2 t}{\cos^2 t} = \frac{\cos^2 t}{\cos^2 t} = 1 = \frac{dV_2}{dt} \\ &\Rightarrow \boxed{V_2 = t} \end{aligned}$$

Hence $y_p = \cos t \ln |\cos t| + t \sin t$

$$\Rightarrow y = y_h + y_p = \boxed{C_1 \cos t + C_2 \sin t + \cos t \ln |\cos t| + t \sin t}$$

general sol².

§4.6 #3

$$\text{Consider } 2x'' - 2x' - 4x = 2e^{3t}$$

To begin 1. by 2, $x'' - x' - 2x = e^{3t}$ now proceed,

$$\lambda^2 - \lambda - 2 = (\lambda - 2)(\lambda + 1) = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = e^{2t} \text{ & } x_2 = e^{-t}$$

Solve then, in the goal of finding $x_p = V_1 x_1 + V_2 x_2$,

$$V_1' x_1 + V_2' x_2 = 0$$

$$V_1' x_1' + V_2' x_2' = e^{3t}$$

$$V_1' e^{2t} + V_2' e^{-t} = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$2V_1' e^{2t} - V_2' e^{-t} = e^{3t} \quad (2)$$

now we must solve these for V_1 & V_2 .

Notice (1) $\Rightarrow V_2' = -V_1' e^{3t}$ thus (2) becomes

$$2V_1' e^{2t} - (-V_1' e^{3t}) e^{-t} = e^{3t}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3V_1' e^{2t} = e^{3t}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_1' = \frac{1}{3} e^{t} \Rightarrow \boxed{V_1 = \frac{1}{3} e^{t}}$$

$$\text{Then } V_2' = -V_1' e^{3t} = -\frac{1}{3} e^{t} e^{3t} = -\frac{1}{3} e^{4t} = V_2'$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{V_2 = -\frac{1}{12} e^{4t}}$$

$$\text{Thus } x = x_h + x_p$$

$$= C_1 e^{2t} + C_2 e^{-t} + \frac{1}{3} e^t e^{2t} - \frac{1}{12} e^{4t} e^{-t}$$

$$= \boxed{C_1 e^{2t} + C_2 e^{-t} + \frac{1}{4} e^{3t}}$$

Remark: this is a good example of what not to do. We can solve this problem more efficiently thru undet. coeff.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x_p = Ae^{3t} \\ x_p' = 3Ae^{3t} \\ x_p'' = 9Ae^{3t} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} x_p'' - x_p' - 2x_p = e^{3t} \\ (9A - 3A - 2A)e^{3t} = e^{3t} \\ 4A = 1 \end{array} \therefore A = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{x_p = \frac{1}{4} e^{3t}}$$

Point: Variation of parameters is a weapon of last resort.

$$\text{Ex 4.6 #7} \quad y'' + 16y = \sec 4\theta$$

$y_1 = \cos 4\theta$ & $y_2 = \sin 4\theta$ not hard to see.

We suppose that $y_p = V_1 y_1 + V_2 y_2$ thus solve,

$$V_1' y_1 + V_2' y_2 = 0$$

$$V_1' y_1' + V_2' y_2' = \sec 4\theta$$

These become,

$$V_1' \cos 4\theta + V_2' \sin 4\theta = 0 \quad : (1)$$

$$-4V_1' \sin 4\theta + 4V_2' \cos 4\theta = \sec 4\theta = \frac{1}{\cos 4\theta} \quad : (2)$$

Eq (1) says $V_1' = -V_2' \tan 4\theta$ thus (2) becomes,

$$-4(-V_2' \tan 4\theta) \sin 4\theta + 4V_2' \cos 4\theta = \frac{1}{\cos 4\theta}$$

$$V_2' \left(\frac{\sin^2 4\theta}{\cos 4\theta} + \cos 4\theta \right) = \frac{1}{4 \cos 4\theta} \quad \text{multiply by } \cos 4\theta$$

$$V_2' (\sin^2 4\theta + \cos^2 4\theta) = 1/4 \Rightarrow \frac{dV_2}{d\theta} = 1/4 \therefore V_2 = \theta/4$$

Consider then (1) now that we know $V_2' = 1/4$ it simplifies,

$$V_1' \cos 4\theta + \frac{1}{4} \sin 4\theta = 0 \Rightarrow V_1' = -\frac{1}{4} \frac{\sin 4\theta}{\cos 4\theta}$$

$$V_1 = \int \frac{dV_1}{d\theta} d\theta = \int \frac{-\frac{1}{4} \sin 4\theta}{\cos 4\theta} d\theta = \frac{1}{16} \int \frac{du}{u} = \frac{1}{16} \ln |\cos 4\theta| = V_1$$

$$\text{Thus } y = y_h + y_p = \boxed{C_1 \cos 4\theta + C_2 \sin 4\theta + \frac{1}{16} \cos 4\theta \ln |\cos 4\theta| + \frac{\theta}{4} \sin 4\theta}$$

general sol?

using
(10)
instead

$$V_1 = \int \frac{-g(t) Y_2 d\theta}{a[Y_1 Y_2' - Y_1' Y_2]} = \int \frac{-\sec 4\theta \sin 4\theta d\theta}{\cos 4\theta \cdot 4 \cos 4\theta + 4 \sin 4\theta \sin 4\theta} = \int \frac{-\tan 4\theta d\theta}{4} = \frac{1}{16} \ln |\cos 4\theta|$$

$$V_2 = \int \frac{g(t) Y_1 d\theta}{Y_1 Y_2' - Y_1' Y_2} = \int \frac{\sec 4\theta \cos 4\theta}{4} d\theta = \int \frac{d\theta}{4} = \frac{\theta}{4}$$

Clearly Eq (10) tends to simplify these calculations, the sentence at the bottom of p. 195 is questionable. Here's the rub though, these are not as easy to memorize as Eq (9). And besides to be really pure about working from bare principles you'd start with $y_p = V_1 y_1 + V_2 y_2$ and derive Eq (9). I'll allow you to memorize the Eq (10) for more efficient calculation, however I may ask you to show how (9) \Rightarrow (10), that'd be a reasonable?

