

7 June:

Lecture 8: • midterm: one week from now! cheat sheet allowed.
2 hours. extra office hours before. (on sat or sun?)

Last time:

- no office hours today, double tomorrow.
- quiz (over 20/30 is good score) discuss
- you can turn in homework to be graded if you are not sure about things
- we started talking about ODEs, homogeneous equations, degree of an equation. general solution to homogeneous and non-homogeneous equations.

an ODE looks like

$$a_n(x) y^{(n)} + a_{n-1}(x) y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_1(x) y' + a_0(x) y = g(x)$$

The ~~best~~ general solution looks like

$$y = y_p + c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2 + \dots + c_n y_n$$

one particular solution

n solutions to the homogeneous version: $a_n(x) y^{(n)} + \dots + a_1(x) y' + a_0(x) y = 0$
(n = degree of the equation)

Linear homogeneous equations with constant coefficients.

These are equations that look like:

$$a_n y^{(n)} + a_{n-1} y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_1 y' + a_0 y = 0$$

a_0, \dots, a_n are just numbers.

eg: Solve $y'' - 7y' + 12y = 0$

try: $y = e^{mx}$ $y' = me^{mx}$ $y'' = m^2 e^{mx}$

$$m^2 e^{mx} - 7me^{mx} + 12e^{mx} = 0$$

$$e^{mx} (m^2 - 7m + 12) = 0$$

$$e^{mx} (m-3)(m-4) = 0$$

this is called
the auxiliary
equation.

so we must have $m=3$ or $m=4$.

so the general solution is $y = c_1 e^{3x} + c_2 e^{4x}$.

This is the strategy in general, plug in e^{mx} and find m .

• What happens when there are double roots?

eg: $y'' - 4y' + 4y = 0$

$$y = e^{mx} \quad e^{mx} (m^2 - 4m + 4) = e^{mx} (m-2)^2 = 0$$

we still have our solution $y = e^{2x}$ but there must be another one. Try $y = x e^{mx}$.

$$y' = e^{mx} + m x e^{mx} \quad y'' = m e^{mx} + m e^{mx} + m^2 x e^{mx}$$

$$y'' - 4y' + 4y = m^2 x e^{mx} + 2m e^{mx} - 4e^{mx} - 4m x e^{mx} + 4 x e^{mx}$$

$$= (m^2 - 4m + 4) x e^{mx} + \underset{0}{2(m-2)} e^{mx} = 0 \quad \text{it works.}$$

(we'll see how we came up with $x e^{mx}$)

So the general solution is

$$y = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 x e^{2x}$$

What if we find complex roots?

eg: $y'' + 2y' + 10y = 0$

auxiliary equation: $m^2 + 2m + 10$

$$m = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} =$$

$$\frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{-36}}{2} = -1 \pm 3\sqrt{-1} \\ = -1 \pm 3i$$

then the solution is:

$$y = e^{-x} (c_1 \cos(3x) + c_2 \sin(3x))$$

Summary: For a linear equation with constant coefficients,

$a y'' + b y' + c y = 0$, look at the roots of the

auxiliary equation: $a m^2 + b m + c = 0$

- distinct roots m_1, m_2 : $y = c_1 e^{m_1 x} + c_2 e^{m_2 x}$
- repeated root: m_1, m_1 : $y = c_1 e^{m_1 x} + c_2 x e^{m_1 x}$
- complex roots $m_1 = \alpha + i\beta$ $m_2 = \alpha - i\beta$ then

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

• How did we come up with $x e^{m_1 x}$ for the second solution in the repeated root case?

We used a trick called reduction of order.

The trick is as follows: if we already know one solution y_1 to a degree 2 equation, we can try to find another by plugging in $y_2 = u(x) \cdot y_1(x)$ $y_2 = u \cdot y_1$

example: ~~WAVY~~ $y'' - 4y' + 4y = 0$

auxiliary equation $m^2 - 4m + 4 = 0$

$(m-2)^2 = 0$ repeated root.

We know that $y_1 = e^{2x}$ is one solution. Let's find the other by trying $y_2 = u \cdot e^{2x}$

plug in: $(u e^{2x})'' - 4(u e^{2x})' + 4u e^{2x} = 0$

$(u e^{2x})' = u' e^{2x} + 2u e^{2x}$

$(u e^{2x})'' = u'' e^{2x} + 2u' e^{2x} + 2u' e^{2x} + 4u e^{2x}$
 $= u'' e^{2x} + 4u' e^{2x} + 4u e^{2x}$

$\Rightarrow u'' e^{2x} + \cancel{4u' e^{2x}} + 4u e^{2x} - \cancel{4u' e^{2x}} - 8u e^{2x} + 4u e^{2x} = 0$

$u'' e^{2x} + 4u \underbrace{(e^{2x} - 2e^{2x} + e^{2x})}_0 = 0$

$\Rightarrow u'' = 0$ so $u = \cancel{C_2 x + C_3} C_2 x + C_3$

so $y_2 = e^{2x} (C_2 x + C_3) = \boxed{C_2 x e^{2x}} + C_3 e^{2x}$

↑ this is already contained in y_1 . -4

In general, when we plug in $y_2 = uy_1$, the fact that y_1 is already a solution gives us a similar cancellation.

