

Notation

Leibniz notation

$$y' + 3y = 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} + 3y = 0, \quad \underline{\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + y = 0}$$

$$\dot{x} + 6x = 0$$

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"x dot"

Newton's notation

Comet

$$\ddot{x} + 6x = 0 \Leftrightarrow \ddot{x}(t) + 6x(t) = 0$$

t

second derivative w.r.t time

$$\ddot{x} + 7x = e^{-t}$$

Let's solve differential equations of the form

$$\underline{y'} + P(x) \underline{y} = \underline{f(x)}, \quad y = y(x)$$

$$\text{e.g.}, \quad r' = -r \Leftrightarrow \frac{r'}{r} = -1$$

- Linear: If  $y_1$  &  $y_2$  are sol'ns to the homogeneous equation  $y' + p(x) = 0$   
 $\lambda_1 y_1 + \lambda_2 y_2$  is also a sol'n,  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  const  
 to the homogeneous equation
 
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} y'_1 + p(x)y_1 = 0 \\ y'_2 + p(x)y_2 = 0 \end{array} \right. \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \times \lambda_1 \\ \times \lambda_2 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} * y_1, y_2 \text{ sol'n} \Rightarrow y_1 + y_2 \text{ sol'n} \\ * y \text{ sol'n} \Rightarrow \lambda y \text{ sol'n} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda_1 y_1 + \lambda_2 y_2)' + p(x)(\lambda_1 y_1 + \lambda_2 y_2) = 0$$

- Inhomogeneous / Nonhomogeneous  
 b/c the RHS is  $\neq 0$
- variable coefficients  
 b/c  $p(x), q(x)$  not necessarily const.
- First order  
 b/c highest order of derivative of  $y$  is 1  
 i.e.,  $y'$

LHS is a linear combination of  $y$  &  $y'$ , i.e.,  $a y' + b y$

$$y' + \boxed{p(x)} y = g(x)$$

Use "Integrating factor"  $e^{\int p(x) dx} = \exp(\int p(x) dx)$   
 Multiply both sides by  $e^{\int p(x) dx}$

$$e^{\int p(x) dx} (y' + p(x)y) = \underbrace{g(x) e^{\int p(x) dx}}_{\text{linear: no term like } y^2, (y')^2, y'y, \sin(y)\dots}$$

$$\left[ e^{\int p(x) dx} \cdot y \right]'$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{\int p(x) dx} y = \int g(x) e^{\int p(x) dx} dx + C$$

$$\Rightarrow y(x) = e^{-\int p(x) dx} \int g(x) e^{\int p(x) dx} dx + C e^{-\int p(x) dx}$$

$$\text{Ex } y' - \frac{2}{x}y = 1$$

$\downarrow p(x) = -\frac{2}{x}$        $\downarrow q(x) = 1$

Integrating factor  $e^{\int -\frac{2}{x} dx}$

$$= e^{-2\ln x} = e^{\ln(x^{-2})}$$

$$= (x^{-2})^{\ln e} = 1/x^2$$

Multiply both sides by  $\frac{1}{x^2}$

$$\frac{1}{x^2} y' - \frac{2y}{x^3} = \frac{1}{x^2}$$

      

$$\left( \frac{y}{x^2} \right)' = \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{y}{x^2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y}{x^2} = \int \frac{1}{x^2} = -\frac{1}{x} + C$$

$$\Rightarrow y = -x + Cx^2, C \text{ const.}$$

$$y' - \frac{2}{x}y = 1$$

$$y' = -1 + 2Cx$$

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{2}{x}y &= -\frac{2}{x}(-x + Cx^2) \\ &= 2 - 2Cx \end{aligned}$$

+ = 1

$$\underline{y' + 2y} = e^{-2x}$$

Integrating factor  $e^{\int 2 dx} = e^{2x}$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{e^{2x} (y' + 2y)}_{(ye^{2x})'} = e^{-2x} \cdot e^{2x} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (ye^{2x})' = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{ye^{2x}} = x + C$$

$$\Rightarrow y = xe^{-2x} + Ce^{-2x} \quad \checkmark$$

$C$  const.

