

Last time Higher order homogeneous linear  
ODE's with constant coefficients

Ex 3/ solve the IVP:

$$y''' + 6y'' + 12y' + 8y = 0, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = -5, \\ y''(0) = 2$$

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The char. Eq is:

$$\lambda^3 + 6\lambda^2 + 12\lambda + 8 = 0$$

$\lambda = -2$  is a root  $\Rightarrow \lambda + 2$  is a factor

$$\begin{array}{r|l} \lambda^3 + 6\lambda^2 + 12\lambda + 8 & \lambda + 2 \\ - \lambda^3 - 2\lambda^2 & \lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 4 \\ \hline 4\lambda^2 + 12\lambda + 8 & \\ - 4\lambda^2 - 8\lambda & \\ \hline 4\lambda + 8 & \\ - 4\lambda - 8 & \\ \hline 0 & \end{array}$$

$$\text{So } \lambda^3 + 6\lambda^2 + 12\lambda + 8 = (\lambda + 2) \underbrace{(\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 4)}_{(\lambda + 2)^2} \\ = (\lambda + 2)^3$$

$(\lambda + 2)^3 = 0$  The roots:

$\lambda = -2$  Real root of multiplicity 3.

$y_1 = e^{-2x}$ ,  $y_2 = x e^{-2x}$ ,  $y_3 = x^2 e^{-2x}$  basis of solutions!

The general solution is  $y = C_1 e^{-2x} + C_2 x e^{-2x} + C_3 x^2 e^{-2x}$

$$y' = -2C_1 e^{-2x} + C_2 e^{-2x} - 2C_2 x e^{-2x} + 2C_3 x e^{-2x} - 2C_3 x^2 e^{-2x}$$

$$y'' = 4C_1 e^{-2x} - 2C_2 e^{-2x} - 2C_2 e^{-2x} + 4C_2 x e^{-2x} + 2C_3 e^{-2x} - 4C_3 x e^{-2x} - 4C_3 x e^{-2x} + 4C_3 x^2 e^{-2x}$$

$$y' = 4C_1 e^{-2x} - 4C_2 e^{-2x} + 4C_2 x e^{-2x} + 2C_3 e^{-2x} - 8C_3 x e^{-2x} + 4C_3 x^2 e^{-2x}$$

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

$$y'(0) = -5 \Rightarrow -2C_1 + C_2 = -5 \Rightarrow C_2 = -3$$

$$y''(0) = 2 \Rightarrow 4C_1 - 4C_2 + 2C_3 = 2 \Rightarrow 2C_3 = 2 - 4(1) + 4(-3) = -14$$

$$C_3 = -7$$

The solution to the IVP is

$$y = e^{-2x} - 3xe^{-2x} - 7x^3 e^{-2x}$$

Ex/  $y^{(4)} + 4y''' + 7y'' + 6y' + 2y = 0$

$$CE: \lambda^4 + 4\lambda^3 + 7\lambda^2 + 6\lambda + 2 = 0$$

$\lambda = -1$  is a root which means that

$(\lambda + 1)$  is a factor

$$\begin{array}{r|l} \lambda^4 + 4\lambda^3 + 7\lambda^2 + 6\lambda + 2 & \lambda + 1 \\ - \lambda^4 - \lambda^3 & \\ \hline 3\lambda^3 + 7\lambda^2 + 6\lambda + 2 & \\ - 3\lambda^3 - 3\lambda^2 & \\ \hline 4\lambda^2 + 6\lambda + 2 & \\ - 4\lambda^2 - 4\lambda & \\ \hline 2\lambda + 2 & \\ - 2\lambda - 2 & \\ \hline 0 & \end{array}$$

$$\text{So } \lambda^4 + 4\lambda^3 + 7\lambda^2 + 6\lambda + 2 =$$

$$(\lambda + 1)(\lambda^3 + 3\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 2)$$

$\lambda = -1$  is a root

$\lambda + 1$  is a factor

$$\begin{array}{r|l} \lambda^3 + 3\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 2 & \lambda + 1 \\ - \lambda^3 - \lambda^2 & \\ \hline 2\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 2 & \\ - 2\lambda^2 - 2\lambda & \\ \hline 2\lambda + 2 & \\ - 2\lambda - 2 & \\ \hline 0 & \end{array}$$

$$\text{So } \lambda^4 + 4\lambda^3 + 7\lambda^2 + 6\lambda + 2 =$$

$$(\lambda+1)(\lambda+1)(\lambda^2+2\lambda+2)$$

$$(\lambda+1)^2(\lambda^2+2\lambda+2)$$

For  $\lambda^2+2\lambda+2$ , the roots are

$$\frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4-8}}{2} = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4i^2}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-2 \pm 2i}{2} = -1 \pm i$$

The roots of the char. Eq.

