

# Differential Equations I

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**Definition:** (Differential Operator of 2<sup>nd</sup> Order)

Let  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$  be a closed interval and  $a_0(x) \neq 0$ ,  $a_1(x)$ ,  $a_2(x)$ ,  $r(x)$  continuous functions. Then

$$D[y] := a_0(x)y''(x) + a_1(x)y'(x) + a_2(x)y(x)$$

defines a differential operator that maps twice differentiable functions  $y(x)$  on  $I$  into continuous functions  $D[y]$ .

**Remarks:**

- Consider the ODE  $D[y] = r(x)$ .
- With initial conditions

$$y(\xi) = \eta_a, \quad y'(\xi) = \gamma_a, \quad \xi \in I, \quad \eta_a, \gamma_a \in \mathbb{R},$$

there is a unique solution on  $I$  according to the proposition.

- **Question:** What if apart from position  $\xi$  conditions at other positions are required?

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• Example: Bending of a beam

• Equation:  $y'' = -C \underbrace{\left(1 - \left(\frac{x}{l}\right)^2\right)}_{v(x)} x$

$C \neq 0, 0 \leq x \leq l$



• Boundary Conditions:  $y(0) = 0 = y(l)$

• General Solution:  $y(x) = -C \left( \frac{x^3}{6} - \frac{x^5}{20l^2} \right) + C_1 x + C_2, C_1, C_2 \in \mathbb{R}$

• Evaluation of BCs:

$0 = y(0) = C_2 \Rightarrow C_2 = 0$

$0 = y(l) = -C \left( \frac{l^3}{6} - \frac{l^3}{20} \right) + C_1 l \Rightarrow C_1 = C \frac{7}{60} l^2$

• With this:  $y(x) = C \left[ \frac{7}{60} l^2 x - \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^5}{20l^2} \right]$  is solution of the boundary value problem.

• Variation of BCs:

a)  $y'(0) = 0, y(l) = 0$

$y'(x) = -C \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^4}{4l^2} \right] + C_1$

$\Rightarrow y(x) = C \left[ \frac{7l^2}{60} x - \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^5}{20l^2} \right]$

b)  $y'(0) = y'(l) = 0$

$0 = y'(0) = C_1$

$0 = y'(l) = -C \frac{l^2}{4} \quad \downarrow$

$\Rightarrow C_1 = 0$

Conclusion:  $\nexists$  constants  $C_1, C_2$ , such that the ODE is solvable with these given BCs.

**Remark:** (Linear System of Equations)

**Question:** Solvability of the ODE with boundary conditions.

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- General Solution:  $y(x) = c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x) + y_p(x)$ , where  $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\{y_1, y_2\}$  fundamental system of the homogeneous ODE  $D[y] = 0$  and  $y_p$  particular solution of the inhomogeneous ODE  $D[y] = r(x)$ .
- Derivative:  $y'(x) = c_1 y_1'(x) + c_2 y_2'(x) + y_p'(x)$ .
- This yields for the boundary conditions:

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_1 [c_1 y_1(a) + c_2 y_2(a) + y_p(a)] + \beta_1 [c_1 y_1'(a) + c_2 y_2'(a) + y_p'(a)] &= \gamma_1 \\ \alpha_2 [c_1 y_1(b) + c_2 y_2(b) + y_p(b)] + \beta_2 [c_1 y_1'(b) + c_2 y_2'(b) + y_p'(b)] &= \gamma_2\end{aligned}$$

- Reformulation:

$$\begin{aligned}(\alpha_1 y_1(a) + \beta_1 y_1'(a)) c_1 + (\alpha_1 y_2(a) + \beta_1 y_2'(a)) c_2 &= \gamma_1 - \alpha_1 y_p(a) - \beta_1 y_p'(a) \\ (\alpha_2 y_1(b) + \beta_2 y_1'(b)) c_1 + (\alpha_2 y_2(b) + \beta_2 y_2'(b)) c_2 &= \gamma_2 - \alpha_2 y_p(b) - \beta_2 y_p'(b).\end{aligned}$$

- Use definitions for  $R_1, R_2$  and

$$r_1 = \gamma_1 - \alpha_1 y_p(a) - \beta_1 y_p'(a), \quad r_2 = \gamma_2 - \alpha_2 y_p(b) - \beta_2 y_p'(b)$$

obtain linear system of equations

$$\begin{pmatrix} R_1(y_1) & R_1(y_2) \\ R_2(y_1) & R_2(y_2) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- If the linear system is solvable, then the ODE with boundary conditions is solvable. Thus,