Second-order const-coefficients linear  
homogeneous ordinary differential equations

$$y'' + p y' + q y = 0 \quad y(0)=1, \quad y'(0)=2$$

First solve the quadratic equation ( $p, q \in \mathbb{R}$ )  
characteristic eqn / eigen eqn.

$$\lambda^2 + p\lambda + q = 0 \quad (\text{try } e^{\lambda x})$$

$\Delta = p^2 - 4q$ , discriminant

$$\Delta > 0 \cdot \lambda = \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \quad \lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2, \quad \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$y(x) = C_1 e^{\lambda_1 x} + C_2 e^{\lambda_2 x}, \quad C_1, C_2 \text{ consts.}$$

$$\Delta = 0 \cdot \lambda = \lambda_1 = \lambda_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} y(x) &= C_1 e^{\lambda x} + C_2 e^{\lambda x} \\ &= e^{\lambda x} (C_1 + C_2 x) \quad C_1, C_2 \text{ consts.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta < 0 \cdot \lambda_1 = \alpha + i\beta, \quad \lambda_2 = \overline{\lambda_1} = \alpha - i\beta, \quad \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R} \quad \beta \neq 0$$

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

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

$$C_1, C_2 \text{ const}$$

$$\bullet \quad y' - (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) y' + \lambda_1 \lambda_2 y = 0, \quad \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

$\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$

$$(\boxed{y' - \lambda_1 y})' - \lambda_2 (\boxed{y' - \lambda_1 y}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y' - \lambda_1 y = c_2 e^{\lambda_2 x} \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$(y' - \lambda_2 y)' - \lambda_1 (y' - \lambda_2 y) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y' - \lambda_2 y = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 x} \quad \textcircled{2}$$

Take  $\textcircled{2} - \textcircled{1}$

$$\underline{(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)y} = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 x} - c_2 e^{\lambda_2 x}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \underbrace{\frac{c_1}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2}}_{\tilde{c}_1} e^{\lambda_1 x} + \underbrace{\frac{-c_2}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2}}_{\tilde{c}_2} e^{\lambda_2 x}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \tilde{c}_1 e^{\lambda_1 x} + \tilde{c}_2 e^{\lambda_2 x}$$

$\tilde{c}_1, \tilde{c}_2$  const.

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

$$\Leftrightarrow (y' - \lambda y)' - \lambda(y' - \lambda y) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y' - \lambda y = c_1 e^{\lambda x}$$

Integrating factor given by

$$e^{\int (-\lambda) dx} = e^{-\lambda x}$$

Then

$$e^{-\lambda x}(y' - \lambda y) = c_1 e^{\lambda x} \cdot e^{-\lambda x}$$

$$\Rightarrow (e^{-\lambda x} y)' = c_1$$

Integrate both sides,

$$\Rightarrow e^{-\lambda x} y = c_1 x + c_2$$

$$\Rightarrow y = e^{\lambda x} (c_1 x + c_2)$$

$c_1, c_2$  const.



$y'' - 2\alpha y' + (\alpha^2 + \beta^2)y = 0$   
 $(\lambda_{1,2} = \alpha \pm i\beta, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, \beta \neq 0, \text{const.})$

The sol'n is given by

$$y = c_1 e^{(\alpha+i\beta)x} + c_2 e^{(\alpha-i\beta)x}$$

$$c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{C}, \overline{c_1} = c_2$$

Recall Euler's formula  $e^{i\theta} = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta$

$$\begin{aligned} e^{x+i\beta x} &= e^x \cdot e^{i\beta x} \\ &= e^x (\cos\beta x + i\sin\beta x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} e^{i\pi} &= -1 \\ e^{i\pi} + 1 &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \theta = \pi$$

Let  $c_1 = d_1 + id_2, d_1, d_2 \in \mathbb{R}, \text{const.}$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= (d_1 + id_2) e^{\alpha x} (\cos\beta x + i\sin\beta x) \\ &\quad + (d_1 - id_2) e^{\alpha x} (\cos\beta x - i\sin\beta x) \\ &= e^{\alpha x} \left( 2d_1 \cos\beta x - 2d_2 \sin\beta x \right. \\ &\quad \left. + id_2 \cos\beta x + id_1 \sin\beta x \right. \\ &\quad \left. - id_2 \cos\beta x - id_1 \sin\beta x \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$= e^{\alpha x} \left( \underbrace{2d_1 \cos \beta x}_{\tilde{C}_1} - \underbrace{2d_2 \sin \beta x}_{\tilde{C}_2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = e^{\alpha x} (\tilde{C}_1 \cos \beta x + \tilde{C}_2 \sin \beta x)$$

$\tilde{C}_1, \tilde{C}_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ . consts.

