

Second Order Linear Eqns

Recall that a first order lin. eqn has the form

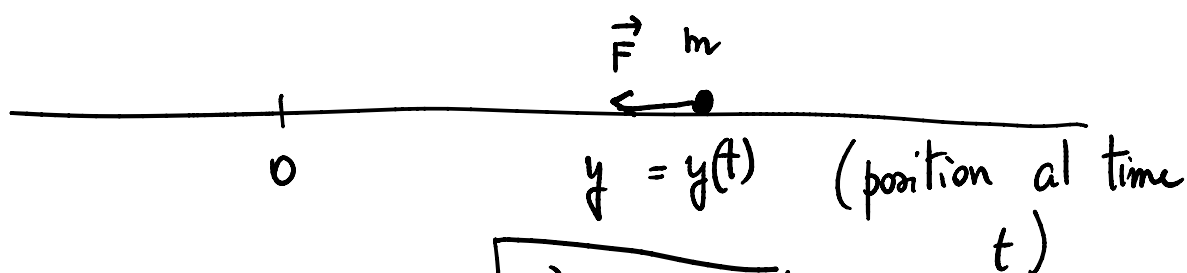
$$y' = a(t)y + b(t)$$

We will now consider eqns of type

$$y'' = a(t)y' + b(t)y + f(t)$$

where coeffs $a = a(t)$, $b = b(t)$, $f = f(t)$ are known.

Example In Physics, precisely in Class. Mech, the motion of particles/bodies is driven by this kind of eqns.



Newton's second law:

$$\vec{F} = m \cdot \vec{a}$$

In general forces may depend on

- position
- velocity
- time

$$\vec{F} = \vec{F}(t, y(t), y'(t))$$

$$\vec{a} = y''(t)$$

- time

$$\vec{a} = y''(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow m y'' = F(t, y(t), y'(t))$$

For inst:

$$F_{el} = F(y(t)) = - \overset{0}{\hat{k}} y(t)$$

$$F_{fr} = - \underset{0}{v} y'(t)$$



$$m y'' = - k y - v y'$$
$$\Downarrow$$

$$y'' = \underbrace{-\frac{k}{m} y}_{b(t)} - \underbrace{\frac{v}{m} y'}_{a(t)} + \underbrace{0}_{f(t)}$$

□

We will focus on eqns of type

$$y'' = a y' + b y + f(t), \quad \text{where } a, b \in \mathbb{R} \text{ (const)}$$



$$\boxed{y'' + a y' + b y = f(t)}$$

$$y'' + ay' + by = f(t)$$

Homogeneous: $y'' + ay' + by = 0$

Non homog: $y'' + ay' + by = f(t)$

We will start by solving the homogeneous eqn:

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

$$D = \frac{d}{dt} \quad D^2 y + aDy + by = 0$$

$$(D^2 + aD + b)y = 0$$

We call characteristic polynomial

$$\lambda^2 + a\lambda + b$$

and characteristic eqn

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

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} y'' \\ \updownarrow \\ \lambda^2 \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} ay' \\ \updownarrow \\ \lambda^1 \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} by \\ \updownarrow \\ \lambda^0 \end{array} = 0 \right)$$

$$\Delta = a^2 - 4b$$

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Case $\Delta > 0$ Eqn $\lambda^2 + a\lambda + b = 0$ has two real roots λ_1, λ_2
||
 $(\lambda - \lambda_1)(\lambda - \lambda_2) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow (D^2 + aD + b)y = 0 \quad (\text{eqn})$$

$$\boxed{(\overset{||}{D - \lambda_1})(D - \lambda_2)y = 0} \quad \begin{cases} (D - \lambda_1)w = 0 \\ (D - \lambda_2)y = w \end{cases}$$

w

$$(D - \lambda_1)w = 0 \Leftrightarrow w' - \lambda_1 w = 0$$

$$w' = \lambda_1 w$$

$$\Rightarrow w = C e^{\int \lambda_1 dt} = C e^{\lambda_1 t}$$

$$\Rightarrow (D - \lambda_2)y = w = C e^{\lambda_1 t}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow y' - \lambda_2 y = C e^{\lambda_1 t}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow y' = \lambda_2 y + \underbrace{C e^{\lambda_1 t}}$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = e^{\int \lambda_2 dt} \left[\int C e^{\lambda_1 t} \cdot e^{-\int \lambda_2 dt} dt + \tilde{C} \right]$$

$$= e^{\lambda_2 t} \left[C \int e^{\lambda_1 t} e^{-\lambda_2 t} dt + \tilde{C} \right]$$

$$(*) \quad y(t) = e^{\lambda_2 t} \left[C \int e^{(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)t} dt + \tilde{C} \right]$$

$$\int e^{(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)t} dt = \frac{e^{(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)t}}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2}$$

$$= \frac{C}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} e^{\lambda_1 t} + \tilde{C} e^{\lambda_2 t} \equiv c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t}$$

$$c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

Gen sol in case $\Delta > 0$: $y(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \quad c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$

