

# MATB44 Week 5 Notes

## 1. Euler's Equation:

— Consider  $t^2 y'' + \alpha t y' + \beta y = 0$  where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are known constants.

We let  $y = t^r$ , where  $r$  is an unknown constant.  
 $y' = r t^{r-1}$  and  $y'' = r(r-1) t^{r-2}$ .

We now have  $t^2(r)(r-1)(t^{r-2}) + \alpha t r t^{r-1} + \beta t^r = 0$   
 $r(r-1)(t^r) + \alpha r t^r + \beta t^r = 0$   
 $t^r(r^2 - r + \alpha r + \beta) = 0$

Since we know that  $t^r \neq 0$ ,  
we can divide both sides of  
the eqn by it.

$r^2 + (\alpha - 1)r + \beta = 0$  ← Called characteristic  
eqn for the Euler eqn/  
Indical Eqn

— We can use the quadratic eqn to solve for  
 $r$ . Since  $b^2 - 4ac$  has 3 possibilities:

a)  $> 0$

b)  $= 0$

c)  $< 0$

there are 3 different cases we need to  
look at.



Case 1:  $b^2 - 4ac > 0$

- Here,  $y_1 = t^{r_1}$  and  $y_2 = t^{r_2}$  ( $R_1 \neq R_2$ )
- E.g. 1 Solve  $t^2 y'' + ty' - 2y = 0$

Soln:

1.  $\alpha = 1$  (It's the numerical coefficient of  $ty'$ )

$\beta = -2$  (It's the numerical coefficient of  $y$ )

Rewrite the eqn into  $r^2 + (\alpha - 1)r + \beta = 0$ .

We have  $r^2 + (1 - 1)r - 2 = 0$ .

$$r^2 - 2 = 0$$

$$r^2 = 2$$

$$r = \pm\sqrt{2} \rightarrow r_1 = \sqrt{2}, r_2 = -\sqrt{2}$$

$$2. y_1 = t^{r_1}, y_2 = t^{r_2}$$

$$= t^{\sqrt{2}}, = t^{-\sqrt{2}}$$

$$y = C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2$$

$$= C_1 t^{\sqrt{2}} + C_2 t^{-\sqrt{2}}$$

**Note:** If  $R_1 \neq R_2$  and  $R_1, R_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $y_1 = t^{r_1}$  and  $y_2 = t^{r_2}$  is always a fundamental pair of solns.

Case 2:  $b^2 - 4ac = 0$

- Here,  $R_1 = R_2$  (Repeated Roots)
- Here,  $y_1 = t^{r_1}$  and  $y_2 = \ln(t)t^{r_1}$
- E.g. 2 Solve  $t^2 y'' - 5ty' + 9y = 0$

Soln:

$$1. \alpha = -5, \beta = 9$$

$$r^2 + (\alpha - 1)r + \beta = 0$$

$$r^2 + (-5 - 1)r + 9 = 0$$

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



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

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

$$r_1 = r_2 = 3$$

$$y_1 = t^{r_1}$$

$$= t^3$$

2. To find  $y_2$ , do  $y_2 = v y_1$  (D'Alembert)

$$t^2 y_2'' - 5t y_2' + 9 y_2 = 0$$

$$t^2 (v'' y_1 + 2v' y_1' + v y_1'') - 5t (v' y_1 + v y_1') + 9 v y_1 = 0$$

$$t^2 v'' y_1 + 2v' y_1' t^2 + t^2 v y_1'' - 5t v' y_1 - 5t v y_1' + 9 v y_1 = 0$$

Collect all the terms with  $v$ .

$$v(t^2 y_1'' - 5t y_1' + 9 y_1) = 0$$

Equals to 0 because  $y_1$  is a solution.

