

Info

- You should have completed Online Quizzes 1, 2 and 3.
- We are starting chapter 3 today.
- I posted several videos associated with solving problems from chapter 3.
- Assignment 3 is posted.
- The Alternate Assignment for this week will be posted on Friday.

 **Important:** You must read and watch videos outside of the live class meetings. It is impossible to learn all of the material in 2 hours each week.

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$$y = ce^{-3x} \Rightarrow y = 2e^{-3x}$$

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1. Give the solution to $y' = -3y$, $y(0) = 2$.

Then give the value of $y(1)$.

$$y(1) = 2e^{-3} = \underline{0.0995}$$

Accurate to 4 decimal places.

Chapter 3

Linear Second-Order Differential Equations

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = f(x)$$

$p(x), q(x), f(x)$
all known.
 $y = \text{unknown}$

Related Terminology: **Coefficients**, **forcing term**, **homogeneous** (reduced) equation, nonhomogeneous equation.

$\hookrightarrow f \neq 0$

$\hookrightarrow f = 0$

We will see that the homogeneous differential equation is the key to solving the nonhomogeneous differential equation.

Note: "Homogeneous" in this setting has NOTHING to do with the term we learned about studying first order ODES.

$L[y]$

Question: Why is

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = f(x)$$

called a linear second order differential equation?

y'' is the highest derivative.

?? Define $L[y] = y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y$.

For example: If $p(x) = \cos(x)$ and $q(x) = x-1$.

ex. Then $L[y] = y'' + \cos(x)y' + (x-1)y$

$$L[x^2 + 2x - 4] = 2 + \cos(x)(2x+2) +$$

$\curvearrowright (x-1)(x^2 + 2x - 4)$

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= 2x+2 \\ y'' &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

Properties of L

?

General Case.

Recall

$$L[y] = y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y$$



Suppose u and v are functions.

$$\begin{aligned} L[\underline{\underline{u+v}}] &= (u+v)'' + p(x)(u+v)' + q(x)(u+v) \\ &= \underline{\underline{u''+v''}} + \underline{\underline{p(x)(u'+v')}} + \underline{\underline{q(x)u+v}} \\ &= \underline{\underline{u''+p(x)u'+q(x)u}} + \underline{\underline{v''+p(x)v'+q(x)v}} \\ &= L[u] + L[v] \end{aligned}$$

Also, if α is a scalar, then
 \rightarrow (a number)

$$\begin{aligned} L[\alpha u] &= (\alpha u)'' + p(x)(\alpha u)' + q(x)(\alpha u) \\ &= \underline{\underline{\alpha u''}} + \underline{\underline{p(x)\alpha u'}} + \underline{\underline{q(x)\alpha u}} \\ &= \underline{\underline{\alpha (u'' + p(x)u' + q(x)u)}} \\ &= \alpha L[u] \end{aligned}$$

These 2 properties are "linear" properties.

Hence "linear" is the naming
of the ODE.

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = f(x) \quad \begin{matrix} \leftarrow & \text{2nd order} \\ & \text{linear ODE} \end{matrix}$$

$$L[y] = y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y \quad \begin{matrix} \leftarrow & \text{linear} \\ & \text{differential operator} \end{matrix}$$

Properties: If u and v are twice differentiable functions and α is a scalar, then

- (i): $L[u+v] = L[u] + L[v]$
- (ii): $L[\alpha u] = \alpha L[u]$

These properties make it possible to solve these differential equations.

Remark: The homogeneous and nonhomogeneous equations are linked in an important way.

$$\text{Non homog ODE} \rightarrow y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = f(x) \quad (\text{NH})$$

$$\text{Associated Homogeneous counterpart} \rightarrow y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0 \quad (\text{H})$$

Namely, if you can solve the homogeneous equation, then you can solve the nonhomogeneous equation.

((Fact: (NH) and (H) have infinitely many solutions.

ex. $y'' + xy' + \cos(x)y = e^x - 1$

has infinitely many solns.

ex. $y'' + 2y' - 3y = e^{-x}$

has infinitely many solns.

