

4.3-4.4 linear ODEs

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1st-order ODEs

$$\frac{dx}{dt} + a_1(t)x = g(t) \quad x(t_0) = x_0$$

Recall: Integrating factor $I(t) = \exp\left(\int_{t_0}^t a_1(\tau) d\tau\right)$

$$I(t) \frac{dx(t)}{dt} + a_1(t) I(t) x(t) = I(t) g(t)$$

exact derivative

$$\dot{I}(t) = I(t) a_1(t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d(x(t) I(t))}{dt} &= I(t) \dot{x}(t) + x(t) \dot{I}(t) \\ &= I(t) \dot{x}(t) + x(t) I(t) a_1(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d(x(t) I(t))}{dt} = I(t) g(t)$$

$$\int_{t_0}^t \Rightarrow [x(t) I(t) - x(t_0) I(t_0)] = \int_{t_0}^t I(\tau) g(\tau) d\tau$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) I(t) = x(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t I(\tau) g(\tau) d\tau$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = \frac{1}{I(t)} \left[x_0 + \int_{t_0}^t I(\tau) g(\tau) d\tau \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = e^{-\int_{t_0}^t a_1(\tau) d\tau} \left[x_0 + \int_{t_0}^t e^{\int_{t_0}^{\tau} a_1(u) du} g(\tau) d\tau \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} I(t_0) &= \exp\left(\int_{t_0}^{t_0} a_1(\tau) d\tau\right) \\ &= \exp(0) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

If $a_1(t) \equiv a$, a constant, and $t_0 = 0$, then

$$x(t) = e^{-a_1 t} \left[x_0 + \int_0^t e^{a_1 \tau} g(\tau) d\tau \right]$$

If $g \equiv 0$, then

$$x(t) = x_0 e^{-a_1 t} \quad (\text{homogeneous solution})$$

Ex. $\frac{dx}{dt} - \frac{x}{t} = t e^{3t}, x(1) = 2$

Let $I(t) = e^{-\int \frac{1}{t} dt} = e^{-\ln t} = \frac{1}{t}$

$\frac{1}{t} \frac{dx}{dt} - \frac{x}{t^2} = e^{3t}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{d(xt^{-1})}{dt} = e^{3t}$

$\frac{x}{t} = C + \frac{e^{3t}}{3}$

$x = Ct + \frac{te^{3t}}{3}$

General solution

homog. solution

particular solution

Solve IVP; plug in $x(1) = 2$

$2 = C + \frac{e^3}{3}$

$C = 2 - \frac{e^3}{3}$

$\Rightarrow x(t) = \left(2 - \frac{e^3}{3}\right)t + \frac{te^{3t}}{3}$

Solution to IVP.

Recall: A general solution to an n th-order linear nonhomogeneous ODE is the sum of the homogeneous solution and the particular solution.

$x_{gen} = x_h + x_p.$

The general homog solution $x_h(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \phi_i(t)$, where $\phi_i(t)$ are n linearly ind. solutions to the homog equation.

fundamental set of solutions

Constant coefficients

Let $x^{(n)} + a_1 x^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_{n-1} \dot{x} + a_n x = 0$

Characteristic poly. $P(\lambda) = \lambda^n + a_1 \lambda^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1} \lambda + a_n$

The roots of $P(\lambda)$ (sometimes called eigenvalues of the ODE) give us a set of lin. ind. solutions.

$t^\beta e^{\lambda t}$, where $\beta = \{0, 1, \dots, m(\lambda) - 1\}$ and $m(\lambda)$ is the multiplicity of λ as a root of $P(\lambda)$.

Ex. $P(\lambda) = \lambda^4 - 1$, char. poly. of $\frac{d^4 x}{dt^4} - x = 0$

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

$\lambda = \pm 1, \pm i$, so $e^t, e^{-t}, e^{it}, e^{-it}$ are solutions.

$$x(t) = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-t} + c_3 e^{it} + c_4 e^{-it}$$

Ex. $P(\lambda) = \lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 1$, char. poly. of $\ddot{x} - 2\dot{x} + x = 0$

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

$\Rightarrow \lambda = 1$, $m(\lambda) = 2$, so e^t and $t e^t$ are solutions.

$$x(t) = c_1 e^t + c_2 t e^t$$

Recall: $\text{span} \left\{ e^{(a+bi)t}, e^{(a-bi)t} \right\} = \text{span} \left\{ e^{at} \cos(bt), e^{at} \sin(bt) \right\}$

Ex. For $x^{(4)} - x = 0$

$$x(t) = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-t} + c_3 \cos t + c_4 \sin t.$$

Thm 4.3 If all the roots of the char. poly. $P(\lambda)$ have negative real parts, then given any solution $x(t)$ of the corresponding homog. ODE, $\exists M, b > 0$ s.t.

$$|x(t)| \leq M e^{-bt} \text{ for } t > 0$$

$$\text{and } \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} |x(t)| = 0.$$

proof. Let $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r$ be the r distinct eigenvalues, $m(\lambda)$ be the multiplicity.

$$\text{Then } x(t) = \sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=0}^{m(\lambda_i)-1} c_{ij} t^j e^{\lambda_i t}. \quad \text{Let } b < \min_{i=1, \dots, r} |\text{Re } \lambda_i|$$

$$\text{Note } |t^j e^{\lambda_i t} e^{-bt}| = |t^j e^{(\text{Re } \lambda_i + b)t}|$$

And $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} |t^j e^{(\operatorname{Re} \lambda_i + b)t}| = 0$ (because $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} t^j e^{-kt} = 0$ for all $k > 0$)

$$\Rightarrow \exists M_i > 0 \text{ s.t. } |t^j e^{\lambda_i t} e^{bt}| < M_i$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |t^j e^{\lambda_i t}| < M_i e^{-bt}$$

Let $M_0 = \max \{c_{ij}\}$ and let $M = M_0 \sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=1}^{n(\lambda_i)-1} M_i$

$$\text{Then } |x(t)| \leq M e^{-bt}$$

