

## Existence and Uniqueness

### 1st order LINEAR differential equation:

Thm 2.4.1: If  $p : (a, b) \rightarrow R$  and  $g : (a, b) \rightarrow R$  are continuous and  $a < t_0 < b$ , then there exists a unique function  $y = \phi(t)$ ,  $\phi : (a, b) \rightarrow R$  that satisfies the initial value problem

$$\begin{aligned} y' + p(t)y &= g(t), \\ y(t_0) &= y_0 \end{aligned}$$

### 2nd order LINEAR differential equation:

Thm 3.2.1: If  $p : (a, b) \rightarrow R$ ,  $q : (a, b) \rightarrow R$ , and  $g : (a, b) \rightarrow R$  are continuous and  $a < t_0 < b$ , then there exists a unique function  $y = \phi(t)$ ,  $\phi : (a, b) \rightarrow R$  that satisfies the initial value problem

$$\begin{aligned} y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y &= g(t), \\ y(t_0) &= y_0, \\ y'(t_0) &= y'_0 \end{aligned}$$

Thm 3.2.2: If  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  are two solutions to a homogeneous linear differential equation, then  $c_1\phi_1 + c_2\phi_2$  is also a solution to this linear differential equation.

If  $\phi_i$  are sol'n's to  
linear homog DE

$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \phi_i$  is also  
a sol'n

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Need  $n$   $\phi_i$  for  $n^{\text{th}}$  order  
lin diff  
eqn

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1<sup>st</sup> order : gen sol'n :

$$y = C\phi$$

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2<sup>nd</sup> order gen sol'n

$$y = c_1 \phi_1 + c_2 \phi_2$$

where  $\phi_i$  are lin indep.

per Thm 3, 2, 4 plus ...

Pf of Thm 3.2.2

Lin 2<sup>nd</sup> order Hom D. E.

$$ay'' + by' + cy = 0 \quad (\star)$$

Note:  $a, b, c$  can be functions of  $t$

$\phi_1$  is a soln to  $(\star)$

$$\Rightarrow a\phi_1'' + b\phi_1' + c\phi_1 = 0$$

$\phi_2$  is a soln to  $(\star)$

$$\Rightarrow a\phi_2'' + b\phi_2' + c\phi_2 = 0$$

Claim:  $c_1\phi_1 + c_2\phi_2$  is a soln to  $(\star)$

$$a(c_1\phi_1 + c_2\phi_2)'' + b(c_1\phi_1 + c_2\phi_2)' + c(c_1\phi_1 + c_2\phi_2)$$

$$= \underline{a c_1 \phi_1''} + \underline{c c_2 \phi_2''} + \underline{b c_1 \phi_1'} + \underline{b c_2 \phi_2'} + \underline{c c_1 \phi_1} + \underline{c c_2 \phi_2}$$

$$= c_1(a\phi_1'' + b\phi_1' + c\phi_1) + c_2(a\phi_2'' + b\phi_2' + c\phi_2)$$

$$= c_1(0) + c_2(0) = 0 \Rightarrow c_1\phi_1 + c_2\phi_2 \text{ is a soln to } (\star)$$

## Linear Functions

A function  $f$  is linear if  $f(ax + by) = af(\mathbf{x}) + bf(\mathbf{y})$

Or equivalently  $f$  is linear if 1.)  $f(a\mathbf{x}) = af(\mathbf{x})$  and

$$2.) \quad f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) = f(\mathbf{x}) + f(\mathbf{y})$$

Theorem: If  $f$  is linear, then  $f(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0}$

Proof:  $f(\mathbf{0}) = f(0 \cdot \mathbf{0}) = 0 \cdot f(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0}$

Example 1a.)  $f : R \rightarrow R$ ,  $f(x) = 2x$

Proof:

$$f(ax + by) = 2(ax + by) = 2ax + 2by = af(x) + bf(y)$$

Example 1b.)  $f : R \rightarrow R$ ,  $f(x) = 2x + 3$  is NOT linear.

Proof:  $f(2 \cdot 0) = f(0) = 3$ , but  $2f(0) = 2 \cdot 3 = 6$ .