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2. Give the number of solutions to $y'' - xy' + 2y = \sin(x)$.

If the answer is 1, then input 1.

If the answer is 2, then input 2. etc...

If the answer is infinitely many, then input 999.

infinitely many
i.e. 999

$p(x), q(x), f(x)$
 known.
 x_0, b, m
 known

Second Order Linear Initial Value Problem

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = f(x)$$

$$y(\underline{x_0}) = b \quad \xrightarrow{\text{L}[y]} \quad L[y]$$

$$y'(\underline{x_0}) = m$$

Why?

 Then

Fact: A second order linear initial value problem has exactly one solution.

Idea

Suppose you have

2 solns,

$$\begin{cases} u \text{ and } v \\ L[u] = f(x) \\ u(x_0) = b \\ u'(x_0) = m \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} L[v] = f(x) \\ v(x_0) = b \\ v'(x_0) = m \end{cases}$$

Fact: The initial value problem above has a unique solution (i.e. exactly one solution).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } L[u-v] &= L[u] - L[v] = f(x) - f(x) = 0 \\ \text{i.e. } u-v &\text{ solves } L[u-v] = 0. \\ (u-v)(x_0) &= u(x_0) - v(x_0) = b - b \\ &= 0 \\ (u-v)'(x_0) &= u'(x_0) - v'(x_0) = m - m \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

i.e. $u-v$ solves

It is not hard to show must be $u-v=0$.

$$\begin{cases} y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0 \\ y(x_0) = 0 \\ y'(x_0) = 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow u \equiv v.$$

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3. Give the number of solutions to

$$y'' - xy' + 2y = \sin(x), y(0) = 2, y'(0) = -1.$$

If the answer is 1, then input 1.

If the answer is 2, then input 2. etc...

If the answer is infinitely many, then input 999.

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General Solutions to Linear Second Order Differential Equations

$p(x)$, $q(x)$, $f(x)$

known.

y unknown

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = f(x) \quad (\text{NH})$$

The general solution to the nonhomogeneous differential equation is

$$y = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2 + z.$$

↓ general sol'n of the reduced DE ↑ any particular sol'n of the nonhomog. DE

i.e. general sol'n of $y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$

Term: Particular solution.

Just any function that solves (NH)

Question: Why does the solution break up this way?

Since $y = w + z$ where z solves (NH) .

we know $L[y] = f(x)$

$$L[w + z] = f(x)$$

$$L[w] + L[z] = f(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e. } L[w] + \frac{f(x)}{L[z]} &= f(x) \\ \Leftrightarrow L[w] &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

General Solutions and Fundamental Sets of Solutions to Homogeneous Second-Order Differential Equations

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0 \quad (\text{H})$$

The set $\{y_1, y_2\}$ is a fundamental set of solutions to (H) provided

y_1 and y_2 solve (H)

and

y_1 and y_2 are Linearly independent.

Neither is a multiple of the other.

The general solution to (H) is given by $y = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$ provided

$\{y_1, y_2\}$ is a fundamental set of solns to (H).

arbitrary constant

Terms: Linear independence, Wronskian, fundamental matrix.

Fact: 2 functions are linearly independent on an interval if and only if the Wronskian is nonzero on the interval.

Note: $\{\sin(x), \cos(x)\}$ is a Linearly independent set because $\sin(x)$ is not a constant multiple of $\cos(x)$ and visa versa.

$$y'' + y = 0.$$

$\sin(x)$ solves
 $\cos(x)$ solves
 0 solves

$\{\sin(x), \cos(x)\}$ is a fundamental set of solns.

$\{0, \cos(x)\}$ is NOT a L.I. set.

b/c

$0 = 0 \cdot \cos(x)$
i.e. 0 is a constant multiple of $\cos(x)$.

So, the general sol'n to $y'' + y = 0$
 is $y = C_1 \sin(x) + C_2 \cos(x)$.

Suppose y_1 and y_2 solve $L[y] = 0$.

