

Math 2250-1

Friday October 24

5.3 homog. DE's with const coeff

Recall general linear DE setup from Wednesday (6.5.2):

$$\mathcal{L}(y) = y^{(n)} + p_{n-1}y^{(n-1)} + \dots + p_2y'' + p_1y' + p_0y, \quad p_j(x), \text{ continuous on } I$$

$$\mathcal{L}(y) = 0 \quad \text{homogeneous}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(y) = f \quad \text{inhomogeneous.}$$

We know (pages 3-4 Wed, let's quickly rescan these)

• WP $\begin{cases} \mathcal{L}(y) = f \\ y(a) = b_0 \\ y'(a) = b_1 \\ \vdots \\ y^{(n-1)}(a) = b_{n-1} \end{cases}$ has unique solutions

- Solution space to $\mathcal{L}(y) = 0$ is n -dimensional vector space.
- You can use the Wronskian to see if you've found a basis (how?)

And (discussed Tuesday but not written in the notes):

• The general solution to $\mathcal{L}(y) = f$ is $y = y_p + y_H$

Because

(i) If $\mathcal{L}(y_p) = f$ and $\mathcal{L}(y_H) = 0$

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general soln to homog. eqn.

then $\mathcal{L}(y_p + y_H) = \mathcal{L}(y_p) + \mathcal{L}(y_H) = f + 0 = f$

so $y_p + y_H$ is always a soln.

(ii) If $\mathcal{L}(y_p) = f$ and also $\mathcal{L}(y) = f$

then $\mathcal{L}(y - y_p) = f - f = 0$

so $y - y_p = y_H$ (a homog soln)

$y = y_p + y_H$.

Example 4 On Wednesday we showed that for

$$\mathcal{L}(y) = y''' - 3y'' - 4y' + 12y$$

the solns to $\mathcal{L}(y) = 0$ are

$$y_H(x) = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{-2x} + c_3 e^{3x}$$

($\{e^{2x}, e^{-2x}, e^{3x}\}$ are a basis for the sol'n space)

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book writes $y_c(x)$, for "complementary sol'n".

Find the full solution to

$$y''' - 3y'' - 4y' + 12y = 6$$

hint: try a particular soln which is constant.

HW for Friday Oct 31

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5.2 (2) 5 (9) (11) (13) 21, (22), 25, (26)

5.3 (3, 10, 14) 21, (22) 24, (29, 33, 37)

5.4 (4, 5, 7) 10, 12, (15, 17, 18, 23) In 15, 17, 18 just

5.5 (3) 4 (12) 13, (19, 34, 37, 43, 49) (52) (find the solutions $x(t)$, also in phase-amp. form)

(Maple project on 5.4 & 5.6 is due Monday Nov. 3)

Example 5 Rework the chapter 1 problem

$y' - 7y = 14$
to find $y = y_p + y_H$. What is a basis (2 dimension) of the sol'n space to $\mathcal{L}(y) = 0$?

How to solve constant coefficient linear homogeneous DE's

$$\mathcal{L}(y) = y^{(n)} + a_{n-1}y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_1y' + a_0y = 0 \quad a_j \text{'s constant}$$

step 1 try $y = e^{rx}$.

Then $\mathcal{L}(y) = (r^n + a_{n-1}r^{n-1} + \dots + a_1r + a_0)e^{rx}$

So any root of $p(r)$ yields a solution
 $p(r)$, the characteristic polynomial

Now there are several cases of increasing complexity.

Case I If $p(r)$ has n distinct (different) real roots $= r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n$

then $y_H(x) = c_1 e^{r_1 x} + c_2 e^{r_2 x} + \dots + c_n e^{r_n x}$ is the general soltn
(i.e. $\{e^{r_1 x}, e^{r_2 x}, \dots, e^{r_n x}\}$ is a basis)

(Example 4 Monday is this case)

Case II Repeated roots (real).

(We rushed an example of this on Wednesday)

If $(r-\alpha)^k$ is a factor of $p(r)$, then

$e^{\alpha x}, x e^{\alpha x}, \dots, x^{k-1} e^{\alpha x}$ are k linearly ind. soltns.

If $p(r) = (r-r_1)^{k_1} (r-r_2)^{k_2} \dots (r-r_j)^{k_j}$ $k_1 + k_2 + \dots + k_j = n$
then a basis of soltns is given by

$$\underbrace{\{e^{r_1 x}, x e^{r_1 x}, \dots, x^{k_1-1} e^{r_1 x}\}}_{k_1 \text{ fns}}, \underbrace{\{e^{r_2 x}, x e^{r_2 x}, \dots, x^{k_2-1} e^{r_2 x}\}}_{k_2 \text{ fns}}, \dots, \underbrace{\{e^{r_j x}, x e^{r_j x}, \dots, x^{k_j-1} e^{r_j x}\}}_{k_j \text{ fns}}$$

one could check that these n functions are linearly independent (harder than case I), and that they all solve $\mathcal{L}(y) = 0$ (page 312).

at $x=0$ the Wronskian matrix is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ r_1 & r_2 & \dots & r_n \\ r_1^2 & r_2^2 & \dots & r_n^2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ r_1^{n-1} & r_2^{n-1} & \dots & r_n^{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$
with $\det = \prod_{i < j} (r_j - r_i) \neq 0!$, so these n fns are lin ind, and basis!

