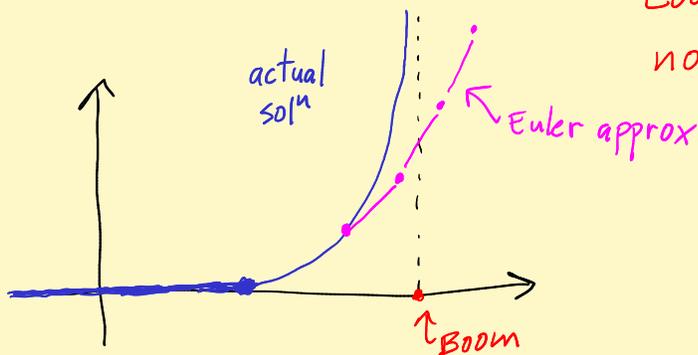


Euler method fail: $\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2$ ← Recall solⁿs blow up in finite time. Looks like Euler method doesn't even notice!



$F=ma$ is a 2nd order diff eqn!

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

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

$$y = \int \cos x + C_1 \, dx = \underbrace{\sin x}_{\substack{\text{particular} \\ \text{sol}^n \\ \text{to } y'' = -\sin x}} + \underbrace{C_1 x + C_2}_{\substack{\text{Gen}^l \text{ sol}^n \\ \text{to } y'' = 0 \\ \text{(homogeneous} \\ \text{eqn)}}}$$

2nd order linear ODE:

$$A(x)y'' + B(x)y' + C(x)y = D(x)$$

Standard form: Divide out by $A(x)$. Get

$$y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = R(x) \quad (*)$$

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

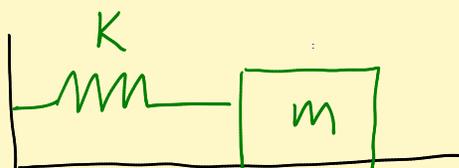
↑ zeroes of $A(x)$ might cause trouble!

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

$$\begin{cases} y(x_0) = y_0 \\ y'(x_0) = y_0' \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{has a unique sol}^n \\ \uparrow \text{sol}^n \text{ exists (E.)} \quad \uparrow \text{(U.)} \end{array}$$

on any interval where $P(x), Q(x), R(x)$ are continuous.

EX: $y'' + 3y' + 2y = \underline{0}$ ← homog eqn



→ y
0 ← slack position

$$F = ma$$

$$\underbrace{-ky}_{\text{Hooke's law}} - \underbrace{cv}_{\text{friction}} = ma$$

$$m \underbrace{\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2}}_a + c \underbrace{\frac{dy}{dt}}_v + ky = 0$$

Could try "Reduction of order" $y'' + 3y' + 2y = 0$

x is missing! Let $v = \frac{dy}{dx}$.

Then $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{dv}{dy} \frac{dy}{dx} = v \frac{dv}{dy}$

ODE: $v \frac{dv}{dy} + 3v + 2y = 0$ ← "homogeneous" 1st order ODE! Ugh!

Euler's trick: Instead of this, guess that

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

Plug into ODE and force it.

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

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

$(r^2 + 3r + 2) e^{rx} = 0$
← want
↑ never 0
this needs to be zero!

$r^2 + 3r + 2 = (r+1)(r+2) = 0$ Roots: $r = -1, -2$

Got two solⁿs $y_1 = e^{-x}$, $y_2 = e^{-2x}$

Superposition principle for linear homogeneous eqns.

If y_1 and y_2 solve a 2nd order linear homog ODE, then so does $c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$.

Why Write $L[y] = y'' + Py' + Qy$

L is a linear operator, meaning that

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

so this is a solⁿ too.

Check :

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

$$= \underline{c_1 y_1''} + \underline{c_2 y_2''} + \underline{c_1 P y_1'} + \underline{c_2 P y_2'}$$

$$+ \underline{c_1 Q y_1} + \underline{c_2 Q y_2}$$

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

Aha! $c_1 e^{-x} + c_2 e^{-2x}$ is a solⁿ.

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Big question: Is it the gen^l solⁿ?

Equivalent question: Can I solve any and all

initial value problems (IVP) $\begin{cases} y(x_0) = A \\ y'(x_0) = B \end{cases}$

for any choice of A's and B's?

(Equivalence follows from the E $\dot{=}$ U Thm)

Hmmm. $y = c_1 e^{-x} + c_2 e^{-2x}$

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

Use $x_0 = 0$. Want $\begin{cases} y(0) = c_1 e^0 + c_2 e^0 = A \\ y'(0) = -c_1 e^0 - 2c_2 e^0 = B \end{cases}$

want

$$\begin{cases} c_1 + c_2 = A \\ -c_1 - 2c_2 = B \end{cases}$$

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

Cramer's rule

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

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Yay!

$1 \cdot (-2) - 1 \cdot (-1) = -1 \neq 0$

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

$$c_1 = \frac{-2A - B}{-1} = \underline{2A + B}$$

$$c_2 = \frac{B + A}{-1} = \underline{-A - B}$$

Key: denom in Cramer's rule $\neq 0$. Can solve any and all IVP's!

Conclude $y = c_1 e^{-x} + c_2 e^{-2x}$ is the gen^l solⁿ!

General problem

$$y = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$$

$$y' = c_1 y_1' + c_2 y_2'$$

Use x_0 .

$$\begin{cases} c_1 y_1(x_0) + c_2 y_2(x_0) = A \\ c_1 y_1'(x_0) + c_2 y_2'(x_0) = B \end{cases}$$

want

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

Want

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} y_1(x_0) & y_2(x_0) \\ y_1'(x_0) & y_2'(x_0) \end{bmatrix} \neq 0$$

Wronskian $W(x) = W[y_1, y_2]$

EX

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} e^{-x} & e^{-2x} \\ -e^{-x} & -2e^{-2x} \end{bmatrix} = -2e^{-3x} + 1e^{-3x}$$

$$= -e^{-3x} \leftarrow \text{never zero!}$$

Can solve any and all IVP's at any x_0 !

Bummers

$$ay'' + by' + cy = 0$$

$$(ar^2 + br + c)e^{rx} = 0$$

Bad cases: Only one r root.
ouch! Complex roots.