

Proof of Case 3 in § 4.3.

Recall $e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$, $\cos x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$

$i^2 = -1$
So, $i^{2m} = (-1)^m$ and $i^{2m+1} = i(i^{2m}) = (-1)^m i$
and $\sin x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$

Euler's formula: $e^{ix} = \cos x + i \sin x$

Pf: $e^{ix} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(ix)^n}{n!} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(ix)^{2m}}{(2m)!} + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(ix)^{2m+1}}{(2m+1)!}$

Let $n = 2m$.

$$= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m x^{2m}}{(2m)!} + i \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m x^{2m+1}}{(2m+1)!}$$

$$= \cos x + i \sin x$$

So, $y = e^{(\alpha + \beta i)x}$
 $= e^{\alpha x} e^{\beta i x}$

$$= e^{\alpha x} (\cos \beta x + i \sin \beta x)$$

Similar statement for $y = e^{(\alpha - \beta i)x}$

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

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

If the square roots are complex (conjugate) =

$m_1 = \alpha + \beta i$

$m_2 = \alpha - \beta i$

So $y = C_1 e^{(\alpha + \beta i)x} + C_2 e^{(\alpha - \beta i)x}$

However, Complex solution with complex coefficients. We want real solution

Let $C_1 = 1$ and $C_2 = 1$. Then

$y = e^{\alpha x} e^{\beta i x} + e^{\alpha x} e^{-\beta i x}$
 $= e^{\alpha x} (\cos \beta x + i \sin \beta x)$

$\cos(-\beta x)$
 $= \cos(\beta x)$

Even fn

$\sin(\beta x)$

$+ e^{\alpha x} (\cos(-\beta x) + i \sin(-\beta x)) = -\sin(\beta x)$

$= e^{\alpha x} (\cos \beta x + i \sin \beta x) + e^{\alpha x} (\cos \beta x - i \sin \beta x)$

odd fn

$= 2 e^{\alpha x} \cos(\beta x).$

So $y_1 = e^{\alpha x} \cos(\beta x)$ is a real solution to the DE.

Letting $C_1 = i, C_2 = -i$, get $y_2 = e^{\alpha x} \sin(\beta x)$.

So $y = C_3 e^{\alpha x} \cos \beta x + C_4 e^{\alpha x} \sin(\beta x)$.