

Class Notes 5:

**Second Order Differential Equation –  
Non Homogeneous**

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Second Order Linear Differential Equations –

## Homogeneous & Non Homogenous v

$$y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{Homogeneous} \\ g(t) & \text{Non-homogeneous} \end{cases}$$

- $p, q, g$  are given, continuous functions on the open interval  $I$

Second Order Linear Differential Equations –

## Homogeneous & Non Homogenous – Structure of the General Solution

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = \begin{cases} g(x), & \text{Non-homogeneous} \\ 0, & \text{Homogeneous} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{I.C. } \begin{cases} y(t=0) = y_0 \\ y'(t=0) = y'_0 \end{cases}$$

- Solution:

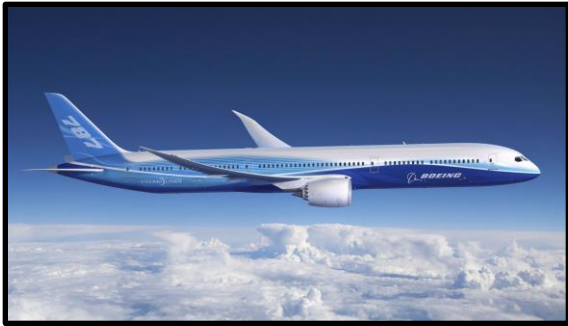
$$y = y_c(x) + y_p(x)$$

where

$y_c(x)$ : solution of the homogeneous equation (complementary solution)

$y_p(x)$ : any solution of the non-homogeneous equation (particular solution)

# Second Order Linear Differential Equations – Non Homogenous



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

$$\text{I.C. } \begin{cases} y(t=0) = y_0 \\ y'(t=0) = y'_0 \end{cases}$$

## Theorem (3.5.1)

- If  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are solutions of the nonhomogeneous equation

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

- Then  $Y_1 - Y_2$  is a solution of the homogeneous equation

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

- If, in addition,  $\{y_1, y_2\}$  forms a fundamental solution set of the homogeneous equation, then there exist constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  such that

