

$y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$  are linearly independent on  $[a, b]$  means:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2 + \dots + c_n y_n \equiv 0 \text{ on } [a, b] \\ \text{is only possible if all } c\text{'s} = 0. \end{array} \right.$$

Note: Not lin. ind. is called "linearly dependent."

Happens exactly when one of the fcn's is a linear combination of the others.

EX Are  $x^2 + x + 1$ ,  $x^2 + x$ ,  $x^2$  lin. ind. on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ ?

What if  $c_1(x^2 + x + 1) + c_2(x^2 + x) + c_3 x^2 \equiv 0$

$$\underbrace{[c_1 + c_2 + c_3]}_{\text{must} = 0} x^2 + \underbrace{[c_1 + c_2]}_{= 0} x + \underbrace{c_1}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ c_1 = 0}} \equiv 0$$

#3:  $c_3 = 0$

#2:  $c_2 = 0$

#1

All  $c$ 's must = 0. ✓ lin. ind.

EX What about  $\sin^2 x$ ,  $\cos 2x$ ,  $\equiv$ ?

$$\sin^2 x = \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos 2x)$$

$$\sin^2 x + \frac{1}{2} \cos 2x - \frac{1}{2} \cdot 3 \equiv 0 \leftarrow \text{linearly dependent}$$

Const. Coeff linear ODE : n-th order

(a<sub>n</sub> ≠ 0)  $a_n y^{(n)} + a_{n-1} y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_1 y' + a_0 y \equiv 0$  ↑ homog

Try  $y = e^{rx}$

$$\underbrace{[a_n r^n + a_{n-1} r^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 r + a_0]}_{\text{need } = 0} e^{rx} \equiv 0$$

↑ want  
↑ never zero

Need  $n$  lin. ind. sol<sup>n</sup>s! Good news:  $n$ -th deg polys have  $n$  roots!

Best case Get  $n$  real distinct roots

$$r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n$$

Gen<sup>l</sup> sol<sup>n</sup>  $y = c_1 e^{r_1 x} + \dots + c_n e^{r_n x}$

$$W = \det \begin{bmatrix} e^{r_1 x} & \dots & e^{r_n x} \\ r_1 e^{r_1 x} & \dots & r_n e^{r_n x} \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ r_1^{n-1} e^{r_1 x} & \dots & r_n^{n-1} e^{r_n x} \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow n \times n$$

not zero. Got gen<sup>l</sup> sol<sup>n</sup>

EX Factor poly

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

$r = (r-0)$   
 $y_1 = e^{0 \cdot x} = \underline{1}$

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

$r=3,3,3$

3 {  
 $e^{3x}$   
 $x e^{3x}$   
 $x^2 e^{3x}$

$r = -1 \pm i$   
repeated  
 $e^{-x} \cos x, e^{-x} \sin x$   
 $x e^{-x} \cos x, x e^{-x} \sin x$

$r = \pm i$   
 $= 0 \pm i$   
 $\uparrow \quad \uparrow$   
 $\alpha=0 \quad \beta=1$   
 $e^{\alpha x} \cos \beta x, e^{\alpha x} \sin \beta x$   
 $\underline{\cos x}, \underline{\sin x}$

Fact Polys with real coeff can be factored into terms

1)  $(r-r_0)^n$  ( $r_0$  real)

EX  $r = (r-0)^1$   
 $(r-7)$   
 $(r-1)^{13}$

2) and quadratic polys with complex roots (in pairs)  $\alpha \pm \beta i$

$(r^2 + br + c)^n$   $b^2 - 4c < 0$

EX  $(r^2+1)$   $r = \pm i$   
 $(r^2+2r+2)$   
 $(r^2+2r+2)^{10}$

Simple real root case :

$$(r - r_0)^1$$

Get sol<sup>n</sup>

$$y = e^{r_0 x}$$

Repeated real root

$$(r - r_0)^N$$

Get

$$\left. \begin{matrix} e^{r_0 x} \\ x e^{r_0 x} \\ \vdots \\ x^{N-1} e^{r_0 x} \end{matrix} \right\}$$

*N solutions!*

Euler trick

$$L[e^{rx}] = P(r) e^{rx} = (r - r_0)^N Q(r) e^{rx}$$

Diff w.r.t r :

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} L[e^{rx}] = \text{vanishes to order } N-1 \text{ at } r_0$$

$$L\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial r} e^{rx}\right] = x e^{rx}$$

Set  $r = r_0$ .

