

High order

4.2 Homogeneous ODEs. with constant coeffs.

$$ay'' + by' + cy = 0 \quad 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ order}$$

Examples of high order:

$$i) \quad y'''' - y''' - y'' + y' = 0$$

$$\text{or } y^{(4)} - y^{(3)} - y^{(2)} + y' = 0$$

$$ii) \quad y^{(6)} + y''' = y^{(6)} + y^{(3)} = 0$$

(i) and (ii) are particular cases of

$$\boxed{a_0 y^{(n)} + a_1 y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_{n-1} y' + a_n y = 0} \quad (1.1)$$

We want to obtain the general soln. of (1.1)
From here, we imitate what we did for 2nd order.
in sections 3.2-3.4.

By assuming a solution of (1.1) as $y(t) = e^{rt}$
we arrive to a characteristic polynomial

$$e^{rt} (a_0 r^n + a_1 r^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1} r + a_n) = 0 \quad (1.2)$$

For this n^{th} order polynomial, there are many possibilities for the nature of its roots.

- i) Real and different
- ii) Real and some repeated.
- iv) Real ^{different} and Complex
- v) Real some repeated and ^{other} complex and they also can be repeated, etc.

Let us analyze the Char. polyn. of (i) and (ii)

For (i), $\rightarrow$ Real roots

$$\text{Char. polyn: } \boxed{r^4 - r^3 - r^2 + r = 0} \quad (2.1)$$

$$r(r^3 - r^2 - r + 1) = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{r_1 = 0}$$

Recall the rational root theorem.

"If $r = p/q$ is a rational root, (p, q w/o common factors) then p should be a factor of A_n , and q must be a factor of A_0 ." $\rightarrow r^3 - r^2 - r + 1 = 0$

In our case, $p = 1$, $q \neq 1$, then

a possible root is $r_2 = \frac{1}{1} = 1$.

So, Let us substitute $r_2=1$ into

$$r^3 - r^2 - r + 1 = 0$$

$$\cancel{1}^3 - \cancel{1}^2 - \cancel{1} + \cancel{1} = 0$$

So $r_2=1$ is indeed a soln. of $r^3 - r^2 - r + 1 = 0$

and we can represent (2.1) as

$$r^4 - r^3 - r^2 + r = r(r-1)P_2(r) = 0$$

To obtain $P_2(r)$ use long division

$$\begin{array}{r|l} r^3 & r^3 - r^2 - r + 1 \\ -r^3 + r^2 & \\ \hline -r + 1 & \\ +r - 1 & \\ \hline 0 & \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} r-1 \\ \hline r^2-1 \end{array}$$

Then, $r^4 - r^3 - r^2 + r = r(r-1)(r^2-1)$

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

Therefore,

(3.1)

$$\boxed{y(t) = C_1 + C_2 e^t + C_3 t e^t + C_4 e^{-t}}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} y_1(r) = 1 \\ y_2(r) = e^t \\ y_3(r) = t e^t \\ y_4(r) = e^{-t} \end{array}$$

It can be shown that $w(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) \neq 0$ for all t .

Thus, (3.1) is the General Soln. of (i).

4.2 Higher Order homogeneous equations with Constant Coefficients. (Complex roots)

Find the general soln. of

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

Ans: $r^4 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow r^4 = 1 \Rightarrow r = (1)^{1/4}$

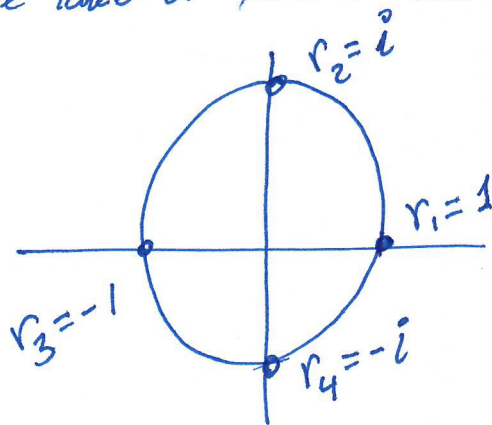
Clearly two roots are

$$r_1 = 1, \quad r_2 = -1$$

two other less obvious roots are

$$r_3 = i, \quad r_4 = -i. \quad \text{since } (\pm i)^4 = (\pm i)^2 (\pm i)^2 = (-1)(-1) = 1$$

If we take a look to the unit circle.



So they are obtained by dividing the unit circle in four equal pieces, starting at the x-axis.

