

Sect 3.1 to 3.5

Sec 3.1, 3.2: General Solution of Second Order Linear Homogeneous Equations

Motivation. Find the solution to the i.v.p

$$y'' - 5y' = 0, \quad y(t_0) = 3, \quad y'(t_0) = 7.$$

Sol. Setting $u = y'$ we have $u' - 5u = 0$ which is equivalent to $u' = 5u$. By separable equations, one sees that $u(t) = Ce^{5t}$. Integrating we have

$$\begin{aligned} u &= y' = Ce^{5t} \\ y &= \int Ce^{5t} dt = \frac{C}{5}e^{5t} + C_1 = C_2 e^{5t} + C_1 \end{aligned}$$

2 solutions

So the general solution is a linear combination of two functions $y_1(t) = e^{5t}$ and $y_2(t) = 1$. Thus, the general solution can be written as

$$y(t) = c_1 \cdot y_1(t) + c_2 \cdot y_2(t)$$

where y_1 and y_2 are both solutions to the equation. To solve the i.v.p. we need solve the system of equations

$$\begin{cases} c_1 \cdot y_1(t_0) + c_2 \cdot y_2(t_0) = 3 \\ c_1 \cdot y'_1(t_0) + c_2 \cdot y'_2(t_0) = 7 \end{cases}$$

i.e., we need to guarantee the existence of a unique solution to the matrix system

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1(t_0) & y_2(t_0) \\ y'_1(t_0) & y'_2(t_0) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

So we need to impose the restriction

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} y_1(t_0) & y_2(t_0) \\ y'_1(t_0) & y'_2(t_0) \end{bmatrix} \neq 0$$

This motivates the following definition.

A **second order linear homogeneous equation** in standard form is given by

$$y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0, \quad a < t < b.$$

The set $\{y_1(t), y_2(t)\}$ is a **fundamental set** for this 2nd order differential equation if:

- i) Each function individually satisfy the differential equation.
- ii) The Wronskian of $y_1(t)$ and $y_2(t)$

i) Each function individually satisfy the differential equation.

ii) The Wronskian of $y_1(t)$ and $y_2(t)$

$$W(t) := \det \begin{pmatrix} y_1(t) & y_2(t) \\ y'_1(t) & y'_2(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

is nonzero for every t in the open interval (a, b) .

Theorem: If $\{y_1(t), y_2(t)\}$ is a fundamental set for the 2nd order linear homogeneous equation

$$y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0, \quad a < t < b$$

Then the general solution to this equation is given by

$$y(t) = c_1 \cdot y_1(t) + c_2 \cdot y_2(t)$$

where c_1 and c_2 are arbitrary constants.

Ex 1: Consider the initial value problem

$$y'' - \frac{1}{t}y' - \frac{3}{t^2}y = 0, \quad y(1) = 4, \quad y'(1) = 8, \quad 0 < t < \infty$$

(a) Show that $y_1(t) = t^3$ and $y_2(t) = t^{-1}$ form a fundamental set.

(b) Solve the initial value problem.

(a) verify

y	y'	y''	
$y_1 = t^3$	$y_1' = 3t^2$	$y_1'' = 6t$	$\text{Sub } y'' - \frac{1}{t}y' - \frac{3}{t^2}y = 0$ $(6t) - \frac{1}{t}(3t^2) - \frac{3}{t^2}(t^3) = 0$ $\Rightarrow 6t - 3t - 3t = 0 \quad \checkmark$
$y_2 = t^{-1}$	$y_2' = -t^{-2}$	$y_2'' = 2t^{-3}$	$(2t^{-3}) - \frac{1}{t}(-t^{-2}) - \frac{3}{t^2}(t^{-1})$ $= 2t^{-3} + t^{-3} - 3t^{-3} = 0$

$\{t^3, t^{-1}\}$ solns

(2) $W = \begin{vmatrix} t^3 & t^{-1} \\ 3t^2 & -t^{-2} \end{vmatrix} = -t^{-3}t = -4t \neq 0 \quad (t > 0)$

$\{y_1 = t^3, y_2 = t^{-1}\}$: a fundamental set of solns.

G.S. : $y = C_1 t^3 + C_2 t^{-1}$

(b) IVP.
 $\Rightarrow C_1, C_2 = ?$

$$y(1) = 4$$

$$y'(0) = 8$$

$$y(1) = C_1 + C_2 = 4$$

$$y'(1) = 3C_1 - C_2 = 8$$

DNF

Existence and Uniqueness Theorem for second order linear IVP

Let $p(t)$, $q(t)$, and $g(t)$ be continuous functions on the interval (a, b) , and let t_0 be in (a, b) . Then the initial value problem

$$y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = g(t), \quad y(t_0) = y_0, \quad y'(t_0) = y'_0$$

has a unique solution defined on the entire interval (a, b) .

