

Math 422-522

Lecture 8

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① We will study

linear ODE of second order

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$$

(1)

Equation (1) has two linearly independent solutions

$$y_1(x), y_2(x)$$

Let

$$I = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix} = y_1' y_2 - y_2' y_1 \quad \text{the Wronskian}$$

$$I = \int_{x_0}^x p(x) dx \quad p = p(x)$$

From (1) we obtain

$$\frac{dI}{dx} + pI = 0$$

$$I = c e^{-\int p} \quad c - \text{a constant}$$

Two auxiliary but important facts

(A) If $y_1(x)$ is known $y_2(x)$ can be found

In fact

$$y_1' y_2 - y_2' y_1 = c e^{-\int p}$$

Let $y_2 = f y_1$. Then

$$-f' y_1^2 = c e^{-\int p} \quad f' = -\frac{c}{y_1^2} e^{-\int p}$$

(B) Let us perform the transform

$$y = z e^{-\frac{p}{2}}$$

This transform

kills the first derivative term

z satisfies the equation

$$z'' + q(x)z = 0$$

$$q(x) = q(x) - \frac{p^2}{4} - \frac{p'}{2}$$

In the special case

$$p = -\frac{p}{x-x_0} \quad q = q$$

Euler-Cauchy Equations

$$a_2 x^2 y'' + a_1 x y' + a_0 y = 0$$

We assume $a_2 \neq 0$

Then

$$P = \frac{a_1}{a_2} \frac{1}{x} \quad Q = \frac{a_0}{a_2} \frac{1}{x^2}$$

One can look for solutions in the form

$$y = x^m$$

m satisfies the "indicial equation"

$$a_2 m^2 + a_1 m + a_0 = 0$$

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If $\Delta = a_1^2 - 4a_0a_2 \neq 0$, this equation

has two powerlike solutions

$$y_1 = x^{m_1} \quad y_2 = x^{m_2}$$

If $\Delta = 0$ and the root is double

$$y_1 = x^m \quad y_2 = x^m \ln x$$

For instance the equation

$$4x^2 y'' + y(x) = 0$$

has solutions

$$y_1 = x^{1/2} \quad y_2 = x^{3/2} \ln x$$

Suppose that $a_0 = 0$

Then equation is

$$y'' + \frac{\lambda}{x} y' = 0$$

If $\lambda \neq 1$ it has solutions

$$y_1 = 1 \quad y_2 = x^{1-\lambda}$$

If $\lambda = 1$ (such happens systematically)

$$y_1 = 1 \quad y_2 = \ln x$$

$$y' + \lambda y = 0$$

$$y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$$

$$y' = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1) a_{n+1} x^n$$

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$$a_{n+1} = \frac{a_n}{n+1}$$

$$a_1 = -\frac{\lambda a_0}{1} \quad a_2 = \frac{\lambda a_1}{2} = \frac{\lambda^2 a_0}{1 \cdot 2}$$

$$a_n = (-1)^n \frac{\lambda^n}{n!} = e^{-\lambda} x$$

Now let

$$y'' + y(x) = 0$$

We know that

$$y_1 = \cos x$$

$$y_2 = \sin x$$

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How to receive them by the Power Series Method?

Let us calculate y''

Apparently $\frac{d}{dx} (a_n + a_n x) = 0$

$$y''(x) = 2c_2 + 2 \cdot 3 c_3 x + 3 \cdot 4 c_4 x^2 + \dots$$

Hence

$$2a_2 = -a_0 \quad 2 \cdot 3 a_3 = -a_1$$

~~$n(n+1)c_{n+2} = -a_n$~~ $(n+1)(n+2)a_{n+2} = -a_n$

~~$c_{n+2} = -\frac{a_n}{n(n+1)}$~~

$$a_{n+2} = -\frac{a_n}{(n+1)(n+2)}$$

$$a_2 = -\frac{a_0}{1 \cdot 2} = -\frac{a_0}{2!}$$

$$a_4 = -\frac{a_2}{3 \cdot 4} = \frac{a_0}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4} = \frac{a_0}{4!}$$

$$a_6 = -\frac{a_4}{5 \cdot 6} = -\frac{a_0}{6!}$$

Finally

$$a_{2n} = (-1)^n \frac{a_0}{n!}$$

$$y = a_0 \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} \right) = a_0 \cos x$$

Then

$$a_3 = - \frac{a_1}{2 \cdot 3} = - \frac{a_1}{3!}$$

$$a_5 = - \frac{a_3}{4 \cdot 5} = \frac{a_1}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5} = \frac{a_1}{5!}$$

$$a_7 = - \frac{a_5}{7!}$$

$$a_{2n+1} = (-1)^{n+1} \frac{x^{n+1}}{(2n+1)!} = (-1)^{n+1} \frac{x^{n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$$

$$y = a_1 \left(x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} \dots \right) = a_1 \sin x$$

$$y = a_0 \cos x + a_1 \sin x$$

Next example

$$y'' - 3xy' + 3y = 0$$

$$3xy' = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n+1}$$

$$y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$$

$$y'' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n(n+1) a_{n+2} x^n$$

$$y' = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n x^{n-1}$$

$$3a_0 + 3a_1 +$$

$$y = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3$$

$$y' = a_1 + 2a_2 x + 3a_3 x^2$$

$$xy' = a_1 x + 2a_2 x^2 + 3a_3 x^3$$

$$xy' = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+1) a_n x^n$$

$$y + xy' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1) a_n x^n$$

$$Q_1 y'' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)(n+2) a_{n+2} x^n$$

$$(n+1)(n+2) a_{n+2} + 3(n+1)a_n = 0$$

$$a_{n+2} = -\frac{3a_n}{n+2}$$

$$a_2 = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$a_4 = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{4}$$

$$a_6 = -\frac{3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6}$$

$$a_{2n} = (-1)^n \frac{3^n}{2^n n!}$$

$$a_2 = -\frac{3a_0}{3}$$

$$a_4 = +\frac{3a_2}{5} = \frac{a_0}{3 \cdot 5}$$

$$a_6 = -\frac{3a_4}{7} = -\frac{a_0}{3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7}$$

$$a_{2n+1} = (-1)^n \frac{a_1}{(2n+1)!}$$

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$$y(x) = a_0 \sum (-1)^n \frac{3^n}{2^n} x^{2n} + a_1 \sum \frac{(-1)^n a^n}{(2n+1)!} x^{2n+1}$$

Next example

$$x^2 y'' + (3x+1)y' = 0$$

$$y = \sum a_n x^n = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2$$

$$y'' = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n x^{n-2}$$

$$x^2 y'' = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)a_n x^n = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n+1)(n+2)a_{n+2} x^n$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n^2 - n + 1) a_n x^n$$

$$= a_0 + a_1 x + 3a_2 x^2 + 7a_3 x^3 + 13a_4 x^4 + \dots$$