

10/18/19 - Linear differential equations of order  $n$  -

Write  $D = \frac{d}{dx}$ ,  $D^2 = \frac{d^2}{dx^2}$ , ... These are linear transformations on function spaces  $D: C^1 \rightarrow C^0$ ,  $D^k: C^k \rightarrow C^0$ . More generally, a linear operator of order  $n$  is  $L = D^n + a_1 D^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1} D + a_n$ , and  $L: C^n \rightarrow C^0$ . Assume  $a_i$  continuous functions.

Linear differential equations of order  $n$ ,  $Ly = F$ . There exists a unique solution given initial conditions  $y(0) = y_0, y'(0) = y_1, \dots, y^{(n-1)}(0) = y_{n-1}$ . If  $F = 0$ ,  $\text{Ker}(L)$  is an  $n$ -dimensional vector space, i.e.  $y_h = c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2 + \dots + c_n y_n$  is the general solution. If  $F \neq 0$ , the general solution is  $y = y_p + y_h$ . Note  $y_p$  (particular) and  $y_h$  (homogeneous).

p. 459 / 32, 35, 36

Theorem Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ , and  $F$  ~~be~~ functions that are continuous on an interval  $I$ . Then for any  $x_0 \in I$ , the initial value problem  $Ly = F(x)$ ,  $y(x_0) = y_0$ ,  $y'(x_0) = y_1, \dots, y^{(n-1)}(x_0) = y_{n-1}$  has a unique solution on the interval  $I$ .

Problem 1 Determine two linearly independent solutions  $2x^2 y'' + 5xy' + y = 0$   $x > 0$

Problem 2 Determine a particular solution of  $y'' + y' - 6y = 18e^{3x}$

Problem 3 Determine a particular solution of  $y'' + y' - 2y = 4x^2$

10/21/19 - Constant coefficient homogeneous linear equations -  
 Given  $y^{(n)} + a_1 y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_{n-1} y' + a_n y = 0$ . Trial  
 solution  $y = e^{rx}$ . Reduce to finding zeroes of  
 the polynomial  $r^n + a_1 r^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1} r + a_n = 0$ . Need  
 refinements for multiple roots and complex  
 roots. Use Euler's formula  $e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$ .

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Remark In principle, auxiliary polynomial always factors  
 over the complex number as  $(r-r_1)^{m_1} (r-r_2)^{m_2} \dots (r-r_k)^{m_k}$ .  
 This is the fundamental theorem of algebra. This  
 is an existence statement, not an algorithm to  
 find the roots. Quadratic formula has manageable  
 extension to cubics and quartics.

Remark Double root method explained by limiting  
 argument  $\lim_{r_1 \rightarrow r_2} \frac{e^{r_1 t} - e^{r_2 t}}{r_1 - r_2} = \left. \frac{d}{dr}(e^{rt}) \right|_{r=r_2} = t e^{r_2 t}$

Euler's formula justified by power series

$$e^{i\theta} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(i\theta)^k}{k!} = \sum_{\substack{k=2r \\ r=0}}^{\infty} (-1)^r \frac{\theta^{2r}}{(2r)!} + i \sum_{\substack{k=2r+1 \\ r=0}}^{\infty} (-1)^r \frac{\theta^{2r+1}}{(2r+1)!}$$

so  $e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$

Problem 4 Determine a basis for the solution space  $y'' + 2y' - 3y = 0$

Problem 5 Determine a basis for the solution space  $y'' - 6y' + 25y = 0$

Problem 6 Find the general solution of  $y'' - 6y' + 9y = 0$ .

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Recall notation  $L = D^n + a_1 D^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1} D + a_n = 0$ .  
Factor  $L = (D-r_1)^{m_1} (D-r_2)^{m_2} \dots (D-r_k)^{m_k}$ . Then for each real root get  $m_i$  solutions to  $Ly = 0$ ; i.e.  $e^{r_1 x}, x e^{r_1 x}, \dots, x^{m_i-1} e^{r_1 x}$ . For complex roots  $r_i = s_i + \sqrt{-1} t_i$ , get  $2m_i$  solutions by taking real and imaginary parts  $e^{s_i x} \cos t_i x$  and  $e^{s_i x} \sin t_i x$  times powers of  $x, 1, x, x^2, \dots, x^{m_i-1}$ .

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Remark Conjugation gives  $e^{-rx} (D-r)(e^{rx} f) = Df$  and by iteration  $e^{-rx} (D-r)^l (e^{rx} f) = D^l f$ . Reduce to  $r=0$ , gives reason for prescription above. Point is that  $1, x, x^2, \dots, x^{l-1}$  are obviously in the kernel of  $D^l$ , so the corresponding products  $x^i e^{rx}, 1 \leq i \leq l-1$ , are in kernel of  $(D-r)^l$ .