(Theorem 3.1 page 111 textbook)

Ex: Determine the largest t -interval in which we can guarantee the existence and uniqueness of a solution of the IVP

- $ty'' + \cos(t)y + t^2y = t, \quad y(-1) = 1, \quad y'(-1) = 2$

① Standard Form

$$(1) \quad y'' + \underbrace{\left(\frac{\cos(t)}{t} + t\right)}_{q(t)} y = \underbrace{t}_{g(t)} \quad p(t) = 0$$

② Check continuity on p , q , and g $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} p=0 \\ g=\frac{\cos(t)}{t}+t \\ g=1 \end{array} \right\}$ are continuous for all $t \neq 0$

③ Find one t -interval including $t_0 = -1$

There is a unique sol^y in $t < 0$ Domain of sol^y

- $ty'' + \cos(t)y + t^2y = t, \quad y(1) = 1, y'(1) = 2$

↙ DE is non-linear

Ex: Can you apply the same result to the IVP $ty'' + \cos(y)y + t^2y = t, \quad y(-1) = 1, y'(-1) = 2$? Explain your answer.

Abel's Formula for 2nd Order Linear System

Let $y_1(t)$ and $y_2(t)$ be solutions of the 2nd order linear homogeneous equation

$$y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0, \quad a < t < b,$$

where p and q are continuous functions in (a, b) . Let $W(t)$ be the Wronskian of $y_1(t)$ and $y_2(t)$ and let t_0 be a point in the open interval (a, b) . Then

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y'_1 & y'_2 \end{vmatrix} = y_1 y'_2 - y'_1 y_2 \neq 0$$

$\omega(t_0) \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow \omega(t) \neq 0$ for all $a < t < b$
 use sample number t_0 to get $\omega(t_0) \neq 0$? DNF

$$\begin{aligned} \omega' + p(t)\omega &= 0 \\ \omega &= C e^{\int_a^t p(s) ds} \end{aligned}$$

solve ω_0

Sec 3.3, 3.4, 3.5: Constant Coefficient Homogeneous Equations

It has the form

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

where a, b, c are constants, $a \neq 0$.

$$y' = Ay \quad \leftarrow \text{constant matrix}$$

\Rightarrow use E-pairs

Abel's idea: What if $f(t) = e^{\lambda t}$ is a solution?

candidate to the
soln

$$\begin{aligned} y &= e^{\lambda t} \\ y' &= \lambda e^{\lambda t} \\ y'' &= \lambda^2 e^{\lambda t} \end{aligned}$$

.) plug $y = e^{\lambda t}$ into $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$
 $\Rightarrow \lambda$
 $a(\lambda^2 e^{\lambda t}) + b(\lambda e^{\lambda t}) + c(e^{\lambda t}) = 0$

$$e^{\lambda t}(a\lambda^2 + b\lambda + c) = 0$$

$\therefore e^{\lambda t} \neq 0$ $a\lambda^2 + b\lambda + c = 0 \leftarrow$ characteristic equation
 λ : a root of characteristic equation
 \Rightarrow soln $y = e^{\lambda t}$

Associated to $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$ there is a characteristic polynomial equation:

$$a\lambda^2 + b\lambda + c = 0.$$

For example, solve $y'' - 2y' - 8y = 0$

① Characteristic Eq.

$$1 \cdot \lambda^2 - 2\lambda' - 8\lambda^0 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 8 = 0$$

$$② \text{ characteristic roots} = (\lambda - 4)(\lambda + 2) = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 = 4 \quad \lambda_2 = -2$$

$$③ 2 \text{ solns: } y_1 = e^{4t} \quad y_2 = e^{-2t}$$

$$④ W = \begin{vmatrix} e^{4t} & e^{-2t} \\ 4e^{4t} & -2e^{-2t} \end{vmatrix} \stackrel{\substack{\uparrow \\ t_0=0}}{=} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \quad DNF$$

Associated to $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$ there is a characteristic polynomial equation:

$$a\lambda^2 + b\lambda + c = 0.$$

Recall that the roots of this polynomial equation are

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_2 = \frac{-b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Theorem Let $\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$ be the discriminant of the characteristic polynomial equation.

Case 1. If $\Delta > 0$, the characteristic polynomial equation has two distinct real roots, say $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$. Then $\{e^{\lambda_1 t}, e^{\lambda_2 t}\}$ is a fundamental set.

