

$$a_n y^{(n)} + a_{n-1} y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_1 y' + a_0 y = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{Homogeneous} \\ F(x) & \text{non homogeneous} \end{cases}$$

Try  $y = e^{rx}$  for homog eqn:

$$\left( a_n r^n + a_{n-1} r^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 r + a_0 \right) e^{rt} = 0$$

want

need  $P(r) = 0 \leftarrow$  need to factor.

$n=2$ : quad formula

$n=3$ : Cardano's

$n=4$ : formula too

Big fact:  $a_k$ 's all real.

$n=5$  and above:

Galois, Abel: No formula

$P(r)$  factors into terms

like  $(r - r_i)^{m_i}$  and  $(r^2 + br + c)^m = (r - (A + Bi))^m (r - (A - Bi))^m$

$\uparrow$   
 $r_i$  real root of mult  $m$

$\uparrow$   
 Conjugate pair of roots  $A \pm Bi$  of mult.  $m$ .

EX:  $P(r) = r^3 (r-2)(r-5)^4 (r^2+1)(r^2+2r+2)^3 = 0$

- $\uparrow$   $(r-0)^3$   
 $e^{0x}, x e^{0x}, x^2 e^{0x}$   
 $1, x, x^2$
- $\uparrow$   $e^{2x}$   
 $e^{5x}, x e^{5x}, x^2 e^{5x}, x^3 e^{5x}$
- $\uparrow$   $r = \pm i$   
 $\cos x, \sin x$
- $\uparrow$   $r = -1 \pm i$ 
  - 1.  $e^{-x} \cos x$
  - 2.  $x e^{-x} \cos x$
  - 3.  $x^2 e^{-x} \cos x$
  - 4.  $e^{-x} \sin x$
  - 5.  $x e^{-x} \sin x$
  - 6.  $x^2 e^{-x} \sin x$

$P(r)$  of degree  $n$ : Get  $n$  linearly indep sol<sup>n</sup>s  $y_1, \dots, y_n$ .

Get gen<sup>l</sup> sol<sup>n</sup> to homog:  $y = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2 + \dots + c_n y_n$

Cases: 1)  $(r-r_1)$  simple factor. Get sol<sup>n</sup>  $e^{r_1 x}$ .

2)  $(r-r_1)^m$  with multiplicity.

$$P(r) = (r-r_1)^m Q(r) \leftarrow Q(r_1) \neq 0$$

$$L[y] = a_n y^{(n)} + \dots + a_0 y.$$

$$L[e^{rx}] = P(r) e^{rx}$$

Plug  $r=r_1$ .  
See  $e^{r_1 x}$  is a sol<sup>n</sup>.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} L[e^{rx}] = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (P(r) e^{rx}) =$$

$$L\left[\underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial r} e^{rx}}_{x e^{rx}}\right] = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ (r-r_1)^m Q(r) e^{rx} \right]$$

$$= m(r-r_1)^{m-1} Q e^{rx} + (r-r_1)^m \frac{\partial}{\partial r} [Q e^{rx}]$$

Euler: Aha! Let  $r=r_1$

Find  $x e^{r_1 x}$  as a 2<sup>nd</sup> sol<sup>n</sup>.

Good news. Can repeat trick a total of  $m-1$  times!

Get  $x^2 e^{r_1 x}$ ,  $x^3 e^{r_1 x}$ , ...,  $x^{m-1} e^{r_1 x}$

Case:  $r^2 + br + c$  roots  $A \pm Bi$ .

For  $A \pm Bi$ : Get complex sol<sup>n</sup>  $e^{(A \pm Bi)x} = e^{Ax} e^{\pm Bi x}$

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

$$= \underbrace{e^{Ax} \cos Bx}_{\uparrow} + i \underbrace{e^{Ax} \sin Bx}_{\uparrow}$$

two real sol<sup>n</sup>s.

