

Lecture 14. Complex roots;
oscillatory solutions of DE-2

① Meaning of the complex exponential.

1a In Case 3 listed in Lecture 12,

$$\lambda_{1,2} = \frac{-b}{2a} \pm i \frac{\sqrt{4ac - b^2}}{2a}$$

$$\equiv \alpha \pm i\beta, \quad (1)$$

if $(4ac - b^2 > 0)$ in the characteristic eq.

$$a\lambda^2 + b\lambda + c = 0 \quad (2)$$

Then the DE-2:

$$ay'' + by' + cy = 0 \quad (3)$$

has two solutions

$$y_1 = e^{(\alpha+i\beta)t}, \quad y_2 = e^{(\alpha-i\beta)t}. \quad (4)$$

Moreover, since $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$, then as shown in Lecture 12 and p. 124 of book,

3/4/16 $\{y_1, y_2\}$ is a FS.

Ex. 1 Suppose $a=1, b=0, c=\omega^2$.

Then (2) becomes

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

$$\lambda^2 = -\omega^2 \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm i\omega. \quad (5)$$

Then the corresponding DE

$$y'' + \omega^2 y = 0 \quad (6)$$

has solutions

$$y_1 = e^{i\omega t}, \quad y_2 = e^{-i\omega t}, \quad (7)$$

and they form a FS.

Q1: From Lec. 10 we know that (6) has a FS $\{\cos \omega t, \sin \omega t\}$. So, how are the complex sol's (7) related to the real sol's $\{\cos \omega t, \sin \omega t\}$?

Q2: In general, what does a complex solution $e^{(\alpha + i\beta)t}$ have to do with real solutions of a DE?

16 Definition of the complex exponential.

In Calculus II, you learned the Maclaurin (or Taylor) series for e^x :

$$e^x = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} \quad (8)$$

It was proved in Calc. II that this series converges for all real x .

In a higher-level course (Complex Analysis) one proves that it actually converges for all complex x , too, i.e. when

$$x = a + ib.$$

Moreover, in Complex Analysis one also shows that for any x_1 & x_2 , one has the familiar rule:

$$e^{x_1+x_2} = e^{x_1} \cdot e^{x_2} \tag{9}$$

even when x_1, x_2 are complex.

Therefore,

$$e^{at+ibt} = e^{at} \cdot e^{ibt} \tag{10}$$

Since we know how to compute e^{at} , we just need e^{ibt} .

1c Euler's formula

We first create a multiplication table for i :

| n | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | |
|-------|---|-----|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| i^n | 1 | i | -1 | $-i$ | 1 | i | -1 | repeats! |
| | | | ↑ | ↑ | | ↑ | ↑ | |
| | | | $(i)^2 = -1$ | $(i)^3 \cdot i$ | $i^4 = i^2 \cdot i^2$ | $i^5 \cdot i$ | $i^6 \cdot i$ | |

Now use (8):

$$e^{i\beta t} = 1 + \frac{i\beta t}{1!} + \frac{(i\beta t)^2}{2!} + \frac{(i\beta t)^3}{3!} + \frac{(i\beta t)^4}{4!} + \frac{(i\beta t)^5}{5!} + \frac{(i\beta t)^6}{6!} + \dots$$

use
Table
for \cos

$$\cong 1 + i \frac{\beta t}{1!} - \frac{(\beta t)^2}{2!} - i \frac{(\beta t)^3}{3!} + \frac{(\beta t)^4}{4!} + i \frac{(\beta t)^5}{5!} - \frac{(\beta t)^6}{6!} + \dots$$

$$= \underbrace{\left[1 - \frac{(\beta t)^2}{2!} + \frac{(\beta t)^4}{4!} - \frac{(\beta t)^6}{6!} + \dots \right]}_{\cos \beta t} + i \underbrace{\left[\beta t - \frac{(\beta t)^3}{3!} + \frac{(\beta t)^5}{5!} + \dots \right]}_{\sin \beta t}$$

$$= \cos \beta t + i \sin \beta t.$$

So:

