

3.3 Complex Roots of the Char. Eq.

$$\underbrace{y'' + y = 0} \quad r^2 + 1 = 0 \quad r = i, -i \quad i^2 = -1 \quad i = \sqrt{-1}$$

y such that it is the negative of its 2nd derivative

$$\rightarrow y = \cos(t), \quad y = \sin(t)$$

Solution: $y = e^{rt}$

$$y_1 = e^{it}$$

$$y_2 = e^{-it}$$

$\underbrace{\cos(t), \sin(t)}_{\text{ somehow? }}$

how does this work?

$$e^t = 1 + t + \frac{t^2}{2!} + \frac{t^3}{3!} + \frac{t^4}{4!} + \dots + \frac{t^n}{n!} + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} e^{(it)} &= 1 + it - \frac{t^2}{2!} - \frac{it^3}{3!} + \frac{t^4}{4!} + \frac{it^5}{5!} - \frac{t^6}{6!} + \dots \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{t^2}{2!} + \frac{t^4}{4!} - \frac{t^6}{6!} + \dots\right) + i \left(t - \frac{t^3}{3!} + \frac{t^5}{5!} - \dots\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{e^{it} = \cos(t) + i \sin(t)}$$

Euler's Formula

$$y'' + y = 0 \quad r = \pm i$$

$$y_1 = e^{it} = \underline{\cos(t)} + i \underline{\sin(t)}$$

$$y_2 = e^{-it} = e^{i(-t)} = \cos(-t) + i \sin(-t) \\ = \underline{\cos(t)} - i \underline{\sin(t)}$$

general solution: $y = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$ is real for real-valued
 $y(t_0) = y_0, y'(t_0) = y'_0$

expression contains i

usually, we don't want i in our real-valued solutions

notice the real part and imaginary part ($\cos(t), \sin(t)$)
are themselves solutions to $y'' + y = 0$

so, it's equally valid to say $y_1 = \cos(t), y_2 = \sin(t)$

→ use the real and imaginary parts of either solution
as the fundamental solutions

Example $y'' + 2y' + 2y = 0$

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

$$r = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{2^2 - 4(1)(2)}}{2(1)} = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{-4}}{2} = \frac{-2 \pm 2i}{2} = -1 \pm i$$

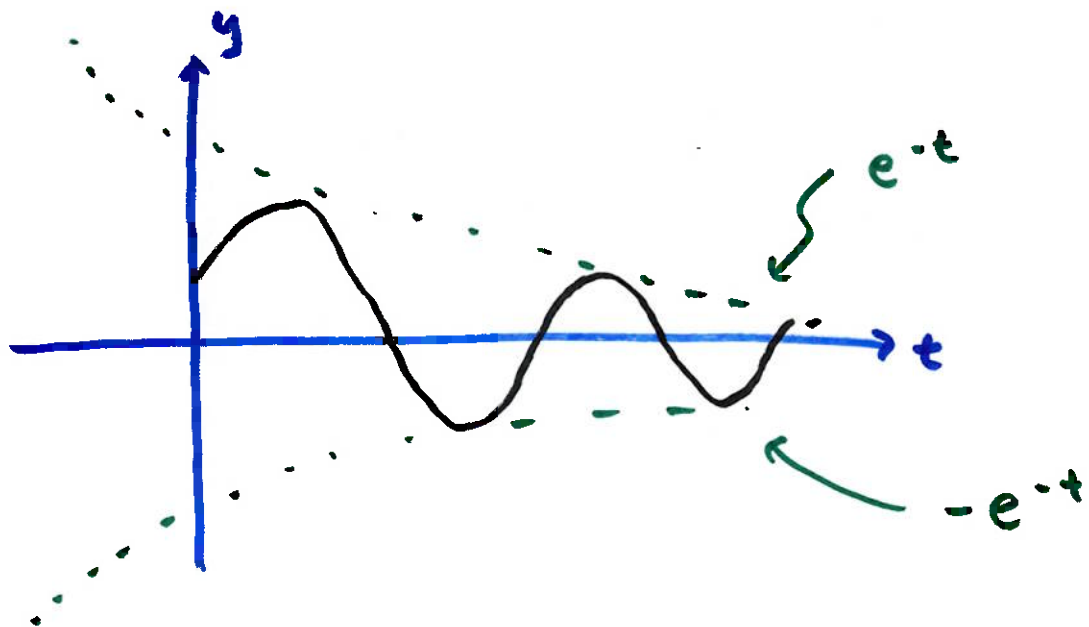
form one solution using e^{rt} , extract real and imag. parts as fundamental solutions