Example 6

$$y'''' - y'' = 0$$

$$p(r) = r^4 - r^2 = r^2(r^2 - 1)$$

$$\text{so } Y_H(x) = c_1 + c_2 x + c_3 x^2 + c_4 e^x$$

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 $1 = e^{0x}$

This is an example of Case II, and it's easy enough that we can check ans by antidifferentiation: (3)

Case III Complex roots: exponential fans still work, you just need to remember (or learn!) Euler's formula.

Recall from Taylor series in Calc.

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

If we write $i = \sqrt{-1}$ then define

$$e^{ix} := 1 + ix + \frac{(ix)^2}{2!} + \frac{(ix)^3}{3!} + \dots$$
$$= 1 + ix - \frac{x^2}{2!} - \frac{ix^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{ix^5}{5!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} - \frac{ix^7}{7!} + \dots$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\cos x}$

$$e^{ix} := \cos x + i \sin x \quad \text{Euler's formula}$$

Define, for $z = x + iy$

$$e^z = e^{x+iy} := e^x e^{iy} = e^x (\cos y + i \sin y)$$

Now, return to the DE $\mathcal{L}(y) = 0$, with $r = a \pm ib$ roots of the characteristic polynomial. We claim

$e^{(a+ib)x}$, $e^{(a-ib)x}$ are (complex) solutions.

This follows from the fact that

$$\frac{d}{dx} e^{(a+ib)x} = (a+ib) e^{(a+ib)x}$$

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a good exercise in trig identities, p. 315

$$(f(x) + ig(x))' := f'(x) + ig'(x)$$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}(f + ig) = \mathcal{L}(f) + i\mathcal{L}(g)$ so if $y = f + ig$ is a complex solution,

this is equivalent to $\mathcal{L}(f) = 0 = \mathcal{L}(g)$

Thus if $r = a \pm ib$ are conjugate roots of the characteristic poly $p(r) = 0$,

then box on left of bottom page 2 says

$$D_x e^{rx} = r e^{rx}.$$

Thus $\mathcal{L}(e^{rx}) = p(r) e^{rx} \equiv 0$ since $r = a \pm ib$ are roots.

On the other hand

$$e^{rx} = e^{ax} (\cos bx \pm i \sin bx) = f + ig$$

$$\text{so } 0 = \mathcal{L}(e^{rx}) = \underbrace{\mathcal{L}(e^{ax} \cos bx)}_{\text{real}} \pm i \underbrace{\mathcal{L}(e^{ax} \sin bx)}_{\text{imaginary}}$$

$0 + 0i$

thus $\mathcal{L}(e^{ax} \cos bx) = 0, \mathcal{L}(e^{ax} \sin bx) = 0.$ (2 sol'ns from two roots, $a \pm ib$)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{lin ind: } & c_1 e^{ax} \cos bx + c_2 e^{ax} \sin bx \equiv 0 \\ \div e^{ax} \rightarrow & c_1 \cos bx + c_2 \sin bx \equiv 0 \\ D_x: & -c_1 b \sin bx + c_2 b \cos bx \equiv 0 \\ @ x=0 \text{ yields } & c_1 + 0 = 0 \\ & 0 + b c_2 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & c_1 = c_2 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Example 7 Find the general sol'n to

$$y'' + 4y = 0$$

(notice this is our undamped spring from Tuesday notes, written with different letters).

$$\begin{aligned} p(r) &= r^2 + 4 = 0 \\ r^2 &= -4 \\ r &= \pm 2i \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} e^{(2i)x} &= e^{i(2x)} = \cos 2x + i \sin 2x \\ y_H &= c_1 \cos 2x + c_2 \sin 2x \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Case III completed: If $p(r) = (r - (a + ib))^k q(r)$ then $(r - (a - ib))^k$ is also a factor (since we assume $p(r)$ has real number coeff's)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } & e^{ax} \cos bx, e^{ax} \sin bx \\ & x e^{ax} \cos bx, x e^{ax} \sin bx \\ & \vdots \\ & x^{k-1} e^{ax} \cos bx, x^{k-1} e^{ax} \sin bx \end{aligned}$$

are $2k$ linearly ind. sol'ns.

Combining cases I, II, III yields an algorithm for solving $\mathcal{L}(y) = 0$ whenever \mathcal{L} is an n^{th} order, const-coeff linear DE operator.

On Monday we will cover 45.4 - the mass-spring unforced oscillator $m x''(t) + c x'(t) + k x(t) = 0.$ Look ahead!