

Chapter 4: In brief

Ch 4 is exactly like Ch 3. We will just do a few examples.

Ex 1

$$y'''' - 9y'' + 4y' + 2y = 0$$

$$r^4 - 9r^2 + 4r + 2 = 0$$

$$(r-2)^2(r+3)(r+1) = 0$$

$$r = 2, 2, -3, -1$$

General solution is

$$y = C_1 e^{2x} + C_2 x e^{2x} + C_3 e^{-3x} + C_4 e^{-x}.$$

If we had initial conditions of the form

$$y(0) = a, y'(0) = b, y''(0) = c, y'''(0) = d$$

we could find values for C_1, C_2, C_3 and C_4 .

Ex 2

$$y''' + 3y'' + 3y' + y = 0$$

$$r^3 + 3r^2 + 3r + 1 = 0$$

$$(r+1)^3 = 0$$

$$r = -1, -1, -1.$$

$$y = C_1 e^{-x} + C_2 x e^{-x} + C_3 x^2 e^{-x}.$$

Ex 3

$$y'''' + 2y'' + y = 0$$

$$r^4 + 2r^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$(r^2 + 1)^2 = 0 \quad r = \pm i, \pm i$$

$$y = C_1 \cos t + C_2 \sin t + C_3 t \cos t + C_4 t \sin t$$

Ex 4

$$y'''' + 2y'' + y = \sin t + t^2$$

y_h is same as Ex 3. For y_p use

$$A t^2 \sin t + B t^2 \cos t + C t^2 + D t + E$$

You can do them separately.

$$\text{Let } y_p = C t^2 + D t + E$$

$$y_p' = 2C t + D$$

$$y_p'' = 2C$$

$$y_p''' = 0$$

$$\text{Thus } 2(2C) + C t^2 + D t + E = t^2$$

$$\text{Thus } C=1, D=0, E=-4C=-4.$$

$$\text{Thus } y_p = t^2 - 4.$$

Let $y_p = A t^2 \sin t + B t^2 \cos t$. This will get messy.

$$y_p' = 2At \sin t + A t^2 \cos t + 2Bt \cos t - B t^2 \sin t$$

$$y_p'' = 2A \sin t + 2At \cos t + 2At \cos t - A t^2 \sin t + 2B \cos t - 2Bt \sin t - 2Bt \sin t - B t^2 \cos t$$

$$= 2A \sin t + 4At \cos t - A t^2 \sin t + 2B \cos t - 4Bt \sin t - B t^2 \cos t$$

$$y_p''' = 2A \cos t + 4A \cos t - 4At \sin t - 2At \sin t - A t^2 \cos t + 2B \sin t - 4B \sin t - 4Bt \cos t - 2Bt \cos t + B t^2 \sin t$$

$$= 6A \cos t - 6At \sin t - A t^2 \cos t - 6B \sin t - 6Bt \cos t + B t^2 \sin t$$

$$y_p^{(4)} = -6A \sin t - 6A \sin t - 6At \cos t - 2At \cos t + A t^2 \sin t - 6B \cos t - 6B \cos t + 6Bt \sin t + 2Bt \sin t + B t^2 \cos t$$

$$= -12A \sin t - 8At \cos t + A t^2 \sin t - 12B \cos t + 8Bt \sin t + B t^2 \cos t$$

$$y_p^{(4)} + 2y_p'' + y_p =$$

$$(A - 2A + A) t^2 \sin t + (B - \cancel{2B} + B) t^2 \cos t$$

$$(8B - 2 \cdot 4B) t \sin t + (-8A + 2 \cdot 4A) t \cos t$$

$$(-12A + 4A) \sin t + (-12B + 2 \cdot 2B) \cos t$$

$$-8A = 1 \Rightarrow A = -\frac{1}{8} \quad -8B = 0 \Rightarrow B = 0$$

$$\boxed{\text{Thus } y_{p2} = -\frac{1}{8} t^2 \sin t.}$$

Putting it all together, the general solution is

$$y = y_h + y_{p_1} + y_{p_2} =$$

$$C_1 \cos t + C_2 \sin t + C_3 t \cos t + C_4 t \sin t + t^2 - 4 - \frac{1}{8} t^2 \sin t$$

Next I'll do one example for variation of parameters, but it would help to read over 4.4 a bit.

