

Math 2250-1  
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We're going through the algorithm to solve the constant coefficient linear homogeneous DE

$$\mathcal{L}(y) = 0$$

where  $\mathcal{L}(y) = y^{(n)} + a_{n-1}y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_2y'' + a_1y' + a_0y$ .  $a_j$ 's constant.

in all cases, trying  $y = e^{rx}$  leads to

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

so  $\mathcal{L}(y) = 0$  exactly when  $r$  is a root of the charact poly  $p(r)$ .

We've understood

Case I: distinct real roots

Case II: repeated roots

and are discussing

Case III: complex roots.

$$\text{Euler: } e^{iy} := \cos y + i \sin y$$

so, for  $z = x + iy$ , define

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

Def: If  $f(x) + i g(x)$  is a complex-valued function of the real variable  $x$ ,

$$\text{then } (f(x) + i g(x))' := f'(x) + i g'(x).$$

So if  $\mathcal{L}$  is a linear differential operator with real coefficients, we can talk about complex solutions to

$$\mathcal{L}(y) = 0.$$

If  $y = f + i g$ , then  $\mathcal{L}(y) = \mathcal{L}(f) + i \mathcal{L}(g)$ , so  $\mathcal{L}(y) = 0$  iff  $\mathcal{L}(f) = 0$  and  $\mathcal{L}(g) = 0$ .

Theorem: If  $r$  is a complex root of the characteristic polynomial, then  $y = e^{rx}$  is a complex sol'n of  $\mathcal{L}(y) = 0$ .

why All we used to connect roots to solutions was  $\frac{d}{dx} e^{rx} = r e^{rx}$

since then  $\mathcal{L}(e^{rx}) = p(r)e^{rx}$ .

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let  $r = a + bi$

then  $e^{rx} = e^{(a+bi)x} = e^{ax} (\cos bx + i \sin bx)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so } \frac{d}{dx}(e^{rx}) &= \frac{d}{dx}(e^{(a+bi)x}) = e^{ax} [a(\cos bx + i \sin bx) + -b \sin bx + i b \cos bx] \\ &= e^{ax} [a \cos bx - b \sin bx + i(a \sin bx + b \cos bx)] \\ &\stackrel{?}{=} (a+bi) e^{ax} (\cos bx + i \sin bx) \quad \checkmark \\ &= r e^{rx} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, if  $r$  is a root of the characteristic poly, then

$$\mathcal{L}(e^{rx}) = p(r) e^{rx} = 0 = 0 + 0i$$

$$\mathcal{L}(e^{ax} \cos bx + i e^{ax} \sin bx)$$

$y_1(x)$                    $y_2(x)$

$\mathcal{L}(y_1(x)) + i \mathcal{L}(y_2(x))$  by def of complex deriv.

Equating real & imag. parts, deduce

$$\mathcal{L}(y_1) = 0, \mathcal{L}(y_2) = 0$$

gives 2 real linearly independent sol's,  
 $e^{ax} \cos bx, e^{ax} \sin bx.$

$y_1, y_2$  ind:

$$c_1 e^{ax} \cos bx + c_2 e^{ax} \sin bx = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 \cos bx + c_2 \sin bx = 0$$

$$D_x \Rightarrow -c_1 \sin bx + c_2 b \cos bx = 0$$

@  $x=0$  get  $c_1 + 0 = 0$   
 $0 + b c_2 = 0$   
so  $c_1 = c_2 = 0$

**Case III** complex roots

Each pair of conjugate roots  $a+bi, a-bi$  yield a pair of linearly ind. sol's  
 $e^{ax} \cos bx, e^{ax} \sin bx$

If  $r = a+bi$  appears with multiplicity  $> 1$  in the characteristic poly, you also get sol's  
 $x e^{ax} \cos bx, x e^{ax} \sin bx$

⋮  
following the same algorithm as for repeated real roots as in Case II.

