

Quiz 4 Thursday 2.4, 2.6

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Continue with Section 3.1

Solving  $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$   $y(t_0) = y_0$   $y'(t_0) = y_0'$

Example  $y'' - y = 0$  Try:  $y = e^{rt}$   
 $y' = re^{rt}$   
 $y'' = r^2 e^{rt}$

$$r^2 e^{rt} - e^{rt} = 0$$

$$(r^2 - 1)e^{rt} = 0$$

$$r = \pm 1$$

$$y_1(t) = e^t \quad (r=1)$$

$$y_2(t) = e^{-t} \quad (r=-1).$$

In general:  $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$

$$y = e^{rt}, \quad y' = re^{rt}, \quad y'' = r^2 e^{rt}$$

$$ar^2 e^{rt} + bre^{rt} + ce^{rt} = 0$$

$$~~ar^2~~ + (ar^2 + br + c)e^{rt} = 0$$

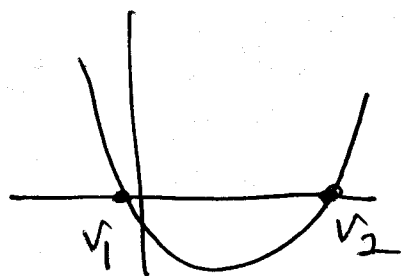
$ar^2 + br + c = 0$ .  $\leftarrow$  quadratic equation  
with real coefficients  
 $a, b, c$ .

Possible solutions:

(1) 2 distinct real roots

$$(b^2 - 4ac > 0) \quad r = r_1, r_2$$

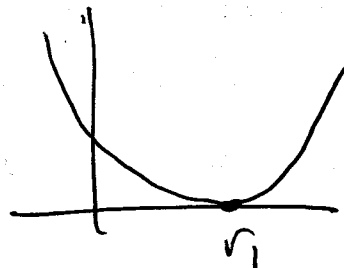
$$ar^2 + br + c = a(r - r_1)(r - r_2)$$



(2) 1 repeated root

$$(b^2 - 4ac = 0) \quad r = r_1$$

$$ar^2 + br + c = a(r - r_1)^2$$

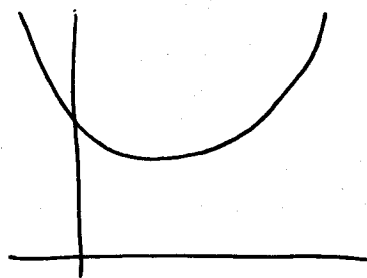


(3) 2 complex roots.

$$r = r_1 \quad r = \bar{r}_1$$

$$= x + iy \quad = x - iy$$

$$(b^2 - 4ac < 0)$$



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Look at case (1).

e.g.  $y'' + 5y' + 6y = 0 \quad y(0) = 2 \quad y'(0) = 3.$

$$\left[ \begin{aligned} y &= e^{rt} & y' &= r e^{rt} & y'' &= r^2 e^{rt} \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$r^2 e^{rt} + 5r e^{rt} + 6e^{rt} = 0$$

$$(r^2 + 5r + 6) e^{rt} = 0$$

$r^2 + 5r + 6$  (characteristic polynomial)

Solve  $r^2 + 5r + 6 = 0 \rightarrow r_1 = -2 \quad r_2 = -3.$   
 $(r + 2)(r + 3) = 0$

Solutions:  $y_1(t) = e^{-2t}$      $y_2(t) = e^{-3t}$

General solution:  $y(t) = c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2 e^{-3t}$

$$2 = c_1 + c_2 \leftarrow y(0) = 2 \qquad 2(c_1 + c_2 = 2)$$

$$y'(t) = -2c_1 e^{-2t} - 3c_2 e^{-3t} \qquad \underline{-2c_1 - 3c_2 = 3}$$

$$3 = -2c_1 - 3c_2 \leftarrow y'(0) = 3 \qquad -c_2 = 7$$

Solution:

$$c_2 = -7$$

$$y(t) = 9e^{-2t} - 7e^{-3t} //$$

$$c_1 - 7 = 2 \rightarrow c_1 = 9$$

e.g.  $2y'' + y' - 4y = 0$      $y(0) = 0$      $y'(0) = 1$

Solve  $2r^2 + r - 4 = 0$

$$r = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1+32}}{4} = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{33}}{4}$$

$$r_1 = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{33}}{4}$$

$$r_2 = \frac{-1 - \sqrt{33}}{4}$$

General solution:

$$y(t) = c_1 e^{\left(\frac{-1 + \sqrt{33}}{4}\right)t} + c_2 e^{\left(\frac{-1 - \sqrt{33}}{4}\right)t}$$

$$y(0) = 0 \qquad 0 = c_1 + c_2 \checkmark$$

$$y'(t) = \left(\frac{-1 + \sqrt{33}}{4}\right)c_1 e^{(\ )t} + \left(\frac{-1 - \sqrt{33}}{4}\right)c_2 e^{(\ )t}$$

$$1 = -\frac{1 + \sqrt{33}}{4}c_1 + \frac{-1 - \sqrt{33}}{4}c_2 \checkmark$$

$$0 = c_1 + c_2 \rightarrow c_2 = -c_1$$

$$1 = -\frac{1+\sqrt{33}}{4}c_1 - \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{33}}{4}\right)c_1$$

$$= c_1 \left( \frac{-1+\sqrt{33} - (1-\sqrt{33})}{4} \right) = c_1 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{33}}{2}$$

$$c_1 = \frac{2}{\sqrt{33}} \quad c_2 = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{33}} //$$

$$y(t) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{33}} e^{\left(\frac{-1+\sqrt{33}}{4}\right)t} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{33}} e^{\left(\frac{-1-\sqrt{33}}{4}\right)t} //$$

### 3.2 The Wronskian.

Goal: To understand the structure of solutions to  $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$ , rather than specific solution technique.

