

Linear comb of solns is also a soln to Linear homog eqn

Summary of sections 3.1, 3, 4: Solve linear homogeneous 2nd order DE with constant coefficients.

Solve $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$. Educated guess $y = e^{rt}$, then

$$ar^2e^{rt} + bre^{rt} + ce^{rt} = 0 \text{ implies } ar^2 + br + c = 0,$$

Suppose $r = r_1, r_2$ are solutions to $ar^2 + br + c = 0$

$$r_{1,2} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

If $r_1 \neq r_2$, then $b^2 - 4ac \neq 0$. Hence a general solution is $y = c_1e^{r_1t} + c_2e^{r_2t}$

If $b^2 - 4ac > 0$, general solution is $y = c_1e^{r_1t} + c_2e^{r_2t}$.

If $b^2 - 4ac < 0$, change format to linear combination of real-valued functions instead of complex valued functions by using Euler's formula.

general solution is $y = c_1e^{dt} \cos(nt) + c_2e^{dt} \sin(nt)$ where $r = d \pm in$

If $b^2 - 4ac = 0$, $r_1 = r_2$, so need 2nd (independent) solution: te^{r_1t}

Hence general solution is $y = c_1e^{r_1t} + c_2te^{r_1t}$.

Initial value problem: use $y(t_0) = y_0, y'(t_0) = y'_0$ to solve for c_1, c_2 to find unique solution.

~~(t_0, y_0)~~

Derivation of general solutions:

If $b^2 - 4ac > 0$ we guessed e^{rt} is a solution and noted that any linear combination of solutions is a solution to a homogeneous linear differential equation.

Section 3.3: If $b^2 - 4ac < 0$,

Changed format of $y = c_1e^{r_1t} + c_2e^{r_2t}$ to linear combination of real-valued functions instead of complex valued functions by using Euler's formula.

$$e^{it} = \cos(t) + isin(t)$$

$$\text{Hence } e^{(d+in)t} = e^{dt}e^{int} = e^{dt}[\cos(nt) + isin(nt)]$$

Let $r_1 = d + in, r_2 = d - in$

$$y = c_1e^{r_1t} + c_2e^{r_2t} = c_1e^{(d+in)t} + c_2e^{(d-in)t}$$

$$= c_1e^{dt}[\cos(nt) + isin(nt)] + c_2e^{dt}[\cos(-nt) + isin(-nt)]$$

$$= c_1e^{dt}\cos(nt) + ic_1e^{dt}\sin(nt) + c_2e^{dt}\cos(nt) - ic_2e^{dt}\sin(nt)$$

$$= (c_1 + c_2)e^{dt}\cos(nt) + i(c_1 - c_2)e^{dt}\sin(nt)$$

$$= k_1e^{dt}\cos(nt) + k_2e^{dt}\sin(nt)$$

$c_1 + c_2 \Rightarrow \text{constant}$
 $i(c_1 - c_2) \Rightarrow \text{constant}$
 slope at (t_0, y_0) is y'_0

Second order differential equation:

Linear equation with constant coefficients:

If the second order differential equation is

$$ay'' + by' + cy = 0,$$

then $y = e^{rt}$ is a solution

Need to have two independent solutions.

Solve the following IVPs:

*plug to initial values
solve for c_1 & c_2
(see chalk board)*

1.) $y'' - 6y' + 9y = 0$

$$y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 2$$

$$r^2 - 6r + 9 = 0$$

General soln

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

$$\Rightarrow r = 3$$

$$y = c_1 (e^{3t}) + c_2 (te^{3t})$$

2.) $4y'' - y' + 2y = 0$

$$y(0) = 3, y'(0) = 4$$

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

General soln

$$r = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4(4)(2)}}{2} = \frac{1 \pm i\sqrt{31}}{2}$$

$$y = c_1 e^{t/2} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{31}}{2}t\right) + c_2 e^{t/2} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{31}}{2}t\right)$$

3.) $4y'' + 4y' + y = 0$

$$y(0) = 6, y'(0) = 7$$

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

General soln

$$(2r+1)(2r+1) = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow r = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$y = c_1 (e^{-t/2}) + c_2 (te^{-t/2})$$

4.) $2y'' - 2y = 0$

$$y(0) = 5, y'(0) = 9$$

$$2r^2 - 2 = 0$$

General soln

$$r^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$(r-1)(r+1) = 0 \Rightarrow r = \pm 1$$

$$y = c_1 (e^t) + c_2 (e^{-t})$$

Solve: $y'' + y = 0$, $y(0) = -1$, $y'(0) = -3$

$r^2 + 1 = 0$ implies $r^2 = -1$. Thus $r = \pm i$.

