

# Complex Numbers

$$\textcircled{1} \quad e^{a+bi} = \underline{e^a} (\cos(b) + i \sin(b))$$



$$\Rightarrow \cos(x) = \frac{e^{ix} + e^{-ix}}{2}$$
$$\sin(x) = \frac{e^{ix} - e^{-ix}}{2i}$$

$\textcircled{2}$  Suppose  $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$  has a complex root  $x+iy$  is a root  
for its char. polynomial  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$

• Complex roots come in conjugate pairs

$x+iy, x-iy$  are both roots

•  $C_1 e^{(x+iy)t} + C_2 e^{(x-iy)t}$  is still a solution

$\Rightarrow e^{xt} \cos(yt)$  and  $e^{xt} \sin(yt)$  are both also solns

## Algorithm for solving homogeneous linear ODE:

① Write char. polynomial

② Find roots

③ For each real root  $a$ ,  $e^{at}$  is a sol'n

④ If  $a$  is repeated  $n$  times,

$e^{at}$ ,  $te^{at}$ ,  $t^2e^{at}$ , ...,  $t^{(n-1)}e^{at}$  sol'n's

⑤ If  $a+bi$  is a root then so is  $a-bi$   
( $b \neq 0$ )

and  $e^{at} \cos(bt)$ ,  $e^{at} \sin(bt)$  are sol'n's

General sol'n: arbitrary linear combination of  
the sol'n's above

① Find the general solution for each ODE

a)  $y'' - 6y' + 10y = 0$

$$\lambda^2 - 6\lambda + 10$$

$$\text{roots: } \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 40}}{2} = 3 \pm \frac{\sqrt{-4}}{2}$$

$$\text{General sol'n: } C_1 e^{3t} \cos(t) + C_2 e^{3t} \sin(t)$$

b)  $y'' + 4y' + 6y = 0$

$$\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 6$$

$$\text{roots: } \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 4 \cdot 6}}{2}$$

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

$$= -2 \pm \sqrt{2}i$$

$$\text{General sol'n: } C_1 e^{-2t} \cos(\sqrt{2}t) + C_2 e^{-2t} \sin(\sqrt{2}t)$$

c)  $y^{(4)} + 8y'' + 16y = 0$

$$\lambda^4 + 8\lambda^2 + 16 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 = \frac{-8 \pm \sqrt{64 - 4 \cdot 16}}{2}$$

$$= -4$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \pm \sqrt{-4} = \pm 2i$$

$$(\lambda^2 + 4)^2 = (\lambda + 2i)^2 (\lambda - 2i)^2$$

General sol'n:

$$C_1 \cos(2t) + C_2 \sin(2t) + C_3 t \cos(2t) + C_4 t \sin(2t)$$

Check:

$$\begin{aligned} & (e^{3t} \cos(t))'' - 6(e^{3t} \cos(t))' + 10e^{3t} \cos(t) \\ &= 10e^{3t} \cos(t) - 6(3e^{3t} \cos(t) - e^{3t} \sin(t)) \\ &+ (9e^{3t} \cos(t) - 3e^{3t} \sin(t)) - 3e^{3t} \sin(t) - e^{3t} \cos(t) \end{aligned}$$

## Initial value problems

$$ay'' + by' + cy = 0$$

$$y(5) = 10$$

$$y'(5) = 13$$

vs.

$$ay'' + by' + cy = 0$$

$$y(5) = 10$$

$$y'(6) = 13$$

↪ a solution  
always exists  
& is unique

↪ sol'n not guaranteed  
to exist or to be  
unique

## Algorithm

① General sol'n:  $C_1 y_1(t) + C_2 y_2(t)$

②  $C_1 y_1(s) + C_2 y_2(s) = 10$

$C_1 y_1'(s) + C_2 y_2'(s) = 13$

} solve<sup>n</sup> using linear algebra  
for  $C_1, C_2$

② a)  $y'' + y' = 0$   
 $y(0) = 2$   
 $y'(0) = 1$

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

roots: 0, -1

general sol'n:  $c_1 e^{0t} + c_2 e^{-t} = c_1 + c_2 e^{-t}$

$$c_1 + c_2 e^{-0} = 2 \Rightarrow c_1 - 1 = 2 \Rightarrow c_1 = 3$$

$$-c_2 e^{-0} = 1 \Rightarrow c_2 = -1$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightsquigarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$3 - e^{-t}$$

b)  $y''' + 5y'' + 4y' = 0$

$$y(0) = 8$$

$$y'(0) = -9$$

$$y''(0) = 33$$

$$\lambda^3 + 5\lambda^2 + 4\lambda = \lambda(\lambda^2 + 5\lambda + 4)$$

$$= \lambda(\lambda + 4)(\lambda + 1)$$

roots: 0, -4, -1

general sol'n:  $c_1 + c_2 e^{-4t} + c_3 e^{-t}$

$$c_1 = 5$$

$$c_2 = 2$$

$$c_3 = 1$$

$$c_1 + c_2 + c_3 = 8$$

$$-4c_2 - c_3 = -9$$

$$16c_2 + c_3 = 33$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & -4 & -1 & -9 \\ 0 & 16 & 1 & 33 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & -4 & -1 & -9 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & -3 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & -4 & -1 & -9 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & -4 & 0 & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$5 + 2e^{-4t} + e^{-t}$$

③ show that

$$\left. \begin{aligned} y'' + y &= 0 \\ y(0) &= 0 \\ y'(\pi/2) &= 1 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{motion of a spring}$$



period of spring  
is independent  
of the initial  
pos. & velocity

has no solution.  $\rightarrow$   $1/4$  the period

$$\lambda^2 + 1$$

roots:  $\pm i$

general solution:  $C_1 \cos(t) + C_2 \sin(t)$

$$C_1 \cos(0) + C_2 \sin(0) = 0 \rightsquigarrow C_1 = 0$$

$$-C_1 \sin(\pi/2) + C_2 \cos(\pi/2) = 1 \rightsquigarrow -C_1 = 1$$

