

Plan for today

Finish 3.3

Learning goals:

1. Be able to solve n-th order constant coefficient linear equations whose characteristic equation has
  - A. n distinct real roots
  - B. A repeated real root
  - C. Complex roots
2. Know Euler's formula (very important!)

Reminders/announcements

1. Quiz this week, covers 2.5-3.3 the part discussed on Friday.
2. OH today 1-2, tomorrow 8.30-9.30 and 6-7 pm (Unusual time)
3. Read the textbook!

Last time: Const. coef. linear homog. eqs  
 $a_n y^{(n)} + a_{n-1} y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_0 y^{(0)} = 0$  (1)

Char. eqn:  
 $a_n r^n + a_{n-1} r^{n-1} + \dots + a_0 \cdot 1 = 0$  (2)

If  $r$  root of (2)  $\Rightarrow y = e^{rx}$  is soln.  $r^0$

Goal: find n lin. indep. building blocks, i.e. sols.

Cases: what do roots of (2) look like?

Case 1: n distinct real roots.

Ex:  $y^{(3)} - 6y'' + 11y' - 6y = 0$

$r^3 - 6r^2 + 11r - 6 = 0$ , roots 1, 2, 3

gen. soln:  $y = C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{2x} + C_3 e^{3x}$

In general:  $y = C_1 e^{r_1 x} + \dots + C_n e^{r_n x}$ ,  $r_1, \dots, r_n$

are the roots of (2)

last time:  
found roots.



Case 2: Repeated real root.

Char. eq:  $y^{(4)} - 3y^{(3)} + 3y'' - y' = 0$  (3)

$$r^4 - 3r^3 + 3r^2 - r = 0$$

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

$\hookrightarrow r=0$  is a root!

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

$\Rightarrow r=1$  repeated root,  
multiplicity 3

Can also check that 1  
is a root

(coef of  $r^3 - 3r^2 + 3r - 1$   
sum to 0)

Pascal's triangle:

1				$(a+b)^0$				
	1	1		$(a+b)^1$				
		1	2	1	$(a+b)^2$			
			1	3	3	1	$(a+b)^3$	
				1	4	6	4	1
						...		

$(a+b)^2 = a^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2 + b^3$

If  $r$  is repeated root, multiplicity  $k$ :  
part of gen. sol'n corresponding to  $r$  is  
 $(c_1 + c_2x + c_3x^2 + \dots + c_k x^{k-1}) e^{rx}$   
and  $e^{rx}, xe^{rx}, \dots, x^{k-1}e^{rx}$  are lin. indep.

Gen. sol'n for (3):

$$y = c_1 \cdot e^0 + \underbrace{c_2 e^x + c_3 x e^x + c_4 x^2 e^x}_{\text{part cor. to } r=1}$$

Ex: Char. eq'n: roots

3  $\rightarrow$  mult 2

5  $\rightarrow$  mult. 3

1  $\rightarrow$  mult. 1

$$y = C_1 e^{3x} + C_2 x e^{3x} + C_3 e^{5x} + C_4 x e^{5x} + C_5 x^2 e^{5x} + C_6 e^x$$

Case 3: Complex roots.

Ex:

$$y'' + y = 0$$

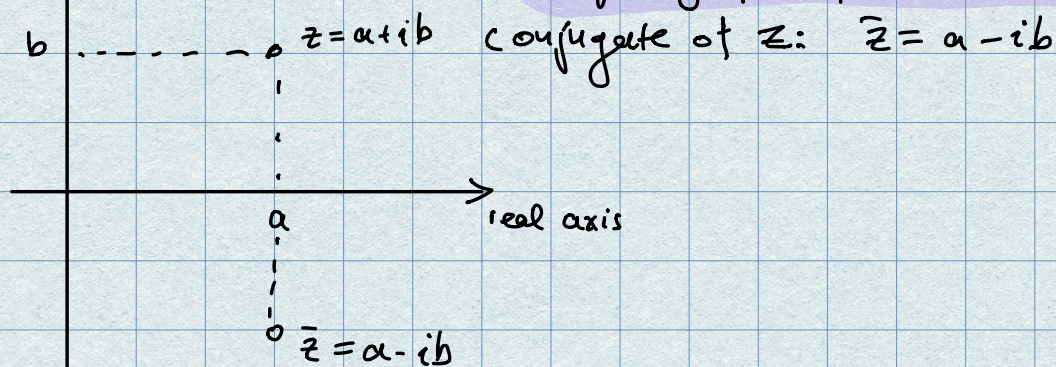
$$r^2 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow r^2 = -1 \quad \text{no real roots, complex roots!}$$

