

ODE Refresher

1st-order linear

$$y'(t) + p(t)y = g(t)$$

solved by using an integrating factor

$$\mu(t) = e^{\int p(t) dt}$$

leading coefficient is 1

multiply both sides by that

left side is the derivative of $\mu(t)$ and $y(t)$

$$\underbrace{\mu y' + \mu p y}_{\frac{d}{dt}(\mu y)} = \mu g$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\mu y) = \mu g$$

integrate and solve for y

example

$$y' + \frac{2}{t}y = \frac{\cos(t)}{t^2} \quad (t > 0)$$

$$u = e^{\int \frac{2}{t} dt} = e^{\cancel{2 \ln t}} = e^{2 \ln t} = e^{\ln t^2} = t^2$$

multiply both sides by that

$$t^2 y' + 2t y = \cos(t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(t^2 y) = \cos(t)$$

integrate

$$t^2 y = \sin(t) + C$$

$$y = \frac{\sin(t)}{t^2} + \frac{C}{t^2}$$

1st-order linear will make an appearance later when

we solve the heat equation: $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \alpha^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ $u(x, t)$

1st-order shows up in the context of the heat eq. as

$$T' + \alpha^2 \lambda T = 0 \quad T = T(t) \quad \alpha, \lambda \text{ constants, positive}$$

this can be solved by using an integrating factor or as
a separable eq.

$$\frac{dT}{dt} + \alpha^2 \lambda T = 0$$

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = -\alpha^2 \lambda T$$

$$\frac{dT}{T} = -\alpha^2 \lambda dt \quad \text{integrate both sides}$$

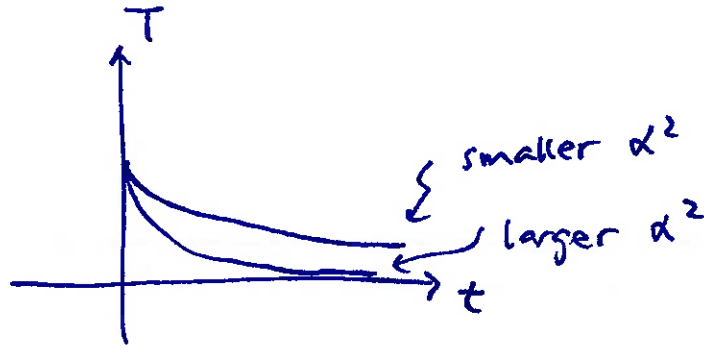
$$\ln|T| = -\alpha^2 \lambda t + C$$

$$T = e^{-\alpha^2 \lambda t + C} = e^{-\alpha^2 \lambda t} \cdot \overset{\text{constant}}{e^C}$$

$$\boxed{T(t) = C e^{-\alpha^2 \lambda t}}$$

this governs the time part of the solution of heat eg.

for a given λ , the larger α^2 is, the faster T decays



2nd-order homogeneous

$$y'' + ky = 0 \quad k: \text{constant}$$

Solutions are of the form e^{rt}

where r is the solution to the characteristic eg.

$$\boxed{r^2 + k = 0}$$

Solution depends on what k is

if $k < 0$, $r = \pm \sqrt{k}$

solutions are $y = e^{\pm \sqrt{k}t}$ grows w/o bound

general solution: $y = c_1 e^{\sqrt{k}t} + c_2 e^{-\sqrt{k}t}$

or $y = d_1 \cosh(\sqrt{k}t) + d_2 \sinh(\sqrt{k}t)$

$$\cosh(x) = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} \quad \sinh(x) = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}$$

if $k = 0$ $y'' = 0$

so, $y = c_1 + c_2 t$ (just a line)

if $k > 0$ $r = \pm i\sqrt{k}$

solutions are $y = \cos(\sqrt{k}t)$ and $y = \sin(\sqrt{k}t)$

general solution: $y = c_1 \cos(\sqrt{k}t) + c_2 \sin(\sqrt{k}t)$

bounded solution

we will see that when solving the heat, wave, and Laplace's eqs.

it shows up as

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{uppercase} \\ \times \end{array} \rightarrow \underline{X}''(x) + \lambda \underline{X}(x) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \underline{Y}''(y) + \lambda \underline{Y}(y) = 0$$

solutions:

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{X}(x) &= C_1 \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} x) + C_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} x) & \text{if } \lambda > 0 \\ \underline{X}(x) &= C_1 \cosh(\sqrt{\lambda} x) + C_2 \sinh(\sqrt{\lambda} x) & \text{if } \lambda < 0 \\ \underline{X}(x) &= C_1 + C_2 x & \text{if } \lambda = 0 \end{aligned}$$

in the context of the heat eq, this is the space part of the solution (it tells us how temperature varies w/ position with time fixed)

next, let's review nonhomogeneous 2nd-order eqs.

in the context of mass-spring system: $mX'' + kX = f(t)$

we will focus on sinusoidal $f(t)$: $f(t) = F_0 \sin(\omega t)$

constant \swarrow frequency of input

general solution:

$$X(t) = X_c + X_p$$

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complementary

(right side is 0)

\swarrow particular

(due to the right side)

for $mX'' + kX = 0$

$$X_c = C_1 \cos\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t\right) + C_2 \sin\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t\right)$$

$\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \omega_0$ natural frequency.

if $f(t) = F_0 \sin(\omega t)$ and $\omega \neq \omega_0$

by the method of undetermined coefficients

assume $X_p = A \cos(\omega t) + B \sin(\omega t)$

always both cosine and sine

$$\text{Sub into } m x'' + kx = F_0 \sin(\omega_0 t)$$

∴

$$A = 0, \quad B = \frac{F_0}{k - m\omega^2} \quad \text{trouble if } k = m\omega^2 \text{ or } \omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

$$x(t) = C_1 \cos\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t\right) + C_2 \sin\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t\right) + \frac{F_0}{k - m\omega^2} \sin(\omega t)$$

if $\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \omega = \omega_0$ (natural = input \rightarrow resonance)

adjustment to particular: $x_p = A \underline{t} \cos(\omega t) + B \underline{t} \sin(\omega t)$

$$\text{Sub into } m x'' + kx = F_0 \sin(\omega_0 t)$$

∴

$$x_p = -\frac{F_0}{2m\omega} \underline{t} \cos(\omega t)$$

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blows up as $t \rightarrow \infty$