

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

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

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where $r = d \pm in$

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

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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.

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Proof 1: Constructive proof (use integrating factor to find solution).

Proof 2 outline: Use linearity.

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Thm: If $y = \phi_1(t)$ is a solution to homogeneous equation, $y' + p(t)y = 0$, then $y = c\phi_1(t)$ is the general solution to this equation.

If in addition $y = \psi(t)$ is a solution to non-homogeneous equation, $y' + p(t)y = g(t)$, then $y = c\phi_1(t) + \psi(t)$ is the general solution to this equation.

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Thm 3.2.2: If ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 are two solutions to a homogeneous linear differential equation

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

then $c_1\phi_1 + c_2\phi_2$ is also a solution to this linear differential equation.

Proof of thm 3.2.2:

Since $y(t) = \phi_i(t)$ is a solution to the linear homogeneous differential equation $y'' + py' + qy = 0$ where p and q are functions of t (note this includes the case with constant coefficients), then

Claim: $y(t) = c_1\phi_1(t) + c_2\phi_2(t)$ is also a solution to $y'' + py' + qy = 0$

Pf of claim:

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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 $y = c_1 e^{r_1 t} + c_2 e^{r_2 t}$ to linear combination of real-valued functions instead of complex valued functions by using Euler's formula:

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned}y &= c_1 e^{(d+in)t} + c_2 e^{(d-in)t} = c_1 e^{dt+int} + c_2 e^{dt-int} \\&= c_1 e^{dt} e^{int} + c_2 e^{dt} e^{-int} \\&= c_1 e^{dt} [\cos(nt) + i \sin(nt)] + c_2 e^{dt} [\cos(-nt) + i \sin(-nt)] \\&= c_1 e^{dt} \cos(nt) + i c_1 e^{dt} \sin(nt) + c_2 e^{dt} \cos(nt) - i c_2 e^{dt} \sin(nt) \\&= (c_1 + c_2) e^{dt} \cos(nt) + i(c_1 - c_2) e^{dt} \sin(nt) \\&= k_1 e^{dt} \cos(nt) + k_2 e^{dt} \sin(nt)\end{aligned}$$

$$r_1, r_2 = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = d \pm int$$

Alternate proof using linearity:

$$y = e^{dt+int} = e^{dt} [\cos(nt) + i\sin(nt)] \text{ and}$$

$$y = e^{dt-int} = e^{dt} [\cos(-nt) + i\sin(-nt)] = e^{dt} [\cos(nt) - i\sin(nt)]$$

are solutions

Linear combinations of solutions are solutions:

$$y = e^{dt} [\cos(nt) + i\sin(nt)] + e^{dt} [\cos(nt) - i\sin(nt)]$$

$$y = e^{dt} [\cos(nt) + i\sin(nt)] - e^{dt} [\cos(nt) - i\sin(nt)]$$

Thus $y = 2e^{dt} \cos(nt)$ and $y = 2ie^{dt} \sin(nt)$ are both solutions

Since $y = 2e^{dt} \cos(nt)$ and $y = 2ie^{dt} \sin(nt)$ are solutions to $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$ where $b^2 - 4ac < 0$,

Section 3.4: If $b^2 - 4ac = 0$, then $r_1 = r_2$.

Hence one sol'n is $y = e^{r_1 t}$ Need 2nd sol'n to $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$.

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

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

$$y' = v'(t)e^{rt} + v(t)re^{rt}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\text{Hence } v''(t) = 0 \text{ and } v'(t) = k_1 \text{ and } v(t) = k_1t + k_2$$

$$\text{Hence } v(t)e^{r_1t} = (k_1t + k_2)e^{r_1t} \text{ is a soln}$$

Thus te^{r_1t} is a nice second solution.