Then I'll do an interesting applied example of a coupled mass-spring system.

Example of 3rd Order Eq. using Variation of Parameters.

It is very similar to the 2nd order case but the Wronskians are more complicated. There are "sub-Wronskians" that are needed. Let y_1, y_2, y_3 be twice differentiable functions. Then

$$W(y_1, y_2, y_3) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 & y_3 \\ y_1' & y_2' & y_3' \\ y_1'' & y_2'' & y_3'' \end{vmatrix}$$

Then the sub-Wronskians, called W_i , $i=1,2,3$, are formed by replacing the i^{th} column with $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Thus,

$$W_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & y_2 & y_3 \\ 0 & y_2' & y_3' \\ 1 & y_2'' & y_3'' \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} y_2 & y_3 \\ y_2' & y_3' \end{vmatrix} = y_2 y_3' - y_3 y_2'$$

$$W_2 = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & 0 & y_3 \\ y_1' & 0 & y_3' \\ y_1'' & 1 & y_3'' \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_3 \\ y_1' & y_3' \end{vmatrix} = y_3 y_1' - y_1 y_3'$$

$$W_3 = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 & 0 \\ y_1' & y_2' & 0 \\ y_1'' & y_2'' & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix} = y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1'$$

$$\text{Or, } W_1 = W(y_2, y_3), W_2 = -W(y_1, y_3), W_3 = W(y_1, y_2)$$

Example 4.3 #1 Find general solution to $y'' + y' = t \tan t$ using variation of parameters.

Solution $r^3 + r = r(r^2 + 1) = 0 \Rightarrow r = 0, \pm i$.
Thus $y_h = C_1 + C_2 \cos t + C_3 \sin t$. $y_1 = 1, y_2 = \cos t, y_3 = \sin t$.

$$W(1, \cos, \sin) = 1 \quad W_1 = 1 \quad W_2 = -\cos \quad W_3 = -\sin.$$

Then

$$u_1 = \int \frac{t \tan t \cdot W_1}{W} dt = \int t \tan t dt = \int \frac{\sin t}{\cos t} dt = -\ln|\cos t| = \ln|\sec t|$$

$u = \cos t \quad du = -\sin t$

$$u_2 = \int \frac{t \tan t \cdot W_2}{W} dt = - \int \sin t dt = \cos t$$

$$u_3 = \int \frac{t \tan t \cdot W_3}{W} dt = - \int \frac{\sin^2 t}{\cos t} dt = \int \frac{\cos^2 t - 1}{\cos t} dt = \int \cos t - \sec t dt$$
$$= \sin t - \ln|\sec t + \tan t|$$

$$\text{Now } y_p = u_1 y_1 + u_2 y_2 + u_3 y_3 =$$

$$\ln|\sec t| + \cos^2 t + \sin^2 t - \sin t \ln|\sec t + \tan t| =$$

$$\ln|\sec t| - \sin t \ln|\sec t + \tan t| + 1$$

can ignore

We plug in and check just to be sure.

$$y_p' = \tan t - \cos t \ln|s+t| - \sin t \frac{s+t+s^2}{s+t} = \tan t \\ = -\cos t \ln|s+t|$$

$$y_p'' = s \cdot \ln|s+t| - \cos t \frac{s+t+s^2}{s+t} = 1$$

$$y_p''' = \cos t \ln|s+t| + s \ln t \frac{s+t+t^2}{s+t} = \tan t$$

$$\text{Thus } y_p''' + y_p' =$$

$$\cos t \ln|s+t| + \tan t - \cos t \ln|s+t| = \tan t \quad \checkmark$$

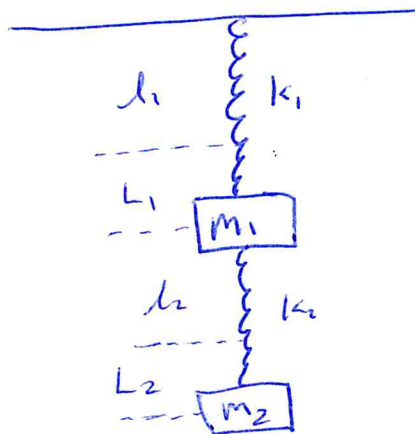
General solution is

$$y(t) = C_1 + C_2 \cos t + C_3 \sin t + \ln(\sec t) - s \ln t (\sec t + \tan t)$$