example 1

$$\begin{cases} y'' + 2y' + 5 = 0 \\ y(0) = 1 \\ y'(0) = 2 \end{cases}$$

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> with(plots):
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> plot(exp(-x) * (cos(2*x) + 1.5*sin(2*x)), x=0..4, color=black);
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$$p(r) = r^2 + 2r + 5 = 0$$

$$r = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4-20}}{2} = \frac{-2 \pm 4i}{2} = -1 \pm 2i$$

$$e^{(-1+2i)x} = e^{-x} (\cos 2x + i \sin 2x)$$

$$y(x) = c_1 e^{-x} \cos 2x + c_2 e^{-x} \sin 2x$$

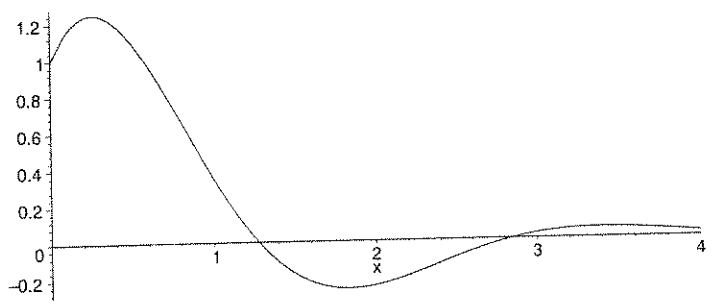
$$y(0) = 1 = c_1$$

$$y'(0) = 2 = -c_1 + 2c_2 \leftarrow \text{why?}$$

$$2 = -1 + 2c_2$$

$$\frac{3}{2} = c_2$$

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



5.4 Mechanical vibrations (= application, so x(t) instead of y(x)).

$$m x'' + c x' + k x = 0$$

$\uparrow$  mass       $\uparrow$  coeff of friction       $\uparrow$  Hooke's constant.

(see lecture notes 10/22 page 3 for derivation)

example 2 • interpret example 1 in this context.

We study this extremely important DE in stages:

Case 1 Free undamped motion

$\uparrow$  no driving force       $\uparrow$   $c=0$

$$m x'' + k x = 0$$

$$x'' + \frac{k}{m} x = 0$$

$$x'' + \omega_0^2 x = 0 \quad (\omega_0 := \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}})$$

if  $x = e^{rt}$ ,  $p(r) = r^2 + \omega_0^2 = 0$

$$r = \pm i \omega_0$$

$$e^{i \omega_0 t} = \cos \omega_0 t + i \sin \omega_0 t$$

$$x(t) = A \cos \omega_0 t + B \sin \omega_0 t$$

simple harmonic motion

example 3 A mass of 2 kg oscillates without damping on a spring with Hooke's constant 18 Newtons/meter. It is initially stretched 1 meter from equilibrium, and released with a velocity of  $\frac{3}{2}$  m/sec. Show that the displacement  $x(t)$  solves

A) 
$$\begin{cases} x'' + 9x = 0 \\ x(0) = 1 \\ x'(0) = \frac{3}{2} \end{cases}$$

B) Solve the IVP (A). Express the solution in amplitude-phase form, and interpret the  $(t, x(t))$  graph below (Identify amplitude, phase, time delay).

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> with(plots):
  Digits:=5:
  > omega:=3; #angular frequency
  alpha:=arctan(.5); #phase
  delta:=arctan(.5)/3; #time delay
  C:=sqrt(5./4); #amplitude
  T:=evalf(2*Pi/3); #period
  0.46365
  0.15455
  1.1180
  T:=2.0944
  > plot1:=plot(cos(3*t)+.5*sin(3*t),t=0..4,color=black):
  plot2:=plot(C*cos(3*t-alpha),t=0..4,color=black):
  plot3:=plot(C*cos(3*(t-delta)),t=0..4,color=black):
  display({plot1,plot2,plot3});
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