Case 2. If $\Delta = 0$, the characteristic polynomial equation has one repeated real root, say $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$. Then $\{e^{\lambda_1 t}, te^{\lambda_1 t}\}$ is a fundamental set.

Case 3. If $\Delta < 0$, the characteristic polynomial equation has two complex conjugated roots, say $\lambda_1 = \alpha + \beta i$ and $\lambda_2 = \alpha - \beta i$. Then the functions

$$y_1(t) = \frac{e^{\lambda_1 t} + e^{\lambda_2 t}}{2} = e^{\alpha t} \cos(\beta t) \quad \text{and} \quad y_2(t) = \frac{e^{\lambda_1 t} - e^{\lambda_2 t}}{2i} = e^{\alpha t} \sin(\beta t)$$

form a fundamental set.

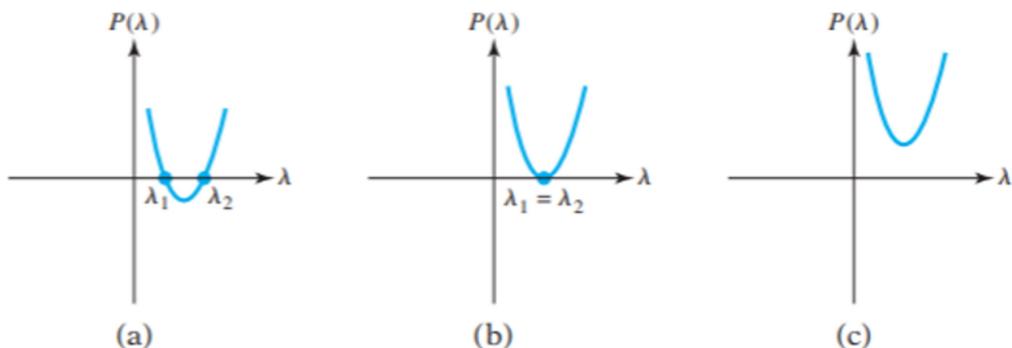


FIGURE 3.4

Three possibilities for the graph of $P(\lambda) = a\lambda^2 + b\lambda + c$, $a > 0$.

- (a) The characteristic equation has two real distinct roots, λ_1 and λ_2 .
- (b) The characteristic equation has a single repeated real root, λ_1 .
- (c) The characteristic equation has two complex roots but no real roots.

(From page 123, textbook)

Use Euler's Formula for $e^{i\lambda t}$

$$e^{i\lambda t} = \cos(\lambda t) + i \sin(\lambda t)$$

and the superposition principle (theo 3.2, page 116 textbook)

Let $y_1(t)$ and $y_2(t)$ be any two solutions of

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

defined on the interval (a, b) . Then, for any constants c_1 and c_2 , the linear combination

$$y(t) = c_1 y_1(t) + c_2 y_2(t)$$

is also a solution on (a, b) .

to solve the following i.v.p. and describe the behavior of the solution $y(t)$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

make sure there are constant coeff.

1. $y'' + 5y' + 6y = 0, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = -1$.

① Char. eqns & roots:

$$\lambda^2 + 5\lambda + 6 = (\lambda+2)(\lambda+3) = 0$$

$$\lambda = -2, -3 \quad (\text{distinct roots})$$

② 2 solns

$$\begin{matrix} \downarrow \\ e^{-2t} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \downarrow \\ e^{-3t} \end{matrix}$$

$$y = C_1 e^{-2t} + C_2 e^{-3t}$$

③ IVP C_1, C_2

$$y' = -2C_1 e^{-2t} - 3C_2 e^{-3t} -$$

$$y(0) = C_1 + C_2 = 1$$

$$y'(0) = \underbrace{-2C_1 - 3C_2}_{= -1} = -1$$

$$2C_1 + 2C_2 = 2$$

$$-2C_1 - 3C_2 = -1$$

$$-C_2 = 1$$

$$C_2 = -1$$

$$C_1 = 2$$

$$\boxed{y = 2e^{-2t} - e^{-3t}}$$

$$④ \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(e^{\frac{1}{2}t} (3e^{-\frac{1}{2}t} - 2e^{-\frac{3}{2}t}) \right) = 0$$

$$2. \quad 25y'' + 20y' + 4y = 0, \quad y(5) = 4e^{-2}, \quad y'(5) = -(3/5)e^{-2}.$$

$$3. \quad y'' + 2y' + 5y = 0, \quad y(0) = 2, \quad y'(0) = 2.$$

Constant Coefficient 2nd order Linear Homogeneous Equations(Continuation)