The fundamental matrix assoc. with y_1 and y_2

is
$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y'_1 & y'_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Note: The determinant of this matrix is

$$y_1 y'_2 - y'_1 y_2$$

 (Wronskian of y_1 and y_2)

Suppose y_1 and y_2 solve $L[y] = 0$.

The fundamental matrix assoc. with y_2 and y_1

is
$$\begin{pmatrix} y_2 & y_1 \\ y'_2 & y'_1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Wronskian of y_2 and y_1
 is $y_2 y'_1 - y'_2 y_1$

y_1 and y_2 are L.I. iff

their Wronskian is non zero.

↴ ↴
 constant coef.
 ↴ ↴
Special Case: $y'' + a y' + b y = 0$. a, b known
 real numbers.

Illustrative Example:

Give the general solution to $y'' + 4y = 0$.

Q: Is $\{\sin(2x), \cos(2x)\}$ a set of solns to $y'' + 4y = 0$?

A: solns ✓
L.I. ... hm ... Yes.

Note: $\det \begin{pmatrix} \sin(2x) & \cos(2x) \\ 2\cos(2x) & -2\sin(2x) \end{pmatrix} =$

$$-2\sin^2(2x) - 2\cos^2(2x)$$

$$= -2.$$

Comment: The Wronskian of two solutions is either always zero or never zero.

∴ the general sol'n to $y'' + 4y = 0$ is
 $y = C_1 \sin(2x) + C_2 \cos(2x)$
 where C_1 and C_2 are arbitrary constants.

Give the solution to $y'' + 4y = 0$, $y(0) = 1$, $y'(0) = -1$.

we know $y = C_1 \sin(2x) + C_2 \cos(2x)$ is

the general sol'n to $y'' + 4y = 0$.

Let's take care of the initial data.

$$\underline{y(0) = 1} : \quad C_1 \sin(2 \cdot 0) + C_2 \cos(2 \cdot 0) = 1 \\ \text{i.e.} \quad C_2 = 1.$$

$$\underline{y'(0) = -1} : \quad y' = 2C_1 \cos(2x) - 2C_2 \sin(2x) \\ 2C_1 \cos(2 \cdot 0) - 2C_2 \sin(2 \cdot 0) = -1 \\ \Rightarrow C_1 = -\frac{1}{2}.$$

∴ our sol'n is

$$y = -\frac{1}{2} \sin(2x) + \cos(2x)$$

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4. Give the solution to $y''+4y=0$, $y(0)=1$, $y'(0)=-1$
at $x=\pi$.

$$y = -\frac{1}{2} \sin(2x) + \cos(2x)$$
$$\Rightarrow y(\pi) = \underline{\underline{1}}$$

Special Case: $y'' + a y' + b y = 0$.

Another Illustrative Example:

Give the general solution to $y'' - y = 0$.

Q: Is $\{e^{-x}, e^x\}$ a fundamental set of sol'n's?

A: Solutions? ✓
L.I.?

$\det \begin{pmatrix} e^{-x} & e^x \\ -e^{-x} & e^x \end{pmatrix} = e^{-x} e^x - -e^{-x} e^x$
 $= 1 + 1$
 $= 2 \neq 0.$

$e^{-x} e^x = e^{-x+x} = e^0 = 1$

yes. we get L.I.

∴ the general sol'n to $y'' - y = 0$ is
 $y = C_1 e^{-x} + C_2 e^x$.

Give the solution to $y'' - y = 0$, $y(0) = 1$, $y'(0) = -1$.

The general sol'n to $y'' - y = 0$ is

$$y = c_1 e^{-x} + c_2 e^x.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{y(0) = 1}: \quad & c_1 e^0 + c_2 e^0 = 1 \\ & \Rightarrow \boxed{c_1 + c_2 = 1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{y'(0) = -1}: \quad & y' = -c_1 e^{-x} + c_2 e^x \\ & -c_1 e^0 + c_2 e^0 = -1 \\ & \boxed{-c_1 + c_2 = -1} \end{aligned}$$

2 equations:

$$\begin{cases} c_1 + c_2 = 1 \\ -c_1 + c_2 = -1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Add} \quad & \cancel{2} c_2 = 0 \\ & \Rightarrow \boxed{c_2 = 0} \\ & c_1 + c_2 = 1 \\ & \Rightarrow \boxed{c_1 = 1} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore y = e^{-x}$ is the unique solution.