RECOMMENDED Method:

Since $r = 0 \pm 1i$, $y = k_1 \cos(t) + k_2 \sin(t)$

Then $y' = -k_1 \sin(t) + k_2 \cos(t)$

$y(0) = -1$: $-1 = k_1 \cos(0) + k_2 \sin(0)$ implies $-1 = k_1$

$y'(0) = -3$: $-3 = -k_1 \sin(0) + k_2 \cos(0)$ implies $-3 = k_2$

Thus IVP solution: $y = -\cos(t) - 3\sin(t)$

$y = c_1 (\cancel{e^{0t}} \cos(t)) + c_2 (\cancel{e^{0t}} \sin(t))$

NOT RECOMMENDED: work with $y = c_1 e^{it} + c_2 e^{-it}$

$y' = ic_1 e^{it} - ic_2 e^{-it}$

$y(0) = -1$: $-1 = c_1 e^0 + c_2 e^0$ implies $-1 = c_1 + c_2$.

$y'(0) = -3$: $-3 = ic_1 e^0 - ic_2 e^0$ implies $-3 = ic_1 - ic_2$.

$-1i = ic_1 + ic_2$.

$-3 = ic_1 - ic_2$.

$2ic_1 = -3 - i$ implies $c_1 = \frac{-3i - i^2}{-2} = \frac{3i - 1}{2}$

$2ic_2 = 3 - i$ implies $c_2 = \frac{3i - i^2}{-2} = \frac{-3i - 1}{2}$

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

$y = (\frac{3i-1}{2})e^{it} + (\frac{-3i-1}{2})e^{-it} = (\frac{3i-1}{2})[\cos(t) + i\sin(t)] + (\frac{-3i-1}{2})[\cos(-t) + i\sin(-t)]$

$= (\frac{3i-1}{2})[\cos(t) + i\sin(t)] + (\frac{-3i-1}{2})[\cos(t) - i\sin(t)]$

$= (\frac{3i}{2})\cos(t) + (\frac{3i}{2})i\sin(t) + (\frac{-1}{2})\cos(t) + (\frac{-1}{2})i\sin(t) + (\frac{-3i}{2})\cos(t) - (\frac{-3i}{2})i\sin(t) + (\frac{-1}{2})\cos(t) - (\frac{-1}{2})i\sin(t)$

$= (\frac{3i}{2})i\sin(t) + (\frac{-1}{2})\cos(t) + (\frac{3i}{2})i\sin(t) + (\frac{-1}{2})\cos(t)$

$= -(\frac{3}{2})\sin(t) - (\frac{1}{2})\cos(t) - (\frac{3}{2})\sin(t) - (\frac{1}{2})\cos(t)$

$= -3\sin(t) - 1\cos(t)$

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simplified :)

So why did we guess $y = e^{rt}$?

Goal: Solve linear homogeneous 2nd order DE with constant coefficients,

$$ay'' + by' + cy = 0 \text{ where } a, b, c \text{ are constants}$$

Standard mathematical technique: make up simpler problems and see if you can generalize to the problem of interest.

Ex: linear homogeneous 1st order DE: $y' + 2y = 0$

integrating factor $u(t) = e^{\int 2dt} = e^{2t}$

$$y'e^{2t} + 2e^{2t}y = 0$$

$$(e^{2t}y)' = 0. \text{ Thus } \int (e^{2t}y)' dt = \int 0 dt. \text{ Hence } e^{2t}y = C$$

$$\text{So } y = Ce^{-2t}.$$

Thus exponential function could also be a solution to a linear homogeneous 2nd order DE

Ex: Simple linear homog 2nd order DE $y'' + 2y' = 0$.

Let $v = y'$, then $v' = y''$

$y'' + 2y' = 0$ implies $v' + 2v = 0$ implies $v = e^{-2t}$.

Thus $v = y' = \frac{dy}{dt} = Ce^{-2t}$. Hence $dy = Ce^{-2t} dt$ and

$$y = c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2.$$

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Note 2 integrations give us 2 constants.

Note also that the general solution is a linear combination of two solutions:

Let $c_1 = 1, c_2 = 0$, then we see, $y(t) = e^{-2t}$ is a solution.

Let $c_1 = 0, c_2 = 1$, then we see, $y(t) = 1$ is a solution.

