

# Week IV: Higher Order Linear ODEs & Systems of ODEs

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- Linear independence (Wronskian)

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 & \dots & y_n \\ y_1' & y_2' & \dots & y_n' \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ y_1^{(n-1)} & y_2^{(n-1)} & \dots & y_n^{(n-1)} \end{vmatrix} \neq 0 \text{ (linearly independent)} \quad (5)$$



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$$y_p(x) = -y_1 \int \frac{y_2 r}{W} dx + y_2 \int \frac{y_1 r}{W} dx \quad (10)$$

For  $n^{th}$  order:

$$y_p(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n y_k(x) \int \frac{W_k(x)}{W(x)} r(x) dx$$

where  $W_j$  is obtained from  $W$  by replacing the  $j$ th column of  $W$  by the column  $[0, 0, \dots, 1]^T$ .

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The particular solution can be obtained using the initial conditions ( $y_1(0) = 0, y_2(0) = 150$ ) :

$$y_1 = 75 - 75e^{-0.04t}$$

$$y_2 = 75 + 75e^{-0.04t}$$

# General system of ODEs

More general system can be written

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For instance, if  $n=1$ :

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and the solution will be

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Eigenvalue problem

$$\boxed{\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{x}} \quad (26)$$

The basis:

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# Method of undetermined coefficients

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A particular solution  $\mathbf{y}^{(p)}$  is assumed in a form similar to  $\mathbf{g}$ .

- Example

# Method of variation of parameters (For PhD Students)

$$\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{A}(t)\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{g}(t) \quad (31)$$

To apply the method, the particular solution is assumed as:

$$\mathbf{y}^{(p)} = \mathbf{Y}(t)\mathbf{u}(t) \quad (32)$$

Take the derivative and substitute into above solution to obtain  $\mathbf{u}(t)$ .

End of this week.