

## Section 3.2 : Exponential Substitution.

Motivation:

$$y' = 3y$$

$$y(x) = Ae^{3x}$$

$$y' - 3y = 0$$

$$(D - 3)y = 0$$

$$\int \frac{1}{3y} dy = \int 1 dx$$

$$\int \frac{1}{y} dy = 3 \int 1 dx$$

$$\ln|y| = 3x + C$$

$$y = e^{3x+C}$$

$$= Ae^{3x}$$

Solve higher order linear differential equations of the form

$$Ly = 0 \leftarrow \text{homogeneous.}$$

$L$  is a polynomial in  $D$  and the coefficients are constants

$$\text{Example: } y''' - 3y'' + 6y' + 18y = 0$$

$$(D^3 - 3D^2 + 6D + 18)y = 0$$

Restrict to setting where coefficients are constants

Exponential Substitution:

Assume that the solution to an equation is exponential  $y = e^{\lambda x}$ . Then we substitute assume solution into equation and solve for  $\lambda$ .

Example: Consider  $y'' - 2y' - 3y = 0$ .

Assume  $y = e^{\lambda x}$  is a solution.

$$y' = \lambda e^{\lambda x}$$

$$y'' = \lambda^2 e^{\lambda x}$$

$$\lambda^2 e^{\lambda x} - 2\lambda e^{\lambda x} - 3e^{\lambda x} = 0$$

$$e^{\lambda x} (\lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 3 = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 3)(\lambda + 1) = 0$$

$$\lambda = 3 \quad \lambda = -1$$

So  $y = e^{3x}$  and  $y = e^{-x}$  are solutions to the equation.

$$y'' - 2y' - 3y = 0$$

$$(D^2 - 2D - 3)y = 0$$

$$(D-3)(D+1) = 0$$

$$y = e^{3x}, y = e^{-x}$$

$$\text{Roots } D=3 \quad D=-1$$

We've found that  $\{e^{3x}, e^{-x}\}$  is a solution set for  $y'' - 2y' - 3y = 0$

Since  $L = D^2 - 2D - 3$  is linear,

$$y = c_1 e^{3x} + c_2 e^{-x}$$

is also solution for any  $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$L(c_1 e^{3x} + c_2 e^{-x}) = c_1 L(e^{3x}) + c_2 L(e^{-x})$$

$$= c_1 \cdot 0 + c_2 \cdot 0$$

$$= 0$$

## Nonsolution

$$\begin{aligned} L(c_1 e^{3x} + c_2 e^{-x} + 5) \\ = c_1 L(e^{3x}) + c_2 L(e^{-x}) + L(5) \\ = c_1 \cdot 0 + c_2 \cdot 0 + 0 - 2(0) - 3(5) \\ = -15 \end{aligned}$$

$$y'' - 2y' - 3y = -15$$

From linear algebra we get that the solution for  $y'' - 2y' - 3y = 0$  is

$$\text{span}\{e^{3x}, e^{-x}\}$$

Theorem: Let  $L$  be a linear differential operator of order  $n$ . (Polynomial in  $D$  of degree  $n$  with constant coefficients).

Then the solution to the equation  $Ly = 0$  form an  $n$ -dimensional vector space. In particular if the polynomial in  $D$  has

has  $n$  'real distinct' roots  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$   
 then a basis for the solution space  
 $\{e^{\lambda_1 x}, e^{\lambda_2 x}, \dots, e^{\lambda_n x}\}$

The collection of solutions of  $Ly = 0$   
 is the nullspace of the polynomial in  $D$ .

$$[P(D)]_y = 0$$

q  
nullspace

$$1. y'' + 2y' - 8y = 0 \quad (D+4)(D-2)$$

$$y = C_1 e^{-4x} + C_2 e^{2x}$$

$$20y^{(3)} + y'' - 14y' - 24y = 0$$

$\pm$  some factor of  $24$   
 $\pm$  some factor of  $1$   
 ↪ some integer.