Case  $(r^2 + br + c)^m$  roots  $A \pm Bi$

$$e^{(A+Bi)x} \begin{cases} e^{Ax} \cos Bx \\ e^{Ax} \sin Bx \end{cases}$$

$$x e^{(A+Bi)x} \begin{cases} x e^{Ax} \cos Bx \\ x e^{Ax} \sin Bx \end{cases}$$

$$\vdots$$
$$x^{m-1} e^{(A+Bi)x} \begin{cases} x^{m-1} e^{Ax} \cos Bx \\ x^{m-1} e^{Ax} \sin Bx \end{cases}$$

Total of  
 $2m$  lin  
indep  
sol<sup>ns</sup>.

Fact: Guaranteed to be lin indep. (Wronskian  $\neq 0$ .)

EX:  $y^{(4)} + 2y'' + y = 0$

$$r^4 + 2r^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$(r^2 + 1)^2 = 0$$

$$r = \pm i, \text{ mult } 2 : r = i, i, -i, -i$$

Get  $\begin{cases} \cos x \\ \sin x \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} x \cos x \\ x \sin x \end{cases} \quad 4 \text{ sol}^{\text{ns}}$

Gen<sup>l</sup> Sol<sup>n</sup>  $y = c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x + c_3 x \cos x + c_4 x \sin x$

Method of undet coeff:  $\underbrace{a_n y^{(n)} + \dots + a_0 y}_{\text{const coeff linear}} = \underbrace{F(x)}_{\text{special}}$

$F(x)$	Try $y_p =$
$e^{ax}$	$y_p = Ae^{ax}$
$x^n$ or any poly of deg $n$	$A_n x^n + A_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + A_1 x + A_0$
$\cos wt$ $\sin wt$ or a linear combo	$y_p = A \cos wt + B \sin wt$
$\vdots$	
$x^n e^{ax} \cos bx$ or $x^n e^{ax} \sin bx$	$(A_n x^n + \dots + A_0) e^{ax} \cos bx + (B_n x^n + \dots + B_0) e^{ax} \sin bx$ e.g. $\rightarrow B_3 x^3 e^{ax} \sin bx$

Danger! If any single piece of the trial sol<sup>n</sup> solves the homog eqn, method might fail. But in this case:

Rule: Get correct trial sol<sup>n</sup>  $y_p$  by multiplying the trial sol<sup>n</sup> from the table by  $x^m$  where  $m$  is the smallest positive that clears the danger.

EX:  $y^{(4)} + 2y'' + y = x^2 \sin x$

Homog:  $\cos x, \sin x, x \cos x, x \sin x$

Table:  $(A_2x^2 + A_1x + A_0)\cos x + (B_2x^2 + B_1x + B_0)\sin x$

$$A_2x^2\cos x + \underbrace{A_1x\cos x + A_0\cos x}_{\text{ouch!}} + B_2x^2\sin x + \underbrace{B_1x\sin x + B_0\sin x}_{\text{ouch!}}$$

Multiply by  $x$ : Ouch! still have  $A_0x\cos x$ ,  $B_0x\sin x$ .

Correct trial sol<sup>n</sup>:

$$y_p = x^2 \left[ (A_2x^2 + \dots + A_0)\cos x + (B_2x^2 + \dots + B_0)\sin x \right]$$

Finding roots of polys:

$$r^5 - r^4 + r^3 - r^2 + r - 1 = 0$$

Aha!  $r=1$  is a root! So  $(r-1)$  divides Poly.

$$\begin{array}{r} r^4 + r^2 + 1 \\ r-1 \overline{) r^5 - r^4 + r^3 - r^2 + r - 1} \\ \underline{r^5 - r^4} \phantom{+ r^3 - r^2 + r - 1} \\ r^3 - r^2 + r - 1 \\ \underline{r^3 - r^2} \phantom{+ r - 1} \\ r - 1 \\ \underline{r - 1} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$P(r) = (r-1)(r^4 + r^2 + 1)$$

Famous observation: Poly with rational coeff:

Clear denom from fractions. Get Poly with integer coeff.

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How to look for rational roots  $\pm \frac{p}{q}$  :

$$a_n \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^n + \dots + a_0 = 0 \quad \text{Mult by } q^n$$

$$\left( a_n p^n + (a_{n-1} p^{n-1} q + \dots + a_1 p) + a_0 q^n \right) = 0$$

see  $q$  divides  $a_n$

see  $p$  divides  $a_0$ .

Get finite list of rational roots to test  $\pm \frac{p}{q}$