Ex The graph of the solution of the differential equation $4y'' + 4y' + y = 0$ passes through the points $(1, e^{-1/2})$ and $(2, 0)$. Determine $y(0)$ and $y'(0)$.

$$\textcircled{1} \text{ satz } 4\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 1 = (2\lambda + 1)^2 = 0 \quad \lambda = -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$y_1 = C_1 e^{-\frac{1}{2}t} + C_2 t e^{-\frac{1}{2}t}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad y(t) = C_1 e^{-\frac{1}{2}t} + C_2 t e^{-\frac{1}{2}t} = e^{-\frac{1}{2}t} (C_1 + C_2 t) = C_1 e^{-\frac{1}{2}t} + C_2 t e^{-\frac{1}{2}t}$$

$$y(1) = C_1 e^{-\frac{1}{2}} + C_2 \cancel{e^{-\frac{1}{2}}} = 0 \Rightarrow \underbrace{C_1 + 2C_2 = 0}_{-C_2 = 1} \quad C_2 = -1$$

$$y = e^{-\frac{1}{2}t} (C_1 - t e^{-\frac{1}{2}t}) \quad C_1 = 2$$

$$y' = -e^{-\frac{1}{2}t} - \left(e^{-\frac{1}{2}t} + (-\frac{1}{2}) t e^{-\frac{1}{2}t} \right)$$

$y(0) = 2$

$y'(0) = -1 - 1 = -2$

Ex Consider the i.v.p.

$$y'' + by' + cy = 0, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = r,$$

where b , c , and r are constants. It is known that one solution of the differential equation is $u(t) = e^{-3t}$ and that the solution to the i.v.p. satisfies $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(t) = 2$. Determine the constants b

$$y' + ry' + ry = r, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y(\infty) = 0,$$

where b , c , and r are constants. It is known that one solution of the differential equation is $y_1(t) = e^{-3t}$ and that the solution to the i.v.p. satisfies $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) = 2$. Determine the constants b , c and r .

Q) From $y_1(t) = e^{-3t}$:

$$\lambda_1 = -3 \quad : \text{roots of char eqn: } \lambda^2 + b\lambda + c = 0$$

$\lambda_2 = -3 \leftarrow \text{repeated root!}$

$$y = C_1 e^{-3t} + C_2 t e^{-3t}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} C_1 e^{-3t} + C_2 \frac{t}{e^{-3t}} = 2 \quad (\lambda_2 \neq -3)$$

$$\therefore \lambda_2 = \Theta \quad : y = C_1 e^{-3t} + C_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} C_1 e^{-3t} + C_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} = 2 \quad (\lambda_2 \neq \Theta)$$

$$\therefore \lambda_2 = \Theta \quad (\text{Two distinct roots})$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (y = C_1 e^{-3t} + C_2 e^{\lambda_2 t}) \neq 2 \quad (\lambda_2 \neq \Theta)$$

$$\boxed{\lambda_2 = 0}$$

$$1) \text{ Solve } 16y'' + 40y' + 25y = 0$$

characteristic Eqn \neq Two roots

$$16\lambda^2 + 40\lambda + 25 = (4\lambda + 5)^2 = 0$$

$$\lambda = -\frac{5}{4}, -\frac{5}{4}$$

$$y_1 = e^{-\frac{5}{4}t} \quad y_2 = t e^{-\frac{5}{4}t}$$

$$\text{General soln } y = C_1 e^{-\frac{5}{4}t} + C_2 t e^{-\frac{5}{4}t}$$

$$2) y' - 2y = 0 \quad \text{Wrt Coeff}$$

$$\lambda' - 2 = 0 \quad \lambda = 2$$

$$\text{Soln } \boxed{y = C \cdot e^{2t}}$$

3.5 Complex Roots (Case III)

Given $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$, two complex roots of characteristic polynomial are

$$\lambda_{1,2} = -\frac{b}{2a} \pm i \frac{\sqrt{4ac - b^2}}{2a}$$

We rewrite

$$\lambda_{1,2} = \alpha \pm i\beta$$

Two solutions are

$$y_1(t) = e^{(\alpha+i\beta)t} \quad y_2(t) = e^{(\alpha-i\beta)t}$$

$$y_1(t) = \frac{e^{\alpha t} e^{i\beta t} + e^{\alpha t} e^{-i\beta t}}{2} = e^{\alpha t} \cos(\beta t) \quad \text{and} \quad y_2(t) = \frac{e^{\alpha t} e^{i\beta t} - e^{\alpha t} e^{-i\beta t}}{2i} = e^{\alpha t} \sin(\beta t) \quad \text{DNE}$$