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} R_1(y_1) & R_1(y_2) \\ R_2(y_1) & R_2(y_2) \end{pmatrix} \neq 0$$

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• Example:  $y'' = e^{2x}$ ,  $y(0) = 1$ ,  $y(1) = 3$

• General Solution:  $y(x) = c_1 x + c_2 + \frac{1}{4} e^{2x}$   
 $= c_1 \gamma_1(x) + c_2 \gamma_2(x) + y_p(x)$

• With:  $\gamma_1(x) = x$ ,  $\gamma_2(x) = 1$ ,  $\alpha_k = 1$ ,  $\beta_k = 0$   $\left. \begin{matrix} \\ \end{matrix} \right\} k=1,2$ ,  $\gamma_1 = 1$ ,  $\gamma_2 = 3$

$\Rightarrow$   $R_1(\gamma_1) = \gamma_1(0) = 0$ ,  $r_1 = 1 - \gamma_1(0) = 1 - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$   
 $R_1(\gamma_2) = \gamma_2(0) = 1$ ,  $r_2 = 3 - \gamma_1(1) = 3 - \frac{1}{4} e^2$   
 $R_2(\gamma_1) = \gamma_1(1) = 1$   
 $R_2(\gamma_2) = \gamma_2(1) = 1$

• Lin. System of Eq. : 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{4} \\ 3 - \frac{1}{4}e^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

• Solution :  $c_2 = \frac{3}{4}$  ,  $c_1 = \frac{1}{4}(9 - e^2)$

• Solution of the ODE:

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{4}(9 - e^2)x + \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{4}e^{2x}$$

③ **Example:** A self adjoint differential operator for  $n = 2$ :  
We already computed:

$$\begin{aligned} D[y] &= a_0(x)y'' + a_1(x)y' + a_2(x)y \\ D^*[y] &= (a_0(x)y)'' - (a_1(x)y)' + a_2(x)y \\ &= a_0(x)y'' + (2a_0'(x) - a_1(x))y' + (a_0''(x) - a_1'(x) + a_2(x))y. \end{aligned}$$

With  $D^*[y] = D[y]$  it follows:

$$\begin{aligned} 2a_0' - a_1 &= a_1 \Rightarrow a_0' = a_1 \\ a_0'' - a_1' + a_2 &= a_2 \Rightarrow a_0'' = a_1'. \end{aligned}$$

One obtains

$$D[y] = (a_0(x)y')' + a_2(x)y.$$

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• Question : Let  $D[y] = r(x)$  be given. Is there an equivalent ODE with a self adjoint operator?

• Observation : Multiplication with  $e^{s(x)}$  ( $s(x)$  is arbitrary, differentiable) does not change the solution set.

• So:  $D[y] = a_0 y'' + a_1 y' + a_2 y = r(x)$

$$\Rightarrow e^{s(x)} (a_0 y'' + a_1 y' + a_2 y) = e^{s(x)} r(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow (e^{s(x)} a_0 y')' + e^{s(x)} (a_1 - a_0' - s' a_0) y' + e^{s(x)} a_2 y = e^{s(x)} r(x)$$

- Idea: Select  $s$ , such that  $(a_1 - a_0' - s'a_0) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow L[y] := (e^{s(x)} a_0 y')' + e^{s(x)} a_2 y = e^{s(x)} v(x) := z(x)$   
 is equivalent to  $D[y] = v(x)$  and self adjoint.

- Set:  $p(x) = e^{s(x)} a_0(x)$ ,  $q(x) = e^{s(x)} a_2(x)$

$$\Rightarrow L[y] = (p(x) y')' - q(x) y$$

We have  $p(x) \neq 0$  since  $a_0(x) \neq 0$ , w.o.l.g. assume  $p(x) > 0$

- Find  $s$ , such that  $(a_1 - a_0' - s'a_0) = 0$

$$\text{select } s' = \frac{a_1 - a_0'}{a_0} \quad \Rightarrow \quad s(x) = \int \frac{a_1 - a_0'}{a_0} dx$$

- Conclusion: With this choice of  $s$  it is always possible to find an equivalent ODE corresponding to  $D[y] = v(x)$ , i.e.

$$L[y] = z(x)$$

with  $L$  self adjoint.