Special Case: $y'' + a y' + b y = 0$.

Solution Process:

Re truth \leftrightarrow ① Start with the polynomial equation

$$\underline{r^2 + ar + b = 0}.$$

Characteristic polynomial associated with $y'' + a y' + b y = 0$

associated characteristic equation.

② Get the roots.

Cases : ① real roots

distinct real roots r_1 and r_2 .

$$\text{general sol'n} = C_1 e^{r_1 x} + C_2 e^{r_2 x}$$

repeated real root r_1

$$\text{general sol'n} = C_1 e^{r_1 x} + C_2 x e^{r_1 x}$$

② Complex roots.

→ next page.

$\alpha + \beta i$ and $\alpha - \beta i$

$\beta \neq 0$

$$\text{general soln} = C_1 e^{\alpha x} \cos(\beta x) + C_2 e^{\alpha x} \sin(\beta x)$$

ex. $y'' + 2y' - 3y = 0$.

Linear, second order, constant coefficient, homogeneous ODE.

Solve $r^2 + 2r - 3 = 0$.

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

$r = -3, r = 1$. \leftarrow distinct real roots

\therefore the general sol'n is

$$y = C_1 e^{-3x} + C_2 e^x$$

ex. $y'' + y' + y = 0$.

Solve $r^2 + r + 1 = 0$
 $r = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1-4}}{2} = -\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} i$

complex roots.

$$\alpha = -\frac{1}{2}, \beta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

General sol'n

$$y = C_1 e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x\right) + C_2 e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x\right)$$

ex. $y'' + 2y' + y = 0$.

Solve $r^2 + 2r + 1 = 0$
 $(r+1)^2 = 0$
 $\underline{\underline{r = -1}}$ \leftarrow repeated

General Sol'n: $y = C_1 e^{-x} + C_2 x e^{-x}$.

Show that $\{e^{-2x}, e^{-3x}\}$ is a fundamental set of solutions to $y'' + 5y' + 6y = 0$.

Sol'n's? You do it.

L.I.?

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} e^{-2x} & e^{-3x} \\ -2e^{-2x} & -3e^{-3x} \end{pmatrix} = -3e^{-5x} + 2e^{-5x} = -e^{-5x}$$

↑
never zero.

$\therefore \{e^{-2x}, e^{-3x}\}$ is a F.S. of sol'n's.

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5. The solution to $y'' + 5y' + 6y = 0, y(0) = 1, y'(0) = -1$
has the form $y = c_1 e^{-2x} + c_2 e^{-3x}$. Give the value of c_1 .

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{y(0) = 1} : & \quad \boxed{c_1 + c_2 = 1} \\ \underline{y'(0) = -1} : & \quad \boxed{\begin{aligned} y' &= -2c_1 e^{-2x} - 3c_2 e^{-3x} \\ -2c_1 - 3c_2 &= -1 \end{aligned}} \\ 3 \cdot (\text{first}) + (\text{second}) \\ \boxed{c_1 = 2} \end{aligned}$$

Give the general solution to $y''+2y'-15y=0$.

you do it.

Give the general solution to $y'' - 4y' + 4y = 0$.

Solve $r^2 - 4r + 4 = 0$
 $(r-2)^2 = 0$
 $r=2 \quad \leftarrow \text{repeated.}$

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

Back to the general case...