$$Y_1(t) - Y_2(t) = c_1 y_1(t) + c_2 y_2(t)$$

## Theorem (3.5.2) – General Solution

- The general solution of the **nonhomogeneous** equation

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

can be written in the form

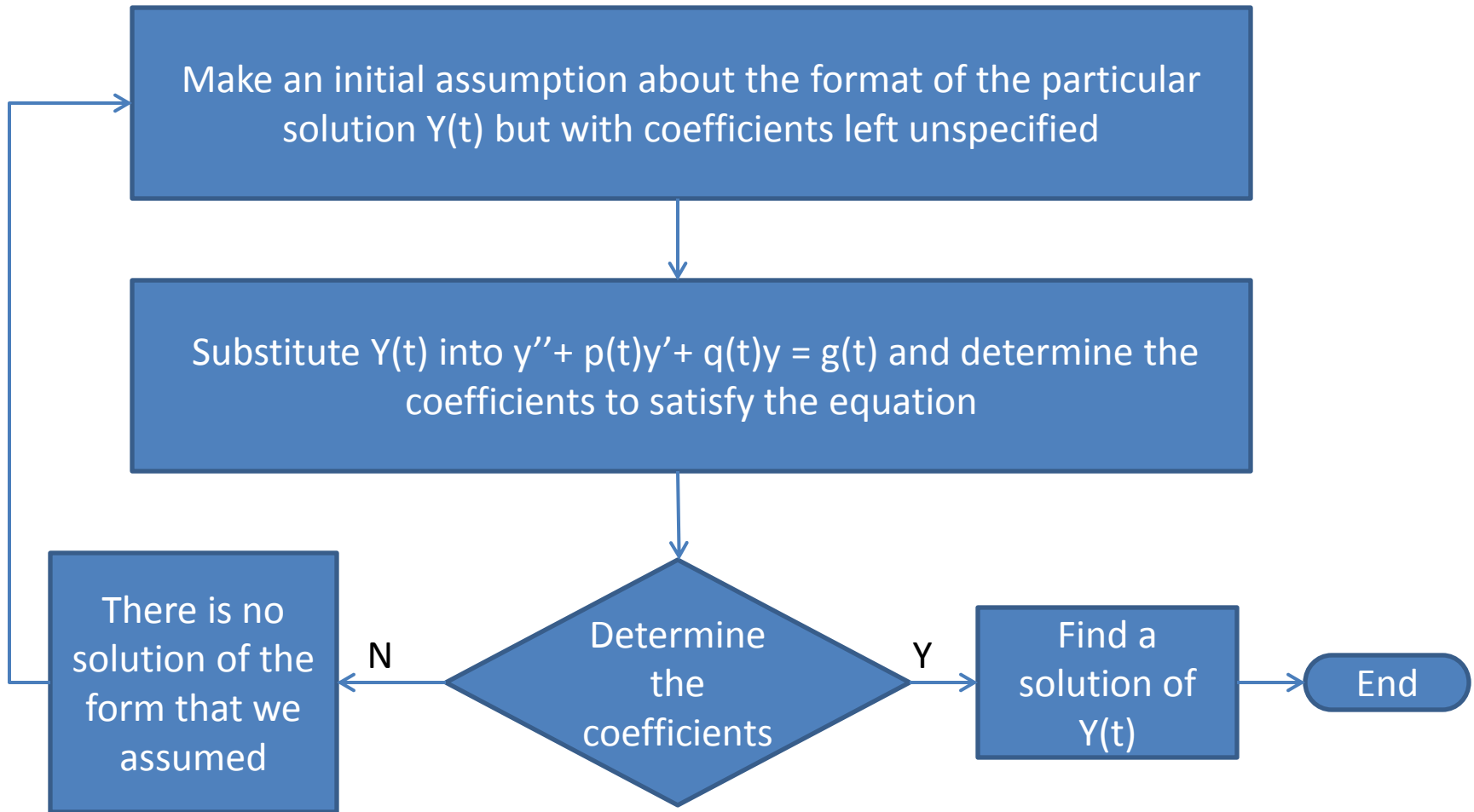
$$y(t) = c_1 y_1(t) + c_2 y_2(t) + Y(t)$$

where  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  form a fundamental solution set for the homogeneous equation,  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are arbitrary constants, and  $Y(t)$  is a specific solution to the nonhomogeneous equation.

Second Order Linear Non Homogenous Differential Equations –  
**Methods for Finding the Particular Solution**

- The methods of **undetermined coefficients**
- The methods of **variation of parameters**

Second Order Linear Non Homogenous Differential Equations –  
**Method of Undermined Coefficients – Block Diagram**





## Method of Undermined Coefficients – Block Diagram

- **Advantages**
  - **Straight Forward Approach** - It is a straight forward to execute once the assumption is made regarding the form of the particular solution  $Y(t)$
- **Disadvantages**
  - **Constant Coefficients** - Homogeneous equations with constant coefficients
  - **Specific Nonhomogeneous Terms** - Useful primarily for equations for which we can easily write down the correct form of the particular solution  $Y(t)$  in advanced for which the Nonhomogenous term is restricted to
    - Polynomialic
    - Exponential
    - Trigonematic (sin / cos )

## Second Order Linear Non Homogenous Differential Equations –

# Particular Solution For Non Homogeneous Equation Class A

- The particular solution  $y_p$  for the nonhomogeneous equation

$$ay'' + by' + cy = g(x)$$

- Class A

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} P_n(x) \rightarrow \text{Polynomial in } x \\ a_0x^n + a_1x^{n-1} + \dots + a_n \end{cases}$$

$$y_p = \begin{cases} A_0x^n + A_1x^{n-1} + \dots + A_n & c \neq 0 \\ x(A_0x^n + A_1x^{n-1} + \dots + A_n) & c = 0, b \neq 0 \\ x^2(A_0x^2 + A_1x^{n-1} + \dots + A_n) & c = b = 0 \end{cases}$$

## Second Order Linear Non Homogenous Differential Equations –

# Particular Solution For Non Homogeneous Equation Class B

- The particular solution  $y_p$  for the nonhomogeneous equation

$$ay'' + by' + cy = g(x)$$

- Class B

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} e^{\alpha x} P_n(x) \\ e^{\alpha x} (a_0 x^n + a_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + a_n) \end{cases}$$

