

Lesson 16 Repeated roots, reduction of order

Written Lessons 13, 14, 15 due Wed in class

WebAssign Lesson 15 due tonight; 16, 17 due Thurs.

$$L[y] = ay'' + by' + cy = 0 \leftarrow \text{homogeneous}$$

$$L[e^{rx}] = (ar^2 + br + c)e^{rx} \\ = a(r-r_1)(r-r_2)e^{rx}$$

Case r_1, r_2 real and $\neq$: $y = c_1 e^{r_1 x} + c_2 e^{r_2 x}$

Case r_1, r_2 complex: $r = A \pm Bi$

$$y = c_1 e^{Ax} \cos Bx + c_2 e^{Ax} \sin Bx$$

Case $r_1 = r_2$: $r_1 = \left(\frac{-b}{2a}\right)$ repeated

Get $y_1 = e^{r_1 x}$. Need y_2 !

$$\frac{2}{2r} L[e^{rx}] = \frac{2}{2r} a(r-r_1)^2 e^{rx}$$

$$L\left[\frac{2}{2r} e^{rx}\right] = a 2(r-r_1) e^{rx} + a(r-r_1)^2 x e^{rx}$$

Aha!
Let $r = r_1$!

$$L\left[\underbrace{x e^{r_1 x}}_{y_2}\right] = 0$$

Get gen^l solⁿ: $y = c_1 e^{r_1 x} + c_2 x e^{r_1 x}$

Other methods to find y_2 : Reduction of order: Given one solⁿ y_1 ,
how to find a y_2 .

EX: $y'' + 4y' + 4y = 0$

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

$$(r+2)^2 = 0$$

$$r = -2, -2.$$

Get $y_1 = e^{-2x}$.

Try to find y_2 with $y_2 = u y_1$

Then

$$y_2' = u' y_1 + u y_1'$$

$$y_2'' = u'' y_1 + 2u' y_1' + u y_1''$$

Shove into ODE:

$$(y_2)'' + 4(y_2)' + 4y_2 = 0 \quad \text{want}$$

$$(u''y_1 + 2u'y_1' + \underline{u y_1''}) + 4(u'y_1 + \underline{u y_1'}) + 4(\underline{u y_1})$$

$$\underbrace{u L[y_1]}_{=0} + u''y_1 + 2u'y_1' + 4u'y_1 = 0 \quad \text{want } y_1 = e^{-2x}$$

$$= u''e^{-2x} + 2u'(-2e^{-2x}) + 4u'e^{-2x} = 0$$

$$= u'' = 0 \quad \text{Easy!}$$

$$\text{Get } u = c_1x + c_2. \quad y_2 = (c_1x + c_2)e^{-2x}$$

Just y_2 that's different. Best, cleanest, one is $c_1=1$
 $c_2=0$.

$$\text{Get } y_2 = xe^{-2x}.$$

Method of reduction of order: $A(x)y'' + B(x)y' + C(x)y = 0$

Have one solⁿ y_1 . Want a second solⁿ y_2 .

Step 1: Put in Standard Form: Divide by $A(x)$:

$$L[y] = y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = 0$$

$$\text{Know } L[y_1] = 0.$$

Step 2: Try $y_2 = uy_1$ where u is fcn to pin down.

$$\text{Plug into ODE: } L[y_2] = L[uy_1] =$$

$$(u''y_1 + 2u'y_1' + \underline{u y_1''}) + \underbrace{P(u'y_1 + \underline{u y_1'})}_{\text{want}} + \underline{Q(u y_1)} = 0$$

$$u \underbrace{L[y_1]}_{=0} + u'' y_1 + 2u' y_1' + P u' y_1 = 0$$

First order linear in $v = u'$

$$\rightarrow u'' + \left(2 \frac{y_1'}{y_1} + P \right) u' = 0$$

$$\frac{dv}{dx} + \left(2 \frac{y_1'}{y_1} + P \right) v = 0$$

Integrating factor: $U = e^{\int \frac{2y_1'}{y_1} + P dx} =$

$$v = \frac{1}{y_1^2} e^{-\int P dx}$$

Step 3: Get the formula:

$$u' = v = \frac{1}{y_1^2} e^{-\int P dx}$$

Note $\frac{y_1'}{y_1}$

$$= \frac{d}{dx} \ln|y_1|$$

$$\int 2 \frac{y_1'}{y_1} dx$$

$$= 2 \ln|y_1| = \ln y_1^2$$

Step 4: Integrate to get u . No $+ C$.

EX: $y'' + \underbrace{(4)}_{\leftarrow P(x)} y' + 4y = 0$

Stand. Form $\checkmark$

$$y_1 = e^{-2x}$$

$y_2 = u y_1$ where

$$u' = \frac{1}{y_1^2} e^{-\int P dx}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(e^{-2x})^2} e^{-\int 4 dx} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{e^{-4x}} \cdot e^{-4x} = 1$$

So $u = \int 1 dx = x + C \leftarrow$ take $C=0$ to remove a piece of y_1 from y_2 .

$$y_2 = u y_1 = (x + C) e^{-2x}$$

Get $y_2 = x e^{-2x}$ ✓

Spring masses, circuits : $a, b, c > 0$.

Roots $r_1, r_2 = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

Case r_1, r_2 real and $\neq$: $b^2 - 4ac > 0$

$$b^2 > b^2 - 4ac > 0$$

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So $b > \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac} > 0$

Aha! $-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}$ are both negative,

$c_1 e^{r_1 x} + c_2 e^{r_2 x}$ all die away! ← At most one local max or local min.

Case $r_1 = r_2$: $r = \frac{-b}{2a}, \frac{-b}{2a}$ ($b^2 - 4ac = 0$)

$y = c_1 e^{-r_1 x} + c_2 x e^{-r_1 x}$ all die out and have at most one hump.

Case $r = A \pm Bi$: $b^2 - 4ac < 0$

$$r = \frac{-b}{2a} \pm \frac{\sqrt{|b^2 - 4ac|}}{2a} i \quad A = \frac{-b}{2a}$$

$$y = e^{\frac{-b}{2a} x} \left(c_1 \cos Bx + c_2 \sin Bx \right)$$

↖ all solⁿs die out fast.

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Fact: If there is any friction ($b \neq 0$), then all solⁿs die out. [Circuits: $R \neq 0$].

Undamped case: $b = 0$. $ay'' + cy = 0$.

Roots: $r = \frac{-0 \pm \sqrt{-4ac}}{2a} = \pm \underbrace{\sqrt{\frac{c}{a}}}_{\lambda} i \leftarrow \text{Pure imaginary}$

$$y = c_1 \cos \lambda x + c_2 \sin \lambda x \leftarrow \text{Simple harmonic motion}$$

$$= A \cos(\lambda x - \phi)$$

Shock absorbers: $r_1 \neq r_2$ real $\leftarrow$ Overdamped (Good!)

$r_1 = r_2 \leftarrow$ Critically damped

$r = \text{complex} \leftarrow$ Underdamped

Next time: $L[y] = F(x)$ Inhomogeneous
 $\uparrow$ forcing function