Problem 7 Determine a basis for the solution space  $(D^2+4)^2 (D+1)y = 0$

Problem 8 Determine a basis for the solution space  $(D^2+9)^3 y = 0$

Problem 9 Solve  $y''' - y'' + y' - y = 0, y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 1, y''(0) = 2$

Problem 10 ~~See notes of 4/10/20.~~  
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Problem involving Laplace equation - partial differential equations  
 $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$ , p. 469, # 39, section 6.2.

(a) substitute  $u(x, y) = e^{x/\alpha} f(\xi)$ , where  $\xi = \beta x - \alpha y$ ,  $\alpha > 0$  and  $\beta > 0$   
into Laplace equation to obtain a linear differential equation.  
Calculate  $u_x = \left(\frac{1}{\alpha}\right) e^{x/\alpha} f(\beta x - \alpha y) + \beta e^{x/\alpha} f'(\beta x - \alpha y)$  and  
 $u_{xx} = \left(\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)^2 e^{x/\alpha} f(\beta x - \alpha y) + \frac{2\beta}{\alpha} e^{x/\alpha} f'(\beta x - \alpha y) + \beta^2 e^{x/\alpha} f''(\beta x - \alpha y)$   
Moreover  $u_y = -\alpha e^{x/\alpha} f'(\beta x - \alpha y)$ ,  $u_{yy} = \alpha^2 e^{x/\alpha} f''(\beta x - \alpha y)$ .  
So  $\Delta u = u_{xx} + u_{yy} = (\alpha^2 + \beta^2) e^{x/\alpha} f''(\beta x - \alpha y) + \frac{2\beta}{\alpha} e^{x/\alpha} f'(\beta x - \alpha y)$   
 $+ \left(\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)^2 e^{x/\alpha} f(\beta x - \alpha y)$ .

Thus  $\Delta u = 0$  reduces to  $(\alpha^2 + \beta^2) f''(\xi) + \frac{2\beta}{\alpha} f'(\xi) + \frac{1}{\alpha^2} f(\xi) = 0$ .  
Normalizing the lead term given,  $f''(\xi) + 2p f'(\xi) + \frac{q}{\alpha^2} f(\xi) = 0$ ,  
where  $p = \frac{\beta}{\alpha(\alpha^2 + \beta^2)}$ ,  $\frac{q}{\alpha^2} = \frac{1}{\alpha^2(\alpha^2 + \beta^2)}$ .

(b) Solve the second order linear homogeneous equation from (a),  
 $f''(\xi) + \frac{2\beta}{\alpha} f'(\xi) + \frac{1}{\alpha^2} f(\xi) = 0$ ,

substitute  $e^{k\xi}$  giving  $k^2 + 2pk + \frac{q}{\alpha^2} = 0$ , and by the  
quadratic formula  $k = -p \pm \sqrt{p^2 - q/\alpha^2} = -p \pm \frac{1}{\alpha} \sqrt{\alpha^2 p^2 - q}$ .  
We proceed to rewrite the expression for  $k$ . Note  
that  $\alpha^2 p^2 - q = \beta^2 (\alpha^2 + \beta^2)^{-2} - (\alpha^2 + \beta^2)^{-1} = -\alpha^2 (\alpha^2 + \beta^2)^{-2}$ . So  
 $\sqrt{\alpha^2 p^2 - q} = \pm \alpha i (\alpha^2 + \beta^2)^{-1}$  and thus  $k = \frac{-\beta}{\alpha(\alpha^2 + \beta^2)} \pm \frac{i}{(\alpha^2 + \beta^2)}$   
and  $k = \left(\frac{-\beta}{\alpha} \pm i\right) (\alpha^2 + \beta^2)^{-1}$ .

Returning to the differential equation, we choose the  
root  $k = (\alpha^2 + \beta^2)^{-1} \left(\frac{-\beta}{\alpha} + i\right)$  so that  $k\xi = (-p + iq)\xi$ .

Thus  $f(\xi) = e^{k\xi} = e^{-p\xi} e^{iq\xi} = e^{-p\xi} (\cos q\xi + i \sin q\xi)$ .

The general solution of the homogeneous differential equation (b)  
is  $e^{-p\xi} (c_1 \cos q\xi + c_2 \sin q\xi)$ .