Hence  $f(2 \cdot 0) \neq 2f(0)$

Alternate Proof:  $f(0 + 1) = f(1) = 5$ , but  
 $f(0) + f(1) = 3 + 5 = 8$ . Hence  $f(0 + 1) \neq f(0) + f(1)$

Note confusing notation: Most lines,  $f(x) = mx + b$  are not linear functions.

Question: When is a line,  $f(x) = mx + b$ , a linear function?

Example 2.)  $f : R^2 \rightarrow R^2$ ,

$$f((x_1, x_2)) = (2x_1, x_1 + x_2)$$

Proof: Let  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2)$ ,  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2)$

$$a\mathbf{x} + b\mathbf{y} = a(x_1, x_2) + b(y_1, y_2) = (ax_1, ax_2) + (by_1, by_2) =$$

$$(ax_1 + by_1, ax_2 + by_2)$$

$$f(ax_1 + by_1, ax_2 + by_2)$$

$$= (2(ax_1 + by_1), ax_1 + by_1 + ax_2 + by_2)$$

$$= (2ax_1 + 2by_1, ax_1 + ax_2 + by_1 + by_2)$$

$$= (2ax_1, ax_1 + ax_2) + (2by_1, by_1 + by_2)$$

$$= a(2x_1, x_1 + x_2) + b(2y_1, y_1 + y_2)$$

$$= af((x_1, x_2)) + bf((y_1, y_2))$$

Example 3.)  $D$ : set of all differential functions  $\rightarrow$  set of all functions,  $D(f) = f'$

Proof:

$$D(af + bg) = (af + bg)' = af' + bg' = aD(f) + bD(g)$$

Example 4.) Given  $a, b$  real numbers,  
 $I : \text{set of all integrable functions on } [a, b] \rightarrow R$ ,  
 $I(f) = \int_a^b f$

$$\text{Proof: } I(sf + tg) = \int_a^b sf + tg = s \int_a^b f + t \int_a^b g = sI(f) + tI(g)$$

Example 5.) The inverse of a linear function is linear  
 (when the inverse exists).

Suppose  $f^{-1}(x) = c, f^{-1}(y) = d$ .

Then  $f(c) = x$  and  $f(d) = y$  and  
 $f(ac + bd) = af(c) + bf(d) = ax + by$ .

$$\text{Hence } f^{-1}(ax + by) = ac + bd = af^{-1}(x) + bf^{-1}(y).$$

Example 6.)  $D$  : set of all twice differentiable functions  
 $\rightarrow$  set of all functions,  $L(f) = af'' + bf' + cf$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} L(sf + tg) &= a(sf + tg)'' + b(sf + tg)' + c(sf + tg) \\ &= saf'' + tag'' + sbf' + tbg' + scf + tcg \\ &= s(af'' + bf' + cf) + t(ag'' + bg' + cg) \\ &= sL(f) + tL(g) \end{aligned}$$

Consequence 1: If  $\psi_1, \psi_2$  are solutions to  $af'' + bf' + cf = 0$ ,  
 $af'' + bf' + cf = 0$ , then  $3\psi_1 + 5\psi_2$  is also a solution to  
 $af'' + bf' + cf = 0$ ,

Proof: Since  $\psi_1, \psi_2$  are solutions to  $af'' + bf' + cf = 0$ ,  
 $L(\psi_1) = 0$  and  $L(\psi_2) = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } L(3\psi_1 + 5\psi_2) &= 3L(\psi_1) + 5L(\psi_2) \\ &= 3(0) + 5(0) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $3\psi_1 + 5\psi_2$  is also a solution to  $af'' + bf' + cf = 0$

Consequence 2:

If  $\psi_1$  is a solution to  $af'' + bf' + cf = h$   
 and  $\psi_2$  is a solution to  $af'' + bf' + cf = k$ ,  
 then  $3\psi_1 + 5\psi_2$  is a solution to  $af'' + bf' + cf = 3h + 5k$ ,

Since  $\psi_1$  is a solution to  $af'' + bf' + cf = h, L(\psi_1) = h$ .