Remember: " $v$  must go"

We are left with

$$t^2 v'' y_1 + 2t^2 v' y_1' - 5t v' y_1 = 0$$

$$\text{Let } w = v', w' = v''$$

$$w' t^2 y_1 + 2t^2 w y_1' - 5t w y_1 = 0$$

Recall that we found  $y_1 = t^3$ .

$$w' t^5 + 6w t^4 - 5w t^4 = 0$$

$$w' t + 6w - 5w = 0$$

$$w' t + w = 0$$

$$t \frac{dw}{dt} = -w$$

$$t dw = -w dt$$

$$\frac{1}{w} dw = -\frac{1}{t} dt$$



$$\int \frac{1}{w} dw = \int -\frac{1}{t} dt$$

$$\ln |w| + C_1 = -\ln |t| + C_2$$

$$\ln |w| = -\ln |t| + C_2 - C_1$$

$$= -\ln |t| + C$$

$$w = e^{-\ln |t| + C}$$

$$= e^C (e^{-\ln |t|})$$

$$= C' (e^{\ln |t|})^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{C'}{t}$$

$$\text{Let } C' = 1$$

$$w = \frac{1}{t}$$

$$v' = w$$

$$v = \int w dt$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{t} dt$$

$$= \ln |t| + C$$

$$\text{Let } C = 0$$

$$v = \ln |t|$$

$$y_2 = v y_1$$

$$= (\ln |t|) t^3$$

**Note:**  $y_2 = \ln(t) \cdot y_1$   
 $= \ln(t) \cdot t^3$

Do NOT do D'Alembert on assignments/quizzes/tests/etc unless instructed to. Just do  $y_2 = \ln(t) t^3$ . I only did D'Alembert to show why  $y_2 = \ln(t) \cdot t^3$ .

Case 3:  $b^2 - 4ac < 0$

- Here, we have complex roots.
- E.g. 3 Solve  $t^2 y'' + 3ty' + 2y = 0$

Soln:

$$r^2 + (3-1)r + 2 = 0$$

$$r^2 + 2r + 2 = 0$$

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

$$= \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4-8}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-2 \pm 2i}{2}$$

$$= -1 \pm i \quad r_1 = -1+i, r_2 = -1-i$$

$$y = t^r$$

$$= t^{-1+i}$$

$$= t^{-1} \cdot t^i$$

Recall:  $t = e^{\ln t} \rightarrow t^i = e^{i \ln t}$

$$= \cos(\ln|t|) + i \sin(\ln|t|)$$

Euler's Formula

$$y = \frac{\cos(\ln|t|) + i \sin(\ln|t|)}{x}$$

$$y_1 = \frac{\cos(\ln|t|)}{x}, \quad y_2 = \frac{\sin(\ln|t|)}{x}$$



## 2. Non-Homogeneous Linear Eqns

- A non-homogeneous linear eqn has the form  $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = g(t)$  where  $p, q, g$  are given functions.

- Rule: If  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are solns to the non-homogeneous eqn, then  $y = y_2 - y_1$  solves the homogeneous eqn.

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} & (y_2 - y_1)'' + p(t)(y_2 - y_1)' + q(t)(y_2 - y_1) \\ &= y_2'' + p(t)y_2' + q(t)y_2 - (y_1'' + p(t)y_1' + q(t)y_1) \\ &= g(t) - g(t) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

- Rule: The <sup>general</sup> soln to a non-homogeneous eqn = General soln <sup>of the</sup> homogeneous eqn + particular soln of the homogeneous eqn.

- To find the particular soln of the homogeneous eqn, we will use the method of **undetermined coefficients**.

- Undetermined Coefficients

- **Note:** This method only works for some functions.

- **E.g. 4** Find a particular soln to  $y'' - 3y' - 4y = 3e^{2t}$

Here, let  $y = Ae^{2t}$ , where  $A$  is an unknown constant.



$$(Ae^{2t})'' - 3(Ae^{2t})' - 4(Ae^{2t}) = 3e^{2t}$$

$$\cancel{4Ae^{2t}} - 6Ae^{2t} - \cancel{4Ae^{2t}} = 3e^{2t}$$

$$-6Ae^{2t} = 3e^{2t}$$

$$-6A = 3$$

$$A = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$y_p = -\frac{1}{2}e^{2t}$  is a particular soln of the non-homogeneous eqn.