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} e^{\alpha x} (A_0 x^n + A_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + A_n) \\ \rightarrow \alpha \text{ is not a root of the characteristic equation } ch(\alpha) \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} x e^{\alpha x} (A_0 x^n + A_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + A_n) \\ \rightarrow \alpha \text{ is a simple root of the characteristic equation } ch(\alpha) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 e^{\alpha x} (A_0 x^n + A_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + A_n) \\ \rightarrow \alpha \text{ is a double root of the characteristic equation } ch(\alpha) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Second Order Linear Non Homogenous Differential Equations –

## Particular Solution For Non Homogeneous Equation Class C

- The particular solution  $y_p$  for the nonhomogeneous equation

$$ay'' + by' + cy = g(x)$$

- Class C

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} e^{\alpha x} (\sin \beta x \text{ or } \cos \beta x) P_n(x) \\ e^{(\alpha+i\beta)x} (a_0 x^n + a_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + a_n) \end{cases}$$

$$y_p = \begin{cases} e^{\alpha x} \begin{bmatrix} \sin \beta x (A_0 x^n + A_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + A_n) + \\ \cos \beta x (B_0 x^n + B_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + B_n) \end{bmatrix}; & ch(\alpha \pm i\beta) \neq 0 \\ x e^{\alpha x} \begin{bmatrix} \sin \beta x (A_0 x^n + A_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + A_n) + \\ \cos \beta x (B_0 x^n + B_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + B_n) \end{bmatrix}; & ch(\alpha \pm i\beta) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Second Order Linear Non Homogenous Differential Equations –

# Particular Solution For Non Homogeneous Equation Summary

- The particular solution of  $ay'' + by' + cy = g_i(t)$

$g_i(t)$	$Y_i(t)$
$P_n(t) = a_0t^n + a_1t^{n-1} + \dots + a_n$	$t^s (A_0t^n + A_1t^{n-1} + \dots + A_n)$
$P_n(t)e^{\alpha t}$	$t^s (A_0t^n + A_1t^{n-1} + \dots + A_n)e^{\alpha t}$
$P_n(t)e^{\alpha t} \begin{cases} \sin \beta t \\ \cos \beta t \end{cases}$	$t^s \left[ (A_0t^n + A_1t^{n-1} + \dots + A_n)e^{\alpha t} \cos \beta t + (B_0t^n + B_1t^{n-1} + \dots + B_n)e^{\alpha t} \sin \beta t \right]$

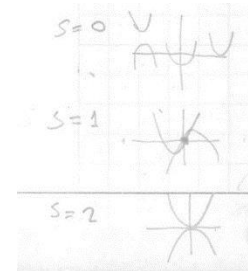
**s is the smallest non-negative integer (s=0, 1, or 2) that will ensure that no term in  $Y_i(t)$  is a solution of the corresponding homogeneous equation**

s is the number of time

0 is the root of the characteristic equation

$\alpha$  is the root of the characteristic equation

$\alpha+i\beta$  is the root of the characteristic equation



## Second Order Linear Non Homogenous Differential Equations –

# Particular Solution For Non Homogeneous Equation Examples

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$g(x)$	Form of $y_p$
1. 1 (any constant)	$A$
2. $5x + 7$	$Ax + B$
3. $3x^2 - 2$	$Ax^2 + Bx + C$
4. $x^3 - x + 1$	$Ax^3 + Bx^2 + Cx + E$
5. $\sin 4x$	$A \cos 4x + B \sin 4x$
6. $\cos 4x$	$A \cos 4x + B \sin 4x$
7. $e^{5x}$	$Ae^{5x}$
8. $(9x - 2)e^{5x}$	$(Ax + B)e^{5x}$
9. $x^2e^{5x}$	$(Ax^2 + Bx + C)e^{5x}$
10. $e^{3x} \sin 4x$	$Ae^{3x} \cos 4x + Be^{3x} \sin 4x$
11. $5x^2 \sin 4x$	$(Ax^2 + Bx + C) \cos 4x + (Ex^2 + Fx + G) \sin 4x$
12. $xe^{3x} \cos 4x$	$(Ax + B)e^{3x} \cos 4x + (Cx + E)e^{3x} \sin 4x$

