



# Differential Equations I

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- Consider the homogeneous ODE of order  $n$ .
- Ansatz:

$$y(x) = e^{\lambda x}.$$

- We have:  $y^{(k)} = \frac{d^k}{dx^k} e^{\lambda x} = \lambda^k e^{\lambda x}$  and  $y = e^{\lambda x} \neq 0$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- Therefore  $y = e^{\lambda x}$  ( $g = 0$ ) is solution, iff  $\lambda$  is a root of

$$P(\lambda) = \lambda^n + a_{n-1}\lambda^{n-1} + \dots + a_0.$$

### Solution Approach:

Investigating the roots of  $P(\lambda)$  yields the following cases:

1.  $P(\lambda)$  has  $n$  different real roots  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ .
2.  $P(\lambda)$  has a complex root  $\lambda_k$ .
3.  $P(\lambda)$  has a (real or complex)  $r$ -multiple root  $\lambda_1$  ( $r \geq 2$ ).

## Roots of $P(\lambda)$ .

Case 1:  $P(\lambda)$  has  $n$  different roots  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$\Rightarrow$  The homogeneous ODE  $L[y] = 0$  has  $n$  solutions

$$e^{\lambda_1 x}, \dots, e^{\lambda_n x}$$

Case 2:  $P(\lambda)$  has a complex root,  $\lambda_k \in \mathbb{C}$ .

•  $e^{\lambda x}$  is sensibly defined for  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\frac{d}{dx} e^{\lambda x} = \lambda e^{\lambda x}$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$

$\Rightarrow e^{\lambda x}$  solves the homog. ODE for  $\lambda_k \in \mathbb{C}$ .

• If  $a_0, \dots, a_{n-1} \in \mathbb{R}$ , then there exist for  $e^{\lambda_k x}$  two real-valued solutions

• Let  $y_1(x), y_2(x)$  ( $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ) are real-valued functions

$$y(x) = y_1(x) + i y_2(x) \quad \text{is complex-valued}$$

$$\Rightarrow y'(x) = y_1'(x) + i y_2'(x) \quad \text{or} \quad y^{(k)}(x) = y_1^{(k)}(x) + i y_2^{(k)}(x) \quad (k \in \mathbb{N})$$

$$\Rightarrow y^{(n)}(x) + a_{n-1} y^{(n-1)}(x) + \dots + a_0 y(x)$$

$$= \underbrace{[y_1^{(n)}(x) + a_{n-1} y_1^{(n-1)}(x) + \dots + a_0 y_1(x)]}_{\text{Re}} + i \underbrace{[y_2^{(n)}(x) + a_{n-1} y_2^{(n-1)}(x) + \dots + a_0 y_2(x)]}_{\text{Im}} = 0$$

• We have that Re and Im both need to vanish

•  $y(x)$  is solution to  $L[y] = 0$

$\Leftrightarrow y_1 = \text{Re}(y)$  and  $y_2 = \text{Im}(y)$  are solutions

• Use Euler's Formula  
and addition rules  
write

$$e^{i\phi} = \cos \phi + i \sin \phi \quad \phi \in \mathbb{R}$$
$$e^{(a+ib)x} = e^a e^{ibx} \quad a, b \in \mathbb{R}$$
$$\lambda_k = \sigma_k + i \tau_k$$

$$\Rightarrow y_\mu(x) = e^{\lambda_\mu x} = e^{\sigma_\mu x} (\cos \tau_\mu x + i \sin \tau_\mu x)$$

$\Rightarrow$  we obtain the two solutions

$$e^{\sigma_\mu x} \cos \tau_\mu x \quad \text{and} \quad e^{\sigma_\mu x} \sin \tau_\mu x$$

• Since with  $\lambda_\mu$  also  $\bar{\lambda}_\mu$  is a root of  $P(\lambda)$

$$\Rightarrow e^{\sigma_\mu x} \cos(-\tau_\mu x) = e^{\sigma_\mu x} \cos(\tau_\mu x)$$

$$e^{\sigma_\mu x} \sin(-\tau_\mu x) = -e^{\sigma_\mu x} \sin(\tau_\mu x)$$

these are (up to the sign) exactly the same solutions

Case 3:  $P(\lambda)$  has a root  $\lambda_1$  of multiplicity  $r$  ( $r \geq 2$ )  
 $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ .

Then  $y(x) = e^{\lambda_1 x}$  is a solution.