$\pm$  ~~24, 12, 6, 4, 3, 2, 1~~

$$\lambda = -2 \rightarrow \lambda + 2$$

$$\lambda^3 + \lambda^2 - 14\lambda - 24$$

$$\lambda^2 - \lambda - 12$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \overline{\lambda+2} \overline{\lambda^3 + \lambda^2 - 14\lambda - 24} \\
 - (\cancel{\lambda^3 + 2\lambda^2}) \\
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 \cancel{-\lambda^2 - 14\lambda - 24} \\
 - (\cancel{-\lambda^2 - 2\lambda}) \\
 \hline
 \cancel{-12\lambda - 24} \\
 - (\cancel{-12\lambda - 24}) \\
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 0
 \end{array}$$

$$(\lambda+2)(\lambda^2 - \lambda - 12) \quad \begin{aligned} \lambda &= -2 \\ \lambda &= 4 \\ \lambda &= -3 \end{aligned}$$

$$y = C_1 e^{-2x} + C_2 e^{4x} + C_3 e^{-3x}$$

Nondistinct Roots

$$\text{Example: } y'' + 2y' + y = 0$$

$$(D^2 + 2D + 1)(y) = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 1 \text{ has roots } \begin{aligned} \lambda &= -1 \\ \lambda &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left\{ e^{-x}, xe^{-x} \right\}$$

these are linearly independent.

Check:  $y = e^{-x}$  is a solution.  
 $y = xe^{-x}$  is a solution.

Lemma: The differential operator  $(D-\lambda)^n$   
 has an  $n$ -dimensional nullspace  
 $\{e^{\lambda x}, xe^{\lambda x}, x^2 e^{\lambda x}, \dots, x^{n-1} e^{\lambda x}\}$

It follows that  $L = (D-\lambda)^n$ ,  $L(y) = 0$   
 has the general solution

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$$y(x) = c_1 e^{\lambda x} + c_2 x e^{\lambda x} + \dots + c_n x^{n-1} e^{\lambda x}.$$

worksheet  
problems

$$\begin{cases} y'' + 4y' + 4 = 0 \\ y^{(3)} + 7y'' + 8y' - 16y = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$(1) y = c_1 e^{-2x} + c_2 x e^{-2x}$$

$$(2) y = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{-4x} + c_3 x e^{-4x}$$

## Purely Imaginary Roots

Example:  $y'' + y = 0$

$$(D^2 + 1)y = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 + 1 = 0 \quad \pm i = \lambda \quad \text{are solutions}$$

$$i^2 + 1 = -1 + 1 = 0$$

$$(-i)^2 + 1 = (-1)^2(i)^2 + 1 = 1 \cdot (-1) + 1 = 0.$$

$$\lambda^2 + 1 = (\lambda - i)(\lambda + i)$$

Solution:  $y(x) = c_1 e^{ix} + c_2 e^{-ix}$

$$y'(x) = i c_1 e^{ix} - i c_2 e^{-ix}$$

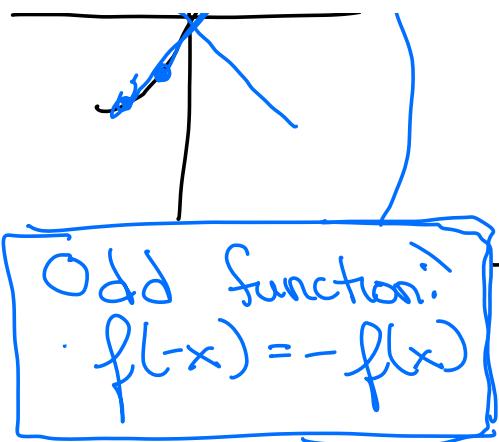
$$\begin{aligned} y''(x) &= i^2 c_1 e^{ix} + i^2 c_2 e^{-ix} \\ &= -c_1 e^{ix} - c_2 e^{-ix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y'' + y &= (-c_1 e^{ix} - c_2 e^{-ix}) + (c_1 e^{ix} + c_2 e^{-ix}) \\ &= 0 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Euler's Formula:  $e^{ix} = \cos(x) + i \sin(x)$  Check Taylor Series Expansions

