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Try exponential solution $y = e^{\lambda x}$: this leads to the

Characteristic Equation: $\lambda^2 + a\lambda + b = 0$ (CE)

3 possible cases according to roots of (CE)

Case 1 (CE) has two distinct real roots λ_1, λ_2

$$y_1 = e^{\lambda_1 x}, y_2 = e^{\lambda_2 x} \quad 2 \text{ solutions for (H)}$$

Moreover $\frac{y_1}{y_2} = \frac{e^{\lambda_1 x}}{e^{\lambda_2 x}} = e^{(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)x} \neq \text{constant}$, so

y_1, y_2 form a basis of solution for (H):

The general solution is $y = C_1 e^{\lambda_1 x} + C_2 e^{\lambda_2 x}$

Case 2 (CE) has double real roots: $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda$

In this case, $y_1 = e^{\lambda x}, y_2 = x e^{\lambda x}$

is a basis for solutions. The general solution is

$$y = C_1 e^{\lambda x} + C_2 x e^{\lambda x}$$

Case 3 (CE) has two complex conjugates roots $\alpha + i\beta$ and $\alpha - i\beta$

In this case, one can show that $y_1 = e^{\alpha x} \cos(\beta x), y_2 = e^{\alpha x} \sin(\beta x)$ is a

basis of solutions. The general solution is

$$y = C_1 e^{\alpha x} \cos(\beta x) + C_2 e^{\alpha x} \sin(\beta x)$$

Summary of

$$y'' + ay' + by = 0 \quad (H)$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$\lambda^2 + a\lambda + b = 0$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \underline{\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2} \quad y = C_1 e^{\lambda_1 x} + C_2 e^{\lambda_2 x}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \underline{\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda \in \mathbb{R}} \Rightarrow y = C_1 e^{\lambda x} + C_2 x e^{\lambda x}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \underline{\lambda = \alpha + i\beta} \Rightarrow y = C_1 e^{\alpha x} \cos(\beta x) + C_2 e^{\alpha x} \sin(\beta x)$$

Ex 1

Solve the IVP:

$$y'' - 6y' + 10y = 0; \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 2$$

Sol Kind of ODE?

Second order homogeneous linear with constant coefficients.

The characteristic equation is:

$$\lambda^2 - 6\lambda + 10 = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{assume } e^{\lambda x} \text{ as a sol.}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 40}}{2} = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{-4}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{4}i}{2} \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{6 \pm 2i}{2} = 3 \pm i$$

note: $\sqrt{-1} = i$

2 complex conjugate roots $\lambda_1 = 3+i$, $\lambda_2 = 3-i$

A basis of solutions is $y_1 = e^{3x} \cos x$, $y_2 = e^{3x} \sin x$

The general solution is $y = C_1 e^{3x} \cos x + C_2 e^{3x} \sin x$

$$y' = 3C_1 e^{3x} \cos x - C_1 e^{3x} \sin x + 3C_2 e^{3x} \sin x + C_2 e^{3x} \cos x$$

$$y(0) = 1 \Rightarrow C_1 = 1$$

$$y'(0) = 2 \Rightarrow 3C_1 + C_2 = 2 \Rightarrow C_2 = -1$$

The unique solution to the IVP:

$$y = e^{3x} \cos x - e^{3x} \sin x$$

Ex2/ solve the IVP:

$$y'' - 8y' + 16y = 0; \quad y(0) = -1, \quad y'(0) = 0$$

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$$\lambda^2 - 8\lambda + 16 = 0 \quad (CE)$$

One double real root $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 4$

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$$y = C_1 e^{4x} + C_2 x e^{4x}$$

$$y' = 4C_1 e^{4x} + C_2 e^{4x} + 4C_2 x e^{4x}$$

$$y(0) = -1 \implies C_1 = -1$$

$$y'(0) = 0 \implies 4C_1 + C_2 = 0$$
$$C_2 = 4$$

The solution for the IVP is $y = -e^{4x} + 4x e^{4x}$

Ex 3/ Solve the IVP -

$$y'' - 5y' + 4y = 0, \quad y(0) = 2, \quad y'(0) = 1$$

Sol Second order ODE with coefficients constant

The characteristic equation is

$$\lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 4 = 0 \implies (\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 4) = 0$$

$$\implies \lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 4 : 2 \text{ distinct real roots}$$

real roots : $y_1 = e^x, y_2 = e^{4x}$ is a basis for solutions

The general solution is

$$y = C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{4x}$$

$$y' = C_1 e^x + 4C_2 e^{4x}$$

$$y(0) = 2 \implies C_1 + C_2 = 2 \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$y'(0) = 1 \implies c_1 + 4c_2 = 1 \quad (2)$$

$$(2) - (1)$$

$$3c_2 = -1$$

$$c_2 = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$(1) \implies c_1 = 2 + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{7}{3}$$

