

EX: $L[y] = y'' + 3y' + 2y = 0 \leftarrow \text{homogeneous}$

Last time: Tried $y = e^{rx}$. Got

$$L[e^{rx}] = (r^2 + 3r + 2)e^{rx}$$

need = 0
characteristic Egn

Got e^{-x}, e^{-2x}
two solⁿs

Big fact: $L[y]$ is a linear operator.

$$\begin{cases} L[y_1] = 0 \\ L[y_2] = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{two sol}^n\text{'s}$$

$$L[\underbrace{c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2}_{\text{sol}^n}] = c_1 \underbrace{L[y_1]}_0 + c_2 \underbrace{L[y_2]}_0 = 0$$

Wronskian: If y_1, y_2 solve prob, and

$$W[y_1, y_2](x_0) = \det \begin{bmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{bmatrix} = y_1(x_0)y_2'(x_0) - y_2(x_0)y_1'(x_0)$$

is not zero, then we can cook up solⁿ $c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$

satisfying any and all I.V.P.'s $\begin{cases} y(x_0) = A \\ y'(x_0) = B \end{cases}$.

Then $c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$ is the gen^l solⁿ.

EX: $W[e^{r_1 x}, e^{r_2 x}] = \det \begin{bmatrix} e^{r_1 x} & e^{r_2 x} \\ r_1 e^{r_1 x} & r_2 e^{r_2 x} \end{bmatrix} = r_2 e^{(r_1+r_2)x} - r_1 e^{(r_1+r_2)x}$

$$= (r_2 - r_1) e^{(r_1+r_2)x}$$

never zero if $r_1 \neq r_2$.

Good news: $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$

Char. Eqn: $ar^2 + br + c = 0$

Roots r_1, r_2 real and unequal. ($b^2 - 4ac > 0$)

Then $y = c_1 e^{r_1 x} + c_2 e^{r_2 x}$ is the gen^l solⁿ.

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

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

$(r+2)^2 = 0 \leftarrow$ Ouch! Only one root $r = -2$.

Only get one solⁿ: $y_1 = e^{-2x}$.

$L[e^{rx}] = (r^2 + 4r + 4)e^{rx} = (r+2)^2 e^{rx}$

Euler: Take $\frac{2}{2r}$ of both sides. Because of constant coeff, can change order of derivatives: Get

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

$L[xe^{rx}] = 2(r+2)e^{rx} + (r+2)^2 x e^{rx}$

Aha! Now set $r = -2$:

$L[xe^{-2x}] = \bigcirc$

Got a second solⁿ $y_2 = x e^{-2x}$

$W[y_1, y_2] = \det \begin{bmatrix} e^{-2x} & x e^{-2x} \\ -2e^{-2x} & e^{-2x} - 2x e^{-2x} \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} e^{-2x} & 0 \\ -2e^{-2x} & e^{-2x} \end{bmatrix} = e^{-4x}$

$\text{Col}_2 - x \text{Col}_1$
 $\downarrow$

never zero. So

$$y = c_1 e^{-2x} + c_2 x e^{-2x} \text{ is the gen'l sol'n!}$$

Cool thing: Abel's theorem. The Wronskian is either $\equiv 0$ (in which case $y_1 = c y_2$) or never zero (in which case $c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$ is gen'l sol'n).

Note: y_1, y_2 are assumed to solve

$$\begin{cases} y_1'' + P y_1' + Q y_1 = 0 \leftarrow \text{mult by } y_2 \\ y_2'' + P y_2' + Q y_2 = 0 \leftarrow \text{mult by } y_1 \end{cases}$$

Bottom - Top :

$$\underbrace{(y_1 y_2'' - y_2 y_1'')}_{\frac{dW}{dx}} + P \underbrace{(y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1')}_{W} = 0$$

$\leftarrow$ check that

$$\frac{dW}{dx} + P W = 0 \leftarrow \text{Linear!}$$

Get $W = C e^{-\int P dx}$ $\leftarrow$ Abel's formula

Aha! $C=0$ makes $W \equiv 0$. $C \neq 0$, then W never zero.