Example (4.2 #39)

We consider a coupled mass-spring system as shown below. We assume no damping, $\gamma=0$. We are given $m_1=m_2=1$, $k_1=3$, $k_2=2$.

Equilibrium

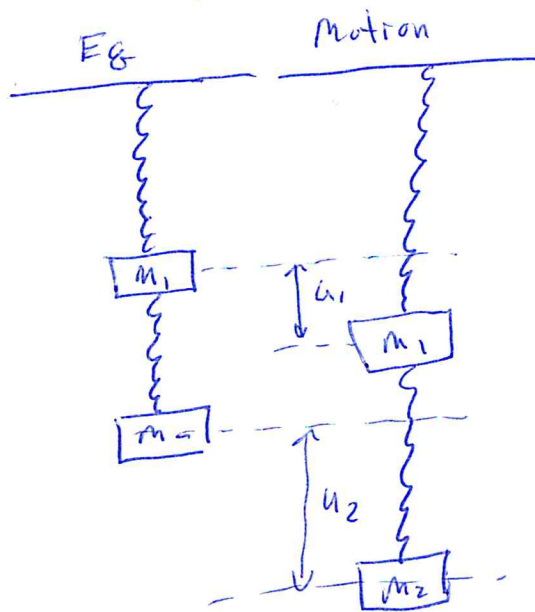


We analyze the forces on m_1 and m_2 during equilibrium.

$$F_1 = m_1 g - k_1 L_1 + k_2 L_2 = 0$$

$$F_2 = m_2 g - k_2 L_2 = 0$$

Now set it into motion. Let $u_1(t)$ and $u_2(t)$ be the respective displacements from equilibrium for m_1 and m_2 .



$$\begin{aligned} F_1 &= m_1 g - k_1(L_1 + u_1) + k_2(L_2 + u_2 - u_1) \\ &= \underbrace{m_1 g - k_1 L_1 + k_2 L_2}_{=0} - (k_1 + k_2)u_1 + k_2 u_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus } m_1 u_1'' = - (k_1 + k_2)u_1 + k_2 u_2.$$

We write this as

$$\boxed{m_1 u_1'' + (k_1 + k_2)u_1 = k_2 u_2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_2 &= m_2 g - k_2(L_2 + u_2 - u_1) \\ &= \underbrace{m_2 g - k_2 L_2}_{=0} - k_2 u_2 + k_1 u_1 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\boxed{m_2 u_2'' + k_2 u_2 = k_2 u_1}$$

Plugging in $m_1 = m_2 = 1, k_1 = 3, k_2 = 2$ we get

$$u_1'' + 5u_1 = 2u_2 \quad (i)$$

$$u_2'' + 2u_2 = 2u_1 \quad (ii)$$

We convert these into a 4th order diff eq as follows.

By (i) $u_2 = \frac{u_1'' + 5u_1}{2}$. Plug into (ii)

$$\left(\frac{u_1'' + 5u_1}{2} \right)'' + 2 \left(\frac{u_1'' + 5u_1}{2} \right) = 2u_1 \quad \text{or}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} u_1'''' + \frac{5}{2} u_1'' + u_1'' + 5u_1 = 2u_1 \quad \text{or}$$

$$u_1'''' + 7u_1'' + 6u_1 = 0.$$

We next find the general solution for u_1

$$r^4 + 7r^2 + 6 = 0$$

$$(r^2 + 6)(r^2 + 1) = 0$$

$$r = \pm i\sqrt{6}, \pm i.$$

Thus

$$u_1(t) = C_1 \cos t + C_2 \sin t + C_3 \cos \sqrt{6}t + C_4 \sin \sqrt{6}t$$

And,

$$u_2(t) = \frac{u_1'' + 5u_1}{2} = 2C_1 \cos t + 2C_2 \sin t - \frac{1}{2} C_3 \cos \sqrt{6}t + \frac{1}{2} C_4 \sin \sqrt{6}t$$

(as you will check)

Given init conditions we can solve for C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4 .