• We have that using Schwarz' theorem and continuity of  $f(\lambda, x) = e^{\lambda x}$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}[e^{\lambda x}] &= e^{\lambda x} P(\lambda) = e^{\lambda x} (\lambda - \lambda_1)^r (\lambda - \lambda_{r+1}) \dots (\lambda - \lambda_n) \\ &= e^{\lambda x} (\lambda - \lambda_1)^r Q(\lambda) \end{aligned}$$

• Differentiation

$$\mathcal{L}[x e^{\lambda x}] = e^{\lambda x} [x (\lambda - \lambda_1)^r Q(\lambda) + r (\lambda - \lambda_1)^{r-1} Q(\lambda) + (\lambda - \lambda_1)^r Q'(\lambda)]$$

• Since  $r \geq 2$  the right hand side vanishes for  $\lambda = \lambda_1$ , i.e.

$$\underline{y(x) = x e^{\lambda_1 x}}$$
 is also solution to  $\mathcal{L}[y] = 0$

• Repeat this procedure  $r-1$  times:

$$e^{\lambda_1 x}, x e^{\lambda_1 x}, x^2 e^{\lambda_1 x}, \dots, x^{r-1} e^{\lambda_1 x} \quad \text{are all solutions.}$$

## ② Example 1

- Consider  $y'' - 4y = 0$
- Charact. Polynomial :  $\lambda^2 - 4 = P(\lambda)$
- Roots :  $\lambda_1 = 2$  ,  $\lambda_2 = -2$
- Fundamental system :  $y_1(x) = e^{2x}$  ,  $y_2(x) = e^{-2x}$
- General Solution :  $y(x) = C_1 e^{2x} + C_2 e^{-2x}$

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### Preliminary Remarks:

- As an example, consider

$$y'' + a(x)y' + b(x)y = g(x).$$

- Let  $y_1(x)$  and  $y_2(x)$  be lin. independent solutions of the homogeneous equation ( $g(x) = 0$ ).
- It holds

$$\begin{vmatrix} y_1(x) & y_2(x) \\ y_1'(x) & y_2'(x) \end{vmatrix} \neq 0.$$

- The solution of the homogeneous equation is given by

$$y(x) = C_1 y_1(x) + C_2 y_2(x).$$

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- $y(x) = C_1(x) y_1(x) + C_2(x) y_2(x)$
- $y'(x) = C_1(x) y_1'(x) + C_2(x) y_2'(x) + \underbrace{C_1'(x) y_1(x) + C_2'(x) y_2(x)}_{= ! 0}$   
Assume  $C_1(x)$  and  $C_2(x)$  fulfill  
 $C_1'(x) y_1(x) + C_2'(x) y_2(x) = 0$  \*
- $y''(x) = C_1(x) y_1''(x) + C_2(x) y_2''(x) + C_1'(x) y_1'(x) + C_2'(x) y_2'(x)$

- Substitute into  $y'' + ay' + by = g$

$$c_1(x)y_1''(x) + c_2(x)y_2''(x) + c_1'(x)y_1'(x) + c_2'(x)y_2'(x) +$$

$$a(x)[c_1(x)y_1'(x) + c_2(x)y_2'(x)] + b(x)[c_1(x)y_1(x) + c_2(x)y_2(x)] = g(x)$$

- Reordering:

$$c_1(x) \underbrace{[y_1''(x) + a(x)y_1'(x) + b(x)y_1(x)]}_{=0} + c_2(x) \underbrace{[y_2''(x) + a(x)y_2'(x) + b(x)y_2(x)]}_{=0 \text{ homog. solutions}} + c_1'(x)y_1'(x) + c_2'(x)y_2'(x) = g(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1'(x)y_1'(x) + c_2'(x)y_2'(x) = g(x) \quad (**)$$

- With  $(*)$  and  $(**)$  we obtain:

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1(x) & y_2(x) \\ y_1'(x) & y_2'(x) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1'(x) \\ c_2'(x) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ g(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

- Since  $y_1, y_2$  form a fundamental system:  $w(x) = y_1 y_2' - y_1' y_2 \neq 0$

- Solve by Cramer's rule:

$$c_1'(x) = - \frac{y_2(x)g(x)}{w(x)} \quad c_2'(x) = \frac{y_1(x)g(x)}{w(x)}$$

- Integration:

$$c_1(x) = - \int \frac{y_2(x)g(x)}{w(x)} dx + C_3$$

$$c_2(x) = \int \frac{y_1(x)g(x)}{w(x)} dx + C_4$$

- Solution:

$$y(x) = c_1(x)y_1(x) + c_2(x)y_2(x)$$