To find the general soln of the non-homogeneous eqn, we also need to find the general soln of the homogeneous eqn.

$$y'' - 3y' - 4y = 0$$

$$r^2 - 3r - 4 = 0$$

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

$$= \frac{3 \pm 5}{2}$$

$$= 4 \text{ or } -1 \leftarrow \text{Important that } R_1, R_2 \neq 2$$

$$y_h = C_1 e^{r_1 t} + C_2 e^{r_2 t}$$

$$= C_1 e^{4t} + C_2 e^{-t}$$

Hence, the general soln of the non-homogeneous soln is

$$y = \underbrace{\frac{-e^{2t}}{2}}_{\text{Particular Soln}} + \underbrace{C_1 e^{4t} + C_2 e^{-t}}_{\text{General soln of homogeneous eqn}}$$

Particular  
Soln

General soln  
of homogeneous eqn



- E.g. 5 Find a particular soln to  $y'' - 4y' - 12y = 3e^{5t}$ .

$$\text{Let } y = Ae^{5t}$$

$$(Ae^{5t})'' - 4(Ae^{5t})' - 12Ae^{5t} = 3e^{5t}$$

$$25Ae^{5t} - 20Ae^{5t} - 12Ae^{5t} = 3e^{5t}$$

$$(25 - 20 - 12)A = 3$$

$$-7A = 3$$

$$A = -3/7$$

Hence, the particular soln is  $y_0 = -3/7 e^{5t}$

The general soln to the homogeneous eqn is

$$y'' - 4y' - 12y = 0$$

$$r^2 - 4r - 12 = 0$$

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

$$= \frac{4 \pm 8}{2}$$

$$= -2 \text{ or } 6 \leftarrow \text{Important that } R_1, R_2 \neq 5$$

$$y_1 = C_1 e^{-2t} + C_2 e^{6t}$$

Hence, the general soln of the homogeneous eqn is  $y = -\frac{3}{7} e^{5t} + C_1 e^{-2t} + C_2 e^{6t}$

Now, if we apply the initial conditions

$$y(0) = \frac{18}{7} \quad y'(0) = \frac{-1}{7}$$



$$y(0) = \frac{18}{7}$$

$$\frac{18}{7} = -\frac{3}{7} + C_1 + C_2$$

$$3 = C_1 + C_2$$

$$y'(0) = -\frac{1}{7}$$

$$-\frac{1}{7} = -\frac{15}{7} + (-2C_1) + 6C_2$$

$$2 = -2C_1 + 6C_2$$

$$1 = -C_1 + 3C_2$$

$$C_2 = 1, C_1 = 2$$

- **E.g. 6** Find a particular soln to  $y'' - 3y' - 4y = 2\sin(t)$

$$\text{Let } y = A\cos t + B\sin t$$

$$(A\cos t + B\sin t)'' - 3(A\cos t + B\sin t)'$$

$$-4(A\cos t + B\sin t) = 2\sin(t)$$

$$-A\cos t - B\sin t - 3(-A\sin t + B\cos t)$$

$$-4A\cos t - 4B\sin t = 2\sin t$$

$$-A\cos t - B\sin t + 3A\sin t - 3B\cos t - 4A\cos t$$

$$-4B\sin t = 2\sin t$$

Collect all the terms with  $\cos t$  and all the terms with  $\sin t$

$$-A\cos t - 3B\cos t - 4A\cos t = 0\cos t \leftarrow \text{There's no } \cos t \text{ in RHS.}$$

$$-B\sin t + 3A\sin t - 4\sin t = 2\sin t$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} -A - 3B - 4A = 0 \\ -B + 3A - 4 = 2 \end{array} \right\} \text{Took the coefficients from above.}$$



$$\left. \begin{array}{l} -5A - 3B = 0 \\ 3A - 5B = 2 \end{array} \right\} A = \frac{3}{17}, B = \frac{-5}{17}$$

Hence, the particular soln is

$$\frac{3}{17} \cos t - \frac{5}{17} \sin t.$$

- E.g. 7 Find a particular soln to  $y'' - 4y' - 12y = \sin(2t)$ .