They can also be obtained more

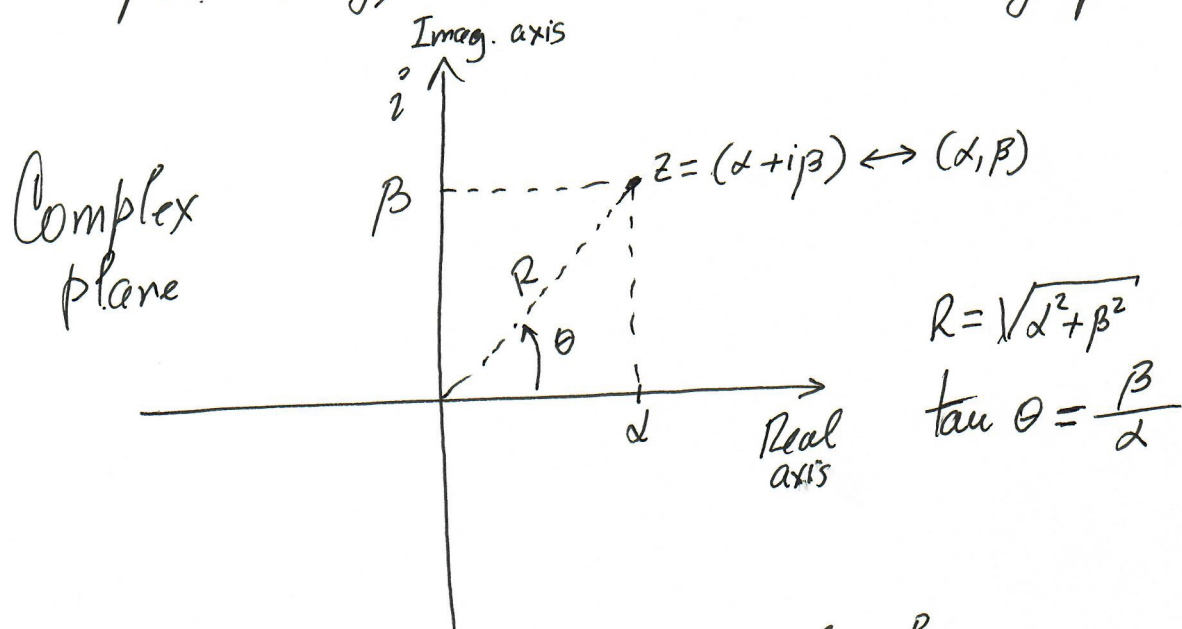
Systematically as

$$r_m = (1)^{1/4} = \left[e^{i(0 + 2m\pi)} \right]^{1/4} = e^{i \frac{2m\pi}{4}}$$

$$= e^{i \frac{m\pi}{2}} = \begin{cases} e^{i0} = 1, & m=0 \\ e^{i\pi/2} = \cos \pi/2 + i \sin \pi/2 = i, & m=1 \\ e^{i4\pi/4} = \cos \pi + i \sin \pi = -1, & m=2 \\ e^{i6\pi/4} = e^{i3\pi/2} = \cos \frac{3\pi}{2} + i \sin \frac{3\pi}{2} = -i, & m=3 \end{cases}$$

Complex numbers and the plane $\mathbb{R}^2$

A Complex number $z = \alpha + i\beta$ can be represented in the plane $\mathbb{R}^2$ by assigning a pair (x, y) such that $x = \alpha$ and $y = \beta$



Therefore, the complex number z also has a polar representation given by

$$\alpha = R \cos \theta, \quad \beta = R \sin \theta$$

$$\alpha + i\beta = R \cos \theta + i R \sin \theta = R (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$$

$$= R e^{i\theta}$$

$$= R e^{i(\theta + 2m\pi)}$$

$m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Where

$$R = \sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}$$

And

$$\theta = \begin{cases} \arctan\left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right), & \text{1st quad} \\ \arctan\left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right) + \pi, & \text{2nd and 3rd quad.} \\ \arctan\left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right) + 2\pi, & \text{4th quad.} \end{cases}$$

