

Lecture 7

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Recall: Last time we have considered

$$ay'' + by' + cy = 0 \quad \text{with } a \neq 0.$$

Summary: consider characteristic equation

$$ar^2 + br + c = 0$$

Case i) $b^2 - 4ac > 0$, real distinct roots r_1, r_2

$$y(t) = c_1 e^{r_1 t} + c_2 e^{r_2 t}$$

Case ii) $b^2 - 4ac < 0$, distinct complex roots
 $r = \lambda + i\mu, \bar{r} = \lambda - i\mu$

$$y(t) = e^{\lambda t} (c_1 \cos \mu t + c_2 \sin \mu t)$$

Case iii) $b^2 - 4ac = 0$, repeated root r

$$y(t) = c_1 e^{rt} + c_2 t e^{rt}$$

§ Reduction of order

In the case iii), we can also use the following technique called reduction of order to find another solution besides e^{rt} .

- Say we consider

$$y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0$$

with a solution $y_1(t) \neq 0 \quad \forall t \in I$.

Idea: Let $y(t) = v(t)y_1(t)$ and try to plug in to see the required equation for v :

- $y' = v'y_1 + vy_1' \quad , \quad y'' = v''y_1 + 2v'y_1' + vy_1''$

$$y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow v''y_1 + 2v'y_1' + \cancel{vy_1''} + p(t)(v'y_1 + \cancel{vy_1'}) + \cancel{q(t)vy_1} = 0,$$

$$\Rightarrow y_1 v'' + 2v'y_1' + p(t)v'y_1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow v'' + \left(\frac{2y_1'}{y_1} + p(t) \right) v' = 0.$$

Rewrite $z = v'$:

$$z' + \left(\frac{2y_1'}{y_1} + p(t) \right) z = 0$$

which is a 1st-order ODE!

$$\Rightarrow z = C \exp\left(-\int \frac{2y_1'}{y_1} + p(t) dt\right),$$

$$= C y_1^{-2} \exp\left(-\int p(t) dt\right)$$

chosen be 1

Hence $v' = z = C y_1^{-2} e^{-\int p(t) dt}$ taken to be 0

$$\Rightarrow v = \left(\int y_1^{-2} e^{-\int p(t) dt} dt\right) + C'$$

Hence $y_2 = y_1 \left(\int y_1^{-2} e^{-\int p(t) dt} dt\right)$

is another solution to the ODE

We compute:

$$\begin{aligned} W(y_1, y_2) &= \det \begin{pmatrix} y_1 & y_1 v \\ y_1' & y_1' v + v' y_1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= y_1^2 v' = e^{-\int p(t) dt} \end{aligned}$$

Rk: Complex-valued equation:

- We may talk about

$$y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0 \quad \text{with both}$$

$p(t), q(t)$ being complex-valued, and solve complex-valued $y(t)$.

Its properties is the same with real-valued eqt with very similar proof, we state the results:

Thm: (existence and uniqueness)

$$\begin{cases} y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0 \\ y(t_0) = y_0, \quad y'(t_0) = y_1 \end{cases}$$

for $y_0, y_1 \in \mathbb{C}$, $\exists!$ solution y on I .

Thm: (superposition) $c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$ solution for $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ hence $\mathcal{S}_{\mathbb{C}} := \{y \mid y'' + py' + qy = 0\}$ is a \mathbb{C} -vector sp.

Def: We let $W(y_1, y_2)(t) := \det \begin{pmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{pmatrix}$ for two complex-valued solution y_1, y_2

Thm: We have $W(t) := W(y_1, y_2)(t)$, which will satisfy the equation $W'(t) + p(t)W(t) = 0$ which can be solved as $W(t) = c \exp(-\int p(t) dt)$ with $c \in \mathbb{C}$.

Thm: (Wronkian & Fundamental set of solution)

TFAE:

1, y_1, y_2 \mathbb{C} -linearly independent

i.e. $c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2 = 0 \Rightarrow c_1, c_2 = 0$
for $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{C}$

2, $W(y_1, y_2)(t_0) \neq 0$ for some $t_0 \in I$

3, $W(y_1, y_2)(t) \neq 0$ for all $t \in I$

If any of (1)-(3) holds, then

we have $\mathcal{S} = \{c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2 \mid c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{C}\}$

i.e. y_1, y_2 is a basis for $\mathcal{S}_{\mathbb{C}}$

Rk: • In the previous lecture, when we consider

$$ay'' + by' + cy = 0 \quad a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}, a \neq 0$$

with $b^2 - 4ac < 0$ (i.e. the case for distinct \mathbb{C} -root)

• we have $y_1(t) = e^{rt}$, $y_2(t) = e^{\bar{r}t}$
with $r = \lambda + i\mu$

$$W(y_1, y_2)(t) = \det \begin{pmatrix} e^{rt} & e^{\bar{r}t} \\ r e^{rt} & \bar{r} e^{\bar{r}t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \bar{r} e^{2\lambda t} - r e^{2\lambda t} = -2i\mu e^{2\lambda t} \neq 0.$$

$\Rightarrow y_1, y_2$ is a fundamental set of sol.

- Now suppose $y(t)$ is a real-valued solution to $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \exists c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{C}, y(t) &= \operatorname{Re} \left(\overset{a+ib}{c_1} e^{rt} + \overset{c+id}{c_2} e^{\bar{r}t} \right) \\ &= e^{\lambda t} \left((a+c) \cos \mu t - (b+d) \sin \mu t \right). \end{aligned}$$

- Observe that $e^{\lambda t} \cos \mu t, e^{\lambda t} \sin \mu t$ is another basis for $\mathcal{S}_{\mathbb{C}}$ as complex vector space.

- $\mathcal{S}_{\mathbb{R}} = \{ y \mid y \in \mathcal{S}_{\mathbb{C}}, \bar{y} = y \}$
 $\Rightarrow e^{\lambda t} \cos \mu t, e^{\lambda t} \sin \mu t$ is a set of basis for $\mathcal{S}_{\mathbb{R}}$.

Rk: • If we only interested in \mathbb{C} -valued solution for $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$, $a, b, c \in \mathbb{C}$ there is only 2 cases:

i) two distinct root $r_1 \neq r_2$

$$\text{and } y(t) = C_1 e^{r_1 t} + C_2 e^{r_2 t}$$

ii) repeated root r

$$\text{and } y(t) = C_1 e^{rt} + C_2 t e^{rt}.$$

for $C_1, C_2 \in \mathbb{C}$