

## Lecture 13

3.1 2nd order linear ODE

HW12 due tonight in MyLab  
HW09W, HW10W, HW11W in Gradescope

Euler method failing:  $\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2 \leftarrow$  sol's blow up in finite time.

Euler doesn't even notice!

Sol's appear to go on and on, and get weird as  $h$  shrinks.

Easiest 2nd order ODE:  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -\sin x$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = - \int \sin x \, dx = -\cos x + C_1$$

$$y = \int (-\cos x + C_1) \, dx + C_2$$

$$\text{Sol}^n: y = \underbrace{\sin x}_{\substack{\text{particular} \\ \text{sol}^n}} + \underbrace{C_1 x + C_2}_{\substack{\text{Gen}^e \text{ sol}^n \text{ to } y''=0 \\ \text{homog eqn}}}$$

2nd order linear ODE:

$$A(x) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + B(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + C(x) y = D(x)$$

Standard Form: Divide by  $A(x)$ :

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + P(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + Q(x) y = R(x) \quad (*)$$

↑  
1 here.

$$P = \frac{B}{A}, \quad Q = \frac{C}{A}, \quad R = \frac{D(x)}{A(x)}$$

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zeroes of  $A(x)$  dangerous!

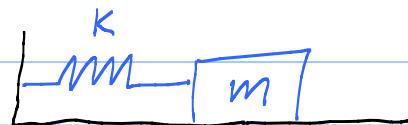
E. & U. Thm: (\*) plus two initial conditions

$$\begin{cases} y(x_0) = y_0 \\ y'(x_0) = y'_0 \end{cases}$$

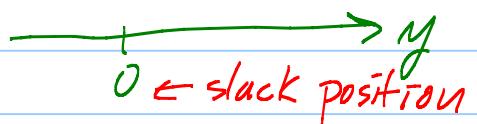
has a unique sol<sup>n</sup> on any interval  
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 sol<sup>n</sup> exists                  (U.)

where  $P(x)$ ,  $Q(x)$ , and  $R(x)$  are all continuous.

EX:  $y'' + 3y' + 2y = 0$



$$F = ma$$



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

Hooke's law      ↑ friction

Hmm. Try  $y = e^{rx}$

$$y' = re^{rx}$$

$$y'' = r^2 e^{rx}$$

Plug in:  $y'' + 3y' + 2y = 0$       want

$$(r^2 e^{rx}) + 3(re^{rx}) + 2e^{rx} = 0$$

$$[r^2 + 3r + 2] e^{rx} = 0$$

need  $r$  to a root of

$e^{rx}$  never zero

$$r^2 + 3r + 2 = 0$$

"Characteristic equation"

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

Get two sol's:  $r=-1, -2$

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

$$y_2 = e^{-2x}$$

Important property of linear homogeneous ( $R(x) \equiv 0$ ) eqns

Superposition principle: If  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  solve the linear homog ODE, then so does  $c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$ .

Why: Write  $L[y] = y'' + P y' + Q y$

$L$  is a linear operator meaning that

$$L[c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2] = c_1 L[y_1] + c_2 L[y_2] = 0$$

$\underbrace{c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2}_{\text{a soln too!}} \quad \underbrace{= 0}_{y_1 \text{ soln}} \quad \underbrace{= 0}_{y_2 \text{ soln}}$

Check:  $L[c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2] = (c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2)'' + P(c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2)' + Q(c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2)$

$$= \underline{c_1 y_1''} + \underline{c_2 y_2''} + \underline{c_1 P y_1'} + \underline{c_2 P y_2'} + \underline{c_1 Q y_1} + \underline{c_2 Q y_2}$$
$$= c_1 L[y_1] + c_2 L[y_2] \checkmark$$

Aha!  $y = c_1 e^{-x} + c_2 e^{-2x}$  solves prob!

Big question: Is it the gen'l soln?

Equiv quest: Can I solve any and all initial value probs (IVP)?

Hmm:  $y = c_1 e^{-x} + c_2 e^{-2x}$   
 $y' = -c_1 e^{-x} - 2c_2 e^{-2x}$

Can I find  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  so that

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} y(0) = c_1 e^0 + c_2 e^{-2 \cdot 0} = A \quad \leftarrow \text{any old} \\ y'(0) = -c_1 e^0 - 2c_2 e^{-2 \cdot 0} = B \quad \leftarrow A \text{ and } B \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} c_1 + c_2 = A \\ -c_1 - 2c_2 = B \end{array} \right.$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \end{pmatrix}$$

Cramer's rule:

$$c_1 = \frac{\det \begin{bmatrix} A & 1 \\ B & -2 \end{bmatrix}}{\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}} = \frac{-2A - B}{-1}$$

$\underbrace{1 \cdot (-2) - 1 \cdot (-1)}_{= -1} \leftarrow \text{not zero!}$

$$c_2 = \frac{\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & A \\ -1 & B \end{bmatrix}}{\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}} = \frac{B + A}{-1}$$

Because  $\det$  in denom is  $\neq 0$ , can solve any and all IVPs

with  $c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$ ! Conclude  $c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$  is the gen'l sol'n.

General problem: Two sol's  $y_1, y_2$  to homog prob.

$$y = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$$

$$y' = c_1 y'_1 + c_2 y'_2$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} y(x_0) = c_1 y_1(x_0) + c_2 y_2(x_0) \Rightarrow A \\ y'(x_0) = c_1 y'_1(x_0) + c_2 y'_2(x_0) \Rightarrow B \end{array} \right.$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1(x_0) & y_2(x_0) \\ y'_1(x_0) & y'_2(x_0) \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \end{pmatrix}$$

need  $\det \neq 0$

Def<sup>n</sup>: Wronskian of  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  at  $x_0$  is

$$W = W(x_0) = W[y_1, y_2](x_0) = \det \begin{bmatrix} y_1(x_0) & y_2(x_0) \\ y'_1(x_0) & y'_2(x_0) \end{bmatrix}$$

Ex:  $W[e^{-x}, e^{-2x}](x)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \det \begin{bmatrix} e^{-x} & e^{-2x} \\ -e^{-x} & -2e^{-2x} \end{bmatrix} = -2e^{-3x} - (-e^{-3x}) \\ &= e^{-3x} \end{aligned}$$

← never zero!

Good news: Can solve any and all IVPs at any  $x_0$  with  $c_1y_1 + c_2y_2$ .

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

$$L[e^{rx}] = ar^2e^{rx} + bre^{rx} + ce^{rx} = \overset{\text{want}}{0}$$
$$(ar^2 + br + c) e^{rx} = 0$$

$\underbrace{ar^2 + br + c}_{\text{need} = 0}$

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

Oy! What if  $b^2 - 4ac = 0$ ? Only get one sol<sup>n</sup>.  
Don't get gen'l sol<sup>n</sup>.

What if  $b^2 - 4ac < 0$ ? Complex roots!