

2<sup>nd</sup> order linear homog ODE with constant coeff

$$L[y] = ay'' + by' + cy = 0$$

Try  $y = e^{rx}$ .  $L[e^{rx}] = \underbrace{(ar^2 + br + c)}_{\text{need } = 0} e^{rx} = 0$  want

Char. equ.

Roots of  $ar^2 + br + c = 0$ :  $r_1, r_2 = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

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

Gen<sup>l</sup> Sol<sup>n</sup>:  $y = c_1 e^{r_1 x} + c_2 e^{r_2 x}$

Case  $r_1 = r_2$ : ( $b^2 - 4ac = 0$ )

Gen<sup>l</sup> Sol<sup>n</sup>:  $y = c_1 e^{r_1 x} + c_2 \underbrace{x e^{r_1 x}}_{\substack{\text{second sol}^n \\ w \neq 0}}$

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

Gen<sup>l</sup> Sol<sup>n</sup>:  $y = c_1 e^{Ax} \cos Bx + c_2 e^{Ax} \sin Bx$

Why the complex case works:

Complex sol<sup>n</sup>:  $y(x) = u(x) + i v(x)$

$$y'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{y(x+h) - y(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{u(x+h) - u(x)}{h} + i \frac{v(x+h) - v(x)}{h} \right]$$

$$= u'(x) + i v'(x)$$

EX:  $\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \underbrace{\cos x + i \sin x}_{e^{ix}} \right] = \frac{d}{dx} \cos x + i \frac{d}{dx} \sin x$   
 $= -\sin x + i \cos x$   
 $= i(\cos x + i \sin x) = i e^{ix}$

Fact:  $\frac{d}{dx} \left[ e^{(A+Bi)x} \right] = (A+Bi) e^{(A+Bi)x}$

(Write out both sides. Expand. See =)

$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left[ e^{(A+Bi)x} \right] = (A+Bi)^2 e^{(A+Bi)x}$  too!

Claim:  $e^{(A+Bi)x} = \underbrace{u(x)} + i \underbrace{v(x)}$   
 $u(x) = e^{Ax} \cos Bx$        $v(x) = e^{Ax} \sin Bx$

If  $r = A+Bi$  is a root of Char. equ, then

$e^{(A+Bi)x}$  is a complex sol<sup>n</sup>.

Complex sol<sup>n</sup> means:  $\bar{Y} = u + iv$

$a \bar{Y}'' + b \bar{Y}' + c \bar{Y} = 0$

$a(u'' + iv'') + b(u' + iv') + c(u + iv) = 0$

$\underbrace{[au'' + bu' + cu]}_{=0} + i \underbrace{[av'' + bv' + cv]}_{=0} = 0 + 0i$

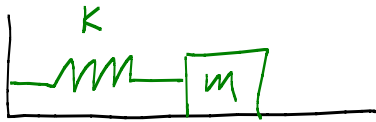
Big fact: One complex sol<sup>n</sup>  $\mathbb{I} = u + i v$  gives us two real sol<sup>n</sup>s:  $u, v$ .

Why is  $e^{(A+Bi)x}$  a complex sol<sup>n</sup>: Let  $r = A + Bi$ .

We chose  $r$  to be a root of  $ar^2 + br + c = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} L[e^{rx}] &= a \frac{d^2}{dx^2}(e^{rx}) + b \frac{d}{dx}(e^{rx}) + c e^{rx} \\ &= \underbrace{(ar^2 + br + c)}_{=0} e^{rx} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

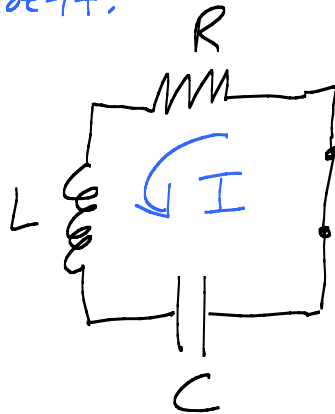
Important case: positive coeff.



$$F = ma$$

$$-ky - cy' = my''$$

$$my'' + cy' + ky = 0$$



$$L I'' + R I' + \frac{1}{C} I = 0$$

$$ar^2 + br + c = 0 \quad a, b, c \text{ positive}$$

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

$$\underline{0 < b^2 - 4ac < b^2}$$

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

Aha!  $\frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$  is negative.

$\frac{-b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$  is obviously negative.

$r_1, r_2$  are negative!

$$y = c_1 e^{r_1 x} + c_2 e^{r_2 x} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty.$$

Sol<sup>n</sup>s die out. Case: Over damped

Case  $r_1 = r_2$ :  $r_1 = \frac{-b}{2a}$  ← negative!

$$y = c_1 \underbrace{e^{-\frac{b}{2a}x}}_{\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty} + c_2 \underbrace{x e^{-\frac{b}{2a}x}}_{\rightarrow 0 \text{ too! as } x \rightarrow \infty} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty.$$

Critically damped

Case complex roots:

$$r_1, r_2 = \frac{-b}{2a} \pm \frac{\sqrt{\text{neg}}}{2a}$$

$$= \frac{-b}{2a} + Bi$$

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

$$\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty.$$

Under damped.