



MATH 308: WEEK-IN-REVIEW 4
(3.1-3.3)

1. Solve the initial value problems

(a)

* 2nd order linear homogeneous constant coefficients *

$$y'' + 3y' + 2y = 0, \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = -1.$$

Characteristic polynomial

$$\lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow (\lambda + 2)(\lambda + 1) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = -2, \lambda_2 = -1 \quad * 2 \text{ distinct real roots} *$$

General solution: $y(t) = c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2 e^{-t}$

Find c_1, c_2

$$y(0) = 0 = c_1 + c_2 \Rightarrow c_1 = -c_2, \quad y'(t) = -2c_1 e^{-2t} - c_2 e^{-t}$$

$$y'(0) = -2c_1 - c_2 = -2c_1 + c_1 = -c_1 = -1$$

$$c_1 = 1, \quad c_2 = -1$$

$$y(t) = e^{-2t} - e^{-t}$$

(b)

* 2nd order linear homogeneous constant coefficients *

$$y'' - 6y' + 9y = 0, \quad y(0) = 2, \quad y'(0) = -1.$$

Characteristic polynomial

$$\lambda^2 - 6\lambda + 9 = 0 \Rightarrow (\lambda - 3)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 3 \quad * \text{repeated root} *$$

General solution: $y(t) = c_1 e^{3t} + c_2 t e^{3t}, \quad y'(t) = 3c_1 e^{3t} + c_2 [e^{3t} + 3t e^{3t}]$

Find c_1, c_2

$$y(0) = c_1 = 2, \quad y'(0) = 3c_1 + c_2 = 3 \cdot 2 + c_2 = -1 \Rightarrow c_2 = -7$$

$$y(t) = 2e^{3t} - 7te^{3t}$$



(c)

* 2nd order linear homogeneous constant coefficients *

$$y'' - 4y' + 13y = 0, \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = 3.$$

Characteristic polynomial

$$\lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 13 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{(-4)^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 13}}{2 \cdot 1} = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{-36}}{2}$$

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

General solution

$$y(t) = c_1 e^{2t} \cos(3t) + c_2 e^{2t} \sin(3t)$$

$$y'(t) = 2c_1 e^{2t} \cos(3t) - 3c_1 e^{2t} \sin(3t) + 2c_2 e^{2t} \sin(3t) + 3c_2 e^{2t} \cos(3t)$$

Find c_1, c_2

$$y(0) = c_1 = 0, \quad y'(0) = 2c_1 + 3c_2 = 0 + 3c_2 = 3 \Rightarrow c_2 = 1$$

$$y(t) = e^{2t} \sin(3t)$$

2. Find the initial value problems (equations and initial conditions) that have the solutions

(a)

diff. eqn

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

$$y(t) = 4e^{-t} - e^{-2t}$$

* two real roots *

$$\lambda_1 = -1, \lambda_2 = -2$$

$$\lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 2 = 0 \leftarrow \text{characteristic polynomial} \leftarrow (\lambda + 1)(\lambda + 2) = 0$$

Find initial conditions

$$y(t) = 4e^{-t} - e^{-2t} \Rightarrow y'(t) = -4e^{-t} + 2e^{-2t}$$

$$y(0) = 4 - 1 = 3, \quad y'(0) = -4 + 2 = -2$$

$$\text{IVP: } y'' + 3y' + 2y = 0, \quad y(0) = 3, \quad y'(0) = -2$$



(b)

$y(t) = e^{4t} + 2te^{4t}$ * repeated root

diff. eqn $\lambda = 4 \Rightarrow (\lambda - 4)^2 = 0$
 $y'' - 8y' + 16y = 0 \leftarrow \lambda^2 - 8\lambda + 16 = 0$

Find initial conditions

$y(t) = e^{4t} + 2te^{4t}, y'(t) = 4e^{4t} + 8te^{4t} + 2e^{4t}$

$y(0) = 1 + 0 = 1, y'(0) = 4 + 2 = 6$

IVP: $y'' - 8y' + 16y = 0, y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 6$