Questions: In previous example we had to solve  $c_1 + c_2 = 2$   
 $-2c_1 - 3c_2 = 3$ . How did we know there would be a solution?

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} \left( \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 \end{array} \right) \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \end{array} \right. \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Has a unique solution} \\ \text{if and only if} \\ \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \neq 0, \\ \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 \end{pmatrix} = (1)(-3) - (1)(-2) \\ = -1 \neq 0. \end{array} \end{array}$$

Does a solution always exist?

If it exists, is it unique?

For which  $t$  do solutions exist?

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Differential operator notation

$$L(\varphi) = \varphi''(t) + p(t)\varphi'(t) + q(t)\varphi(t) \leftarrow \text{differential operator.}$$

When we solve

$$y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0$$

we are solving:  $L(\varphi) = 0$ , or  $L(y) = 0$ .

Thm 3.2.1: Solution to  $L[y] = g(t)$  (i) exists  
(ii) is unique  $y(t_0) = y_0, y'(t_0) = y'_0$

and exists for all  $t$  on which  $p(t), f(t)$  and  $g(t)$  are continuous.

e.g. #9  $t(t-4)y'' + 3ty' + 4y = 2$

$$y(3) = 0 \quad y'(3) = -1$$

Find all  $t$  for which the solution exists.

$$L[y] = y'' + \underbrace{\frac{3}{t-4}}_{p(t)} y' + \underbrace{\frac{4}{t(t-4)}}_{f(t)} y = \underbrace{\frac{2}{t(t-4)}}_{g(t)}$$

$p(t)$  cont on  $(-\infty, 4) \cup (4, \infty)$

$f(t)$  cont on  $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, 4) \cup (4, \infty)$

$g(t)$  cont on  $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, 4) \cup (4, \infty)$ .

Since  $3 \in (0, 4)$  solution exists for  $t \in (0, 4)$ .

What about the first question?

1. Principle of Superposition

If we are solving  $L[y] = 0$  and if  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  satisfy  $L[y_1] = 0, L[y_2] = 0$ .

Then so does  $L[c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2] = 0$  for  $c_1, c_2$  constants.

2. When we solve  $L[y] = 0$  we look for 2 solutions  $y_1(t), y_2(t)$  then we try

to solve 
$$\begin{cases} c_1 y_1(t_0) + c_2 y_2(t_0) = y_0 \\ c_1 y_1'(t_0) + c_2 y_2'(t_0) = y_0' \end{cases} \text{ for } c_1, c_2.$$

Here  $y(t_0) = y_0, y'(t_0) = y_0'$ .

3. This ~~is~~ system will have unique solution if and only if

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} y_1(t_0) & y_2(t_0) \\ y_1'(t_0) & y_2'(t_0) \end{pmatrix} = y_1(t_0) y_2'(t_0) - y_2(t_0) y_1'(t_0).$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1(t_0) & y_2(t_0) \\ y_1'(t_0) & y_2'(t_0) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_0 \\ y_0' \end{pmatrix} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} W(y_1, y_2)(t_0) \\ \text{Wronskian of} \\ y_1 \text{ and } y_2. \end{array} \right.$$

e.g. if  $y_1(x) = x$      $y_2(x) = xe^x$

find  $W(y_1, y_2)(x)$ .

$$\cancel{W}(y_1, y_2)(x) = \det \begin{pmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ x & xe^x \\ y_1' & y_2' \\ 1 & xe^x + e^x \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= x(xe^x + e^x) - (xe^x)(1) = x^2e^x + xe^x - xe^x \\ = x^2e^x.$$

$$W(y_1, y_2) = y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1'$$

e.g.  $y'' - y = 0$      $y_1 = e^t$      $y_2 = e^{-t}$

$$W(y_1, y_2)(t) = y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1'$$

$$= e^t(-e^{-t}) - (e^{-t})(e^t)$$

$$= -1 - 1 = -2 \quad \leftarrow \neq 0 \text{ for all } t.$$



## Abel's Theorem

If  $y_1, y_2$  are solutions to  $L[y] = 0$

then  $W(y_1, y_2)$  satisfies  $\hookrightarrow y'' + \underline{p(x)}y' + q(x)y$

$$W(y_1, y_2) = c e^{(-\int p(x) dx)}$$

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eg  $y'' - y = 0$      $p(x) = 0$      $q(x) = 1$

$$W(y_1, y_2) = c e^{-\int 0 dx} = c e^{kx + \text{const}} = \text{const.}$$