$$\text{Let } y = A \cos(2t) + B \sin(2t)$$

$$(A \cos(2t) + B \sin(2t))'' - 4(A \cos(2t) + B \sin(2t))' - 12(A \cos(2t) + B \sin(2t)) = \sin(2t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & -4A \cos(2t) - 4B \sin(2t) + 8A \sin(2t) \\ & - 8B \cos(2t) - 12A \cos(2t) - 12B \sin(2t) = \sin(2t) \end{aligned}$$

$$-4A - 8B - 12A = 0$$

$$-4B + 8A - 12B = 1$$



$$-16A - 8B = 0$$

$$8A - 16B = 1$$

$$-2A - B = 0 \rightarrow B = -2A$$

$$8A - 16B = 1$$

$$8A - 16(-2A) = 1$$

$$8A + 32A = 1$$

$$40A = 1$$

$$A = \frac{1}{40}$$

$$B = \frac{-1}{20}$$

Hence,  $\frac{\cos(2t)}{40} - \frac{\sin(2t)}{20}$  is the

particular soln.

- **E.g. 8** Find a particular soln to  $y'' - 3y' - 4y = -8e^t \cos(2t)$ .

$$\text{Let } y = Ae^t \cos(2t) + Be^t \sin(2t)$$

$$(Ae^t \cos(2t) + Be^t \sin(2t))'' -$$

$$3(Ae^t \cos(2t) + Be^t \sin(2t))' -$$

$$4(Ae^t \cos(2t) + Be^t \sin(2t)) = -8e^t \cos(2t)$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 & Ae^t \cos(2t) + 2Ae^t (-2 \sin(2t)) + \\
 & Ae^t (-4 \cos(2t)) + Be^t \sin(2t) + \\
 & Be^t (\cos(2t)2) + Be^t (-4 \sin(2t)) - \\
 & 3(Ae^t \cos(2t) - 2Ae^t \sin(2t) + \\
 & Be^t \sin(2t) + 2Be^t \cos(2t)) - \\
 & 4(Ae^t \cos(2t) + Be^t \sin(2t)) = -8e^t \cos(2t)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (-10A - 2B) \cos(2t) + (2A - 10B) \sin(2t) = \\
 & -8e^t \cos(2t)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} -10A - 2B &= -8 \\ 2A - 10B &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} A = \frac{10}{13}, B = \frac{2}{13}$$

- **E.g. 9** Find a particular soln for  $y'' - 3y' - 4y = 3e^{2t} + 2\sin t - 8e^t \cos(2t)$ .

This is called **superposition of particular solns**. We just add up the solns for each individual term on the RHS.

**Note:** In practice, we will never do this for our course.

I.e. We won't be tested on it.

It's just good to know.

**Rule:** If  $y_1$  is a particular soln for  $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = g_1(t)$  and  $y_2$  is a particular soln for  $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = g_2(t)$ , then  $y_1 + y_2$  is a particular soln to  $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = g_1(t) + g_2(t)$ .



- E.g. 10 Find a particular soln to  $y'' - 3y' - 4y = 2e^{-t}$ .

$$\text{Let } y = Ae^{-t}$$

$$(Ae^{-t})'' - 3(Ae^{-t})' - 4Ae^{-t} = 2e^{-t}$$

$$Ae^{-t} + 3Ae^{-t} - 4Ae^{-t} = 2e^{-t}$$

$$0 = 2e^{-t}$$

To figure out why we got  $0 = 2e^{-t}$ ,

Consider this:  $y'' - 3y' - 4y = 0$

$$r^2 - 3r - 4 = 0$$

$$(r-4)(r+1) = 0$$

$$r_1 = 4, r_2 = -1$$

Hence, we get

$$y = C_1 e^{4t} + C_2 e^{-t}$$

Same as  $Ae^{-t}$

Since  $Ae^{-t}$  solves the homogeneous eqn, it can't also solve the non-homogeneous eqn. This is called a **resonance** because the homogeneous part resonates with the RHS. In this case, let  $y = Ate^{-t}$ . The proof follows from D'Alembert.

$$\text{Let } y = Ate^{-t}$$

$$(Ate^{-t})'' - 3(Ate^{-t})' - 4Ate^{-t} = 2e^{-t}$$

$$-2Ae^{-t} + Ate^{-t} - 3Ae^{-t} + 3Ate^{-t} - 4Ate^{-t} = 2e^{-t}$$

Collect all terms with  $t$  in it.

$$t(Ae^{-t} + 3Ae^{-t} - 4Ae^{-t})$$

0



It should cancel out to 0.  
 "t must go"

$$-2Ae^{-t} - 3Ae^{-t} = 2e^{-t}$$

$$-5Ae^{-t} = 2e^{-t}$$

$$A = \frac{-2}{5}$$

Hence, the particular soln is  
 $-\frac{2}{5}te^{-t}$ .

