

Math 211

Lecture #23

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Second Order Equations

Theorem: Suppose that $y_1(t)$ & $y_2(t)$ are linearly independent solutions to the equation

$$y'' + py' + qy = 0.$$

Then the general solution is

$$y(t) = C_1y_1(t) + C_2y_2(t).$$

Definition: A set of two linearly independent solutions is called a fundamental set of solutions.

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Real Roots

- If λ is a root to the characteristic polynomial then $y(t) = e^{\lambda t}$ is a solution.
- If λ is a root to the characteristic polynomial of multiplicity 2, then $y_1(t) = e^{\lambda t}$ and $y_2(t) = te^{\lambda t}$ are linearly independent solutions.

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Complex Roots

- If $\lambda = \alpha + i\beta$ is a complex root of the characteristic equation, then so is $\bar{\lambda} = \alpha - i\beta$.
- A complex valued fundamental set of solutions is $z(t) = e^{\lambda t}$ and $\bar{z}(t) = e^{\bar{\lambda}t}$.
- A real valued fundamental set of solutions is

$$x(t) = e^{\alpha t} \cos \beta t \quad \text{and} \quad y(t) = e^{\alpha t} \sin \beta t.$$

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Harmonic Motion (1)

- Spring: $y'' + \frac{\mu}{m}y' + \frac{k}{m}y = \frac{1}{m}F(t)$.
- Circuit: $I'' + \frac{R}{L}I' + \frac{1}{LC}I = \frac{1}{L}E'(t)$.
- Essentially the same equation. Use

$$x'' + 2cx' + \omega_0^2x = f(t).$$

- The equation for harmonic motion.

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Harmonic Motion (2)

$$x'' + 2cx' + \omega_0^2x = f(t).$$

- ω_0 is the natural frequency.
 - ◊ Spring: $\omega_0 = \sqrt{k/m}$.
 - ◊ Circuit: $\omega_0 = \sqrt{1/LC}$.
- c is the damping constant.
- $f(t)$ is the forcing term.

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Simple Harmonic Motion

No forcing, and no damping.

$$x'' + \omega_0^2 x = 0$$

- $p(\lambda) = \lambda^2 + \omega_0^2$, $\lambda = \pm i\omega_0$.

Fundamental set of solutions

$$x_1(t) = \cos \omega_0 t \quad \& \quad x_2(t) = \sin \omega_0 t.$$

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Simple Harmonic Motion (2)

General solution

$$x(t) = C_1 \cos \omega_0 t + C_2 \sin \omega_0 t.$$

- Every solution is periodic with frequency ω_0 .
 - ◊ ω_0 is the natural frequency.
 - ◊ The period is $T = 2\pi/\omega_0$.

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Amplitude and Phase

Put C_1 and C_2 in polar coordinates:

$$C_1 = A \cos \phi, \quad \& \quad C_2 = A \sin \phi.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= C_1 \cos \omega_0 t + C_2 \sin \omega_0 t \\ &= A \cos(\omega_0 t - \phi). \end{aligned}$$

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Amplitude and Phase (2)

- A is the amplitude; $A = \sqrt{C_1^2 + C_2^2}$.
- ϕ is the phase; $\tan \phi = C_2/C_1$.
- $C_1 = 3, C_2 = 4 \Rightarrow A = 5, \phi = 0.9273$.
- $C_1 = -3, C_2 = 4 \Rightarrow A = 5, \phi = 2.2143$.
- $C_1 = -3, C_2 = -4 \Rightarrow A = 5, \phi = -2.2143$.

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Example

$$x'' + 16x = 0, x(0) = -2 \text{ \& } x'(0) = 4$$

- $\omega_0^2 = 16 \Rightarrow \omega_0 = 4$.
- General solution $x(t) = C_1 \cos 4t + C_2 \sin 4t$.
- IC: $-2 = x(0) = C_1$, and $4 = x'(0) = 4C_2$.
- Solution

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= -2 \cos 2t + \sin 2t \\ &= \sqrt{5} \cos(2t - 2.6779). \end{aligned}$$

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Damped Harmonic Motion

$$x'' + 2cx' + \omega_0^2 x = 0$$

- $p(\lambda) = \lambda^2 + 2c\lambda + \omega_0^2$; roots $-c \pm \sqrt{c^2 - \omega_0^2}$.
- Three cases
 - ◊ $c < \omega_0$ Underdamped
 - ◊ $c > \omega_0$ Overdamped
 - ◊ $c = \omega_0$ Critically damped

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Underdamped

- $c < \omega_0$
- Two complex roots λ and $\bar{\lambda}$, where
 $\lambda = -c + i\omega$ and $\omega = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - c^2}$.
- General solution

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= e^{-ct}[C_1 \cos \omega t + C_2 \sin \omega t] \\ &= Ae^{-ct} \cos(\omega t - \phi) \end{aligned}$$

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Complex

Overdamped

- $c > \omega_0$, so two real roots

$$\lambda_1 = -c - \sqrt{c^2 - \omega_0^2}$$

$$\lambda_2 = -c + \sqrt{c^2 - \omega_0^2}.$$

- $\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < 0$.
- General solution

$$x(t) = C_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + C_2 e^{\lambda_2 t}.$$

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Real

Critically Damped

- $c = \omega_0$
- One negative real root $\lambda = -c$ with multiplicity 2.
- General solution

$$x(t) = e^{-ct}[C_1 + C_2 t].$$

DHM

Real

Inhomogeneous Equations

Theorem: Assume

- $y_p(t)$ is a particular solution to the IHE $y'' + py' + qy = f(t)$;
- $y_1(t)$ & $y_2(t)$ is a fundamental set of solutions to the HE $y'' + py' + qy = 0$.