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

$$\begin{aligned} (-x, y) &\rightarrow (x, -y) &+ c_2 \cos(-x) + c_2 i \sin(-x) \\ &= c_1 \cos(x) + c_1 i \overbrace{\sin(x)}^{\text{?}} \end{aligned}$$



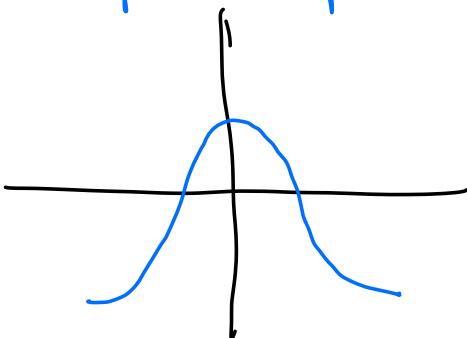
$$+c_2 \cos(x) - c_2 i \sin(x)$$

$$= (c_1 + c_2) \cos(x) + (c_1 - c_2)i \sin(x)$$

$$\frac{c_1 + c_2}{c_1 - c_2} i$$

Even function

$$f(-x) = f(x)$$



We need  $c_1 + c_2$   
 and  $(c_1 - c_2)i$  to  
 be real valued.

So  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are  
 complex conjugates:

Example  $c_1 = 2 - 4i$   $c_2 = 2 + 4i$

$$c_1 + c_2 = 2 - 2i + 2 + 2i$$

$$= 4 \quad \checkmark$$

$$c_1 = 3 + 5i \quad c_2 = 3 - 5i$$

$$c_1 = 2 - 2i \quad c_2 = 2 + 2i$$

$$(c_1 - c_2)i = (2 - 2i - 2 - 2i)i \quad c_1 = -i \quad c_2 = i$$

$$=(-4i)i = 4$$

$$c_1 = a + bi \quad c_2 = a - bi$$

Now set  $C_1 = c_1 + c_2$        $C_2 = (c_1 - c_2)i$   


$$y(x) = C_1 \cos(x) + C_2 \sin(x)$$

Given an equation of the form

$$y'' + \lambda^2 y = 0 \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

a general solution is

where  $y(x) = C_1 \cos(\lambda x) + C_2 \sin(\lambda x)$

If an equation is given by  
 $(D^2 + \lambda^2)^2 y = 0$ , then

$$y(x) = C_1 \cos(\lambda x) + C_2 \sin(\lambda x) \\ + C_3 \underbrace{x \cos(\lambda x)}_{\text{new term}} + C_4 \underbrace{x \sin(\lambda x)}_{\text{new term}}$$

$$\cancel{(D^2 + 1)^2} y = 0$$

Roots of  $(\lambda^2 + 1)^2 = 0$   
 are  $\lambda = \pm i$  (of mult. 2)

$$y(x) = C_1 \cos(x) + C_2 \sin(x)$$

$$+ C_3 \times \cos(x) + C_4 \times \sin(x)$$

Fully Complex Roots.

$$\text{Example: } y'' - 4y' + 8y = 0.$$

$$\lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 8 = 0 \quad \xrightarrow{\text{quadratic formula}}$$

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

$$a\lambda^2 + b\lambda + c = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 = 2 + 2i \quad \lambda_2 = 2 - 2i$$

$$\frac{4 \pm \sqrt{-16}}{2} = \frac{4 \pm 4i}{2} = 2 \pm 2i$$

$$\begin{aligned} y(x) &= C_1 e^{(2+2i)x} + C_2 e^{(2-2i)x} \\ &= e^{2x} \left( \underbrace{C_1 e^{2ix}}_{+ C_2 e^{-2ix}} \right) \\ &= e^{2x} (C_1 \cos(2x) + C_2 \sin(2x)) \end{aligned}$$

Given an equation

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

with associated roots  $A \pm Bi$ , the general solution

$$y(x) = C_1 e^{Ax} \cos(Bx) + C_2 e^{Ax} \sin(Bx)$$