(c)

$y(t) = 2e^{-t} \cos(2t) + 3e^{-t} \sin(2t)$

* complex roots

* $\lambda = -1 \pm 2i$

* set $z = -1 + 2i$
and $z^* = -1 - 2i$

$zz^* = (-1 + 2i)(-1 - 2i)$
 $= 1 - 2i + 2i - (2i)^2$
 $= 1 - (-4) = 5$

$z\lambda + z^*\lambda = (-1 + 2i)\lambda$
 $+ (-1 - 2i)\lambda$
 $= -2\lambda$

$y'' + 2y' + 5y = 0 \leftarrow \lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 5 = 0$
 $(\lambda - z)(\lambda - z^*) = 0 \leftarrow \lambda^2 - z\lambda - z^*\lambda + z z^* = 0$

Find initial conditions

$y(t) = 2e^{-t} \cos(2t) + 3e^{-t} \sin(2t)$

$y'(t) = -2e^{-t} \cos(2t) - 4e^{-t} \sin(2t) - 3e^{-t} \sin(2t)$
 $+ 6e^{-t} \cos(2t)$

$y(0) = 2, y'(0) = -2 + 6 = 4$

IVP: $y'' + 2y' + 5y = 0, y(0) = 2, y'(0) = 4$



3. Verify that $y_1(t) = \cos(\ln t)$ and $y_2(t) = \sin(\ln t)$ are solutions of the differential equation

$$t^2 y'' + t y' + y = 0, \quad t > 0.$$

Do they constitute a fundamental set?

$$y_1(t) = \cos(\ln t) \Rightarrow y_1'(t) = -\sin(\ln t) \cdot \frac{1}{t}$$

chain rule

$$y_1''(t) = -\cos(\ln t) \cdot \frac{1}{t} \cdot \frac{1}{t} + \sin(\ln t) \cdot \frac{1}{t^2} = -\frac{\cos(\ln t)}{t^2} + \frac{\sin(\ln t)}{t^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} t^2 y_1''(t) + t y_1'(t) + y_1(t) &= t^2 \left[-\frac{\cos(\ln t)}{t^2} + \frac{\sin(\ln t)}{t^2} \right] + t \left[\frac{-\sin(\ln t)}{t} \right] + \cos(\ln t) \\ &= -\cancel{\cos(\ln t)} + \cancel{\sin(\ln t)} - \cancel{\sin(\ln t)} + \cancel{\cos(\ln t)} \\ &= 0 \quad \checkmark \quad * \text{ solution } * \end{aligned}$$

$$y_2(t) = \sin(\ln t) \Rightarrow y_2'(t) = \frac{\cos(\ln t)}{t}, \quad y_2''(t) = -\frac{\sin(\ln t)}{t^2} - \frac{\cos(\ln t)}{t^2}$$

chain rule

$$\begin{aligned} t^2 y_2''(t) + t y_2'(t) + y_2(t) &= t^2 \left[-\frac{\sin(\ln t)}{t^2} - \frac{\cos(\ln t)}{t^2} \right] + t \left[\frac{\cos(\ln t)}{t} \right] + \sin(\ln t) \\ &= -\cancel{\sin(\ln t)} - \cancel{\cos(\ln t)} + \cancel{\cos(\ln t)} + \cancel{\sin(\ln t)} \\ &= 0 \quad \checkmark \quad * \text{ solution } * \end{aligned}$$

Fundamental Set?

$$\begin{aligned} W(t) &= y_1 y_2' - y_1' y_2 = \cos(\ln t) \cdot \frac{\cos(\ln t)}{t} - \left[\frac{-\sin(\ln t)}{t} \right] \cdot \sin(\ln t) \\ &= \frac{1}{t} (\cos^2(\ln t) + \sin^2(\ln t)) = \frac{1}{t} > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since $W(t) \neq 0$, $y_1(t) = \cos(\ln t)$ and $y_2(t) = \sin(\ln t)$ form a fundamental set of solutions.