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Second Order Linear Non Homogenous Differential Equations –

## Method of Undermined Coefficients – Example 1

$$y'' - 3y' - 4y = 3e^{2t}$$

$$\lambda^2 - 3\lambda - 4 = 0$$

$$\frac{3 \pm \sqrt{9 - 4(-4)}}{2} = \frac{3}{2} \pm \frac{5}{2}$$

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$g(x)$

Form of  $y_p$

7.  $e^{5x}$

$Ae^{5x}$

Second Order Linear Non Homogenous Differential Equations –

## Method of Undermined Coefficients – Example 1

$$y'' - 3y' - 4y = 3e^{2t}$$

$$\begin{cases} Y(t) = Ae^{2t} \\ Y'(t) = 2Ae^{2t} \\ Y''(t) = 4Ae^{2t} \end{cases}$$

$$\underbrace{(4A - 6A - 4A)}_{-6A} e^{2t} = 3e^{2t}$$

$$A = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$Y_p(t) = -\frac{1}{2}e^{2t}$$



Second Order Linear Non Homogenous Differential Equations –

## Method of Undermined Coefficients – Example 2

$$y'' - 3y' - 4y = 2 \sin t$$

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$g(x)$	Form of $y_p$
5. $\sin 4x$	$A \cos 4x + B \sin 4x$

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Assume 
$$\begin{cases} Y(t) = A \sin t \\ Y'(t) = A \cos t \\ Y''(t) = -A \sin t \end{cases}$$

$$-A \sin t - 3A \cos t - 4A \sin t = 2 \sin t$$

$$(2 + 5A) \sin t + 3A \cos t = 0$$

There is no choice for constant A that makes the equation true for all t

Second Order Linear Non Homogenous Differential Equations –

## Method of Undermined Coefficients – Example 2

$$y'' - 3y' - 4y = 2 \sin t$$

$$\text{Assume } \begin{cases} Y(t) = A \sin t + B \cos t \\ Y'(t) = A \cos t - B \sin t \\ Y''(t) = -A \sin t - B \cos t \end{cases}$$

$$(-A + 3B - 4A) \sin t + (-B - 3A - 4B) \cos t = 2 \sin t$$

$$\begin{cases} -5A + 3B = 2 \\ -3A - 5B = 0 \end{cases} \quad A = -\frac{5}{17} \quad B = \frac{3}{17}$$

$$Y_p(t) = -\frac{5}{17} \sin t + \frac{3}{17} \cos t$$

Second Order Linear Non Homogenous Differential Equations –

## Method of Undermined Coefficients – Example 3

$$y'' - 3y' - 4y = -8e^t \cos 2t$$

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$g(x)$

Form of  $y_p$

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10.  $e^{3x} \sin 4x$

$Ae^{3x} \cos 4x + Be^{3x} \sin 4x$

$$\begin{cases} Y(t) = Ae^t \cos 2t + Be^t \sin 2t \\ Y'(t) = (A + 2B)e^t \cos 2t + (-2A + B)e^t \sin 2t \\ Y''(t) = (-3A + 4B)e^t \cos 2t + (-4A - 3B)e^t \sin 2t \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} 10A + 2B = 8 \\ 2A - 10B = 0 \end{cases} \quad A = 10/13; \quad B = 2/13$$

$$Y_p(t) = \frac{10}{13} e^t \cos 2t + \frac{2}{13} e^t \sin 2t$$

## Second Order Linear Non Homogenous Differential Equations – **Method of Variation of Parameters**

Advantage – General method

Diff. eq. 
$$y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = g(t)$$

For the Homogeneous diff. eq.

