

Sec 5.3 Homog. eqs w/ const coeffs (part 1)

Previously:

(ex) $y'' - y' - 6y = 0$

"try" solution $y = e^{rx}$, $\Rightarrow y' = re^{rx}$, $y'' = r^2 e^{rx}$

plug in to ODE $\rightarrow r^2 e^{rx} - re^{rx} + 6e^{rx} = 0$

$$e^{rx}(\underline{r^2 - r + 6}) = 0$$

"characteristic eqn" $\rightarrow$

$$r^2 - r - 6 = 0$$

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

roots are $r_1 = -2$, $r_2 = 3$ (so $r_1 \neq r_2$)

roots occur once each...

$\Rightarrow$ "roots $r = -2$ and $r = 3$ have multiplicity 1"

gen solution $y = c_1 \boxed{e^{-2x}} + c_2 \boxed{e^{3x}}$
lin indep

(ex) $y'' - 6y' + 9y = 0$

ch. eq. $r^2 - 6r + 9 = 0$
 $(r-3)(r-3) = 0$

roots are $r_1 = 3$, $r_2 = 3$ ($r_1 = r_2 = 3$)

"root $r = 3$ has multiplicity 2"

gen solution: $y = (c_1 + c_2 x) e^{3x}$
 $\swarrow$ $1 = 2 - 1$

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- Pattern/methods works for higher order homog eqs if coeffs of $y, y', y'',$ etc. are const.

Ex $\underline{1}y^{(5)} - \underline{8}y^{(4)} + \underline{16}y^{(3)} = 0$ ← homog

const coeffs + homog $\Rightarrow$ find roots/factor char. eq.

char. eq.: $r^5 - 8r^4 + 16r^3 = 0$

$$r^3(r^2 - 8r + 16) = 0$$

$$r^3(r - 4)(r - 4) = 0$$

roots are $r = \underline{0, 0, 0}, \underline{4, 4}$ multiplicity = "# of occurrences"

multiplicity 3 $\uparrow$

mult. 2 $\uparrow$

5th order eqn $\Rightarrow$ need 5 lin. indep "basis func's"

gen sol $y = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2 + c_3 y_3 + c_4 y_4 + c_5 y_5$

Since $r = 0, 0, 0, 4, 4$, our gen sol looks like

$$y = [\text{"r=0 piece"}] + [\text{"r=4 piece"}]$$

$$= [(c_1 + c_2 x + c_3 x^{\textcircled{2}})e^{0x}] + [(c_4 + c_5 x^{\textcircled{1}})e^{4x}]$$

b/c $r=0$ has mult. 3

$r=4$ has mult 2

$$(e^{0x} = 1) \quad y = c_1 \boxed{1} + c_2 \boxed{x} + c_3 \boxed{x^2} + c_4 \boxed{e^{4x}} + c_5 \boxed{x e^{4x}}$$

$y_1 \quad y_2 \quad y_3 \quad y_4 \quad y_5$

Can "work backwards":

Ex: Write a homog. linear ODE with gen

solution $y = \underbrace{c_1}_{\substack{r=0 \\ \text{mult. 1}}} + \underbrace{c_2 e^{-x} + c_3 x e^{-x}}_{\substack{r=-1 \\ \text{mult. 2}}} + \underbrace{c_4 e^{5x}}_{\substack{r=5 \\ \text{mult. 1}}}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{char. eqn should be } (r-0)(r+1)^2(r-5)=0$$

$$\rightarrow r(r^2+2r+1)(r-5)=0$$

$$r(r^3+2r^2+r-5r^2-10r-5)=0$$

$$r^4-3r^3-9r^2-5r=0$$

so original ODE should be

$$y^{(4)} - 3y^{(3)} - 9y'' - 5y' = 0$$

$$(r^k \leftrightarrow y^{(k)}, \text{ const} \leftrightarrow (\text{const})y)$$

Thm General sols of ODE

$$a_n y^{(n)} + a_{n-1} y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_2 y'' + a_1 y' + a_0 y = 0$$

(homog, linear, const coeffs)

are $y = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2 + \dots + c_n y_n$

$\{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$ must be linearly indep.

• Find $y_1, \dots, y_n$ via char. eq.:

$$a_n r^n + a_{n-1} r^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 r + a_0 = 0$$

Solving (cubics +) by "inspection/division"

Sometimes find "pattern"

ch. eq. $1r^3 + 5r^2 - 100r - 500 = 0$

$\xrightarrow{\times 5}$ $\xrightarrow{\times 5}$

so maybe group ... $r^2(r+5) - 100(r+5) = 0$

$$(r+5)(r^2 - 100) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r = -5, r = 10, -10.$$

Educated guess + division:

Ex: $3y^{(3)} + 8y'' - 33y' + 10y = 0$

ch. eq: $3r^3 + 8r^2 - 33r + 10 = 0$

Hope for $(r-k)(\underbrace{ar^2 + br + c}) = 0$

need this root $\nearrow$ can use quad formula.

Recall Theorem: $a_n r^n + \dots + a_1 r + a_0 = 0$

Any rational root $r = \frac{p}{q}$ (p, q coprime)

must have $p = \pm(\text{divisor of } a_0)$

$q = \pm(\text{divisor of } a_n)$

(this gives a candidate list)

for $3r^3 + 8r^2 - 33r + 10 = 0$

rational root candidates $\frac{p}{q} \rightarrow \frac{\in \{\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 5, \pm 10\}}{\in \{\pm 1, \pm 3\}}$

★ always start with $r = \frac{p}{1}$ ($q=1 \Rightarrow$ integer)
(easier)

plug in to ch. eq.

$r=1 \rightarrow 3 + 8 - 33 + 10 = -12 \quad \times$

$r=-1 \rightarrow -3 + 8 + 33 + 10 = 48 \quad \times$

$r=2 \rightarrow 24 + 32 - 66 + 10 = 0 \quad \checkmark$

so $r=2$ is a root

$\Rightarrow 3r^3 + 8r^2 - 33r + 10 = 0$

$= (r-2)(\underline{ar^2 + br + c}) = 0$

need to find by polynomial long division

$$\begin{array}{r}
 3r^2 + 14r - 5 \\
 r-2 \overline{) 3r^3 + 8r^2 - 33r + 10} \\
 \underline{3r^3 - 6r^2} \downarrow \\
 14r^2 - 33r \downarrow \\
 \underline{14r^2 - 28r} \downarrow \\
 -5r + 10 \\
 \underline{-5r + 10} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

ch. eq. : $(r-2)(3r^2 + 14r - 5) = 0$

$(r-2)(r+5)(3r-1) = 0$

$r=2 \quad r=-5 \quad r=\frac{1}{3}$