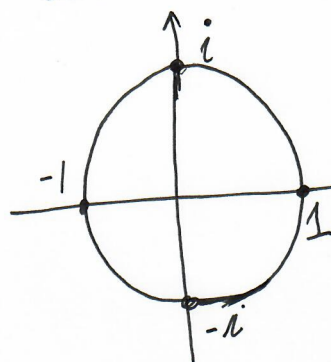
Consider

$$\sqrt{1} = ? , \quad \sqrt{1} = \pm 1 \quad \text{because } (+1)^2 = 1$$

And $(-1)^2 = 1$

Now, consider

$$\sqrt[4]{1} = \begin{cases} 1 \\ -1 \\ i \\ -i \end{cases}$$



$$i^4 = i^2 \cdot i^2 = (-1)(-1) = 1$$

$$(-i)^4 = (-i)^2 (-i)^2 = i^2 \cdot i^2 = 1$$

Systematic way:

$$1 = R e^{i\theta}$$

$$R = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (0)^2} = +\sqrt{1} = 1$$

$$\frac{1 + 0i}{\alpha + i\beta}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\beta}{\alpha} = \frac{0}{1} = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = \arctan(0) = 0$$

and

$$1 = R e^{i\theta} = 1 e^{i0} = 1 e^{i(0+2m\pi)}$$

Then,

$$\sqrt[4]{1} = [e^{i(0+2m\pi)}]^{1/4} = e^{i \frac{2m\pi}{4}} = e^{i m\pi/2}, \quad m=0,1,2,\dots$$

$$m=0: e^{i0} = 1$$

$$m=1: e^{i\pi/2} = i$$

$$m=2: e^{i\pi} = -1$$

$$m=3: e^{i3\pi/2} = -i$$

$$m=4: e^{i2\pi} = 1$$

$$m=5: e^{i5\pi/2} = i$$

$$m=6: e^{i6\pi/2} = e^{i3\pi} = -1$$

$$m=7: e^{i7\pi/2} = -i$$

So, we only need to compute roots for $m=0,1,2,3$

Therefore, the roots for

$$\sqrt[4]{1}$$

are given by Solutions of ODE

$$r_1 = 1 \Rightarrow y_1(t) = e^t$$

$$r_2 = i \Rightarrow y_2(t) = \cos t$$

$$r_3 = -1 \Rightarrow y_3(t) = e^{-t}$$

$$r_4 = -i \Rightarrow y_4(t) = \sin t$$

The general soln. is given by

$$y(t) = C_1 e^t + C_2 e^{-t} + C_3 \cos t + C_4 \sin t.$$

A faster alternative to obtain the soln. of $y^{(4)} - y = 0$ is to factor the charad. equ. such as,

$$r^4 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow (r^2 - 1)(r^2 + 1) = 0$$

$$r^2 = 1 \Rightarrow r = \pm 1, \quad r^2 = -1 \Rightarrow r = \pm \sqrt{-1} = \pm i$$

So, $y(t) = C_1 e^t + C_2 e^{-t} + C_3 \cos(t) + C_4 \sin(t).$

For (ii) (less obvious example)

Complex roots:

$$y^{(6)} + y^{(3)} = 0$$

$$\text{Char. polyn: } r^6 + r^3 = 0 \Rightarrow r^3(r^3 + 1) = 0$$

From here, $r_1 = 0$ is a root, then

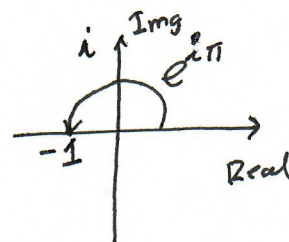
$$\boxed{y_1(t) = e^{0t} = 1} \text{ is a soln. (8.1)}$$

the other roots and corresponding solns. can be obtained from $\boxed{r^3 + 1 = 0}$

$$r^3 = -1 \Rightarrow r = (-1)^{1/3}$$

$$\text{Now, } -1 = e^{i\pi} = \cos \pi + i \sin \pi$$

$$(-1 + i \cdot 0 = -1)$$



$$\text{But also, } (-1) = e^{i(\pi + 2m\pi)}, \quad m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\text{Then, } \boxed{(-1)^{1/3} = \left(e^{i(\pi + 2m\pi)} \right)^{1/3}} \quad (8.2)$$

$$= e^{i(\pi/3 + \frac{2}{3}m\pi)}, \quad m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Now, we can obtain all the roots of

$$r^3 + 1 = 0$$

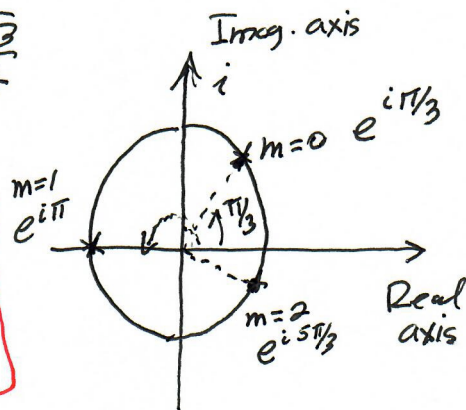
by using formula (8.2) for $m=0,1$.