Complex number:  $z = a + ib$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i = \sqrt{-1}$   
 ↑ imaginary axis

$a$ : real pt of  $z$ ,  $a = \operatorname{Re}(z)$

$b$ : imaginary pt of  $z$ ,  $b = \operatorname{Im}(z)$ .

Imaginary pt of  $z$  is real!



$r^2 = -1$ : no real roots,  $r = \pm i$  are complex roots.

Q: Can we make sense of  $e^{ix}$ ,  $e^{-ix}$ , if yes, are they sol'ns of  $y'' + y = 0$ ?

A: Make sense of  $e^{(a+ib)x}$ .

First look at  $e^{i\theta}$ ,  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 i^2 &= -1 \\
 i^3 &= -i \\
 i^4 &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$e^{i\theta} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(i\theta)^k}{k!} = 1 + \frac{i\theta}{1!} + \frac{(i\theta)^2}{2!} + \frac{(i\theta)^3}{3!} + \dots$$

Taylor series

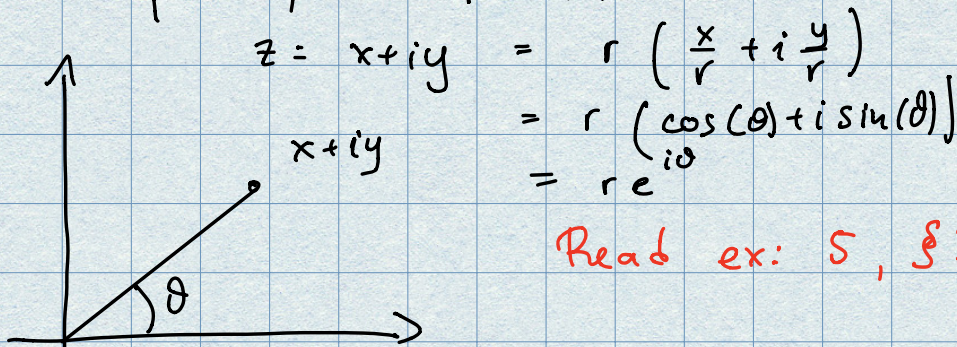
$$= 1 + \frac{i\theta}{1!} - \frac{\theta^2}{2!} - \frac{i\theta^3}{3!} + \dots$$

$$= \left( 1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2!} + \frac{\theta^4}{4!} + \dots \right) + i \left( \theta - \frac{\theta^3}{3!} + \frac{\theta^5}{5!} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{e^{i\theta} = \cos(\theta) + i\sin(\theta)} \quad \text{Euler's formula}$$

$$e^{a+ib} = e^a (\cos(b) + i\sin(b))$$

Polar form of a cplx #:



Read ex: 5, §3.3

$$\begin{aligned}
 y = e^{(a+ib)x} &= e^{(ax) + i(bx)} \\
 e^{a+ibx} &= e^{ax} (\cos(bx) + i\sin(bx)) \\
 &= \underbrace{e^{ax} \cos(bx)}_{\text{Real pt}} + i \underbrace{e^{ax} \sin(bx)}_{\text{imaginary pt.}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$y = e^{(a+ib)x}$  is a complex valued function.  
 $a, b$  fixed. Input is the real variable  $x$ .

$$x \in \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \boxed{e^{(a+ib)x}} \xrightarrow{\quad} e^{(a+ib)x} \in \mathbb{C} \quad (\mathbb{C} \rightarrow \text{set of cplx \#s.})$$

Next time: if  $(a+ib)$  is a root of char. eqn  
then  $y = e^{(a+ib)x}$  is a sol'n.