

Lec 09 : Solving Second-order Linear
ODE's with constant
coefficient's.

$$y'' + Ay' + By = 0 \quad (\text{homogenous eqn})$$

Assume: general solution's

$$y = C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2$$

where y_1 and y_2 are solution's.

* All we have to find are 2 solution's.

Initial conditions are satisfied by

Choosing C_1 and C_2 .

To solve ODE's we need to find
two independent solution's.

Basic method: try $y = e^{xt}$

Plug in $e^{\gamma t} = y$

$$\gamma^2 e^{\gamma t} + A \gamma e^{\gamma t} + B e^{\gamma t} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{\gamma t} (\gamma^2 + A\gamma + B) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma^2 + A\gamma + B = 0 \quad (\text{characteristic eqn})$$

CASE 1 root's $\gamma_1 \neq \gamma_2$ (real)

$$y_1 = C_1 e^{\gamma_1 t} + C_2 e^{\gamma_2 t}$$

CASE 2: Complex root's $\gamma = a \pm bi$

we get complex solution $y = e^{(a \pm bi)t}$

Theorem: if u, v are sol'n to $y'' + Ay' + By = 0$

then u, v are two real solution's.

Proof: $(u \pm v)'' + A(u \pm v)' + B(u \pm v) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow (U'' + AU' + BU) + i(V'' + AV' + BV) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow U'' + AU' + BU = 0$$

$$V'' + AV' + BV = 0$$

$$y = e^{at+ibt} = e^{at} e^{ibt}$$

$$= e^{at} (\cos bt + i \sin bt)$$

$\Rightarrow y = e^{at} \cos bt$, $e^{at} \sin bt$ are solutions to eqn

$$y = e^{at} (c_1 \cos bt + c_2 \sin bt)$$

CASE 3: critically damped.

$\alpha^2 + A\alpha + B = 0$ has 2 equal roots

$\alpha = -a$ (root)

$$(\alpha + a)^2 = 0 \quad (\text{characteristic eqn})$$

$$\alpha^2 + 2a\alpha + a^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y'' + 2ay' + a^2y = 0$$

Solution: $y = e^{-at}$ (1st solution)

other solⁿ?

if we know one solⁿ to $y'' + Py' + Qy = 0$

then there is another of form

$$y = y_1 u$$

$$2^{nd} \times y = e^{-at} u$$

$$2^{nd} \times y' = -ae^{-at} u + e^{-at} u'$$

$$1^{st} \times y' = ae^{-at} u - ae^{-at} u' - ae^{-at} u' + e^{-at} u''$$

$$e^{-at} u'' = 0 \Rightarrow u'' = 0$$

$$u = c_1 t + c_2$$

$$\boxed{y_2 = e^{-at} t}$$