The Wronskian

Definition: (recall)

$$W[y_1, y_2] = y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1' = \det \begin{pmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{pmatrix}$$

Note: $W[y_2, y_1] = y_2 y_1' - y_1 y_2' = -W[y_1, y_2]$

Special case - when y_1 and y_2 solve

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$$

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0 \quad (\text{H})$$

$$W[y_1, y_2] = C e^{-\int p(x)dx}$$

why? $W[y_1, y_2] = \underline{y_1 y_2'} - \underline{y_2 y_1'}$

$$(W[y_1, y_2])' = \underline{y_1 y_2''} + \underline{y_1' y_2'} - \underbrace{(y_2 y_1'' + \underline{y_2' y_1'})}_{\text{Cancel.}}$$

$$= y_1 y_2'' - y_2 y_1''$$

$$= \underline{y_1} (-p(x)y_2' - q(x)y_2) - \underline{y_2} (-p(x)y_1' - q(x)y_1)$$

Cancel

$$= y_1(-p(x)y_2') - y_2(-p(x)y_1') \\ = -p(x)(y_1y_2' - y_2y_1') = -p(x)W[y_1, y_2].$$

i.e. $(W[y_1, y_2])' = -p(x)W[y_1, y_2]$

$$\underbrace{(W[y_1, y_2])'}_u + p(x) \underbrace{W[y_1, y_2]}_u = 0.$$

$$u' + p(x)u = 0$$

Integrating factor!

$$\mu(x) = e^{\int p(x)dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(e^{\int p(x)dx} u \right) = 0$$

Integrate

$$e^{\int p(x)dx} u = C$$

$$\Rightarrow u = Ce^{-\int p(x)dx}$$

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$$6. \quad W[e^{2x}, e^{-x}] = \det \begin{pmatrix} e^{2x} & e^{-x} \\ 2e^{2x} & -e^{-x} \end{pmatrix} = -e^{-x} - 2e^{2x}$$
$$= -3e^x$$

(0) $-3e^x$

(1) $2e^x$

(2) $-e^x$

(3) e^x

(4) $-4e^x$

(5) None of these.

Summarizing the Wronskian Information

Theorem

Suppose that y_1 and y_2 are solutions of $y'' + py' + qy = 0$, and let $W = W[y_1, y_2]$. Then:

- i. $W' = -pW$
- ii. $W = Ce^{-\int p(x)dx}$
- iii. $W(x) \neq 0$ for all $x \in \mathcal{I}$ when y_1, y_2 are linearly independent;
 $W(x) = 0$ for all $x \in \mathcal{I}$ when y_1, y_2 are linearly dependent.

Not L.I.

Give the general form of the Wronskian of any pair of solutions to $y'' + \frac{2}{x}y' - 4y = 0$.

If y_1 and y_2 solve, then

$$\begin{aligned} W[y_1, y_2] &= C e^{-\int \frac{2}{x} dx} \\ &= C e^{-2 \ln |x|} = C e^{\ln(\frac{1}{x^2})} \\ &= \frac{C}{x^2}. \end{aligned}$$

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7. Give the general form of the Wronskian for any pair of solutions to $y'' + 2y' - 3\cos(x)y = 0$. $- \int 2dx$

- (0) Ce^{2x}
- (1) Ce^{-2x}
- (2) $Ce^{-3\sin(x)}$
- (3) $Ce^{3\sin(x)}$
- (4) None of these.

$$W[y_1, y_2] = Ce^{-2x}$$

It can be very difficult to find a fundamental set of solutions to

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0 \quad (\text{H})$$

when p and q are not constants.

However, sometimes one nontrivial solution can be found. When this is the case, a fundamental set can be obtained by using a process called

*** Reduction of Order ***

Reduction of Order - Used to find a second linearly independent solution to a homogeneous linear second-order differential equation from a given nontrivial solution.

Idea: Suppose y_1 is a nontrivial solution to

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0 \quad (\text{H})$$

and we want to find another nontrivial solution so that $\{y_1, y_2\}$ is a fundamental set of solutions.

Process: We know $W[y_1, y_2] = C e^{-\int p(x) dx}$

Let's make a strategic choice of C .

$C = 1$. $- \int p(x) dx$

$\frac{y_1}{\underline{\underline{}}}, \underline{\underline{y_2'}} - \underline{\underline{y_1'}} \underline{\underline{y_2}} = \underline{\underline{e}}$

$\begin{matrix} \text{known} & \text{known} & \text{known} \end{matrix}$

1st order linear ODE for y_2 . Solve it!

we know it from earlier.

