

**ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS
ASSIGNMENT 5**

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Part 1. Homogeneous High Order Linear ODEs with Constant Coefficients

Exercise 1.

Find the general solution of the following differential equations

- (1) $y'' + 2y'3y = 0$
- (2) $4y'' - 9y = 0$
- (3) $y''2y'3y = 0$
- (4) $4y'' + 9y = 0$
- (5) $16y'' + 24y' + 9y = 0$
- (6) $y'''y''y' + y = 0$
- (7) $y^{(6)} + y = 0$

Solution 1.

(1) Let

$$\begin{aligned}y &= e^{\lambda t} \\ \therefore y' &= \lambda e^{\lambda t} \\ \therefore y'' &= \lambda^2 e^{\lambda t}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda^2 e^{\lambda t} + 2\lambda e^{\lambda t} - 3e^{\lambda t} &= 0 \\ \therefore \lambda^2 + 2\lambda - 3 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda &= \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 + 12}}{2} \\ &= \frac{-2 \pm 4}{2} \\ &= -1 \pm 2\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\lambda = -3 \qquad \text{or} \qquad \lambda = 1$$

Therefore,

$$y = e^{\lambda t}$$

Therefore,

$$y = e^{-3t} \quad \text{or} \quad y = e^t$$

Therefore,

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

(2) Let

$$\begin{aligned} y &= e^{\lambda t} \\ \therefore y' &= \lambda e^{\lambda t} \\ \therefore y'' &= \lambda^2 e^{\lambda t} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} 4\lambda^2 e^{\lambda t} - 9e^{\lambda t} &= 0 \\ \therefore 4\lambda^2 - 9 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\lambda = \pm \sqrt{\frac{9}{4}}$$

Therefore,

$$\lambda = -\frac{3}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad \lambda = \frac{3}{2}$$

Therefore,

$$y = e^{\lambda t}$$

Therefore,

$$y = e^{-\frac{3}{2}t} \quad \text{or} \quad y = e^{\frac{3}{2}t}$$

Therefore,

$$y = c_1 e^{-\frac{3}{2}t} + c_2 e^{\frac{3}{2}t}$$

(3) Let

$$\begin{aligned} y &= e^{\lambda t} \\ \therefore y' &= \lambda e^{\lambda t} \\ \therefore y'' &= \lambda^2 e^{\lambda t} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda^2 e^{\lambda t} - 2\lambda e^{\lambda t} - 3e^{\lambda t} &= 0 \\ \therefore \lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 + 12}}{2} \\ \therefore \lambda &= 1 \pm 2 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\lambda = -1 \quad \text{or} \quad \lambda = 3$$

Therefore,

$$y = e^{\lambda t}$$

Therefore,

$$y = e^{-t}$$

or

$$y = e^{3t}$$

Therefore,

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

(4) Let

$$y = e^{\lambda t}$$

$$\therefore y' = \lambda e^{\lambda t}$$

$$\therefore y'' = \lambda^2 e^{\lambda t}$$

Therefore,

$$4\lambda^2 e^{\lambda t} + 9e^{\lambda t} = 0$$

$$\therefore 4\lambda^2 + 9 = 0$$

Therefore,

$$\lambda = \pm \sqrt{\frac{-9}{4}}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{3i}{2}$$