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

the general solution is

$$y_c(t) = c_1 y_1(t) + c_2 y_2(t)$$

so far we solved it for homogeneous diff eq. with constant coefficients.  
(Chapter 5 – non constant – series solution)

Second Order Linear Non Homogenous Differential Equations –  
**Method of Variation of Parameters**

Replace the constant  $c_1$  &  $c_2$  by function  $u_1(t), u_2(t)$

$$c_1 \rightarrow u_1(t)$$

$$c_2 \rightarrow u_2(t)$$

$$(*) y_p = u_1(t)y_1(t) + u_2(t)y_2(t)$$

- Find  $u_1(t), u_2(t)$  such that is the solution to the nonhomogeneous diff. eq. rather than the homogeneous eq.

$$y'_p = \underbrace{u_1 y'_1}_{\text{cancel}} + \underbrace{u'_1 y_1}_{\text{cancel}} + \underbrace{u_2 y'_2}_{\text{cancel}} + \underbrace{u'_2 y_2}_{\text{cancel}}$$

$$y''_p = \underbrace{u_1 y''_1 + u'_1 y'_1}_{\text{cancel}} + \underbrace{u'_1 y'_1 + u''_1 y_1}_{\text{cancel}} + \underbrace{u_2 y''_2 + u'_2 y'_2}_{\text{cancel}} + \underbrace{u'_2 y'_2 + u''_2 y_2}_{\text{cancel}}$$

## Second Order Linear Non Homogenous Differential Equations – Method of Variation of Parameters

$$\begin{aligned}
 y''_p + p(x)y'_p + q(x)y_p &= \overset{\textcircled{1}}{u_1 y''_1} + \overset{\textcircled{2}}{u'_1 y'_1} + \overset{\textcircled{5}}{u'_1 y_1} + \overset{\textcircled{2}}{u''_1 y_1} + \overset{\textcircled{1}}{u_2 y''_2} + \overset{\textcircled{5}}{u'_2 y'_2} + \overset{\textcircled{3}}{u'_2 y_2} + \overset{\textcircled{3}}{u''_2 y_2} \\
 &+ p(x) \left[ \overset{\textcircled{1}}{u_1 y'_1} + \overset{\textcircled{4}}{u'_1 y_1} + \overset{\textcircled{1}}{u_2 y'_2} + \overset{\textcircled{4}}{u'_2 y_2} \right] \\
 &+ q(x) \left[ \overset{\textcircled{1}}{u_1 y_1} + \overset{\textcircled{1}}{u_2 y_2} \right] \\
 \\
 &= \underbrace{u_1 [y''_1 + p y'_1 + q y_1]}_{=0} + \underbrace{u_2 [y''_2 + p y'_2 + q y_2]}_{=0} + \overset{\textcircled{2}}{u''_1 y_1 + u'_1 y'_1} + \overset{\textcircled{3}}{u''_2 y_2 + u'_2 y'_2} + \overset{\textcircled{4}}{p [u'_1 y_1 + u'_2 y_2]} + \overset{\textcircled{5}}{u'_1 y'_1 + u'_2 y'_2} \\
 &\qquad \qquad \qquad \frac{d}{dx} [u'_1 y_1] + \frac{d}{dx} [u'_2 y_2] + p [u'_1 y_1 + u'_2 y_2] + u'_1 y'_1 + u'_2 y'_2 = g(t)
 \end{aligned}$$

- Seek to determine 2 unknown function  $u_1(t), u_2(t)$
- Impose a condition  $u'_1(t)y_1(t) + u'_2(t)y_2(t) = 0$
- The two Eqs.  $\left. \begin{cases} u'_1(t)y_1(t) + u'_2(t)y_2(t) = 0 \\ u'_1(t)y'_1(t) + u'_2(t)y'_2(t) = g(t) \end{cases} \right\} \begin{array}{ll} y_1, y_2, y'_1, y'_2, & \text{known} \\ u'_1, u'_2 & \text{unknown} \end{array}$

## Second Order Linear Non Homogenous Differential Equations – Method of Variation of Parameters

$$\frac{d}{dx}[u_1' y_1] + \frac{d}{dx}[u_2' y_2] + p[u_1' y_1 + u_2' y_2] + u_1' y_1' + u_2' y_2' = g(t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[u_1' y_1 + u_2' y_2] + p[u_1' y_1 + u_2' y_2] + u_1' y_1' + u_2' y_2' = g(t)$$