Repeat!

$$\text{Get } \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} e^{rx} = x^2 e^{rx}$$

Repeat  $N-1$  times.

Complex simple roots

$$(r^2 + br + c)$$

$$b^2 - 4c < 0$$

roots  $\alpha \pm \beta i$

$$\text{sol}^n \quad e^{(\alpha + \beta i)x} = e^{\alpha x} \cos \beta x + i e^{\alpha x} \sin \beta x$$

*one complex sol<sup>n</sup> yields two real sol<sup>n</sup>s*

# Repeated complex roots

$$(r^2 + br + c)^N$$

Complex sol<sup>n</sup>s

$$\left. \begin{array}{l}
 e^{(\alpha + \beta i)x} \\
 x e^{(\alpha + \beta i)x} \\
 x^2 e^{(\alpha + \beta i)x} \\
 \vdots \\
 x^{N-1} e^{(\alpha + \beta i)x}
 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 e^{\alpha x} \cos \beta x, \quad e^{\alpha x} \sin \beta x \\
 x e^{\alpha x} \cos \beta x, \quad x e^{\alpha x} \sin \beta x \\
 \vdots \\
 x^{N-1} e^{\alpha x} \cos \beta x, \quad x^{N-1} e^{\alpha x} \sin \beta x
 \end{array}$$

N complex sol<sup>n</sup>s

2N real sol<sup>n</sup>s!

## Factoring n-th degree polys with real coeff

EX  $r^4 + 8r^2 + 16 = 0$

$y^{(4)} + 8y'' + 16y = 0$

Aha! Quadratic in  $(r^2)$ .

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

$r = \pm 2i \leftarrow$  repeated

Roots  $2i, 2i, -2i, -2i$

$\cos 2x, \sin 2x$

$x \cos 2x, x \sin 2x$

Genl sol<sup>n</sup>  $y = c_1 \cos 2x + c_2 \sin 2x + c_3 x \cos 2x + c_4 x \sin 2x$  <sup>6</sup>

Need 4 initial conditions to pin down 4 c's

$$4 \checkmark \left\{ \begin{array}{l} y(x_0) = y_0 \\ y'(x_0) = y_0' \\ y''(x_0) = y_0'' \\ y'''(x_0) = y_0''' \end{array} \right.$$

EX  $r^6 + 5r^5 + 4r^4$

$$r^4 (r^2 + 5r + 4)$$

$r=0,0,0,0$

$(r+4)(r+1)$

$$y = c_1 \cdot 1 + c_2 x + c_3 x^2 + c_4 x^3 + c_5 e^{-4x} + c_6 e^{-x}$$

Fact If a poly  $P(r)$  vanishes at  $r_0$

$[P(r_0) = 0]$ , then  $(r - r_0)$  divides the poly.

EX  $r^3 - r^2 + r - 1 = P(r)$  See  $P(1) = 0$ .

So  $r-1$  divides  $P(r)$

$$r-1 \overline{\left| \begin{array}{l} r^2 + 1 \\ r^3 - r^2 + r - 1 \\ r^3 - r^2 \end{array} \right.}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} r-1 \\ r-1 \\ \hline 0 \end{array}$$

So  $P(r) = (r-1)[r^2 + 1]$

$$y = c_1 e^x + c_2 \cos x + c_3 \sin x$$

Operator notation:  $D = \frac{d}{dx}$

$$\begin{aligned} a y'' + b y' + c y &= a D^2 y + b D y + c y \\ &= [a D^2 + b D + c] y \end{aligned}$$