or

$$\lambda = -\frac{3i}{2}$$

Therefore,

$$y = e^{\lambda t}$$

Therefore,

$$y = e^{-\frac{3i}{2}t}$$

or

$$y = e^{\frac{3i}{2}t}$$

Therefore,

$$y = c_1 e^{-\frac{3i}{2}t} + c_2 e^{\frac{3i}{2}t}$$

(5) Let

$$y = e^{\lambda t}$$

$$\therefore y' = \lambda e^{\lambda t}$$

$$\therefore y'' = \lambda^2 e^{\lambda t}$$

Therefore,

$$16y'' + 24y' + 9y = 0$$

$$16\lambda^2 e^{\lambda t} + 24\lambda e^{\lambda t} + 9e^{\lambda t} = 0$$

$$\therefore 16\lambda^2 + 24\lambda + 9 = 0$$

Therefore,

$$\lambda = \frac{-24 \pm \sqrt{24^2 - 4 \cdot 16 \cdot 9}}{2 \cdot 16}$$

$$\therefore \lambda = \frac{-24 \pm \sqrt{576 - 576}}{32}$$

$$\therefore \lambda = -\frac{3}{4}$$

Therefore,

$$y = e^{\lambda t}$$

$$= e^{-\frac{3}{4}t}$$

Therefore,

$$y = (c_1 + c_2)e^{-\frac{3}{4}t}$$

(6) Let

$$y = e^{\lambda t}$$

$$\therefore y' = \lambda e^{\lambda t}$$

$$\therefore y'' = \lambda^2 e^{\lambda t}$$

$$\therefore y''' = \lambda^3 e^{\lambda t}$$

Therefore,

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

$$\therefore \lambda^3 - \lambda^2 - \lambda + 1 = 0$$

$$\therefore (\lambda - 1)^2(\lambda + 1) = 0$$

Therefore,

$$\lambda = -1 \qquad \text{or} \qquad \lambda = 1$$

Therefore,

$$y = e^{\lambda t}$$

Therefore,

$$y = e^{-t} \qquad \text{or} \qquad y = e^t$$

Therefore,

$$y = c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 e^t$$

(7) Let

$$y = e^{\lambda t}$$

$$\therefore y' = \lambda e^{\lambda t}$$

$$\therefore y'' = \lambda^2 e^{\lambda t}$$

$$\therefore y''' = \lambda^3 e^{\lambda t}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\therefore y^{(6)} = \lambda^6 e^{\lambda t}$$

Therefore,

$$\lambda^6 e^{\lambda t} + e^{\lambda t} = 0$$

$$\therefore \lambda^6 + 1 = 0$$

Therefore,

$$\lambda = \sqrt[6]{-1}$$

Therefore,

$$\lambda = e^{\frac{i\pi}{6} + \frac{k\pi}{3}}$$

where $k \in \{0, \dots, 5\}$.

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} y &= e^{\lambda t} \\ &= e^{e^{\frac{i\pi}{6} + \frac{k\pi}{3}} t} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$y = c_1 e^{e^{\frac{i\pi}{6}} t} + c_2 e^{e^{\frac{i\pi}{6} + \frac{\pi}{3}} t} + c_3 e^{e^{\frac{i\pi}{6} + \frac{2\pi}{3}} t} + c_4 e^{e^{\frac{i\pi}{6} + \frac{3\pi}{3}} t} + c_5 e^{e^{\frac{i\pi}{6} + \frac{4\pi}{3}} t} + c_6 e^{e^{\frac{i\pi}{6} + \frac{5\pi}{3}} t}$$

Exercise 2.

Find the solution for the given initial value problems.

(1)

$$y'' + y'2y = 0$$

$$y(0) = 1$$

$$y'(0) = 1$$

(2)

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

$$y(0) = 0$$

$$y'(0) = 1$$

(3)

$$y'' - 2y' + 5y = 0$$

$$y\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0$$

$$y'\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 2$$

(4)

$$9y'' - 12y' + 4y = 0$$

$$y(0) = 2$$

$$y'(0) = -1$$

(5)

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

$$y(0) = 0$$

$$y'(0) = 1$$

$$y''(0) = 2$$

Solution 2.

(1) Let

$$y = e^{\lambda t}$$

$$\therefore y' = \lambda e^{\lambda t}$$

$$\therefore y'' = \lambda^2 e^{\lambda t}$$

Therefore,

$$\lambda^2 e^{\lambda t} + \lambda e^{\lambda t} - 2e^{\lambda t} = 0$$

$$\therefore \lambda^2 + \lambda - 2 = 0$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda &= \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1+8}}{2} \\ &= \frac{-1 \pm 3}{2}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\lambda = -2 \qquad \text{or} \qquad \lambda = 1$$

Therefore,

$$y = e^{-2t} \qquad \text{or} \qquad y = e^t$$

Therefore,

$$y = c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2 e^t$$

$$\therefore y' = -2c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2 e^t$$

Therefore, substituting $y(0) = 1$ and $y'(0) = 1$,

$$1 = c_1 + c_2$$

$$1 = -2c_1 + c_2$$

Therefore,

$$c_1 = 0$$

$$c_2 = 1$$

Therefore,

$$y = e^t$$

(2) Let

$$\begin{aligned}y &= e^{\lambda t} \\ \therefore y' &= \lambda e^{\lambda t} \\ \therefore y'' &= \lambda^2 e^{\lambda t}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda^2 e^{\lambda t} + 4\lambda e^{\lambda t} &= 0 \\ \therefore \lambda^2 + 4\lambda &= 0 \\ \therefore \lambda(\lambda + 4) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\lambda = -4 \qquad \text{or} \qquad \lambda = 0$$