Consequence: Only need to check Wronskian at one point.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx} W &= \frac{d}{dx} \det \begin{bmatrix} & \\ & \end{bmatrix} = \frac{d}{dx} (y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1') \\ &= \underline{y_1' y_2'} + y_1 y_2'' - (\underline{y_2' y_1'} + y_2 y_1'') \\ &= y_1 y_2'' - y_2 y_1'' \quad \checkmark\end{aligned}$$

Roots: r_1, r_2 real and unequal : $b^2 - 4ac > 0$

r_1, r_2 real and same : $b^2 - 4ac = 0$

r_1, r_2 complex : $b^2 - 4ac < 0$
then what?

$$r_{1,2} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = A \pm Bi \quad \text{complex}$$

Euler: Pretend not to notice!

For $r = A + Bi$. Got $y = e^{(A+Bi)x} = e^{Ax + (Bx)i}$
 $= e^{Ax} e^{(Bx)i}$

$$= e^{Ax} (\cos Bx + i \sin Bx)$$

$$= \left(e^{Ax} \cos Bx \right) + i \left(e^{Ax} \sin Bx \right)$$

Euler's identity

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$$

$u + i v$ is a complex solⁿ:

$$0 = L[u + i v] = \underbrace{L[u]}_0 + i \underbrace{L[v]}_0$$

Aha! One complex solⁿ contains two real solⁿs.

Cool thing: $e^{Ax} \cos Bx$ and $e^{Ax} \sin Bx$ are two real solⁿs and

$$W = \det \begin{bmatrix} e^{Ax} \cos Bx & e^{Ax} \sin Bx \\ Ae^{Ax} \cos Bx - Be^{Ax} \sin Bx & Ae^{Ax} \sin Bx + Be^{Ax} \cos Bx \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} R_1 \\ R_2 \end{matrix}$$

$$= \det \begin{bmatrix} e^{Ax} \cos Bx & e^{Ax} \sin Bx \\ -Be^{Ax} \sin Bx & Be^{Ax} \cos Bx \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow R_2 - AR_1$$

$$= Be^{Ax} \cdot e^{Ax} \det \begin{bmatrix} \cos Bx & \sin Bx \\ -\sin Bx & \cos Bx \end{bmatrix} = Be^{2Ax}$$

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not zero

So $y = c_1 e^{Ax} \cos Bx + c_2 e^{Ax} \sin Bx$ is gen^l solⁿ

Euler: $e^z = 1 + z + \frac{z^2}{2!} + \frac{z^3}{3!} + \dots$

$$e^{x+iy} = e^x e^{iy} = (e^x \cos y) + i(e^x \sin y)$$

$$e^{iy} = \left(1 + (iy) + \frac{(iy)^2}{2!} + \frac{(iy)^3}{3!} + \dots \right)$$

$$= 1 + iy - \frac{y^2}{2!} - i \frac{y^3}{3!} + \dots$$

$$= \underbrace{\left(1 - \frac{y^2}{2!} + \frac{y^4}{4!} - \frac{y^6}{6!} + \dots \right)}_{\cos y} + i \underbrace{\left(y - \frac{y^3}{3!} + \frac{y^5}{5!} - \frac{y^7}{7!} + \dots \right)}_{\sin y}$$

Fact: Complex does everything we want it to do!

$$u+iv = e^{(A+Bi)x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [u+iv] = u'+iv' = (A+Bi) e^{(A+Bi)x}$$

$$\text{So } L[e^{(A+Bi)x}] = \underbrace{\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{Char. Poly} \\ \text{with } r=A+Bi \end{array} \right)}_{=0} e^{(A+Bi)x}$$

when $A+Bi$ is a root.

Conclusion: $e^{(A+Bi)x}$ is a complex solⁿ.

From one complex solⁿ, get two real solⁿs.

Hmmm. What do I get from $e^{(A-Bi)x}$?

$$y_1 = e^{Ax} \cos Bx \quad y_2 = -e^{Ax} \sin Bx$$

Get same set of solⁿs!