

COMPLEXIFICATION

Example: Find the general solution to $y'' + 3y' + 2y = e^{-2t} \cos(t)$

• Associated homogeneous eq: $y'' + 3y' + 2y = 0$

characteristic polynomial: $\lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 2 = 0$
 $(\lambda + 2)(\lambda + 1) = 0$ so $\lambda = -1$ or -2

so: $y_h(t) = k_1 e^{-t} + k_2 e^{-2t}$

• Nonhomogeneous eq: $y'' + 3y' + 2y = e^{-2t} \cos(t)$

guess? we need to try $y_p(t) = A e^{-2t} \cos(t) + B e^{-2t} \sin(t)$
 derivatives will be messy due to the product rule!

Observe: $y'' + 3y' + 2y = e^{-2t} \cos(t)$ is the real part of $y'' + 3y' + 2y = e^{(-2+i)t}$

Solve: $y'' + 3y' + 2y = e^{(-2+i)t}$

guess: $y_c(t) = A e^{(-2+i)t}$

diff: $y_c'(t) = A(-2+i) e^{(-2+i)t}$

$y_c''(t) = A(-2+i)^2 e^{(-2+i)t}$

plug in: $y_c'' + 3y_c' + 2y_c = e^{(-2+i)t}$

$A(-2+i)^2 e^{(-2+i)t} + 3A(-2+i) e^{(-2+i)t} + 2A e^{(-2+i)t} = e^{(-2+i)t}$

$A(-2+i)^2 + 3A(-2+i) + 2A = 1$

$A(4-4i-1) - 6A + 3Ai + 2A = 1$

$4A - 4Ai - A - 6A + 3Ai + 2A = 1$

$-A - Ai = 1$

$A(-1-i) = 1$

$A = \frac{1}{-1-i} \cdot \frac{-1+i}{-1+i} = \frac{-1+i}{1-i^2} = \frac{-1+i}{2}$

So: $y_c(t) = \frac{-1+i}{2} e^{(-2+i)t}$

Write $y_c(t) = \underline{y_{re}(t)} + i \underline{y_{im}(t)}$

↑ real-valued functions

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Find the real part:
$$y_c(t) = \frac{-1+i}{2} e^{(-2+i)t} = \frac{-1+i}{2} e^{-2t} (\cos t + i \sin t)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} e^{-2t} (-1+i) (\cos t + i \sin t)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} e^{-2t} (-\cos t - i \sin t + i \cos t - \sin t)$$

$$y_c(t) = \frac{1}{2} e^{-2t} (-\cos t - \sin t) + i \frac{1}{2} e^{-2t} (-\sin t + \cos t)$$

real part $y_{\text{re}}(t)$
imaginary part $y_{\text{im}}(t)$

• General solution to $y'' + 3y' + 2y = e^{-2t} \cos t$:

$$y(t) = k_1 e^{-t} + k_2 e^{-2t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-2t} (-\cos t - \sin t)$$

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$(v(t) = y'(t))$

What is the long-term behavior?

As $t \rightarrow \infty$, $(k_1 e^{-t} + k_2 e^{-2t}) \rightarrow 0$

So long-term behavior is periodic, approaches $\frac{1}{2} e^{-2t} (-\sin t + \cos t)$,
and this also approaches zero.

Example: $y'' + 2y' + 2y = e^{-t} \sin t$

• associated homogeneous eq: $y'' + 2y' + 2y = 0$

$$\lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 2 = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4(2)}}{2} = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{-4}}{2} = \frac{-2 \pm 2i}{2}$$

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

So: $y_h(t) = k_1 e^{-t} \sin(t) + k_2 e^{-t} \cos(t)$

• nonhomogeneous eq: $y'' + 2y' + 2y = e^{-t} \sin t$, imaginary part of

complexification: $y'' + 2y' + 2y = e^{(-1+i)t}$

guess: $y_c(t) = A t e^{(-1+i)t}$

$$\dots = A (-1+i)t = A (1 + (-1+i)) e^{(-1+i)t} = A (1 + (-1+i)) e^{(-1+i)t}$$

guess: $y_c(t) = A t e^{(-1+i)t}$

$$y_c'(t) = A e^{(-1+i)t} + A t (-1+i) e^{(-1+i)t} = A (1 + t(-1+i)) e^{(-1+i)t}$$

$$y_c''(t) = A (-1+i) e^{(-1+i)t} + A (1 + t(-1+i)) (-1+i) e^{(-1+i)t}$$

$$= A ((-1+i)(1 + 1 + t(-1+i))) e^{(-1+i)t}$$

$$= A (-1+i)(2 - t + ti) e^{(-1+i)t}$$

plug in: $y_c'' + 2y_c' + 2y_c = e^{(-1+i)t}$

$$A (-1+i)(2 - t + ti) e^{(-1+i)t} + 2A (1 - t + ti) e^{(-1+i)t} + 2A t e^{(-1+i)t} = e^{(-1+i)t}$$

$$A (-2 + t - ti + 2i - ti - t) + 2A (1 - t + ti) + 2At = 1$$

$$A (-2 - 2t + 2i + 2 - 2t + 2ti + 2t) = 1$$

$$2iA = 1$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2i} \cdot \frac{-i}{-i} = \frac{-i}{2}$$

So: $y_c(t) = \frac{-i}{2} t e^{(-1+i)t}$

or: $y_c(t) = \frac{-i}{2} t e^{-t} (\cos t + i \sin t)$

$$y_c(t) = \frac{1}{2} t e^{-t} \sin(t) - \frac{i}{2} t e^{-t} \cos(t)$$

→ imaginary part is $-\frac{1}{2} t e^{-t} \cos(t)$

Therefore, the general solution to $y'' + 2y' + 2y = e^{-t} \sin t$ is:

$$y(t) = k_1 e^{-t} \sin(t) + k_2 e^{-t} \cos(t) - \frac{1}{2} t e^{-t} \cos(t)$$