Therefore,

$$y = e^{-4t} \qquad \text{or} \qquad y = e^{0t}$$

Therefore,

$$y = e^{-4t} \qquad \text{or} \qquad y = 1$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}y &= c_1 e^{-4t} + c_2 \\ \therefore y' &= -4c_1 e^{-4t}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, substituting $y(0) = 1$ and $y'(0) = 1$,

$$\begin{aligned}1 &= c_1 + c_2 \\ 1 &= -4c_1\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}c_1 &= -\frac{1}{4} \\ c_2 &= \frac{1}{4}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$y = -\frac{1}{4}e^{-4t} + \frac{1}{4}$$

(3) Let

$$\begin{aligned}y &= e^{\lambda t} \\ \therefore y' &= \lambda e^{\lambda t} \\ \therefore y'' &= \lambda^2 e^{\lambda t}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda^2 e^{\lambda t} - 2\lambda e^{\lambda t} + 5e^{\lambda t} &= 0 \\ \therefore \lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 5 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda &= \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 20}}{2} \\ &= \frac{2 \pm 4i}{2} \\ &= 1 \pm 2i\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\lambda = 1 + 2i \quad \text{or} \quad \lambda = 1 - 2i$$

Therefore,

$$y = e^{(1+2i)t} \quad \text{or} \quad y = e^{(1-2i)t}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}y &= c_1 e^{(1+2i)t} + c_2 e^{(1-2i)t} \\ \therefore y' &= (1 + 2i)c_1 e^{(1+2i)t} + (1 - 2i)c_2 e^{(1-2i)t}\end{aligned}$$

(4) Let

$$\begin{aligned}y &= e^{\lambda t} \\ \therefore y' &= \lambda e^{\lambda t} \\ \therefore y'' &= \lambda^2 e^{\lambda t}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}9\lambda^2 e^{\lambda t} - 12\lambda e^{\lambda t} + 4e^{\lambda t} &= 0 \\ \therefore 9\lambda^2 - 12\lambda + 4 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda &= \frac{12 \pm \sqrt{144 - 144}}{18} \\ &= \frac{2}{3}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$y = e^{\frac{2}{3}t}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}y &= (c_1 + c_2)e^{\frac{2}{3}t} \\ \therefore y' &= \frac{2}{3}(c_1 + c_2)e^{\frac{2}{3}t}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, substituting $y(0) = 2$ and $y'(0) = -1$,

$$\begin{aligned}2 &= c_1 + c_2 \\ -1 &= \frac{2}{3}(c_1 + c_2)\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the system is inconsistent.
Hence a solution does not exist.

(5) Let

$$\begin{aligned}y &= e^{\lambda t} \\ \therefore y' &= \lambda e^{\lambda t} \\ \therefore y'' &= \lambda^2 e^{\lambda t} \\ \therefore y''' &= \lambda^3 e^{\lambda t}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}y''' + y' &= 0 \\ \lambda^3 e^{\lambda t} + \lambda e^{\lambda t} &= 0 \\ \therefore \lambda^3 + \lambda &= 0 \\ \therefore \lambda(\lambda^2 + 1) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\lambda = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \lambda = i \quad \text{or} \quad \lambda = -i$$

Therefore,

$$y = e^{0t} \quad \text{or} \quad y = e^{it} \quad \text{or} \quad y = e^{-it}$$

Therefore,

$$y = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad y = e^{it} \quad \text{or} \quad y = e^{-it}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}y &= c_1 + c_2 e^{it} + c_3 e^{-it} \\ \therefore y' &= ic_2 e^{it} - ic_3 e^{-it} \\ \therefore y'' &= -c_2 e^{it} + c_3 e^{-it}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, substituting $y(0) = 0$, $y'(0) = 1$, $y''(0) = 2$,

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= c_1 + c_2 + c_3 \\ 1 &= c_2 - c_3 \\ 2 &= -c_2 + c_3\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the system is inconsistent.
Hence a solution does not exist.

Exercise 3.

Consider the ODE $y'' - (2\alpha - 1)y' + \alpha(\alpha - 1)y = 0$. Determine the values of α , if any, such that all solutions tend to zero as $t \rightarrow \infty$. Also determine the values of α , if any, such that all (nonzero) solutions become unbounded as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

Solution 3.