Ex Suppose $u_1(0)=0, u_1'(0)=0, u_2(0)=7, u_2'(0)=0$.

Then

$$u_1(0)=0 \Rightarrow C_1 + C_3 = 0$$

$$u_1'(0)=0 \Rightarrow C_2 + C_4\sqrt{6} = 0$$

$$u_2(0)=7 \Rightarrow 2C_1 - \frac{1}{2}C_3 = 7$$

$$u_2'(0)=0 \Rightarrow 2C_2 + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{6}C_4 = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \sqrt{6} \\ 2 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{6} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \\ C_3 \\ C_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 7 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

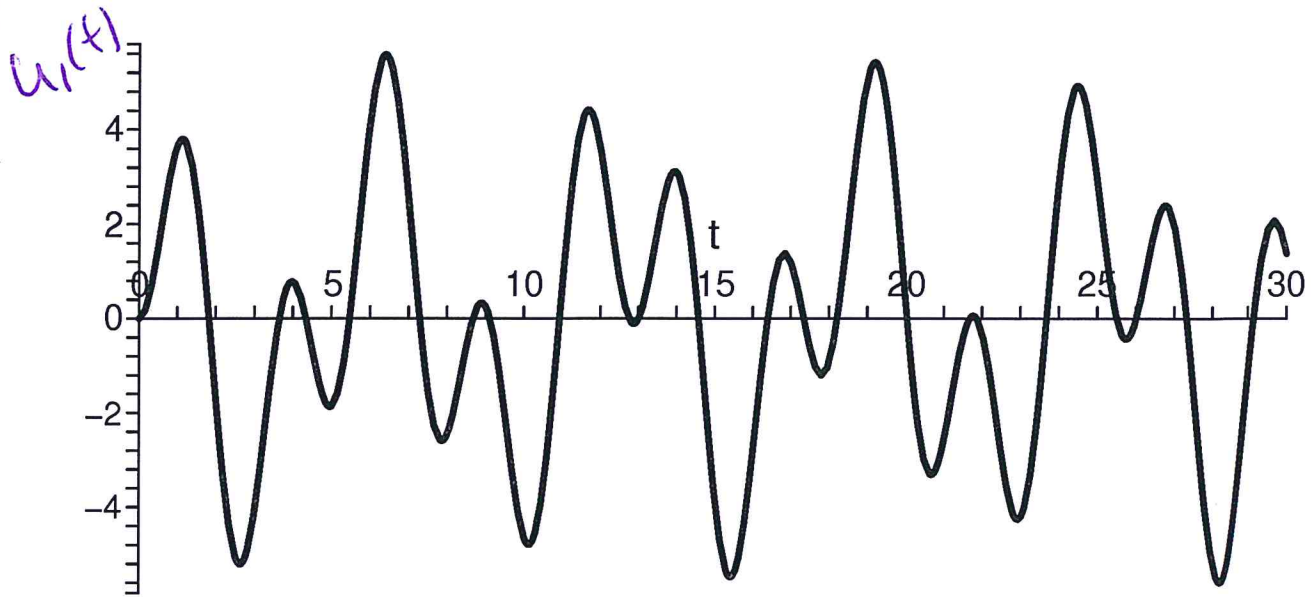
~~Then $C_1=0, C_2=0, C_4=0, C_3=0$~~

$$C_1 = \frac{14}{5} \quad C_3 = -\frac{14}{5}$$

$$C_2 = C_4 = 0.$$

plots are on the next page.

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> plot(14/5*(cos(t) - cos(sqrt(6)*t)), t=0..30, thickness=2, color=black);
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> plot(28/5*cos(t) - 7/5*cos(sqrt(6)*t), t=0..30, thickness=2, color=black);
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