

\* See Modules : Summary 4.1, 4.3, 4.4

## § 4.3 Homogeneous Linear Equations with Constant Coefficients

### Second order

$$ay'' + by' + cy = 0, \quad a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$$

Try  $y = e^{mx}$   $\Rightarrow y' = me^{mx}$  &  $y'' = m^2 e^{mx}$  element of

So  $am^2 e^{mx} + bme^{mx} + ce^{mx} = 0$

$$e^{mx} (am^2 + bm + c) = 0$$

$e^{mx} = 0$   
no solution

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auxiliary  
equation

$$am^2 + bm + c = 0$$

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

3 cases :  $b^2 - 4ac > 0$  two real roots

$b^2 - 4ac = 0$  one real roots

$b^2 - 4ac < 0$  conjugate complex numbers

Case 1 : Distinct Real Roots  $m_1$   
 $m_2$

$$y_1 = e^{m_1 x} \text{ and } y_2 = e^{m_2 x}$$

$m_1 \neq m_2$

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} e^{m_1 x} & e^{m_2 x} \\ m_1 e^{m_1 x} & m_2 e^{m_2 x} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} m_2 e^{m_1 x} e^{m_2 x} & -m_1 e^{m_1 x} e^{m_2 x} \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= e^{(m_1 + m_2)x} \begin{vmatrix} m_2 & -m_1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Since  $m_1 \neq m_2$ ,  $e^{(m_1 + m_2)x} \neq 0 \forall x$ ,

$W \neq 0 \therefore$  So the two solutions are linear independent.

Case 1 :  $m_1, m_2$  real,  $m_1 \neq m_2$

General Solution  $y = c_1 e^{m_1 x} + c_2 e^{m_2 x}$

Case 2 : one real root with multiplicity 2

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

$$y'' + \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)y' + \frac{c}{a} = 0$$

$$m_1 = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = 0$$

$$m_1 = \frac{-b}{2a}$$

$$y_1 = e^{m_1 x}$$

$$\frac{b}{a} = -2m_1$$

$$y_2 = e^{m_1 x} \int \frac{e^{-\int (-2m_1) dx}}{(e^{m_1 x})^2} dx$$

$$\int 2m_1 dx = 2m_1 x$$

$$= e^{m_1 x} \int \frac{e^{2m_1 x}}{e^{2m_1 x}} dx = e^{m_1 x} \int 1 dx$$

$$= x e^{m_1 x}$$

Case 2:  $m$  root multiplicity 2

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

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

2 complex roots that are conjugates of each other.

$$m_1 = \alpha + \beta i$$

$$m_2 = \alpha - \beta i$$

Proof in book.

$$y = C_1 e^{\alpha x} \cos \beta x + C_2 e^{\alpha x} \sin \beta x$$

Examples : Second order H.L.D.E with constant coefficients

eg  $y'' - y' - 2y = 0$   $m_1 = 2$

A.E :  $m^2 - m - 2 = 0$   $m_2 = -1$

$$(m - 2)(m + 1) = 0$$

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

eg  $y'' - 7y' = 0$

$$m^2 - 7m = 0 \quad y = C_1 + C_2 e^{7x}$$

$$m(m - 7) = 0$$

$$m = 0, m = 7$$

Case 2

eg  $y'' - y' + \frac{1}{4}y = 0$

$$m^2 - m + \frac{1}{4} = 0$$

$$(m - \frac{1}{2})^2 = 0$$

$$m = \frac{1}{2}$$

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

eg Case 2 IVP

$$y'' - y' + \frac{1}{4}y = 0, y(0) = 2, y'(0) = \frac{1}{3}$$

from previous example,

general solution:

$$\begin{aligned} y &= c_1 e^{\frac{x}{2}} + c_2 x e^{\frac{x}{2}} \\ y' &= \frac{1}{2} c_1 e^{\frac{x}{2}} + c_2 \left( \frac{x}{2} e^{\frac{x}{2}} + e^{\frac{x}{2}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$2 = c_1 + 0$$

$$c_1 = 2$$

$$\frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{2} c_1 + 0 + c_2$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}(2) + c_2 \Rightarrow c_2 = -\frac{2}{3}$$

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



Case 3  $\Rightarrow y'' + 2y' + 2y = 0$

$$m^2 + 2m + 2 = 0$$

$$m = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4(1)(2)}}{2(1)} = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{-4}}{2} = \frac{-2 \pm 2i}{2} = -1 \pm i$$

$$\alpha = -1, \beta = 1$$

$$y = C_1 e^{-x} \cos x + C_2 e^{-x} \sin x$$

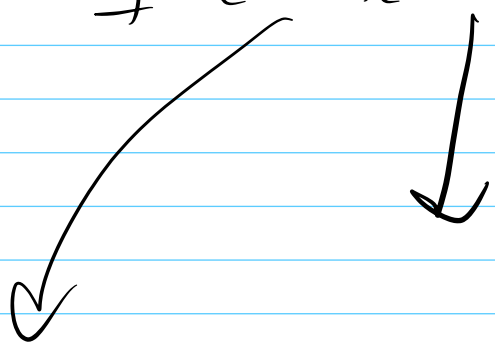
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## Higher-order LDE with CC

Must factor the auxiliary equation  
+ then apply principle of superposition  
to this.

$$\text{eg } (m-1)(m-2)^2(m^2+m+1) = 0$$



$$m = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1-4(1)(1)}}{2(1)}$$
$$= -\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} i$$

$$\text{Q5 } y = C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{2x} + C_3 x e^{2x} + C_4 e^{-\frac{x}{2}} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} x\right) + C_5 e^{-\frac{x}{2}} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} x\right)$$

For  $n^{\text{th}}$  DE,  $n$  factors.

$n^{\text{th}}$  IVP,  $n$  initial conditions needed.

That is, need  $n$  equations in  
 $n$  unknowns.

## Hints to factoring auxiliary equations.

- Factor out any common factors.

Hw 15, 23, 35

- Perfect squares

$$u^2 - 2uv + v^2 = (u - v)^2$$

$$u^2 + 2uv + v^2 = (u + v)^2$$

$u^2, v^2$  perfect squares

Hw 24, 25, (35)

- $a^3 - b^3 = (a - b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$   
 $a^3 + b^3 = (a + b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)$

- Synthetic division  
Used to help find roots of linear factors.

Use Rational Root theorem:

If  $\frac{a}{b}$  is a root of a polynomial of degree  $n$ , then  $b$  divides leading coefficient



and  $a$  divides the constant term.

eg  $m^3 - 2m^2 - 5m + 6 = 0$

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1 good

possibilities for  
 $a$ : Factors of 6?  
 $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 6$ .

try 3.

3		1	-2	-5	6
		$1 \times 3$ 3		$1 \times 3$ 3	$-2 \times 3$ -6
		1	$1 \text{ add } -2+3$ -2	$-5 \text{ add } -2+3$ -2	0

bring  
down  
leading  
coef.

remainder 0.

So 3 is a  
root

and  $m-3$   
is a factor of  
the poly.

So  $m^3 - 2m^2 - 5m + 6$

$= (m-3)(m^2 + m - 2)$

$= (m-3)(m+2)(m-1) \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0$

$m_1 = 3, m_2 = -2, m_3 = 1$

So  $y = c_1 e^{3x} + c_2 e^{-2x} + c_3 e^x$

is the general solution to the DE