$$e^{i\beta t} = \cos \beta t + i \sin \beta t \quad (11)$$

Euler's
formula

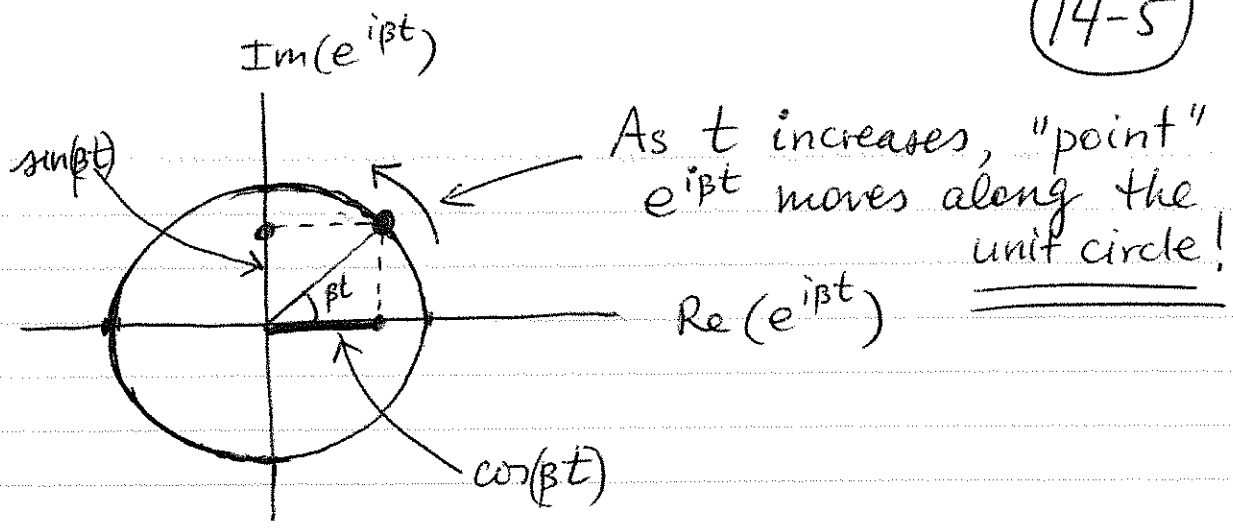
$$\text{Now: } e^{-i\beta t} = e^{i(-\beta t)} = \cos(-\beta t) + i \sin(-\beta t) \\ = \cos \beta t - i \sin \beta t$$

$$e^{-i\beta t} = \cos \beta t - i \sin \beta t \quad (12)$$

Ex. 2 Unit circle and Euler's formula

$$e^{i\beta t} = \underbrace{\cos \beta t}_{\text{real part}} + i \cdot \underbrace{\sin \beta t}_{\text{imaginary part}} \\ \text{Re}(e^{i\beta t}) \qquad \text{Im}(e^{i\beta t})$$

$$\text{Re}(a+ib) \equiv a; \quad \text{Im}(a+ib) \equiv b.$$



② Constructing a real FS from complex exponentials

2a Method 1

$y_1 = e^{\alpha t + i\beta t} = e^{\alpha t} \cdot e^{i\beta t} = e^{\alpha t} (\cos \beta t + i \sin \beta t)$ (13a)

$y_2 = e^{\alpha t - i\beta t} = e^{\alpha t} \cdot e^{-i\beta t} = e^{\alpha t} (\cos \beta t - i \sin \beta t)$ (13b)

Since $\{y_1, y_2\}$ is a FS, then

$z_1 = \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}, z_2 = \frac{y_1 - y_2}{2i}$ are also sol'ns

of DE (3) (because any $c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$ is a solution).

Thus: $z_1 = e^{\alpha t} \cdot \cos \beta t; z_2 = e^{\alpha t} \cdot \sin \beta t$ (14)

is another pair of solutions of (3).

Q: Do they form a FS?

A: Yes, See top of p. 136.

26 Method 2

Thm. 3.3 (simplified version for DE-2 with constant coefficients; see book for general case).

Consider DE (3):

$$ay'' + by' + cy = 0 \quad (3)$$

with $a, b, c =$ real constants.