- E.g. 11 Find a particular soln to  
 $y'' + 4y' + 4y = e^{-2t}$ .

Consider the homogeneous eqn

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

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

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

$$r_1 = r_2 = -2$$

$$y_1 = e^{-2t}, y_2 = \underline{te^{-2t}}$$

So,  $Ate^{-2t}$  solves the homogeneous eqn.

Hence, it can't solve the non-homogeneous eqn. This is called a **double resonance**.

In this case, let  $y = At^2e^{-2t}$ .



$$(At^2e^{-2t})'' + 4(At^2e^{-2t})' + 4At^2e^{-2t} = e^{-2t}$$

$$2Ae^{-2t} - 8Ate^{-2t} + 4At^2e^{-2t} + 8Ate^{-2t} + 4At^2e^{-2t} = e^{-2t}$$

$$-8Ate^{-2t} + 8Ate^{-2t} + 4At^2e^{-2t} = e^{-2t}$$

Collect all the terms with  $t$  and  $t^2$ , individually.

$$t(-8Ae^{-2t} + 8Ae^{-2t}) \rightarrow 0$$

$$t^2(4Ae^{-2t} - 8Ae^{-2t} + 4Ae^{-2t}) \rightarrow 0$$

**Note:** Everything with  $t$  and  $t^2$  should cancel out.

$$-2Ae^{-2t} = e^{-2t}$$

$$A = \frac{-1}{2}$$

Hence, the particular soln is  $\frac{-1}{2}t^2e^{-2t}$

- **E.g. 12** Find a particular soln to  $y'' + y' + 9.25y = -6e^{-t/2}\cos 3t$

$$\text{Consider } r^2 + r + 9.25 = 0$$

$$r = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1-37}}{2}$$

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

$$\lambda = \frac{-1}{2}, u=3$$



$$y_1 = e^{\lambda t} \cos(ut) \\ = e^{-t/2} \cos(3t)$$

$$y_2 = e^{\lambda t} \sin(ut) \\ = e^{-t/2} \sin(3t)$$

This is called **complex resonance**.

$$\text{Let } y = At y_1 + Bt y_2$$

$$(At y_1 + Bt y_2)'' + (At y_1 + Bt y_2)' + 9.25(At y_1 + Bt y_2) = -6e^{-t/2} \cos(3t)$$

$$2A y_1' + A t y_1'' + 2B y_2' + B t y_2'' + A y_1 + A t y_1' + B y_2 + B t y_2' + 9.25 A t y_1 + 9.25 B t y_2 = -6e^{-t/2} \cos(3t)$$

Collect all terms with  $At$  and  $Bt$ .

$$At (y_1'' + y_1' + 9.25 y_1) \rightarrow 0$$

$$Bt (y_2'' + y_2' + 9.25 y_2) \rightarrow 0$$

Everything with  $t$  cancels out.

$$2A y_1' + 2B y_2' + A y_1 + B y_2 = -6e^{-t/2} \cos(3t)$$

From above,  $y_1 = e^{-t/2} \cos(3t)$  and  $y_2 = e^{-t/2} \sin(3t)$ .



$$2A(e^{-t/2} \cos(3t))' + 2B(e^{-t/2} \sin(3t))' + A(e^{-t/2} \cos(3t)) + B(e^{-t/2} \sin(3t)) = -6e^{-t/2} \cos(3t)$$

$$2A(-\frac{1}{2}e^{-t/2} \cos(3t) + e^{-t/2}(-3 \sin(3t))) + 2B(-\frac{1}{2}e^{-t/2} \sin(3t) + e^{-t/2} 3 \cos(3t)) + Ae^{-t/2} \cos(3t) + Be^{-t/2} \sin(3t) = -6e^{-t/2} \cos(3t)$$

$$6B \cos 3t - 6A \sin 3t = -6 \cos 3t$$

$$B = -1, A = 0$$

Hence, the particular soln is  $-e^{-\frac{t}{2}} \cos(3t)$ .