4. Suppose $y_1(t) = t^{-2}$ is a solution of the differential equation

$$t^2 y'' + 5ty' + 4y = 0, t > 0.$$

Determine a second linearly independent solution $y_2(t)$.

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

$$= t^{-2} \int \frac{t^{-5}}{t^{-4}} dt$$

$$= t^{-2} \int t^{-5 - (-4)} dt$$

$$= t^{-2} \int \frac{1}{t} dt$$

$$= t^{-2} (\ln t + C) \quad * \text{ set } C = 0 *$$

$$y_2(t) = \frac{\ln t}{t^2}$$

General solution:

$$y(t) = \frac{C_1}{t^2} + C_2 \frac{\ln t}{t^2}$$

$$\hookrightarrow y'' + \frac{5}{t} y' + \frac{4}{t^2} y = 0$$

$$p(t) = \frac{5}{t}$$

$$\int -p(t) dt = \int -\frac{5}{t} dt = -5 \ln t = \ln t^{-5} = t^{-5}$$

$$\left(\frac{y_2}{y_1}\right)' = \frac{y_1 y_2' - y_1' y_2}{y_1^2} \quad * \text{ quotient rule } *$$

$$= \frac{W(t)}{y_1^2} \quad * \text{ Wronskian } *$$

$$= \frac{\int -p(t) dt}{y_1^2} \quad * \text{ Abel's formula } * \quad k=1$$

$$\frac{y_2}{y_1} = \int \frac{e^{-\int p(t) dt}}{y_1^2} dt \quad * \text{ integrate both sides } *$$

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

* Liouville's formula *



5. If the differential equation

$$t^2 y'' - 3ty' + 4y = 0, t > 0$$

has a fundamental set of solutions $y_1(t)$ and $y_2(t)$ and $W[y_1, y_2](2) = 8$, find the value of $W[y_1, y_2](3)$ without solving the differential equation.

Abel's formula: $W[y_1, y_2](t) = k e^{\int -p(t) dt}$, k is a constant

and $p(t)$ is the coefficient of y'

$$y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0 \quad * \text{standard form} *$$

$$t^2 y'' - 3ty' + 4y = 0 \Rightarrow y'' - \frac{3}{t}y' + \frac{4}{t^2}y = 0$$

$$W[y_1, y_2](t) = k e^{\int \frac{3}{t} dt} = k e^{3 \ln t} = k t^3$$

$$W[y_1, y_2](2) = k \cdot 2^3 = 8k = 8 \Rightarrow k = 1$$

$$W[y_1, y_2](t) = t^3 \Rightarrow W[y_1, y_2](3) = 3^3 = 27$$



6. Find a general solution of

$$4t^2 y'' + 4ty' + (4t^2 - 1)y = 0 \quad t > 0$$

given that $y = t^{-1/2} \cos(t)$ is one solution.

↘ * standard form eqn *

$$y'' + \frac{1}{t}y' + \left(1 - \frac{1}{4t^2}\right)y = 0$$

$$p(t) = \frac{1}{t}$$

Find y_2 :

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

$$= t^{-1/2} \cos(t) \int \frac{e^{-\int \frac{1}{t} dt}}{t^{-1} \cos^2(t)} dt$$

$$= t^{-1/2} \cos(t) \int \frac{e^{-\ln t}}{t^{-1} \cos^2(t)} dt$$

$$= t^{-1/2} \cos(t) \int \frac{\cancel{t^{-1}}}{\cancel{t^{-1}} \cos^2(t)} dt$$

$$= t^{-1/2} \cos(t) \int \sec^2(t) dt$$

$$= t^{-1/2} \cos(t) [\tan(t) + C]$$

* set $C = 0$ *

$$= t^{-1/2} \cancel{\cos(t)} \cdot \frac{\sin(t)}{\cancel{\cos(t)}} = t^{-1/2} \sin(t)$$

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} (C_1 \cos(t) + C_2 \sin(t))$$