Since  $\psi_2$  is a solution to  $af'' + bf' + cf = k, L(\psi_2) = k$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } L(3\psi_1 + 5\psi_2) &= 3L(\psi_1) + 5L(\psi_2) \\ &= 3h + 5k. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $3\psi_1 + 5\psi_2$  is also a solution to  
 $af'' + bf' + cf = 3h + 5k$

Pf # 2 of Thm 3.2.2

Note by ex 6;

$$L(f) = af'' + bf' + cf$$

is a linear function

~~$$ay'' + by' + cy = 0 \quad (\star)$$~~

$\phi_1$  is a soln to  $(\star) \Rightarrow$

$$L(\phi_1) = a\phi_1'' + b\phi_1' + c\phi_1 = 0$$

$\phi_2$  is a soln to  $(\star) \Rightarrow$

$$L(\phi_2) = a\phi_2'' + b\phi_2' + c\phi_2 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} L(c_1\phi_1 + c_2\phi_2) &= c_1 L(\phi_1) + c_2 L(\phi_2) \\ &= c_1(0) + c_2(0) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow c_1\phi_1 + c_2\phi_2$  is a soln to  $(\star)$

# $a, b, c$ constants

**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:

1.)  $y'' - 6y' + 9y = 0 \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 2$

2.)  $4y'' - y' + 2y = 0 \quad y(0) = 3, \quad y'(0) = 4$

3.)  $4y'' + 4y' + y = 0 \quad y(0) = 6, \quad y'(0) = 7$

4.)  $2y'' - 2y = 0 \quad y(0) = 5, \quad y'(0) = 9$

$ay'' + by' + cy = 0, \quad y = e^{rt}$ , then  
 $ar^2e^{rt} + bre^{rt} + ce^{rt} = 0$  implies  $ar^2 + br + c = 0$ ,

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

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

If  $r_1 \neq r_2$ , then  $b^2 - 4ac \neq 0$ . Hence a general solution is  $y = c_1 e^{r_1 t} + c_2 e^{r_2 t}$ .

If  $b^2 - 4ac > 0$ , general solution is  $y = c_1 e^{r_1 t} + c_2 e^{r_2 t}$ .

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  $y = c_1 e^{dt} \cos(nt) + c_2 e^{dt} \sin(nt)$   
 where  $r = d \pm in$

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

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

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.

Derivation of general solutions:

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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.

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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:

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} y &= c_1 e^{r_1 t} + c_2 e^{r_2 t} \\ &= c_1 e^{dt} [\cos(nt) + i\sin(nt)] + c_2 e^{dt} [\cos(-nt) + i\sin(-nt)] \\ &= c_1 e^{dt} \cos(nt) + i c_1 e^{dt} \sin(nt) + c_2 e^{dt} \cos(nt) - i c_2 e^{dt} \sin(nt) \\ &= (c_1 + c_2) e^{dt} \cos(nt) + i(c_1 - c_2) e^{dt} \sin(nt) \\ &= k_1 e^{dt} \cos(nt) + k_2 e^{dt} \sin(nt) \end{aligned}$$


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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} a(v''e^{rt} + 2v'r e^{rt} + vr^2 e^{rt}) + b(v'e^{rt} + vr e^{rt}) + ce^{rt} &= 0 \\ a(v''(t) + 2v'(t)r + v(t)r^2) + b(v'(t) + v(t)r) + cv(t) &= 0 \\ av''(t) + 2av'(t)r + av(t)r^2 + bv'(t) + bv(t)r + cv(t) &= 0 \\ av''(t) + (2ar + b)v'(t) + (ar^2 + br + c)v(t) &= 0 \\ av''(t) + (2a(\frac{-b}{2a}) + b)v'(t) + 0 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

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.