Let

$$y = e^{xt+ipt} = e^{xt} (\cos pt + i \sin pt)$$

$$= \underbrace{e^{xt} \cos pt}_{u(t)} + i \underbrace{e^{xt} \sin pt}_{v(t)}$$

be a sol'n of (3). Then $u(t)$ and $v(t)$ individually are also sol'ns of (3).

Proof: $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$

$$a(\underline{u+iv})'' + b(\underline{u+iv})' + c \cdot (\underline{u+iv}) = 0$$

$$\underbrace{(au'' + bu' + cu)}_{\text{real}} + i \underbrace{(av'' + bv' + cv)}_{\text{purely imaginary}} = 0$$

This can hold only when

"real = 0" and "imaginary = 0"

$$\Rightarrow au'' + bu' + cu = 0 \quad \text{and}$$

$$av'' + bv' + cv = 0.$$

Thus, we've shown that

$$u = e^{\alpha t} \cdot \cos \beta t, \quad v = e^{\alpha t} \cdot \sin \beta t$$

are sol'ns of (3).

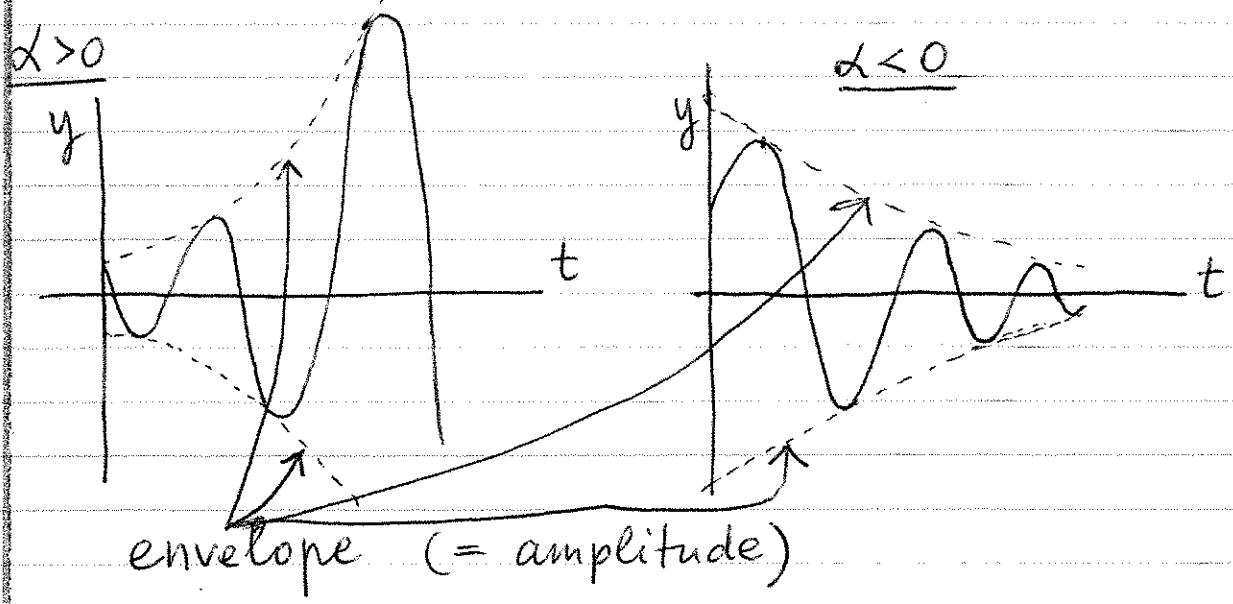
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The general solution

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= c_1 z_1 + c_2 z_2 \\
 &= c_1 e^{\alpha t} \cos \beta t + c_2 e^{\alpha t} \sin \beta t \\
 &\equiv A e^{\alpha t} \cos \beta t + B e^{\alpha t} \sin \beta t. \quad (15)
 \end{aligned}$$

See Ex. 2 in book for using this general sol'n to solve an IVP.