Example: $y'' + 5y' - 6y = 0$

The charact. eqn is $\lambda^2 + 5\lambda - 6 = 0$

$$\Delta = 25 + 24 = 49 > 0$$

$$\lambda_{1,2} = \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{49}}{2} = \frac{-5 \pm 7}{2} = 1, -6$$

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Case $\Delta = 0$

This is the same of prev. one with $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$. We can repeat the calc. up to (*)

$$y(t) = e^{\lambda_1 t} \left[c \int e^{(\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)t} dt + \tilde{c} \right]$$

$$(\lambda_1 = \lambda_2) = e^{\lambda_1 t} \left[c \int \underset{\substack{= \\ t}}{1} dt + \tilde{c} \right]$$

$$= e^{\lambda_1 t} [ct + \tilde{c}] = c_1 (te^{\lambda_1 t}) + c_2 (e^{\lambda_1 t})$$

Def: Funct's

• $(e^{\lambda_1 t}, e^{\lambda_2 t})$ in case $\Delta > 0$

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are called fundamental solutions

Case $\Delta < 0$

In this case $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{C}$

$$\lambda_{1,2} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{\Delta < 0}}{2a} = -\frac{b}{2a} \pm i \frac{\sqrt{-\Delta}}{2a}$$

$$= \alpha \pm i\omega \quad \alpha, \omega \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$e^{\alpha \pm i\omega} = e^{\alpha} e^{\pm i\omega}$$

$$(\cos \omega + i \sin \omega)$$

Repeating step 1 (case $\Delta > 0$) we obtain

$$y(t) = c_1 e^{(\alpha+i\omega)t} + c_2 e^{(\alpha-i\omega)t}$$

$$= c_1 e^{\alpha t} (\cos(\omega t) + i \sin(\omega t)) + c_2 e^{\alpha t} (\cos(\omega t) - i \sin(\omega t))$$

$\Downarrow$

$y(t)$ is linear combination of

$$e^{\alpha t} (\cos(\omega t) + i \sin(\omega t))$$

$$+ e^{\alpha t} (\cos(\omega t) - i \sin(\omega t))$$

② $e^{\alpha t} \cos(\omega t) \rightsquigarrow \underline{e^{\alpha t} \cos(\omega t)}$ is a sol.

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$\Rightarrow$ (4) $e^{\alpha t} \cos(\omega t)$, $e^{\alpha t} \sin(\omega t)$ | $\alpha, \omega \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{y(t) = c_1 e^{\alpha t} \cos(\omega t) + c_2 e^{\alpha t} \sin(\omega t)} \quad c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

$(e^{\alpha t} \cos(\omega t), e^{\alpha t} \sin(\omega t))$ is the fund syst of sol's.

Ex 1.5.9. Det the gen sol of

$$\#2 \quad y'' - 2y' + 2y = 0.$$

This is a second order lin hom eqn. The characteristic eqn is

$$\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 2 = 0$$

$$\Delta = (-2)^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 2 = 4 - 8 = -4 < 0$$

$$\text{Sols of ch. eqns are } \lambda_{1,2} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{-4}}{2} = \frac{2 \pm i2}{2} = 1 \pm i1$$

$\downarrow \quad \downarrow$
 $\alpha \quad \omega$

$$\Rightarrow \text{gen sol } y = c_1 e^t \cos t + c_2 e^t \sin t, \quad c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R} \quad \square$$

Non homogeneous case

We now consider a non homog eqn

$$y'' + ay' + by = f(t) \quad (NH)$$

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Prop: Let (w_1, w_2) be a fund syst of sols for

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

Let U be a particular solution of (NH) . Then the gen sol of (NH) is

$$y(t) = c_1 w_1(t) + c_2 w_2(t) + U(t), \quad c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

Proof: Suppose U be a sol of (NH)

$$U'' + aU' + bU = f(t)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{If } y \text{ is any other sol of } (NH) \\ y'' + ay' + by = f(t) \end{array} \right\} -$$

$$\Rightarrow y'' - U'' + a(y' - U') + b(y - U) = 0$$

$$\stackrel{''}{(y-U)} + a(y-U)' + b(y-U) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y - U \text{ solves } (H) \Rightarrow$$

$$y - U = c_1 w_1 + c_2 w_2 \quad \square$$

To det completely the gen sol of (NH) we just need to det. a particular solution U of (NH)

Idea: Lagrange variation of constants formula

Take

$$U(t) = \underbrace{c_1(t)w_1(t) + c_2(t)w_2(t)}_{\text{variable coeff.}}$$

Let's impose U be a sol of (NH)

$$U'' + aU' + bU = f(t)$$

Notice that

$$U' = (c_1 w_1 + c_2 w_2)'$$

$$= (c_1' w_1 + c_1 w_1' + c_2' w_2 + c_2 w_2')$$

We impose

$$(1) \quad c_1' w_1 + c_2' w_2 \equiv 0$$

$$\Rightarrow U' = c_1 w_1' + c_2 w_2'$$

$$U'' = (c_1 w_1' + c_2 w_2')'$$

$$\Rightarrow U'' = (c_1 w_1' + c_2 w_2')' \\ = c_1' w_1' + c_1 w_1'' + c_2' w_2' + c_2 w_2''$$