The unique solution is $y = \frac{7}{3}e^x - \frac{1}{3}e^{4x}$

Euler - Cauchy Equation

A second order ODE is called Euler - Cauchy homogeneous if it can be

written as

$$x^2 y'' + ax y' + by = 0$$

$$a, b \in \mathbb{R}$$

Homogeneous second order linear ODE

Unlike the case of constant coefficients, we try solutions of type $y = x^m$

$$y' = m x^{m-1}, \quad y'' = m(m-1) x^{m-2}$$

Sub back into the ODE:

$$x^2 m(m-1) x^{m-2} + a x m x^{m-1} + b x^m = 0$$

$$\implies m(m-1) x^m + a m x^m + b x^m = 0 \quad \therefore \text{Divide by } x^m$$

$$\Rightarrow m(m-1) + am + b = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m^2 - m + am + b = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m^2 + (a-1)m + b = 0$$

This we call the characteristic equation of Euler-Cauchy

Like before, the general solution depends on the nature of the roots of the char. Eq.

Case 1: 2 distinct real roots of (x) m_1, m_2

$$y_1 = X^{m_1}, y_2 = X^{m_2} \text{ is a basis}$$

$$\text{The general solution is } y = C_1 X^{m_1} + C_2 X^{m_2}$$

Case 2: (CE) has double real root

$$m_1 = m_2 = m$$

$$y_1 = X^m, y_2 = X^m \ln X \text{ is a basis}$$

The general solution is

$$y = C_1 X^m + C_2 X^m \ln X$$

Case 3: (CE) has 2 complex roots $\alpha \pm i\beta$

Here one can verify that

$$y_1 = X^\alpha \cos(\beta \ln X), y_2 = X^\alpha \sin(\beta \ln X)$$

is a basis of solutions.

The general solution is

$$y = C_1 X^\alpha \cos(\beta \ln X) + C_2 X^\alpha \sin(\beta \ln X)$$

Ex / Solve the IVP:

$$x^2 y'' - 4xy' + 4y = 0, \quad x > 0, \quad y(1) = 1, \quad y'(1) = 2$$

Sol Euler-Cauchy with $a = -4$, $b = 4$

The Char. Eq. is $m^2 + (a-1)m + b = 0$

$$\Rightarrow m^2 - 5m + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow (m-1)(m-4) = 0$$

2 distinct real roots

$$m_1 = 1, \quad m_2 = 4$$

The general solution is:

$y_1 = x$, $y_2 = x^4$ is a basis of solutions.

The general solution is

$$y = C_1 x + C_2 x^4$$

$$y' = C_1 + 4C_2 x^3$$

$$y(1) = 1 \Rightarrow C_1 + C_2 = 1 \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$y'(1) = 2 \Rightarrow C_1 + 4C_2 = 2 \quad \textcircled{2}$$

$$\textcircled{2} - \textcircled{1} = 3C_2 = 1 \Rightarrow C_2 = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow C_1 = \frac{2}{3}$$

The solution to the IVP is $y = \frac{2}{3}x + \frac{1}{3}x^4$

Ex₃ Solve the ODE:

$$x^2 y'' - x y' + 2y = 0, \quad x > 0$$

Sol Euler-Cauchy with $a = -1$, $b = 2$

The Char. Eq. is $m^2 + (a-1)m + b = 0 \Rightarrow$

$$m^2 - 2m + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow m = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4-8}}{2} = \frac{2 \pm 2i}{2}$$

$m_1 = 1+i$, $m_2 = 1-i$: 2 complex conjugate roots

In this case $y_1 = x^1 \cos(1 \ln x) = x \cos(\ln x)$

$$y_2 = x \sin(\ln x)$$

is a basis for solutions.

The general solution is

$$y = C_1 x \cos(\ln x) + C_2 x \sin(\ln x)$$