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

Section 3.4: Reduction of order

Suppose $y = \phi_1(t)$ is a solution to $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0$

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Solve for unknown function $v(t)$ by plugging in:

$y = \phi_1(t)$ is a solution to $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0$
implies $\phi_1'' + p(t)\phi_1' + q(t)\phi_1 = 0$

$$y = v(t)\phi_1(t) \implies y' = v'(t)\phi_1(t) + v(t)\phi_1'(t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} y'' &= v''(t)\phi_1(t) + v'(t)\phi_1'(t) + v'(t)\phi_1'(t) + v(t)\phi_1''(t) \\ &= v''(t)\phi_1(t) + 2v'(t)\phi_1'(t) + v(t)\phi_1''(t) \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} v''(t)\phi_1(t) + 2v'(t)\phi_1'(t) + v(t)\phi_1''(t) \\ + p(t)[v'(t)\phi_1(t) + v(t)\phi_1'(t)] \\ + q(t)[v(t)\phi_1(t)] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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

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 $-3 = ic_1 - ic_2$.

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

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

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

$$y = \left(\frac{3i-1}{2}\right)e^{it} + \left(\frac{-3i-1}{2}\right)e^{-it}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left(\frac{3i-1}{2}\right)[\cos(t) + i\sin(t)] + \left(\frac{-3i-1}{2}\right)[\cos(t) - i\sin(t)] \\
&= \left(\frac{3i}{2}\right)\cos(t) + \left(\frac{3i}{2}\right)i\sin(t) + \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)\cos(t) + \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)i\sin(t) \\
&\quad + \left(\frac{-3i}{2}\right)\cos(t) - \left(\frac{-3i}{2}\right)i\sin(t) + \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)\cos(t) - \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)i\sin(t) \\
&= \left(\frac{3i}{2}\right)i\sin(t) + \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)\cos(t) + \left(\frac{3i}{2}\right)i\sin(t) + \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)\cos(t) \\
&= -\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)\sin(t) - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\cos(t) - \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)\sin(t) - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\cos(t) \\
&= -3\sin(t) - 1\cos(t)
\end{aligned}$$

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

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RECOMMENDED Method:

Since $r = 0 \pm 1i$, $y = c_1 \cos(t) + c_2 \sin(t)$

Then $y' = -c_1 \sin(t) + c_2 \cos(t)$

$y(0) = -1$: $-1 = c_1 \cos(0) + c_2 \sin(0)$ implies $-1 = c_1$

$y'(0) = -3$: $-3 = -c_1 \sin(0) + c_2 \cos(0)$ implies $-3 = c_2$

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 .

$$\begin{aligned} y(t_0) = y_0: & \quad y_0 = c_1\phi_1(t_0) + c_2\phi_2(t_0) \\ y'(t_0) = y_1: & \quad y_1 = c_1\phi_1'(t_0) + c_2\phi_2'(t_0) \end{aligned}$$

Note that in these equations c_1 and c_2 are the unknowns and $y_0, \phi_1(t_0), \phi_2(t_0), y_1, \phi_1'(t_0), \phi_2'(t_0)$ are the constants. We can translate this linear system of equations into matrix form:

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Examples:

$$\begin{aligned} 1.) \quad W(\cos(t), \sin(t)) &= \begin{vmatrix} \cos(t) & \sin(t) \\ -\sin(t) & \cos(t) \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \cos^2(t) + \sin^2(t) = 1 > 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$2.) W(e^{dt} \cos(nt), e^{dt} \sin(nt))$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} e^{dt} \cos(nt) & e^{dt} \sin(nt) \\ de^{dt} \cos(nt) - ne^{dt} \sin(nt) & de^{dt} \sin(nt) + ne^{dt} \cos(nt) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= e^{dt} \cos(nt) (de^{dt} \sin(nt) + ne^{dt} \cos(nt)) - e^{dt} \sin(nt) (de^{dt} \cos(nt) - ne^{dt} \sin(nt))$$

$$= e^{2dt} [\cos(nt) (d \sin(nt) + n \cos(nt)) - \sin(nt) (d \cos(nt) - n \sin(nt))]]$$

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$$= e^{2dt} [n \cos^2(nt) + n \sin^2(nt)] = n e^{2dt} [\cos^2(nt) + \sin^2(nt)]$$

$$= n e^{2dt} > 0 \text{ for all } t.$$