In general, try ansatz  $y = \underline{\underline{e^{\lambda x}}}$

to solve  $\underline{\underline{y'' + py' + qy = 0}}, p, q \in \mathbb{R}$

thus

$$y'' + py' + qy = \lambda^2 e^{\lambda x} + p\lambda e^{\lambda x} + qe^{\lambda x}$$

$$= \underbrace{e^{\lambda x}}_{\neq 0} \left( \lambda^2 + p\lambda + q \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 + p\lambda + q = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \lambda_1, \lambda_2$$

$\Rightarrow e^{\lambda_1 x}$  &  $e^{\lambda_2 x}$  are sol'n's

for the ODE (ordinary diff eqn)  
(ode)

By linearity ( $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$ )

$c_1 e^{\lambda_1 x} + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 x}$ ,  $c_1, c_2$  arbitrary  
is also a solution.

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If  $\lambda = \lambda_1 = \lambda_2$ , try

$$y = c(x) e^{\lambda x}$$

(variation of parameters/constants)

$$\Rightarrow y'' - 2\lambda y' + \lambda^2 y = ?$$

$$y' = e^{\lambda x} (\lambda c(x) + c'(x))$$

$$y'' = e^{\lambda x} (\lambda^2 c(x) + 2\lambda c'(x) + c''(x))$$

$$y'' + 2\lambda y' + \lambda^2 y$$

$$= e^{\lambda x} \left( c''(x) + \cancel{2\lambda c'(x)} + \cancel{\lambda^2 c(x)} \right. \\ \left. - \cancel{2\lambda^2 c(x)} - \cancel{2\lambda c'(x)} \right. \\ \left. + \cancel{\lambda^2 c(x)} \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c''(x) = 0 \rightarrow c(x) = ax + b$$

$$\Rightarrow y(x) = c(x) e^{\lambda x}$$

$$= (ax + b) e^{\lambda x}$$

$a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , const

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Inhomogeneous ODE (2nd order  
const. coeff.)

$$y'' + p y' + q y = e^{\lambda x}$$

Step 1 Find the homogeneous sol'n, i.e.,

$$\text{sol'n to } y'' + p y' + q y = 0$$

call this sol'n  $y_h$

Step 2 Find a particular sol'n, i.e.,

any sol'n  $y_p$  s.t.

$$y_p'' + p y_p' + q y_p = e^{\lambda x}$$

The general sol'n is given by  $y_h + y_p$

$$x(x) = x^2 + 2x + 1 \\ = (x+1)^2 \quad \dots = e^{5x}$$

Ex1  $y'' + 2y' + y = 1 e^{5x}$   $y_p(x) = \frac{e^{5x}}{25}$

Step 1 the homo. sol'n  $y_h$  is given by

$$y_h = c_1 e^{-x} + c_2 e^{-x} x$$

Step 2 observe that a particular sol'n is given by  $y_p = 1$

So the general sol'n is given by

$$\begin{aligned} y &= y_h + y_p \\ &= c_1 e^{-x} + c_2 e^{-x} x + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Consider  $y'' + p y' + q y = \underline{e^{\lambda x}}$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$

Let  $\underline{x}(x) = x^2 + px + q$

- If  $x(\lambda) \neq 0$ ,  $y_p(x) = \frac{e^{\lambda x}}{x(\lambda)}$
- If  $x(\lambda) = 0$ ,  $x'(\lambda) \neq 0$ ,  $y_p(x) = \frac{x e^{\lambda x}}{x'(\lambda)}$
- If  $x(\lambda), x'(\lambda) = 0$ ,  $x''(\lambda) \neq 0$   
 $y_p(x) = \frac{x^2 e^{\lambda x}}{x''(\lambda)}$

$$y'' + 2y' + 2y = e^{-x} \cos x$$

$$= \operatorname{Re}(e^{(-1+i)x})$$

First solve

$$\begin{aligned} z'' + 2z' + 2z &= e^{(-1+i)x} \\ z_p(x) &= \frac{x e^{(-1+i)x}}{x^2 - 2x + 2} \\ &= \frac{x e^{(-1+i)x}}{2i} \\ &= \frac{x e^{-x} (\cos x + i \sin x)}{2i} \\ &= \underbrace{\frac{x e^{-x} \cos x}{2i}}_{\operatorname{Im}(z_p)} + \underbrace{\frac{x e^{-x} \sin x}{2}}_{\operatorname{Re}(z_p)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x(x) &= x^2 + 2x + 2 \\ &= (x+1)^2 + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x(-1+i) &= (-1+i+1)^2 + 1 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x'(x) &= 2x + 2 \\ x'(-1+i) &= 2(-1+i) + 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= -2 + 2i + 2 \\ &= 2i \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_p = \operatorname{Re}(z_p) = \frac{1}{2} e^{-x} x \sin(x)$$

$$\text{In addition, } y_h = e^{-x} (c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= y_h + y_p = e^{-x} (c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} e^{-x} x \sin(x), \quad c_1, c_2 \text{ const.} \end{aligned}$$