Note: let us plot a representative solution (for some A & B)



③ Amplitude and phase of solution

Trig. identity:

$\cos(a-b) = \cos a \cdot \cos b + \sin a \cdot \sin b$

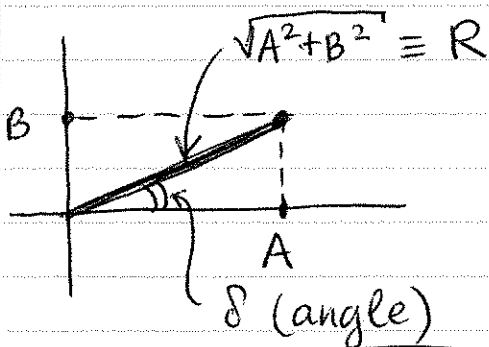
note the sign!

Sanity check: $a=b$

$\cos(a-a) = \cos a \cdot \cos a + \sin a \cdot \sin a$
 $1 = \cos^2 a + \sin^2 a$ ✓

Now let us "walk backwards" from r.h.s. to l.h.s.

$A \cos \beta t + B \sin \beta t = \sqrt{A^2+B^2} \left(\frac{A}{\sqrt{A^2+B^2}} \cos \beta t + \frac{B}{\sqrt{A^2+B^2}} \sin \beta t \right)$



$\cos \delta = \frac{A}{\sqrt{A^2+B^2}}$

$\sin \delta = \frac{B}{\sqrt{A^2+B^2}}$

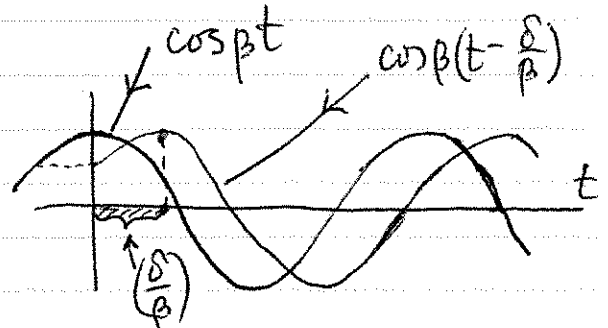
$\tan \delta = \frac{B}{A}$

Then

$\frac{A \cos \beta t + B \sin \beta t}{\sqrt{A^2+B^2}} = \cos \delta \cos \beta t + \sin \delta \sin \beta t$
 $= \cos(\beta t - \delta)$

Meaning of "-delta"

$\cos(\beta t - \delta) = \cos\left(\beta \left[t - \frac{\delta}{\beta}\right]\right)$



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So $\left(\frac{\delta}{\beta}\right)$ represents the "phase shift" of the cosine function.

Note: the book incorrectly refers to δ as the phase!

Now look at the general sol'n of DE (3):

$$\begin{aligned} y &= e^{\alpha t} (A \cos \beta t + B \sin \beta t) \\ &= e^{\alpha t} \cdot \sqrt{A^2 + B^2} \cdot \left(\frac{A}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2}} \cos \beta t + \frac{B}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2}} \sin \beta t \right) \\ &= e^{\alpha t} \cdot R \cos(\beta t - \delta) = e^{\alpha t} \cdot R \cdot \cos \beta \left(t - \frac{\delta}{\beta} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Ex. 3(a) Rewrite

$$y = \sqrt{3} \cdot \cos \frac{t}{2} + \sin \frac{t}{2}$$

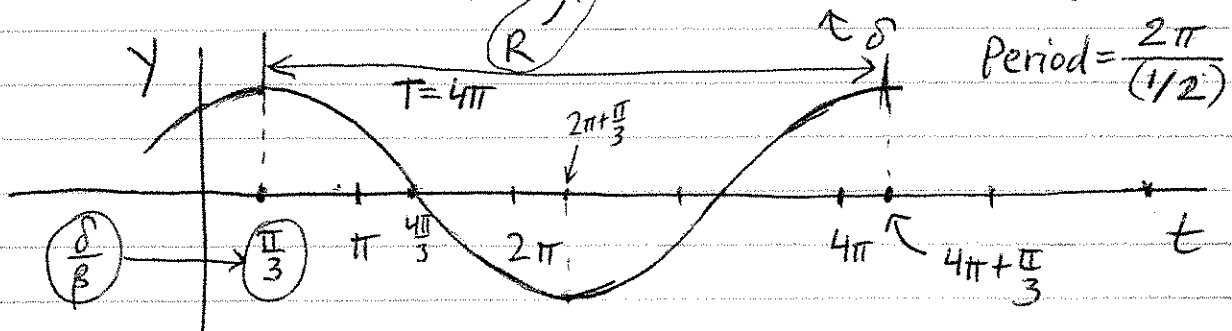
in the form $R \cos(\beta t - \delta)$ and sketch it.