Show that e^{2x} is a solution to $y'' - 4y' + 4y = 0$.

Then use reduction of order to find a second linearly independent solution.

(Note: Two more examples of reduction of order are given in a posted video.)

Solve $W[e^{2x}, y_2] = e^{-\int -4dx} = e^{4x}$

$$e^{2x} y_2' - 2e^{2x} y_2 = e^{4x}$$

$$y_2' - 2y_2 = e^{2x} \quad \int -2dx = -2x$$

integrating factor: $\mu(x) = e^{-\int -2dx} = e^{-2x}$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (e^{-2x} y_2) = e^{-2x} e^{2x} = 1$$

Integrate $\Rightarrow e^{-2x} y_2 = x + C$

$$\Rightarrow y_2 = x e^{2x} + C e^{2x}$$

choose any C we want. $C=0$.

$$\Rightarrow y_2 = \underline{\underline{x e^{2x}}}$$

$\therefore \{e^{2x}, xe^{2x}\}$ is a F.S. of sol'n's.

We already knew this. I just wanted to show you the method in action.

Solving the Nonhomogeneous Problem The Method of Variation of Parameters

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = f(x) \quad (\text{NH})$$

Idea:

1. Suppose $\{y_1, y_2\}$ is a fundamental set of solutions to $y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$.

2. Then a particular solution to

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = f(x)$$

can be written in the form

$$z = u(x)y_1 + v(x)y_2$$

The method of variation of parameters gives a mechanism for finding a particular solution from 2 linearly independent solutions y_1 and y_2 to the associated homogeneous equation (i.e. the reduced equation).

i.e. the homogeneous problem RULES!!

Theorem Let y_1 and y_2 be linearly independent solutions of

$$y'' + py' + qy = 0,$$

and let $W = W[y_1, y_2] = y_1 y'_2 - y'_1 y_2$. If u and v satisfy

$$u' = -\frac{y_2}{W} f \text{ and } v' = \frac{y_1}{W} f,$$

then

$$z = u y_1 + v y_2$$

is a solution of

$$y'' + py' + qy = f.$$

(i.e. z is a particular solution)

∴ The general sol'n to (N^H) is
$$y = C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2 + z.$$

Give the general solution to $y'' + y = \csc(x)$. (NH)

Process:

1. Get a fundamental set of solutions to $y'' + y = 0$.

Solve $r^2 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow r = \pm i$ $\{ \cos(x), \sin(x) \}$ is a F.S. of sol'ns

2. Get a particular solution of the form $z = u y_1 + v y_2$

where $u' = -\frac{y_2}{W} f$ and $v' = \frac{y_1}{W} f$. $W[y_1, y_2] = \det \begin{pmatrix} \cos(x) & \sin(x) \\ -\sin(x) & \cos(x) \end{pmatrix} = \cos^2(x) + \sin^2(x) = 1$

$$u' = \frac{-\sin(x)}{1} \csc(x) = -1. \quad \Rightarrow u = -x$$

$$v' = \frac{\cos(x)}{1} \csc(x) = \cot(x)$$

$$v = \ln |\sin(x)|$$

3. Write the general solution of (NH).

$$\therefore z = -x \cos(x) + (\ln |\sin(x)|) \sin(x)$$

\Rightarrow the general sol'n sol'n to $y'' + y = \csc(x)$ is

$$y = C_1 \cos(x) + C_2 \sin(x) + \left(-x \cos(x) + \sin(x) \ln |\sin(x)| \right).$$

Remark: There is a process that can be used to solve the nonhomogeneous problem in the SPECIAL CASE

$$y'' + ay' + by = f(x)$$

where a and b are real numbers AND f(x) is made up of sums and products of

$\exp(kx)$, $\sin(mx)$, $\cos(nx)$, x , 1

The method is called the method of undetermined coefficients.
(see the text)

Guessing Method.

I posted some videos.

Read the Online Text, Watch the Embedded Videos, and Look at the Posted Videos