

# 1.4b Higher order equations

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Let's review linear ODEs:

$$a_k(t) \frac{d^k x}{dt^k} + \dots + a_1(t) \frac{dx}{dt} + a_0(t)x = b(t)$$

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$$a_k(t) \frac{d^k x}{dt^k} + \dots + a_1(t) \frac{dx}{dt} + a_0(t)x = 0$$

called  $x_1(t), x_2(t), \dots, x_k(t)$

$x_1 + x_2$  ( $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are sols)

$$a_k(t) \frac{d^k}{dt^k} (x_1 + x_2) + \dots + a_1(t) \frac{d}{dt} (x_1 + x_2) + a_0(t)(x_1 + x_2) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (a_k(t) \frac{d^k}{dt^k} x_1 + \dots + a_1(t) \frac{d}{dt} x_1 + a_0(t)x_1) + (a_k(t) \frac{d^k}{dt^k} x_2 + \dots + a_1(t) \frac{d}{dt} x_2 + a_0(t)x_2) = 0$$

$$x_h(t) = \sum_{i=1}^k c_i x_i(t) \quad \forall c_i \in \mathbb{R} \text{ is a sol. to hom.}$$

- If  $a_i(t) \equiv a_i$  constants, then we can use the characteristic eqn  $a_k \lambda^k + \dots + a_1 \lambda + a_0 = 0$ .

Then  $t^\beta e^{\lambda t}$  is a sol. to hom. eqn,  $\beta = \{0, \dots, m(\lambda) - 1\}$   $m(\lambda)$  = multiplicity of  $\lambda$  as a solution to char. eqn.

$$a_k D^k x + \dots + a_1 D x + a_0 x = 0$$

$$(a_k D^k + \dots + a_1 D + a_0) x = 0$$

Suppose  $\lambda$  is a root of multiplicity  $m(\lambda)$

$$\Rightarrow (D - \lambda)^{m(\lambda)} x = 0$$

Want this to be 0.

Linear difference equations

$$a_k(t)x(t+k) + \dots + a_1(t)x(t+1) + a_0(t)x(t) = b(t)$$

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$c x_1$

$$a_k(t) c x_1(t+k) + \dots + a_1(t) c x_1(t+1) + a_0(t) c x_1(t)$$

$$= c (a_k(t) x_1(t+k) + \dots + a_1(t) x_1(t+1) + a_0(t) x_1(t)) = 0$$

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Ex. 1.7  $x(t+3) + x(t+2) + x(t+1) + x(t) = 0$

Char. eq.  $\lambda^3 + \lambda^2 + \lambda + 1 = 0$

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

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = -1, i, -i$$

ind. sol.  $-1^t, i^t, (-i)^t$

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$$(D-1)^{m(\lambda)} x = 0$$

Exp. Shift Thm (Thm 24.56 in Tenenbaum Pollard)

If  $x = u e^{\lambda t}$ , then  
 $(D-\lambda)^{m(\lambda)} u e^{\lambda t} = e^{\lambda t} D^{m(\lambda)} u$

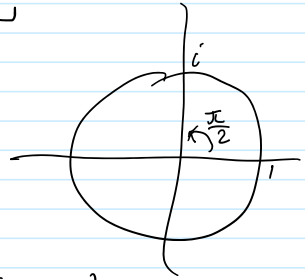
Need  $D^{m(\lambda)} u = 0$

$$u = c_{m(\lambda)-1} t^{m(\lambda)-1} + c_{m(\lambda)-2} t^{m(\lambda)-2} + \dots + c_1 t + c_0$$

ind. sol.  $\underbrace{-1^t}, \underbrace{i^t}, \underbrace{(-i)^t}$

$$i = e^{\frac{\pi}{2}i}, \quad -i = e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}i}$$

$$i^t = e^{\frac{\pi}{2}it}, \quad (-i)^t = e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}it}$$



$$e^{\frac{\pi}{2}it} = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}t\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}t\right)$$

$$e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}it} = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}t\right) - i \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}t\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{another two lin. ind. sol } \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}t\right), \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}t\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_h(t) = c_1 (-1)^t + c_2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}t\right) + c_3 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}t\right)$$

pg. 10 of Allen's textbook, Ca 3: Suppose  $\lambda_{1,2} = A \pm iB = r(\cos \phi + i \sin \phi)$

where  $r = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2}$ ,  $\phi = \arctan\left(\frac{B}{A}\right)$ ,

$$c_1 r^t \cos(t\phi) + c_2 r^t \sin(t\phi)$$

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$$x(t+3) + x(t+2) + x(t+1) + x(t) = 4t$$

Guess  $x_p = k_1 t + k_2$ . Plug it in:

$$k_1(t+3) + k_2 + k_1(t+2) + k_2 + k_1(t+1) + k_2 + k_1 t + k_2 = 4t$$

$$\Rightarrow 4k_1 t + 6k_1 + 4k_2 = 4t$$

$$4k_1 t = 4t$$

$$\Rightarrow k_1 = 1$$

$$6k_1 + 4k_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k_2 = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$x_p = t - \frac{3}{2}$$

(3) Gen sol.  $x(t) = x_h(t) + x_p(t)$  by  
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$$x = x_h + x_p = c_1(-1)^t + c_2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} t\right) + c_3 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} t\right) + t - \frac{3}{2}$$

Def. 1.7 The zeros  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  of the char eqn  $a_k \lambda^k + \dots + a_1 \lambda + a_0 = 0$  are often called **eigenvalues**. If for some  $i$  and for all  $j$ ,

$|\lambda_i| \geq |\lambda_j|$ , then  $\lambda_i$  is a **dominant eigenvalue**

or,  $|\lambda_i| > |\lambda_j|$ , then  $\lambda_i$  is the **strictly dom. eigenvalue**.

**Asymptotically**, the behavior of a typical solution is controlled by the dominant eigenvalue, e.g. if  $\lambda_i$  is a dominant eigenvalue, and  $|\lambda_i| < 1$ , then solutions converge to 0.