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

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  $r = 0 \pm 1i$   $\boxed{y = k_1 \cos(t) + k_2 \sin(t)}$

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:  $\boxed{y = -\cos(t) - 3\sin(t)}$

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

$r = \pm i$

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

$y(0) = -1$ :  $-1 = c_1 e^0 + c_2 e^0$  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  $c_1 = \frac{-3i - i^2}{-2} = \frac{3i - 1}{2}$

~~( $2ic_2$ )~~  $\cancel{(3 - i)}$  implies  $c_2 = \frac{3i - i^2}{-2} = \frac{-3i - 1}{2}$

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

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

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

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

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

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

$\boxed{y = -3\sin(t) - 1\cos(t)}$

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

$$y = e^{rt}$$

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

$$r = \frac{+1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4(4)(2)}}{2(4)} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{-31}}{8}$$

$$r_1, r_2 = \frac{1 \pm i\sqrt{31}}{8} = \frac{1}{8} \pm i\left(\frac{\sqrt{31}}{8}\right)$$

$$d \pm in$$

$$d = \frac{1}{8} \quad n = \frac{\sqrt{31}}{8}$$

Gen soln:

$$y = C_1 e^{t/8} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{31}}{8} t\right) + C_2 e^{t/8} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{31}}{8} t\right)$$

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

$$y' = \Rightarrow$$

$$y = e^{t/8} \left( c_1 \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{31}}{8}t\right) + c_2 \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{31}}{8}t\right) \right)$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{8} e^{t/8} \left( c_1 \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{31}}{8}t\right) + c_2 \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{31}}{8}t\right) \right) \\ + e^{t/8} \left[ -c_1 \left(\frac{\sqrt{31}}{8}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{31}}{8}t\right) + c_2 \left(\frac{\sqrt{31}}{8}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{31}}{8}t\right) \right]$$

$$y(0) = 3 : 3 = c_1 + c_2(0)$$

$$y'(0) = 4 : 4 = \frac{1}{8} c_1 + c_2 \left(\frac{\sqrt{31}}{8}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = 3$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{31}}{8} c_2 = 4 - \frac{1}{8}(3)$$

$$\sqrt{31} c_2 = 32 - 3 = 29$$

$$c_2 = \frac{29}{\sqrt{31}}$$

IVP soh

$$y = 3e^{t/8} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{31}}{8}t\right) + \frac{29}{\sqrt{31}} e^{t/8} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{31}}{8}t\right)$$

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

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

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

$$\boxed{y = c_1 e^{-\frac{1}{2}t} + c_2 t e^{-\frac{1}{2}t}}$$

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

$$y' = -\frac{1}{2}c_1 e^{-t/2} + c_2 \left[ e^{-t/2} + t \left( -\frac{1}{2}e^{-t/2} \right) \right]$$

$$y(0) = 6 : 6 = c_1 + 0$$

$$y'(0) = 7 : 7 = -\frac{1}{2}c_1 + c_2$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = 6, \quad c_2 = 7 + \frac{1}{2}(6) = 10$$

$$\text{IVP soln: } \boxed{y = 6e^{-t/2} + 10te^{-t/2}}$$

### 3.3: Linear Independence and the Wronskian

Defn:  $f$  and  $g$  are linearly dependent if there exists constants  $c_1, c_2$  such that  $c_1 \neq 0$  or  $c_2 \neq 0$  and  $c_1 f(t) + c_2 g(t) = 0$  for all  $t \in (a, b)$

Thm 3.3.1: If  $f : (a, b) \rightarrow R$  and  $g : (a, b) \rightarrow R$  are differentiable functions on  $(a, b)$  and if  $W(f, g)(t_0) \neq 0$  for some  $t_0 \in (a, b)$ , then  $f$  and  $g$  are linearly independent on  $(a, b)$ . Moreover, if  $f$  and  $g$  are linearly dependent on  $(a, b)$ , then  $W(f, g)(t) = 0$  for all  $t \in (a, b)$

If  $c_1 f(t) + c_2 g(t) = 0$  for all  $t$ , then  $c_1 f'(t) + c_2 g'(t) = 0$

Solve the following linear system of equations for  $c_1, c_2$  ■

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 f(t_0) + c_2 g(t_0) &= 0 \\ c_1 f'(t_0) + c_2 g'(t_0) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} f(t_0) & g(t_0) \\ f'(t_0) & g'(t_0) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$