

TITLE

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End of last lecture (which I missed)

For $y'' + py' + qy = 0$ ($p, q \in \mathbb{R}$)

e^{mx} is a solution if $m = \frac{-p \pm \sqrt{p^2 - 4q}}{2}$
(solution to $m^2 + pm + q = 0$)

Case 1: $p^2 > 4q$ (2 real roots)

The two functions e^{m_1x} and e^{m_2x} using the value of m 's from above (\pm)

This is the characteristics equation of the DE are both solutions. They are linearly independent, and so the general solution is:

Example: Solve the NP $y'' - y' - 2y = 0$, $y(0) = 0$, $y'(0) = 2$

Solution: The char. eqn is $m^2 - m - 2 = 0$ ie $(m-2)(m+1) = 0$, so $m = 2, -1$

The general solution is $y = C_1e^{2x} + C_2e^{-x}$ ($y' = 2C_1e^{2x} - C_2e^{-x}$)

Enforcing the initial conditions,

$$y(0) = 0 \rightarrow 0 = C_1 + C_2$$

$$y'(0) = 2 \rightarrow 2 = 2C_1 - C_2$$

$$2 = 3C_1 \text{ so } C_1 = \frac{2}{3}, C_2 = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$\text{So } y = \frac{2}{3}(e^{2x} - e^{-x})$$

Case 2: $p^2 < 4q$ (Complex Roots)

Here we can again say that the solution is

$$y = C_1e^{m_1x} + C_2e^{m_2x} = C_1e^{(\alpha+i\beta)x} + C_2e^{(\alpha-i\beta)x}$$

WE can write this in terms of real-valued functions.

$$\begin{aligned} y &= e^{\alpha x} [C_1e^{i\beta x} + C_2e^{-i\beta x}] \\ &= e^{\alpha x} [C_1(\cos(\beta x) + i\sin(\beta x)) + C_2(\cos(\beta x) - i\sin(\beta x))] \\ &= e^{\alpha x} [(C_1 + C_2)\cos(\beta x) + i(C_1 - C_2)\sin(\beta x)] \\ &= e^{\alpha x} (A\cos(\beta x) + B\sin(\beta x)) \end{aligned}$$

Where $A = C_1 + C_2$ and $B = i(C_1 - C_2)$

Example: Find the general solution: $y'' + 2y' + 5y = 0$

Solution: The char. equation is

$$m^2 + 2m + 5 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(m+1)^2 + 4 &= 0 \\
m &= -2 \pm 2i \\
\rightarrow y &= e^{-x}(C_1 \cos(2x) + C_2 \sin(2x))
\end{aligned}$$

Example: Solve the IVP $y'' + 4y' + 5y = 0$, $y(0) = 2$, $y'(0) = 1$

This time:

$$\begin{aligned}
m^2 + 4m + 5 &= 0 \\
(m+2)^2 + 1 &= 0 \\
m &= -2 \pm i \\
\rightarrow y &= e^{-2x}(C_1 \cos(x) + C_2 \sin(x))
\end{aligned}$$

Enforce the ICs:

$$\begin{aligned}
y' &= -2e^{-2x}(C_1 \cos(x) + C_2 \sin(x)) + e^{-2x}(-C_1 \sin(x) + C_2 \cos(x)) \\
y(0) = 2 &\rightarrow C_1 = 2 \\
y'(0) = 1 &\rightarrow -2C_1 + C_2 = 1 \rightarrow C_2 = 5
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus, } y = e^{-2x}(2\cos(x) + 5\sin(x))$$

Case 3: $p^2 = 4q$ (Repeated roots)

If $p^2 = 4q$ we get only one exponential solution. There must be a second solution which is not an exponential

Here's how it was found:

An equation with 2 identical roots should not differ much from an equation with 2 nearly identical roots.

Eg: Compare $y'' + 2y' + y = 0$ to $y'' + 2.001y' + y = 0$

So, suppose a DE has two roots, m and $m + \epsilon$.

$$y = C_1 e^{mx} + C_2 e^{m+\epsilon}x$$

As $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ It looks like we only get one family of solutions:

$$y = (C_1 + C_2)\epsilon e^{mx} \text{ however, suppose: } C_1 \text{ and } C_2, \text{ depend on } \epsilon$$

Consider the solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
y &= \frac{1}{\epsilon} e^{m+\epsilon}x - \frac{1}{\epsilon} e^{mx} \\
&= e^{mx} \left[\frac{e^{\epsilon x} - 1}{\epsilon} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{e^{\epsilon x} - 1}{\epsilon} \right) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{x e^{\epsilon x}}{1} = x$$

Therefore $x e^{mx}$ is a solution to the equation with $\epsilon = 0$. That is, the general solution for Case 3 is $y = C_1 e^{mx} + C_2 x e^{mx}$

Example: Solve $y'' + 6y' + 9y = 0$

Solution: $m^2 + 6m + 9 = 0 \iff (m + 3)^2 = 0 \rightarrow m = -3$

The general solution is $y = C_1 e^{-3x} + C_2 x e^{-3x}$

Example: Solve $y'' + 4y' + 4y = 2e^{-2x} + 4x$

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

$y_p = A e^{-2x}$ will fail, so we usually multiply by x , but that will also fail. Try multiplying by x again!

$y_p = A x^2 e^{-2x} + Bx + C$