Sol'n:

$$\delta = \arctan \frac{B}{A} = \arctan \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$R = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2} = \sqrt{3 + 1} = 2$$

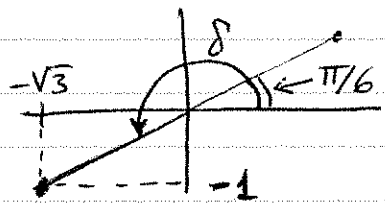
$$y = 2 \cos \left(\frac{t}{2} - \frac{\pi}{6} \right) = 2 \cos \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(t - \frac{\pi}{3} \right) \right]$$



Ex. 3(b) Same for

$$y = -\sqrt{3} \cos \frac{t}{2} - \sin \frac{t}{2}$$

Sol'n:



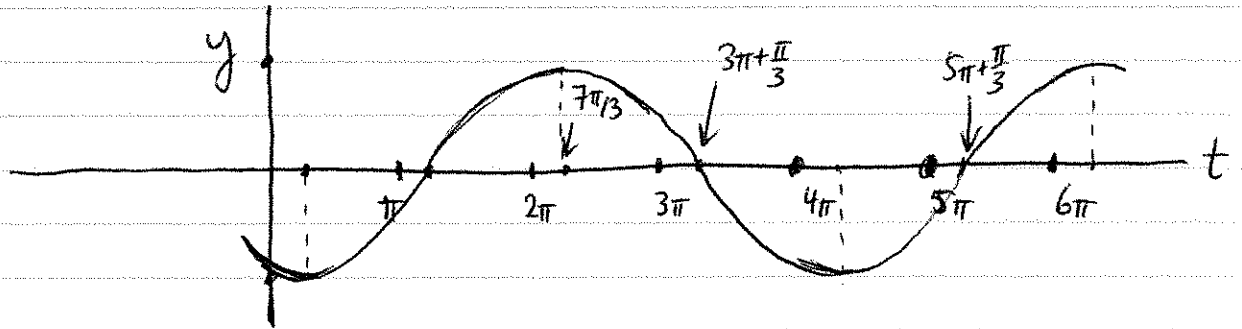
$$\delta = \arctan\left(\frac{-1}{-\sqrt{3}}\right) + \pi$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{6} + \pi$$

↑
need to
add when
 $A < 0$

$$y = 2 \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}t - \left(\frac{\pi}{6} + \pi\right)\right) = 2 \cos\left[\frac{1}{2}\left(t - \frac{7\pi}{3}\right)\right]$$

↑
as in 3(a)



Not surprisingly, this looks like the graph in Ex. 3(a), but flipped about the x-axis.

HW

Sec. 3.5.

1, 2 - polar to Cartesian; use Complex Expand

3, 7, 9, 11 ← find $\lambda = \alpha + i\beta$, gen. sol, sol. of IVP

13, 15, 19, 21 ← from given sol'n find a, b, y_0, y_0' . (19, 21 - expand) (the cos first)

23, 24, 25, 26 ← rewrite $A \cos t + B \sin t$ as $R \cos(t - \delta)$.

(for 24, 26 - use Trig factor)

27, 28, 29 - rewrite as $R \cos(\beta t - \delta)$ from graph (#28: $\cos(\frac{3}{2}t - \pi/8)$) amplitude

Hint: 1) find period T ; 2) $\beta = \frac{2\pi}{T}$ (Lec. 10); 3) find δ/β ; 4) $R \cos(\beta t - \delta)$.

31 ← Find λ_1, λ_2 and use f.l.a for W from top of p. 124.

33 ← roots of complex DE; Rey is not a sol'n. || 32 ← buoyancy w/drag.