In fact,

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{m=0} \Rightarrow e^{i(\pi/3+0)} &= \cos(\pi/3) + i \sin(\pi/3) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have two solutions:

$$\begin{aligned} y_1(t) &= e^{t/2} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right) \\ y_2(t) &= e^{t/2} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right) \end{aligned}$$



$$\underline{m=1} \Rightarrow e^{i(\pi/3 + 2\pi/3)} = e^{i\pi} = -1$$

So, $y_3(t) = e^{-t}$

$$\underline{m=2} \Rightarrow e^{i(\pi/3 + 4\pi/3)} = e^{i(5\pi/3)}$$

$$= \cos(5\pi/3) + i \sin(5\pi/3) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$$

From here, we have two more solutions:

$$y_4(t) = e^{t/2} \cos\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right) \text{ Same as } y_1(t)$$

$$y_5(t) = e^{t/2} \sin\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right) = -e^{t/2} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right) \text{ multiple of } y_2(t).$$

For larger $m=3,4,\dots$, we obtain the same roots (periodicity) that we already have.

So, the three roots for $r^3+1=0$ and the corresponding solutions: y_1, y_2 and y_3 are:

$$\begin{array}{lll}
 m=0, & r_1 = \frac{1}{2} + i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \rightarrow y_1(t) = e^{\frac{t}{2} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right)} \\
 m=1, & r_2 = -1 & \rightarrow y_2(t) = e^{-t} \\
 m=2, & r_3 = \frac{1}{2} - i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \rightarrow y_3(t) = e^{\frac{t}{2} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right)}
 \end{array}$$

Summarizing,

$$y^{(4)} + y^{(3)} = 0$$

has a charact. polyn: $r^6 + r^3 = 0 \Leftrightarrow r^3(r^3+1)=0$
 roots are $r_1 = 0$ (repeated three times)

$$r_2 = \frac{1}{2} + i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \quad r_3 = -1, \quad r_4 = \frac{1}{2} - i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

The solutions constructed from these roots are

$$y_1(t) = 1, \quad y_2(t) = t, \quad y_3(t) = t^2 \quad \text{from } r_1 = 0.$$

$$y_4(t) = e^{-t} \quad \text{from } r_3 = -1$$

$$y_5(t) = e^{\frac{1}{2}t} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right), \quad y_6(t) = e^{\frac{1}{2}t} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right) \quad \text{from } r_2 \text{ and } r_4$$

And the general solution of

$$y^{(6)} + y^{(3)} = 0$$

is given by

$$y(t) = C_1 + C_2 t + C_3 t^2 +$$

$$C_4 e^{t/2} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right) + C_5 e^{t/2} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right) +$$

$$C_6 e^{-t}$$

4.2 Homogeneous Equations with Constant Coefficients

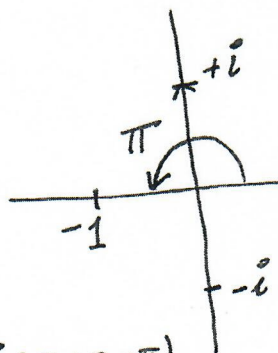
Exercise #11 Find the general solution of

$$y^{(6)} + y = 0$$

Ans: $r^6 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow r^6 = -1 \Rightarrow r = (-1)^{1/6}$

Complex plane:

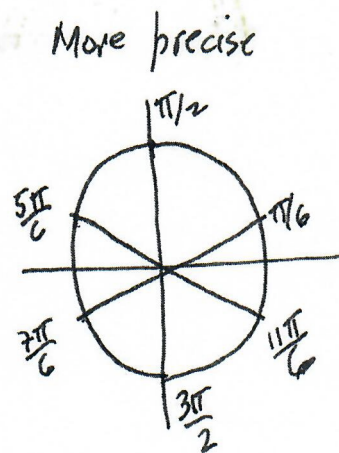
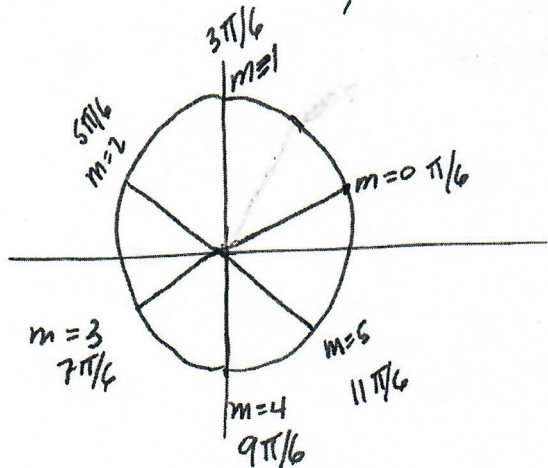
$$-1 = e^{i\pi} \Rightarrow$$