$$\begin{aligned} e^{(-1+i)t} &= e^{-t} e^{it} = e^{-t} (\cos(t) + i \sin(t)) \\ &= \boxed{e^{-t} \cos(t)} + i \boxed{e^{-t} \sin(t)} \end{aligned}$$

so, fundamental solutions are $y_1 = e^{-t} \cos(t)$

$$y_2 = e^{-t} \sin(t)$$

general solution $\boxed{y = c_1 e^{-t} \cos(t) + c_2 e^{-t} \sin(t)}$



3.4 Repeated Roots, Reduction of Order

$$y'' - 2y' + y = 0$$

$$r^2 - 2r + 1 = 0 \quad (r-1)(r-1) = 0 \quad r = 1, 1$$

$$y_1 = e^{r_1 t} = e^t$$

$$y_2 = e^{r_2 t} = e^t ?$$

$$W[y_1, y_2] = \begin{vmatrix} e^t & e^t \\ e^t & e^t \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

cannot
find C_1, C_2
to meet the
initial condition
to find a
unique solution

y_2 must NOT be the same as y_1 .

$$y_2 = ?$$

Reduction of Order (due to D'Alembert)

$$y_2 = v(t) y_1$$

to find $v(t)$, sub $y_2 = v(t) y_1$ into the diff. eq.

$$y'' - 2y' + y = 0$$

$$y_1 = e^t$$

$$y_2 = ve^t$$

$$y_2' = ve^t + v'e^t$$

$$y_2'' = ve^t + v'e^t + v'e^t + v''e^t$$

$$= ve^t + 2v'e^t + v''e^t$$

$$\cancel{ve^t} + \cancel{2v'e^t} + v''e^t - \cancel{2ve^t} - \cancel{2v'e^t} + \cancel{ve^t} = 0$$

$$v'' = 0$$

$v = at + b$ we can use ANY a, b ($a \neq 0$) as v for $y_2 = ve^t$,

let's use $v = t$

then $y_1 = e^t$

$$y_2 = te^t$$

$$w[y_1, y_2] = \begin{vmatrix} e^t & te^t \\ e^t & te^t + e^t \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= te^{2t} + e^{2t} - te^{2t} = e^{2t} \neq 0 \text{ (good!)}$$

if the differential eq. has constant coefficient

$y_2 = t y_1$ is ALWAYS a valid 2nd solution.

but Reduction of Order can be used to find missing solution
even for non-constant coefficients

$t^2 y'' + t y' - 9y = 0$ (this is an example of Euler's equation)

has one solution $y_1 = t^3$ (somehow we found this)

$$y_2 = ?$$

$$y_2 = v y_1 = v t^3$$

$$y_2' = 3v t^2 + v' t^3$$

$$y_2'' = 6v t + 6v' t^2 + v'' t^3$$

$$t^2(6v t + 6v' t^2 + v'' t^3) + t(3v t^2 + v' t^3) - 9(v t^3) = 0$$

$\vdots$

$$t^5 v'' + 7v' t^4 = 0$$

$$v'' = -\gamma v' t^{-1}$$

$$v'' = \frac{d(v')}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d(v')}{dt} = -\frac{\gamma v'}{t}$$

separable in v' and t

solve for $v' \dots v' = C t^{-\gamma}$

then $v = -\frac{C}{b} t^{-b} + d$

choose $C = -b, d = 0$

$$v = t^{-b}$$

so $y_2 = v y_1 = t^{-b} \cdot t^3 = t^{-3}$