This gives us an equation in degree 2 that has u'' and u' in it but not u , so it's a degree 1 equation for $w = u'$. Then you can integrate to find u , once you have $w = u'$.

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eg: $y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = 0$

Say y_1 is known to be a solution

plug in $y_2 = uy_1$

$$y_2' = u'y_1 + uy_1'$$

$$y_2'' = u''y_1 + 2u'y_1' + uy_1''$$

$$u''y_1 + 2u'y_1' + uy_1'' + P(x)u'y_1 + \cancel{P(x)uy_1'} + Q(x)uy_1 = 0$$

$$u''y_1 + 2u'y_1' + P(x)u'y_1 + u \underbrace{(y_1'' + P(x)y_1' + Q(x)y_1)}_0 = 0$$

↑
we're left with an equation only in u'
make a change of variables $w = u'$

$$w'y_1 + 2wy_1' + P(x)wy_1 = 0$$

degree 1 equation. easier to solve.

How to solve non-homogeneous linear equations.

eg: $\frac{1}{4}y'' + y' + y = x^2 - 2x$

• first, let's solve the homogeneous version

$$\frac{1}{4}y'' + y' + y = 0 \quad \text{solution is of type } e^{mx}$$

$$y'' + 4y' + 4y = 0 \quad \text{auxiliary: } m^2 + 4m + 4 = 0$$

$$(m+2)^2 = 0$$

$$\text{so solutions are } y_c = c_1 e^{-2x} + c_2 x e^{-2x}$$

• now let's solve the nonhomogeneous equation:

guess! that the solution is $y = Ax^2 + Bx + C$

$$y' = 2Ax + B \quad y'' = 2A$$

$$\text{plug in: } \frac{1}{4}2A + 2Ax + B + \underline{Ax^2} + \underline{Bx} + C = \underline{x^2} - \underline{2x}$$

$$\text{this means: } A = 1 \quad 2A + B = -2$$

$$\text{so } B = -3$$

$$\text{and } \frac{1}{4}2A + B + C = 0 \text{ so: } C = -\frac{5}{2}$$

$$\text{so } y_p = x^2 - 3x - \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\text{so } \boxed{y = x^2 - 3x - \frac{5}{2} + c_1 e^{-2x} + c_2 x e^{-2x}}$$

eg: $y'' + 4y = \cos x$

• homogeneous equation: $y'' + 4y = 0$

auxiliary eq: $m^2 + 4 = 0$
 $m = 0 \pm 2i$

solutions $y_c = e^{ax} (C_1 \cos 2x + C_2 \sin 2x)$
 $= C_1 \cos 2x + C_2 \sin 2x$

• $y_p = ?$ guess: $y_p = A \cos x + B \sin x$

$$y_p' = -A \sin x + B \cos x$$

$$y_p'' = -A \cos x - B \sin x$$

$$y'' + 4y = \underbrace{-A \cos x - B \sin x} + \underbrace{4A \cos x + 4B \sin x} = \cos x$$

$$3A \cos x + 3B \sin x = \cos x$$

$$A = \frac{1}{3} \quad B = 0$$

$y = \frac{1}{3} \cos x + C_1 \cos 2x + C_2 \sin 2x$

• table of what to guess at the end of lecture notes. we'll fill it here together.

Funny situation:

eg: $y'' - 5y' + 4y = 8e^x$

~~to~~ to find y_c (solution to $y'' - 5y' + 4y = 0$)

auxiliary $m^2 - 5m + 4 = 0 \quad (m-4)(m-1) = 0$

so $y_c = C_1 e^{4x} + C_2 e^x$

oh, now for y_p . guess: $y = Ae^x$

plug in $Ae^x - 5Ae^x + 4Ae^x = e^x \underbrace{(A - 5A + 4A)}_0 = 8e^x$

this cannot work because Ae^x is already a solution to the homogeneous version of the eqn. uh-oh!

try $y = Axe^x$

$$y' = Ae^x + Axe^x$$

$$y'' = 2Ae^x + Axe^x$$

$$y'' - 5y' + 4y = 2Ae^x + \underline{Axe^x} - 5Ae^x - \underline{5Axe^x} + \underline{4Axe^x} = 8e^x$$

$$= \underbrace{Axe^x - 5Axe^x + 4Axe^x}_0 + 2Ae^x - 5Ae^x = 8e^x$$

$$-3Ae^x = 8e^x$$

$$A = \frac{-8}{3}$$

double trouble:

$$y'' - 2y' + y = e^x$$

$$y_c = c_1 e^x + c_2 x e^x$$

can't try $x e^x$ because it is also a solution.

↳ $x^2 e^x$ works! why?

<u>$g(x)$</u>	<u>guess for y_p</u>
1 (any constant)	A
$3x+1$	$Ax+B$
$5x^2+2x+3$	Ax^2+Bx+C
x^3-2x^2+x-5	Ax^3+Bx^2+Cx+D
	\vdots
$\sin 5x$	$A \cos 5x + B \sin 5x$
e^{5x}	Ae^{5x}
$(9x-1)e^{5x}$	$(Ax+B)e^{5x}$

in general, take product.

For solving second order equations, there is a "killer method" that can solve pretty much anything. It's called "variation of parameters". We won't do it, but know that it is there.