Finally returning to the partial differential equation (a)  
we obtain

$$u(x, y) = e^{x/\alpha} e^{-p\xi} (c_1 \cos q\xi + c_2 \sin q\xi)$$

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Problem 1. Determine two linearly independent solutions of  $2x^2 y'' + 5x y' + y = 0, x > 0$

$$y = x^r, y' = r x^{r-1}, y'' = r(r-1) x^{r-2}$$
$$2x^2 r(r-1) x^{r-2} + 5x r x^{r-1} + x^r = 0$$

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

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

$$y = x^{-1}, x^{-1/2}$$

$$y_h = c_1 x^{-1} + c_2 x^{-1/2}$$

Problem 2 Determine a particular solution to

$$y'' + y' - 6y = 18e^{3x}. \text{ Try } Ae^{3x} = y,$$

$$9Ae^{3x} + 3Ae^{3x} - 6Ae^{3x} = 18e^{3x} \quad y' = 3Ae^{3x}, y'' = 9Ae^{3x}$$

$$6Ae^{3x} = 18e^{3x}, 6A = 18, A = 3 \quad \boxed{y = 3e^{3x}}$$

Problem 4  $y'' + 2y' - 3y = 0$   $\boxed{y = e^{rx}}$

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

$$r = 1, -3, \quad y_h = c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{-3x}$$

Problem 5  $y'' - 6y' + 25y = 0$   $\boxed{y = e^{rx}}$

$$r^2 - 6r + 25 = 0$$

$$(r-3)^2 + 16 = 0, (r-3)^2 = -16, r = 3 + 4i \text{ is a root}$$

$$e^{rx} = e^{3x} e^{4xi} = e^{3x} (\cos 4x + i \sin 4x)$$

$$y_h = c_1 e^{3x} \cos 4x + c_2 e^{3x} \sin 4x$$

Problem 6  $y'' - 6y' + 9y = 0$   $y = e^{rx}$   
 $r^2 - 6r + 9 = 0, (r-3)^2 = 0, r = 3$   
 $y = c_1 e^{3x} + c_2 x e^{3x}$   $y = e^{3x}$

Problem 7  $(D^2 + 4)^2 (D + 1)y = 0$   
 $D^2 + 4$   $\cos 2x, \sin 2x, x \cos 2x, x \sin 2x$   
 $D + 1$   $e^{-x}$   
 $y = c_1 \cos 2x + c_2 \sin 2x + c_3 x \cos 2x + c_4 x \sin 2x + c_5 e^{-x}$

Problem 8  $(D^2 + 9)^3 y = 0$   
 $D^2 + 9$   $\cos 3x, \sin 3x, x \cos 3x, x \sin 3x, x^2 \cos 3x, x^2 \sin 3x$   
 $y = c_1 \cos 3x + c_2 \sin 3x + c_3 x \cos 3x + c_4 x \sin 3x + c_5 x^2 \cos 3x + c_6 x^2 \sin 3x$

Problem 9  $y''' - y'' + y' - y = 0$   $y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 1, y''(0) = 2$   
 $y = e^{rx}$   $r^3 - r^2 + r - 1 = 0$   
 $r^2(r-1) + r-1 = (r^2+1)(r-1) = 0$   $r = 1, r = \pm i$

$y = c_1 e^x + c_2 \cos x + c_3 \sin x$   $y(0) = c_1 + c_2 = 0$   
 $y' = c_1 e^x - c_2 \sin x + c_3 \cos x$   $y'(0) = c_1 + c_3 = 1$   
 $y'' = c_1 e^x - c_2 \cos x - c_3 \sin x$   $y''(0) = c_1 - c_2 = 2$

$(c_1 + c_2) + (c_1 - c_2) = 0 + 2, 2c_1 = 2, c_1 = 1$

$c_1 + c_3 = 1, 1 + c_3 = 1, c_3 = 0$

$c_1 + c_2 = 0, 1 + c_2 = 0, c_2 = -1$

$y = e^x - \cos x$

Problem 3  $y'' + y' - 2y = 4x^2$ . Find a particular solution

$$y = Ax^2 + Bx + C$$

$$y' = 2Ax + B$$

$$y'' = 2A$$

$$2A + (2Ax + B) - 2(Ax^2 + Bx + C) = 4x^2$$

$$-2A = 4, \quad 2A - 2B = 0, \quad 2A + B - 2C = 0$$

$$A = -2, \quad B = A = -2, \quad -4 - 2 = 2C$$

$$2C = -6, \quad C = -3$$

$$y = -2x^2 - 2x - 3$$

[Check]  $y' = -4x - 2$ ,  $y'' = -4$

$$y'' + y' - 2y = (-4) - (4x - 2) + 4x^2 + (4x) + 6 = 4x^2$$