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A solution to such an equation is a twice continuously differentiable function $y(t)$ satisfying

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Suppose the functions p , q and g are continuous on the interval (α, β) . Let t_0 be any point in (α, β) . Then for any real numbers a and b there is one and only one function defined on (α, β) which is a solution to

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

on (α, β) and satisfies the initial conditions $y(t_0) = a$ and $y'(t_0) = b$.



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If y_1 and y_2 are solutions to the second-order homogeneous linear differential equation

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

then so is $y(t) = c_1y_1(t) + c_2y_2(t)$ for any choice of constants c_1 and c_2 .



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- So the previous results says that if y_1 and y_2 are solutions to a second-order homogeneous linear differential equation, then any linear combination of y_1 and y_2 is also a solution to the same differential equation.



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So y is a solution of (1) if and only if $n = 2$ or $n = 3$.



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Notice that $t_0^4 = y_1(t_0)y_2'(t_0) - y_1'(t_0)y_2(t_0)$ where $y_1(t) = t^2$ and $y_2(t) = t^3$.



The Wronskian

Let u and v be two differential functions. The *Wronskian* of u and v is the function

$$W(t) = \det \begin{pmatrix} u(t) & v(t) \\ u'(t) & v'(t) \end{pmatrix} = u(t)v'(t) - v(t)u'(t).$$



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If we differentiate the Wronskian W we get

$$\begin{aligned}W''(t) &= (y_1(t)y_2'(t) - y_1'(t)y_2(t))' \\ &= y_1'(t)y_2'(t) + y_1(t)y_2''(t) - y_1''(t)y_2(t) - y_1'(t)y_2'(t) \\ &= y_1(t)y_2''(t) - y_1''(t)y_2(t).\end{aligned}$$



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Since y_1 and y_2 are solutions to the differential equation $y'' + py' + qy = 0$, we have that $y_1''(t) = -p(t)y_1'(t) - q(t)y_1$ and $y_2''(t) = -p(t)y_2'(t) - q(t)y_2$.



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It follows that

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so W is a solution to the first-order differential equation

$$W' = -pW.$$



Proof

If t_0 is a point in (α, β) , the solution to this equation is

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- Conversely, if u and v are linear dependent, then $c_1 u + c_2 v = 0$ for some choice of constants c_1 and c_2 which are not both zero, and then $u = -(c_2/c_1)v$ if $c_1 \neq 0$, and $v = -(c_1/c_2)u$ if $c_2 \neq 0$.



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Two functions u and v are linear dependent if and only if u is a constant multiple of v , or v is a constant multiple of u .



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Exercise 4.3.26

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So y is a solution to the initial value problem if and only if $c_1 + c_2 = 1$ and $3c_1/5 - c_2/2 = 0$.



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