Then the general solution to the IHE is

$$y(t) = y_p(t) + C_1y_1(t) + C_2y_2(t).$$

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Method of Undetermined Coefficients

$$y'' + py' + qy = f(t)$$

If the forcing term $f(t)$ has a form which is replicated under differentiation, then look for a particular solution of the same general form as the forcing term.

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Exponential Forcing Term

$$y'' + py' + qy = Ce^{at}$$

- Example: $y'' + 3y' + 2y = 4e^{-3t}$
- Try $y(t) = ae^{-3t}$; a to be determined.

$$y'' + 3y' + 2y = 2ae^{-3t}$$

- Particular solution if $2a = 4$, or $a = 2$.

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- Homogeneous equation:

$$y'' + 3y' + 2y = 0 \quad \text{ODE}$$

$$\lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 2 = 0 \quad \text{Ch. poly.}$$

$$(\lambda + 2)(\lambda + 1) = 0$$

- Fund. set of sol'ns: e^{-2t} & e^{-t} .
- General solution to IHE:

$$y(t) = 2e^{-3t} + C_1e^{-t} + C_2e^{-2t}.$$

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Trigonometric Forcing Term

$$y'' + py' + qy = A \cos \omega t + B \sin \omega t$$

- Example: $y'' + 4y' + 5y = 4 \cos 2t - 3 \sin 2t$
- Try $y(t) = a \cos 2t + b \sin 2t$

$$y'' + 4y' + 5y = (a + 8b) \cos 2t + (b - 8a) \sin 2t.$$

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- Particular solution if

$$a + 8b = 4 \quad a = 28/65$$

$$b - 8a = -3. \quad \text{or} \quad b = 29/65$$

- Particular solution:

$$y(t) = [28 \cos 2t + 29 \sin 2t]/65.$$

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Theorem

- Homogeneous equation:

$$y'' + 4y' + 5y = 0 \quad \text{ODE}$$

$$\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 5 = 0 \quad \text{Ch. poly.}$$

- Roots: $\lambda = -2 \pm i$
- Fund. set of sol'ns: $e^{-2t} \cos t$ & $e^{-2t} \sin t$.
- General solution to IHE:

$$y(t) = [28 \cos 2t + 29 \sin 2t]/65 \\ + e^{-2t}[C_1 \cos t + C_2 \sin t].$$

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Particular

Complex Method

$$x'' + px' + qx = A \cos \omega t \quad \text{or}$$

$$y'' + py' + qy = A \sin \omega t.$$

- Solve $z'' + pz' + qz = Ae^{i\omega t}$.
- $x(t) = \text{Re}(z(t))$ and $y(t) = \text{Im}(z(t))$.

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- Example: $x'' + 4x' + 5x = 4 \cos 2t$
- Solve $z'' + 4z' + 5z = 4e^{2it}$.
- Try $z(t) = ae^{2it}$.

$$z'' + 4z' + 5z = (1 + 8i)ae^{2it}$$

- Particular solution if $(1 + 8i)a = 4$ or

$$a = \frac{4}{1 + 8i} = \frac{4(1 - 8i)}{1 + 64} = \frac{4 - 32i}{65}.$$

Exp

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- Particular solution

$$\begin{aligned} z(t) &= (4 - 32i)e^{2it}/65 \\ &= (4 - 32i)[\cos 2t + i \sin 2t]/65 \\ &= [4 \cos 2t + 32 \sin 2t]/65 \\ &\quad + i[4 \sin 2t - 32 \cos 2t]/65. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \operatorname{Re}(z(t)) \\ &= [4 \cos 2t + 32 \sin 2t]/65. \end{aligned}$$

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Polynomial Forcing Term

$$y'' + py' + qy = P(t)$$

- Example: $y'' - 3y' + 2y = 1 - 4t$.
- Try $y(t) = a + bt$.

$$y'' - 3y' + 2y = (a - 3b) + 2bt.$$

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- Particular solution if

$$\begin{array}{l} a - 3b = 1 \quad b = -2 \\ \quad \quad \quad \text{or} \\ 2b = -4 \quad a = -5 \end{array}$$

- Particular solution

$$y(t) = -5 - 2t.$$

- General solution

$$y(t) = -5 - 2t + C_1 e^t + C_2 e^{2t}.$$

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Exceptional Cases

- Example: $y'' - 3y' + 2y = 3e^t$.
- Try $y(t) = ae^t$

$$y'' - 3y' + 2y = 0.$$

- The method does not work because e^t is a solution to the associated homogeneous equation.

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- Try $y(t) = ate^t$

$$y'' - 3y' + 2y = -ae^t$$

- Particular solution if $a = -3$.
- General solution

$$y(t) = -3te^t + C_1e^t + C_2e^{2t}.$$

- If the suggested solution does not work, multiply it by t and try again.

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Combination Forcing Term

Example $y'' + 5y' + 6y = 2e^{2t} - 5 \cos t$

- Solve

$$y_1'' + 5y_1' + 6y_1 = 2e^{2t}$$

$$y_2'' + 5y_2' + 6y_2 = -5 \cos t$$

- Set $y(t) = y_1(t) + y_2(t)$.