

Lecture 21 Higher Order Linear
Diff Eqns

No Off. Hrs. this week

Find your GSI and get
to know him!

Friday: Quiz through 4.5

Warmup Solve IVP

$$y'''' - y' = t + \sin(t)$$
$$y(0) = 2, y'(0) = 0, y''(0) = 0$$

Soln Analyze homog. version

$$y'''' - y' = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)^3 - \frac{d}{dt} \Big) y = 0$$

in trans vector

$$\text{Aux eqn } r = \frac{d}{dt}$$

$$r^3 - r = 0$$

$$\text{Factor: } r(r^2 - 1) = r(r-1)(r+1)$$

$$\text{Roots: } r = 0, 1, -1$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{d}{dt} - 1 \right) \left(\frac{d}{dt} - (-1) \right) y = 0$$

(order doesn't matter)

Basis for soln set

$$e^{0 \cdot t} = 1, e^t, e^{-t}$$

Now to solve nonhomog. version

want to show $t + \sin(t)$

is in range of $\left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)^3 - \frac{d}{dt}$

1) Find soln to $y''' - y' = t$

Guess $t^2 \rightsquigarrow 0 - 2t = -2t$

Take $-\frac{t^2}{2}$

2) Find soln to $y''' - y' = \sin(t)$

Guess $A \cos(t) + B \sin(t)$

$\rightsquigarrow A \sin(t) + B(-1) \cos(t)$

$-(-1)A \sin(t) - B \cos(t)$

$$= 2A \sin(t) - 2B \cos(t)$$

$$\text{Take: } A = \frac{1}{2} \quad B = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \cos(t)$$

Gen soln to nonhomog eqn

$$y = -\frac{t^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cos(t) + c_1 \cdot 1 + c_2 e^t + c_3 e^{-t}$$

Now solve IVP:

$$y(0) = \frac{1}{2} + c_1 + c_2 + c_3 = 2$$

$$y'(t) = -t - \frac{1}{2} \sin(t) + c_2 e^t - c_3 e^{-t}$$

$$y'(0) = c_2 - c_3 = 0$$

$$y''(t) = -1 - \frac{1}{2} \cos(t) + c_2 + c_3$$

$$y''(0) = -1 - \frac{1}{2} + c_2 + c_3 = 0$$

Organize into lin syst:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 \\ \frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now solve for c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots

Higher Order IVP Theorem

g, P_1, \dots, P_n fns on (a, b)

$\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_{n-1}$ numbers

x_0 a point of (a, b)

There exists a unique soln to IVP

$$y^{(n)} + P_1 y^{(n-1)} + \dots + P_n y = g$$

$$y(x_0) = \gamma_0, y'(x_0) = \gamma_1, \dots, y^{(n-1)}(x_0) = \gamma_{n-1}$$

Same analysis as we've seen:

$$\text{Diff op } L = \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)^n + P_1 \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)^{n-1} + \dots + P_n$$

(in transf)

$$L y = g \quad \text{nonhomog eqn}$$

$$L y = 0 \quad \text{homog eqn}$$

There exists basis for soln set

$$y_1, \dots, y_n$$

Find particular soln y_p to nonhomog eqn

$$L y_p = g$$

Gen soln is of form

$$y = y_p + c_1 y_1 + \dots + c_n y_n$$

To solve IVP, need to solve lin syst

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_0 - y_1'(x_0) \\ x_1 - y_1'(x_0) \\ \vdots \\ x_{n-1} - y_1^{(n-1)}(x_0) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1'(x_0) \\ y_1'(x_0) \\ \vdots \\ y_1^{(n-1)}(x_0) \end{bmatrix} \dots \begin{bmatrix} y_n(x_0) \\ y_n'(x_0) \\ \vdots \\ y_n^{(n-1)}(x_0) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Why does this lin syst have a unique soln?

Def Wronskian $W[y_1, \dots, y_n](x)$
~~It~~ is det. of

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1(x) & & & y_n(x) \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ y_1^{(n-1)}(x) & & & y_n^{(n-1)}(x) \end{bmatrix}$$

So we can uniquely solve IVP at x_0
iff $W[y_1, \dots, y_n](x_0) \neq 0$

Lemma The following with any
given values

are equivalent

- 1) $W[y_1, \dots, y_n](x_0) \neq 0$
- 2) $W[y_1, \dots, y_n](x) \neq 0$ for all x
- 3) y_1, \dots, y_n lin. indep.

Exer Calculate Wronskian from

Warmup problem $-t$

$$y_1 = 1, \quad y_2 = e^t, \quad y_3 = e^{-t}$$

$$W[y_1, y_2, y_3] = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & e^t & e^{-t} \\ 0 & e^t & -e^{-t} \\ 0 & e^t & e^{-t} \end{bmatrix} = 2$$

Now let's specialize to case of constant coeffs

$$y^{(n)} + a_{n-1}y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_0y = g$$

← numbers →

(Gen theory was for var fn coeffs)

$$y^{(n)} + p_{n-1}y^{(n-1)} + \dots + p_0y = g$$

← fns →

To solve such an eqn, we proceed exactly as for second order case.

Exer Solve $y^{(4)} - y = 0$

Aux eqn: $r^4 - 1 = 0$

Factor: $(r^2 - 1)(r^2 + 1) = 0$

$(r-1)(r+1)(r+i)(r-i) = 0$

Basis of solns

$$e^t, e^{-t}, e^{-it}, e^{it}$$

Alternative basis

$$e^t, e^{-t}, \cos t, \sin t$$

$$\underline{\text{Exer}} \quad y^{(4)} - y^{(2)} = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{Solve}$$

$$\underline{\text{Aux eqn:}} \quad r^4 - r^2 = 0$$

$$\underline{\text{Factor}} \quad r^2 (r^2 - 1) = 0$$

$$r^2 (r-1) (r+1) = 0$$

Basis of solns

$e^t, e^{-t}, 1, t$

Question: Can I always solve
in this way?

Fund Thm of Alg: Can always
factor aux eqn with complex roots

Basis for solns if aux eqn

has root r

distinct real root : e^{rt} $(\alpha + i\beta)t$ $(\alpha - i\beta)t$

complex root $e^{\alpha t}$, $e^{\alpha t} \cos \beta t$, $e^{\alpha t} \sin \beta t$

repeated root e^{rt} , $t e^{rt}$, \dots , $t^{k-1} e^{rt}$
of mult k