Then $(-1)^{1/6} = (e^{i\pi})^{1/6} = e^{i\pi/6}$

but also, $-1 = e^{i(\pi + 2m\pi)}$, $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ Counterclockwise

Therefore, $(-1)^{1/6} = [e^{i(\pi + 2m\pi)}]^{1/6} = e^{i(\pi/6 + 2m\pi/6)}$
 $= e^{i(\pi/6 + m\pi/3)}$, $m = 0, 1, \dots, 5$



These roots can be written in terms of trig. functions
 And from these representation we can obtain the
 Corresponding Solutions:

$$m=0 \quad e^{i\pi/6} = \cos(\pi/6) + i \sin(\pi/6) \\ = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + i \frac{1}{2}$$

$$y_1(t) = e^{\sqrt{3/2}t} \cos(t/2), \quad y_2(t) = e^{\sqrt{3/2}t} \sin(t/2).$$

$$m=1 \quad e^{i\pi/2} = \cos(\pi/2) + i \sin(\pi/2) = i$$

$$y_3(t) = \sin t, \quad y_4(t) = \cos t$$

$$m=2 \quad e^{i5\pi/6} = \cos(5\pi/6) + i \sin(5\pi/6) = \left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + i \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$y_5(t) = e^{-\sqrt{3/2}t} \cos(t/2), \quad y_6(t) = e^{-\sqrt{3/2}t} \sin(t/2)$$

$$m=3 \quad e^{i7\pi/6} = \cos(7\pi/6) + i \sin(7\pi/6) = \left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - i \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$y_7(t) = e^{-\sqrt{3/2}t} \cos(t/2) = y_5(t),$$

Complex conjugate to
 $m=2$

$$y_8(t) = e^{-\sqrt{3/2}t} \sin(-t/2) = -e^{-\sqrt{3/2}t} \sin(t/2) = -y_6(t)$$

$$m=4 \quad e^{i\frac{3\pi}{2}} = \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) = -1i = -i$$

Complex Conjugate to the case $m=1$

Same Solns: $y_3(t) = \sin t$, $y_4(t) = \cos t$.

$$m=5 \quad e^{i\frac{11\pi}{6}} = \cos\left(\frac{11\pi}{6}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{11\pi}{6}\right) \\ = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - i\frac{1}{2}$$

Complex Conjugate of roots $m=0$ case.

Same solns:

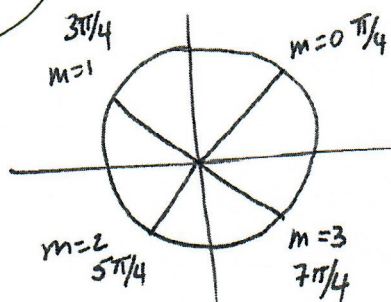
$$y_1(t) = e^{\sqrt{3/2}t} \cos(t/2), \quad y_2(t) = e^{\sqrt{3/2}t} \sin(t/2).$$

So general soln:

$$y(t) = C_1 e^{\sqrt{3/2}t} \cos(t/2) + C_2 e^{\sqrt{3/2}t} \sin(t/2) \quad (H3.1) \\ + C_3 \sin t + C_4 \cos t + C_5 e^{-\sqrt{3/2}t} \cos(t/2) + C_6 e^{-\sqrt{3/2}t} \sin(t/2)$$

Try: $y^{(4)} + 4y = 0$

Omit this



$$r^4 + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow r^4 = -4 = 4e^{i\pi}$$

$$\text{or } r = (4e^{i\pi})^{1/4} = (4)^{1/4} e^{i(\pi/4 + \frac{2m\pi}{4})}$$

$$\text{or } r = 4^{1/4} e^{i(\pi/4 + m\pi/2)}, \quad m=0,1,2,3$$

Exercise 22

$$y^{(4)} + 2y'' + y = 0$$

$$r^4 + 2r^2 + 1 = 0$$

possible roots: $r = \pm 1$, but none of them is a root.

Try factorization:

$$0 = r^4 + 2r^2 + 1 = (r^2 + 1)^2$$

Then the roots of $r^2 = -1 \Rightarrow r = \pm i$
are repeated twice:

and $y(t) = C_1 \cos t + C_2 \sin t + C_3 t \cos t + C_4 t \sin t$

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