The general solution is a linear combination of two solutions:

$$y = c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2(1).$$

Recall: you have seen this before:

Solve linear homogeneous matrix equation $Ay = 0$.

The general solution is a linear combination of linearly independent vectors that span the solution space:

$$y = c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n$$

FYI: You could see this again:

Math 4050: Solve homogeneous linear recurrence relation $x_n - x_{n-1} - x_{n-2} = 0$ where $x_1 = 1$ and $x_2 = 1$.

Fibonacci sequence: $x_n = x_{n-1} + x_{n-2}$

1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, ...

$$\text{Note } x_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n$$

back in solve again

$r^2 + 2r = r(r+2)$
no y change \Rightarrow to 1st order
solve
plug $v = y'$
solve again

$y = \phi(t)$ is a soln. Then try $y = v(t)\phi(t)$ ← Method of undetermined coefficients in a simplified case 3.6

Section 3.4: If $b^2 - 4ac = 0$, then $r_1 = r_2$. Hence one solution is $y = e^{r_1 t}$. Need second solution.

If $y = e^{rt}$ is a solution, $y = ce^{rt}$ is a solution.

How about $y = v(t)e^{rt}$?

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= v'(t)e^{rt} + v(t)re^{rt} \\ y'' &= v''(t)e^{rt} + v'(t)re^{rt} + v'(t)re^{rt} + v(t)r^2e^{rt} \\ &= v''(t)e^{rt} + 2v'(t)re^{rt} + v(t)r^2e^{rt} \end{aligned}$$

$$ay'' + by' + cy = 0$$

$$a(v''e^{rt} + 2v're^{rt} + vr^2e^{rt}) + b(v'e^{rt} + v're^{rt}) + cv'e^{rt} = 0$$

$$a(v''(t) + 2v'(t)r + v(t)r^2) + b(v'(t) + v(t)r) + cv(t) = 0$$

$$av''(t) + 2av'(t)r + av(t)r^2 + bv'(t) + bv(t)r + cv(t) = 0$$

$$av''(t) + (2ar + b)v'(t) + (ar^2 + br + c)v(t) = 0$$

$$av''(t) + (2a(\frac{-b}{2a}) + b)v'(t) + 0 = 0$$

since $ar^2 + br + c = 0$ and $r = \frac{-b}{2a}$

$$av''(t) + (-b + b)v'(t) = 0. \quad \text{Thus } av''(t) = 0.$$

$$\text{Hence } v''(t) = 0 \text{ and } v'(t) = k_1 \text{ and } v(t) = k_1 t + k_2$$

Hence $v(t)e^{r_1 t} = (k_1 t + k_2)e^{r_1 t}$ is a soln

Thus $te^{r_1 t}$ is a nice second solution.

$$\text{Hence general solution is } y = c_1 e^{r_1 t} + c_2 t e^{r_1 t}$$

$$\text{Solve: } y'' + y = 0, y(0) = -1, y'(0) = -3$$

$$r^2 + 1 = 0 \text{ implies } r^2 = -1. \text{ Thus } r = \pm i.$$

$$\text{Since } r = 0 \pm 1i, y = k_1 \cos(t) + k_2 \sin(t).$$

$$\text{Then } y' = -k_1 \sin(t) + k_2 \cos(t)$$

$$y(0) = -1: -1 = k_1 \cos(0) + k_2 \sin(0) \text{ implies } -1 = k_1$$

$$y'(0) = -3: -3 = -k_1 \sin(0) + k_2 \cos(0) \text{ implies } -3 = k_2$$

$$\text{Thus IVP solution: } y = -\cos(t) - 3\sin(t)$$

When does the following IVP have unique sol'n:

$$\text{IVP: } ay'' + by' + cy = 0, y(t_0) = y_0, y'(t_0) = y_1.$$

Suppose $y = c_1 \phi_1(t) + c_2 \phi_2(t)$ is a solution to

$$ay'' + by' + cy = 0. \text{ Then } y' = c_1 \phi_1'(t) + c_2 \phi_2'(t)$$

$$y(t_0) = y_0: y_0 = c_1 \phi_1(t_0) + c_2 \phi_2(t_0)$$

$$y'(t_0) = y_1: y_1 = c_1 \phi_1'(t_0) + c_2 \phi_2'(t_0)$$

To find IVP solution, need to solve above system of two equations for the unknowns c_1 and c_2 .

Note the IVP has a unique solution if and only if the above system of two equations has a unique solution for c_1 and c_2 .