•  $\lambda = -1$  Double real roots

$$y_1 = e^{-x}, \quad y_2 = x e^{-x}$$

•  $\lambda = -1 \pm i$  two complex conjugate roots. note:  $\alpha \pm i\beta$

$$e^{\alpha x} \cos(\beta x)$$

$$y_3 = e^{-x} \cos x, \quad y_4 = e^{-x} \sin x$$

$$e^{\alpha x} \sin(\beta x)$$

The general sol.:

$$y = C_1 e^{-x} + C_2 x e^{-x} + C_3 e^{-x} \cos x + C_4 e^{-x} \sin x$$

**Higher Order Euler-Cauchy Homogeneous ODE'S** :

Recall The second order Euler-Cauchy

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

We look for solutions of type  $y = x^m$

**Definition** : Order  $n$  homogeneous Euler-Cauchy Equation is an ODE of the form:

$$X^n y^n + a_{n-1} X^{n-1} y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_2 X^2 y'' + a_1 X y' + a_0 y = 0$$

Like in the case  $n=2$ , we look for solutions of type  $y = X^m$ . This will give us the Char. Eq. of the ODE!

Case 1: The Char. Eq. has  $n$  distinct real roots  $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n$

In this case  $y_1 = X^{m_1}, y_2 = X^{m_2}, \dots, y_n = X^{m_n}$

is a basis of solutions and the general solution is

$$y = C_1 X^{m_1} + C_2 X^{m_2} + \dots + C_n X^{m_n}$$

Case 2: If  $m$  is a root of multiplicity  $k$

$y_1 = X^m, y_2 = X^m \ln X, y_3 = X^m (\ln X)^2, \dots, y_n = X^m (\ln X)^{k-1}$

is the contribution of the root  $m$  to the basis of solutions

Case 3: two complex conjugate roots

$$m_1 = \alpha + i\beta, m_2 = \alpha - i\beta$$

The contribution of  $m_1, m_2$  to the basis of solutions is

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

**Ex 1** Solve the IVP

$$X^3 y''' + X^2 y'' - 2X y' + 2y = 0$$

$$y(1) = 1, y'(1) = 2, y''(1) = 0$$

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We look for solutions of the following type

$$y = X^m$$

$$y' = mX^{m-1}, \quad y'' = m(m-1)X^{m-2}, \quad y''' = m(m-1)(m-2)X^{m-3}$$

Back into the ODE:

$$\cancel{X^3} m(m-1)(m-2) \cancel{X^{m-3}} + \cancel{X^2} m(m-1) \cancel{X^{m-2}} - 2Xm \cancel{X^{m-1}} + 2 \cancel{X^m} = 0$$

Divide by  $X^m$

$$m(m-1)(m-2) + m(m-1) - 2m + 2 = 0$$

$$m(m-1)(m-2) + m(m-1) - 2(m-1) = 0$$

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

$$(m-1)(m+1)(m-2) = 0$$

$$m_1 = 1, \quad m_2 = -1, \quad m_3 = 2$$

$y_1 = X^{-1}$ ,  $y_2 = X$ ,  $y_3 = X^2$  is a basis of solutions

The general solution is  $y = C_1 X^{-1} + C_2 X + C_3 X^2$

$$y' = -C_1 X^{-2} + C_2 + 2C_3 X$$

$$y'' = 2C_1 X^{-3} + 2C_3$$

$$y(0) = 1 \Rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3 = 1$$

$$y'(0) = 2 \Rightarrow -C_1 + C_2 + 2C_3 = 2$$

$$y''(0) = 0 \Rightarrow 2C_1 + 2C_3 = 0$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_1 \\ -2R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \end{array}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 & -2 \end{array} \right] -\frac{1}{2}R_3$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 & -2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 3 \end{array} \right] -2R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 1 \end{array} \right] \frac{1}{3}R_3$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{3} \end{array} \right] -R_3 + R_1 \rightarrow R_1$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{3} \end{array} \right] -R_2 + R_1 \rightarrow R_1$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{3} \end{array} \right]$$

So  $C_1 = -\frac{1}{3}$   $C_2 = 1$   $C_3 = \frac{1}{3}$

The solution to the IVP is

$$y = -\frac{1}{3}x^{-1} + x + \frac{1}{3}x^2$$

**EX2** / Solve the ODE

$$x^3 y''' + 6x^2 y'' + 20x y' - 20y = 0$$

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Third order homogeneous Euler-Cauchy

We look for solutions of the following type

$$y = x^m$$

$$y' = m x^{m-1}, \quad y'' = m(m-1) x^{m-2}, \quad y''' = m(m-1)(m-2) x^{m-3}$$

Back to the ODE.

$$\cancel{x^3} m(m-1)(m-2) \cancel{x^{m-3}} + 6 \cancel{x^2} m(m-1) \cancel{x^{m-2}} + 20 \cancel{x} m \cancel{x^{m-1}} - 20 \cancel{x^m} = 0$$

$$m(m-1)(m-2) + 6m(m-1) + 20(m-1) = 0$$

$$(m-1)(m^2 - 2m + 6m + 20) = 0$$

$$(m-1)(m^2 + 4m + 20) = 0$$

$$m^2 + 4m + 20 = 0 \Rightarrow m = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 80}}{2} = \frac{-4 \pm 8i}{2} = -2 \pm 4i$$

The roots of the char. Eq are:

•  $m=1$  simple real root  $\rightarrow y_1 = x$

•  $m = -2 \pm 4i$  Two complex conjugate roots

$$y_2 = x^{-2} \cos(4 \ln x), \quad y_3 = x^{-2} \sin(4 \ln x)$$

The general solution:

$$y = C_1 x + C_2 x^{-2} \cos(4 \ln x) + C_3 x^{-2} \sin(4 \ln x)$$