- Seek to determine 2 unknown function  $u_1(t), u_2(t)$
- Impose a condition  $u_1'(t)y_1(t) + u_2'(t)y_2(t) = 0$  Reducing the diff. equation to

$$u_1'(t)y_1'(t) + u_2'(t)y_2'(t) = g(t)$$

- The two Eqs.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} u_1'(t)y_1(t) + u_2'(t)y_2(t) = 0 \\ u_1'(t)y_1'(t) + u_2'(t)y_2'(t) = g(t) \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{ll} y_1, y_2, y_1', y_2', & \text{known} \\ u_1', u_2' & \text{unknown} \end{array}$$

Second Order Linear Non Homogenous Differential Equations –  
**Method of Variation of Parameters**

$$u_1' = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & y_2 \\ g & y_2' \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix}}; \quad u_2' = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} y_1 & 0 \\ y_1' & g \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix}}$$

$$u_1' = -\frac{y_2 g}{W(y_1, y_2)}; \quad u_2' = \frac{y_1 g}{W(y_1, y_2)}$$

$$u_1 = -\int \frac{y_2 g}{W(y_1, y_2)} dt + c_1; \quad u_2 = \int \frac{y_1 g}{W(y_1, y_2)} dt + c_2$$

Based on (\*)  $y_p = u_1(t)y_1(t) + u_2(t)y_2(t)$

$$Y_p(t) = -y_1 \int \frac{y_2 g}{W(y_1, y_2)} dt + c_1 + y_2 \int \frac{y_1 g}{W(y_1, y_2)} dt + c_2$$



## Theorem (3.6.1)

- Consider the equations

$$y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = g(t) \quad (1)$$

$$y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0 \quad (2)$$

- If the functions  $p$ ,  $q$  and  $g$  are continuous on an open interval  $I$ , and if  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are fundamental solutions to Eq. (2), then a particular solution of Eq. (1) is

$$Y(t) = -y_1(t) \int \frac{y_2(t)g(t)}{W(y_1, y_2)(t)} dt + y_2(t) \int \frac{y_1(t)g(t)}{W(y_1, y_2)(t)} dt$$

and the general solution is

$$y(t) = c_1 y_1(t) + c_2 y_2(t) + Y(t)$$

Second Order Linear Non Homogenous Differential Equations –  
**Method of Variation of Parameters – Example**

$$y'' - y = \frac{1}{x}$$

- Solution to the **homogeneous** diff Eq.

$$\lambda^2 - 1 = 0 \rightarrow \lambda_1 = -1; \lambda_2 = 1$$

$$y_C = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{-x}$$

- Solution to the **nonhomogeneous** diff Eq.

$$W(e^x, e^{-x}) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} e^x & e^{-x} \\ e^x & -e^{-x} \end{vmatrix} = -e^0 - e^0 = -2$$

Second Order Linear Non Homogenous Differential Equations –  
**Method of Variation of Parameters – Example**

$$u_1' = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & e^{-x} \\ \frac{1}{x} & -e^{-x} \end{vmatrix}}{-2} = -\frac{e^{-x}(1/x)}{-2} \rightarrow u_1 = \frac{1}{2} \int_{x_0}^x \frac{e^{-t}}{t} dt$$

$$u_2' = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} e^x & 0 \\ e^x & \frac{1}{x} \end{vmatrix}}{-2} = \frac{e^x(1/x)}{-2} \rightarrow u_2 = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{x_0}^x \frac{e^t}{t} dt$$

$$y_p = Y(t) = -y_1(t) \int \frac{y_2(t)g(t)}{W(y_1, y_2)(t)} dt + y_2(t) \int \frac{y_1(t)g(t)}{W(y_1, y_2)(t)} dt$$

$$y_p = Y(t) = u_1(t)y_1(t) + u_2(t)y_2(t)$$

$$y_p = Y(t) = \frac{1}{2} e^x \int_{x_0}^x \frac{e^{-t}}{t} dt - \frac{1}{2} e^{-x} \int_{x_0}^x \frac{e^t}{t} dt,$$

Second Order Linear Non Homogenous Differential Equations –  
**Method of Variation of Parameters – Example**

- General Solution to the **nonhomogeneous** diff Eq.

$$y = y_c + y_p$$

$$y = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{-x} + \frac{1}{2} e^x \int_{x_0}^x \frac{e^{-t}}{t} dt - \frac{1}{2} e^{-x} \int_{x_0}^x \frac{e^t}{t} dt$$