§4.6 #11 $y'' + y = \tan^2 t$. Here $y_1 = \cos t$, $y_2 = \sin t$ and , $a = 1$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_1 &= \int \frac{-\tan^2 t \sin t}{\cos t \cos t - (-\sin t) \sin t} dt = \int -\tan^2 t \sin t dt \\
 &= \int \frac{-\sin^3 t dt}{\cos^2 t} \\
 &= \int \frac{(1 - \cos^2 t)}{\cos^2 t} (-\sin t dt) \\
 &= \int \frac{1 - u^2}{u^2} du \\
 &= \frac{-1}{u} - u = \frac{-1}{\cos t} - \cos t = \boxed{-\operatorname{sect} - \cos t = V_1}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_2 &= \int \frac{\tan^2 t \cos t dt}{1} = \int \frac{\sin^2 t \cos t dt}{\cos^2 t} \\
 &= \int \left(\frac{1 - \cos^2 t}{\cos^2 t} \right) dt \\
 &= \int (\operatorname{sect} - \cos t) dt \\
 &= \boxed{\ln |\operatorname{sect} + \tan t| - \sin t = V_2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= y_h + y_p = C_1 \cos t + C_2 \sin t + \cos t (-\operatorname{sect} - \cos t) + \sin t (-\sin t + \ln |\operatorname{sect} + \tan t|) \\
 &= C_1 \cos t + C_2 \sin t - 1 - \cos^2 t - \sin^2 t + \sin t \ln |\operatorname{sect} + \tan t| \\
 &= \boxed{C_1 \cos t + C_2 \sin t - 2 + \sin t \ln |\operatorname{sect} + \tan t| = y}
 \end{aligned}$$

Remark: Although in previous problems I have not utilized $ey^2/10$ I think it's clear that it's good to use $ey^2/10$ and we will usually begin with it as we did here. You should understand where the initial $ey^2/5$ for V_1 and V_2 come from, but I will not expect you to justify them every time.

(§ 4.6 #17) $\frac{1}{2}y'' + 2y = \tan 2t - \frac{1}{2}e^t$, I multiply by 2 to begin

$y'' + 4y = 2\tan 2t - e^t$. Now we'll break up the problem into sensible pieces

- 1.) find y_1 & y_2 the fundamental sol's ($y_1 = \cos 2t$ & $y_2 = \sin 2t$)
- 2.) find y_{p_1} the particular sol to $y'' + 4y = -e^t$
- 3.) find y_{p_2} the particular sol to $y'' + 4y = 2\tan 2t$
- 4.) assemble total sol via superposition principle.

To begin them

2.) let $y_{p_1} = Ae^t$ then $y_{p_1}' = y_{p_1}'' = y_{p_1} = Ae^t$ substitute to get

$$y_{p_1}'' + 4y_{p_1} = 5y_{p_1} = 5Ae^t = -e^t \Rightarrow 5A = -1 \Rightarrow A = -\frac{1}{5}$$

Thus by undetermined coefficients we find $y_{p_1} = -\frac{1}{5}e^t$

3.) Use variation of parameters to find $y_{p_2} = V_1 y_1 + V_2 y_2$ for the DE $y'' + 4y = 2\tan 2t = g(t)$. Go straight to eqn (10)

$$\begin{aligned} V_1 &= \int \frac{-2\tan(2t) \sin(2t) dt}{\sin(2t)(-\cos(2t)) - 2\cos(2t)(\cos(2t))} \\ &= \int \frac{\sin^2(2t) dt}{\cos(2t)} \\ &= \int \frac{1 - \cos^2(2t)}{\cos(2t)} dt \\ &= \int [\sec(2t) - \cos(2t)] dt = \left(\frac{1}{2} \ln |\sec(2t) + \tan(2t)| - \frac{1}{2} \sin(2t) \right) = V_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_2 &= \int \frac{2\tan(2t) \cos(2t) dt}{-2} \\ &= \int -\sin(2t) dt \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2} \cos(2t) \right) = V_2 \end{aligned}$$

using what we saw for V_1 , same here.
btw. note the denominator is the Wronskian!
that is comforting as $W[y_1, y_2](t) \neq 0$ for
L.I. functions y_1 & y_2 .

$$\text{Thus } y_{p_2} = \frac{\cos(2t)}{2} \ln |\sec 2t + \tan 2t| - \frac{1}{2} \sin 2t \cos 2t + \frac{1}{2} \sin 2t \cos 2t$$

4.) By the superposition principle (for linear differential eqn's, Thm (3)
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$$y = C_1 \cos 2t + C_2 \sin 2t - \frac{1}{5}e^t + \frac{1}{2} \cos(2t) \ln |\sec 2t + \tan 2t|$$

Remark: If we had not split up the problem and instead had tried to do it in one shot with variation of parameters it would have also worked but would've been messy.