Let

$$\begin{aligned}y &= e^{\lambda t} \\ \therefore y' &= \lambda e^{\lambda t} \\ \therefore y'' &= \lambda^2 e^{\lambda t}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda^2 e^{\lambda t} - (2\alpha - 1)\lambda e^{\lambda t} + \alpha(\alpha - 1)e^{\lambda t} &= 0 \\ \therefore \lambda^2 - (2\alpha - 1)\lambda + \alpha(\alpha - 1) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda &= \frac{2\alpha - 1 \pm \sqrt{(2\alpha - 1)^2 - 4\alpha(\alpha - 1)}}{2} \\ &= \frac{2\alpha - 1 \pm \sqrt{4\alpha^2 - 4\alpha + 1 - 4\alpha^2 + 4\alpha}}{2} \\ &= \frac{2\alpha - 1 \pm \sqrt{1}}{2} \\ &= \frac{2\alpha - 1 \pm 1}{2}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\lambda = \alpha - 1 \qquad \text{or} \qquad \lambda = \alpha$$

Therefore,

$$y = e^{(\alpha-1)t} \qquad \text{or} \qquad y = e^{\alpha t}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{-n} = 0$$

Therefore, if $y > 1$, $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y = 0$

Part 2. Reduction of Order**Exercise 1.**

Use the method of reduction of order to find a second solution for the given differential equations.

(1)

$$\begin{aligned}t^2 y'' - 4ty' + 6y &= 0 \\ t &> 0 \\ y_1(t) &= t^2\end{aligned}$$

(2)

$$\begin{aligned}xy'' - y' + 4x^3y &= 0 \\ x &> 0 \\ y_1(x) &= \sin(x^2)\end{aligned}$$

Solution 1.

(1) Let

$$\begin{aligned} y_2(t) &= \nu(t)y_1(t) \\ &= t^2\nu(t) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} y_2'(t) &= 2t\nu(t) + t^2\nu'(t) \\ \therefore y_2''(t) &= 2\nu(t) + 2t\nu'(t) + 2t\nu'(t) + t^2\nu''(t) \\ &= 2\nu(t) + 4t\nu'(t) + t^2\nu''(t) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, substituting y_2' and y_2'' ,

$$\begin{aligned} t^2 \left(2\nu(t) + 4t\nu'(t) + t^2\nu''(t) \right) - 4t \left(2t\nu(t) + t^2\nu'(t) \right) + 6 \left(t^2\nu(t) \right) &= 0 \\ \therefore 2t^2\nu(t) + 4t^3\nu'(t) + t^4\nu''(t) - 8t^2\nu(t) - 4t^3\nu'(t) + 6t^2\nu(t) &= 0 \\ \therefore t^4\nu''(t) &= 0 \\ \therefore \nu''(t) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, let

$$\nu(t) = k_1t + k_2$$

Therefore,

$$\nu'(t) = k_1$$

Therefore, let $k_1 = 1$, $k_2 = 1$.

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} y_2(t) &= t^2t \\ &= t^3 \end{aligned}$$

(2) Let

$$\begin{aligned} y_2(x) &= \nu(x)y_1(x) \\ &= \sin(x^2)\nu(x) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} y_2'(x) &= \sin(x^2)\nu'(x) + 2x\nu(x)\cos(x^2) \\ y_2''(x) &= \sin(x^2)\nu''(x) + 4x\cos(x^2)\nu'(x) - 4x^2\nu(x)\sin(x^2) + 2\nu(x)\cos(x^2) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, substituting y_2' and y_2'' and simplifying,

$$\therefore x\sin(x^2)\nu''(x) + \nu'(x) \left(4x^2\cos(x^2) - \sin(x^2) \right) + 4x\nu(x)\cos(x^2) = 0$$

Therefore, the characteristic equation is

$$x\sin(x^2)\lambda^2 + \left(4x^2\cos(x^2) - \sin(x^2) \right) \lambda + 4x\cos(x^2) = 0$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda &= \frac{\sin(x^2) - 4x^2 \cos(x^2) \pm \sqrt{\sin^2(x^2) - 8x^2 \sin(x^2) \cos(x^2) - 16x^2 \sin(x^2) \cos(x^2)}}{2x \sin(x^2)} \\ &= \frac{\sin(x^2) - 4x^2 \cos(x^2) \pm \sqrt{\sin^2(x^2) - 24x^2 \sin(x^2) \cos(x^2)}}{2x \sin(x^2)}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\nu(x) = e^{\lambda x}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}y_2(x) &= \sin(x^2)\nu(x) \\ &= \sin(x^2)e^{\frac{\sin(x^2) - 4x^2 \cos(x^2) \pm \sqrt{\sin^2(x^2) - 24x^2 \sin(x^2) \cos(x^2)}}{2x \sin(x^2)}}$$