So U is sol of $(NH) \Leftrightarrow$

$$\underbrace{(c_1' w_1' + c_1 w_1'')}_{U''} + \underbrace{c_2' w_2' + c_2 w_2''}_{\uparrow} + \underbrace{a(c_1' w_1' + c_2 w_2')}_{aU'} + \underbrace{b(c_1 w_1 + c_2 w_2)}_{bU} = f(t)$$

$\begin{matrix} 0 \\ \parallel \end{matrix}$ w_1 fund sol of (H)
 $\begin{matrix} 0 \\ \parallel \end{matrix}$ w_2 fund sol of (H)

$$c_1 (w_1'' + a w_1' + b w_1) + c_2 (w_2'' + a w_2' + b w_2) +$$

$$c_1' w_1' + c_2' w_2' = f(t)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (2) \quad \boxed{c_1' w_1' + c_2' w_2' = f(t)}$$

Conclusion: $U = c_1 w_1 + c_2 w_2$ is sol of (NH)

$\Leftrightarrow$ (1) & (2) hold

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} c_1' w_1 + c_2' w_2 = 0 \\ c_1' w_1' + c_2' w_2' = f(t) \end{cases}$$

$$c_1 w_1 + c_2 w_2 = 0 \quad \Downarrow$$

$$\begin{cases} ax + by = 0 \\ cx + dy = f \end{cases}$$

$$M \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ f \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_1' \\ c_2' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 & w_2 \\ w_1' & w_2' \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ f(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\overline{W}(t) = \det \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} w_1 & w_2 \\ w_1' & w_2' \end{bmatrix}}_{\substack{\text{wronskian} \\ \text{matrix}}}$$

$$\begin{cases} c_1' = -\frac{w_2(t)}{\overline{W}(t)} f(t) \\ c_2' = \frac{w_1(t)}{\overline{W}(t)} f(t) \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1(t) = -\int \frac{w_2(t)}{\overline{W}(t)} f(t) dt \\ c_2(t) = \int \frac{w_1(t)}{\overline{W}(t)} f(t) dt \end{cases}$$

So the part sol is

$$U(t) = \left(-\int \frac{w_2(t)}{\overline{W}(t)} f(t) dt \right) w_1(t) + \left(\int \frac{w_1(t)}{\overline{W}(t)} f(t) dt \right) w_2(t)$$

Rmk: The wronskian is always $\neq 0$

For example: if $\Delta > 0$ $(w_1, w_2) = (e^{\lambda_1 t}, e^{\lambda_2 t})$

$$\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$$

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Wronskian matrix
$$\begin{bmatrix} w_1 & w_2 \\ w_1' & w_2' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & e^{\lambda_2 t} \\ \lambda_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} & \lambda_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \end{bmatrix}$$

Wronskian:
$$W(t) = \det // = e^{(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)t} \lambda_2 - e^{(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)t} \lambda_1$$

$$= e^{(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)t} (\lambda_2 - \lambda_1) \neq 0 \quad \square$$

Ex. 1.4.4 Find the gen sol of

$$y'' + y' - 6y = 2e^{-t} \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Sol: We've a 2nd order lin non hom. eqn.
To det the fund syst, let's write first the charact.
eqn: for hom eqn

$$y'' + y' - 6y = 0 \rightarrow \lambda^2 + \lambda - 6 = 0$$

$$\Delta = 1^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot (-6) = 25 > 0, \quad \lambda_{1,2} = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{25}}{2} = \frac{-1 \pm 5}{2}$$

$$= -3, 2$$

Fund syst: $(w_1, w_2) = (e^{-3t}, e^{2t})$.

Let's compute the part sol for NH.

$$U(t) = c_1(t) w_1(t) + c_2(t) w_2(t)$$

$$c_1(t) = - \int \frac{w_2}{W} f \quad c_2 = + \int \frac{w_1}{W} f$$

$$W(t) = \det \begin{bmatrix} w_1 & w_2 \\ w_1' & w_2' \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} e^{-3t} & e^{2t} \\ -3e^{-3t} & 2e^{2t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= e^{-t} \cdot 2 + 3e^{-t} = 5e^{-t}$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1(t) = - \int \frac{e^{2t}}{5e^{-t}} \cdot 2e^{-t} dt = - \frac{2}{5} \int 2e^{2t} dt$$

$$= -\frac{1}{5} e^{2t}$$

$$c_2(t) = + \int \frac{e^{-3t}}{5e^{-t}} \cdot 2e^{-t} dt = -\frac{2}{5 \cdot 3} \int -3e^{-3t}$$

$$= -\frac{2}{15} e^{-3t}$$

$$\Rightarrow U(t) = -\frac{1}{15} e^{2t} \cdot \underbrace{e^{-3t}}_{e^{-t}} - \frac{2}{15} \underbrace{e^{-3t} \cdot e^{2t}}_{e^{-t}}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3} e^{-t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{gen sol } y(t) = c_1 e^{-3t} + c_2 e^{2t} - \frac{1}{3} e^{-t} \quad c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

□

Do 1.5.9/10/11

1.5.12 $\rightarrow$ 16.