MATH 285
Midterm 2 Review

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- HOWEVER, these slides are NOT comprehensive and may not include all topics covered in your exam. These slides should not be the only material you study.
- While the slides cover general steps and procedures for how to solve certain types of problems, there will be exceptions to these steps. Use the steps as a general guide for how to start a problem but they may not work in all cases.

Topics

I. Linear Independence + Wronskian
II. Linear Constant Coefficient DE's
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Linear Independence and the Wronskian

- In order to form a "complete" solution to a differential equation, we want to create a linear combination of solutions
- We need to have n solution equations, where n is the order of the differential equation
- The Wronskian is a tool for determining if our solutions are linearly independent

The Wronskian

$$W(y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_n)(t) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1(t) & y_2(t) & y_3(t)\ldots & y_n(t) \\ y_1'(t) & y_2'(t) & y_3'(t)\ldots & y_n'(t) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ y_1^{(n-1)}(t) & y_2^{(n-1)}(t) & y_3^{(n-1)}(t)\ldots & y_n^{(n-1)}(t) \end{vmatrix}$$

- Calculate the determinant of the matrix built with solution functions and their derivatives
- Results
  - If $W = 0$, the solutions are linearly dependent
  - If $W \neq 0$, the solutions are linearly independent

Abel's Theorem

- If the Wronskian is non-zero, then it will solve the first order linear differential equation:

$$W' + a_{n-1}(t)W = 0$$

Linear Constant Coefficient 2nd Order ODEs

- General Form:

$$Ay'' + By' + Cy = g(t)$$

- Solving:
  - Set up the characteristic equation $Ar^2 + Br + C = 0$
  - Solve the roots of the characteristic equation
  - Write the solution as $y_h = C_1 e^{r_1} + C_2 e^{r_2}$
  - Use initial conditions to solve the constants

Three Specific Cases:

- Two distinct, real roots (r_1, r_2):

$$y_h = C_1 e^{r_1 t} + C_2 e^{r_2 t}$$

- One distinct, real root (r_1):

$$y_h = C_1 t e^{r_1 t} + C_2 e^{r_1 t}$$

- Two distinct, imaginary roots $(\mathrm{a} + \mathrm{bi}, a - bi)$:

$$y_h = e^{at}(C_1 \cos(bt) + C_2 \sin(bt))$$

Solutions to Non-homogenous Equations

- If you have a linear non-homogenous DE:

$$\mathcal{L}y = f(t)$$

- Its solution is given by:

$$y(t) = y_{part}(t) + y_{homog}(t)$$

$y_{homog}(t)$ – general solution
$y_{part}(t)$ - particular solution

The Method of Undetermined Coefficients

- A way to solve certain non-homogenous linear DEs
- Can be used when f(t) is an exponential, sin or cos, or polynomial

$f(t)$	$y(t)$
$f(t) = t^k$	$y(t) = A_0 + A_1 t + A_2 t^2 \ldots A_k t^k = P_k(t)$
$f(t) = e^{\sigma t}$	$y(t) = A e^{\sigma t}$
$f(t) = \sin \omega t$ or $f(t) = \cos \omega t$	$y(t) = A \sin \omega t + B \cos \omega t$
$f(t) = t^k \sin \omega t$ or $f(t) = t^k \cos \omega t$	$y = P_k(t) \sin \omega t + Q_k(t) \cos \omega t$
$f(t) = e^{\sigma t} \sin \omega t$ or $f(t) = e^{\sigma t} \cos \omega t$	$y(t) = A\, e^{\sigma t} \sin \omega t + B\, e^{\sigma t} \cos \omega t$
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Using Method of Undetermined Coefficients

1. **Initial Differential Equation**: $y'' + 6y' + 8y = e^t$

2. **Guess** in the same form: $y = Ae^t$

3. **Plug into** the initial equation: $Ae^t + 6Ae^t + 8Ae^t = e^t$

4. **Solve for the constants:** $15A = 1$

5. Write the **particular solution:** $y_p = \frac{1}{15}e^t$

The Method of Undetermined Coefficients Contd.

- If guess functions appear in the homogenous solution, multiply by the lowest power of t such that the guess no longer solves the homogenous equation
- Example:
  - If e^t appears in the homogenous solution and $f(t) = e^t$, guess $Ate^t + Be^t$

Annihilators

- Annihilators are another method for solving non-homogenous differential equations
- Look for an operator that "annihilates" the right-hand side

$f(t)$	Annihilator
1	$\frac{d}{dt}$
$P_k(t)$	$\frac{d^{k+1}}{dt^{k+1}}$
e^{at}	$\frac{d}{dt} - a$
$A\sin\omega t + B\cos\omega t$	$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} + \omega^2$
$Ae^{at}\sin\omega t + Be^{at}\cos\omega t$	$(\frac{d}{dt} - a)^2 + \omega^2$
$P_k(t)\sin\omega t + Q_k(t)\cos\omega t$	$(\frac{d^2}{dt^2} + \omega^2)^{k+1}$
$P_k(t)e^{at}\sin\omega t + Q_k(t)e^{at}\cos\omega t$	$((\frac{d}{dt} - a)^2 + \omega^2)^{k+1}$

Annihilators Contd.

- How to use annihilators to solve particular solutions:
  - Solve the homogenous equation
  - Pick the right annihilator
  - Apply the annihilator to the left-hand side
  - Find the solutions to the new homogenous equation
  - Identify the solutions that are not part of the original homogenous solution
  - Plug in your guess and solve for the coefficients

Variation of Parameters

$$y_p(t) = y_2(t)\int_0^t \frac{y_1(s)f(s)}{W(s)}ds - y_1(t)\int_0^t \frac{y_2(s)f(s)}{W(s)}ds$$

W : Wronskian
y_1 and y_2: homogenous solutions
f is the non-homogenous part

- Process:
  - Find two solutions to the homogenous equation (could be given)
  - Calculate the Wronskian
  - Plug and chug

Laplace Transformations

- Process:
  - Apply the Laplace transform to both sides of the differential equation
  - Algebraically isolate the Laplacian of your function
  - Inverse Laplace transform both sides
    - May require partial fraction decomposition or other tricks

Laplace Transforms Tables

Function	Laplace Transform
$f(t)$	$F(s)$
1	$\frac{1}{s}$
t^k	$\frac{k!}{s^{k+1}}$
$t^k e^{-at}$	$\frac{k!}{(s+a)^{k+1}}$
$\sin(bt)$	$\frac{b}{b^2+s^2}$
$\cos(bt)$	$\frac{s}{s^2+b^2}$
$e^{-at}\sin(bt)$	$\frac{b}{b^2+(s+a)^2}$
$e^{-at}\cos(bt)$	$\frac{s+a}{b^2+(s+a)^2}$

$f(t)$	$F(s)$
$f(t)+g(t)$	$F(s)+G(s)$
$f'(t)$	$sF(s)-f(0)$
$f''(t)$	$s^2F(s)-sf(0)-f'(0)$
$\frac{d^k f}{dt^k}$	$s^kF(s)-s^{k-1}f(0)-s^{k-2}f'(0)-\ldots f^{(k-1)}(0)$
$tf(t)$	$-F'(s)$
$t^k f(t)$	$(-1)^k F^{(k)}(s)$
$e^{at}f(t)$	$F(s-a)$
$\frac{1}{t}f(t)$	$\int_s^\infty F(\sigma)d\sigma$

Mechanical Oscillators

- Derived from fundamental physics:

$$my'' + \gamma y' + ky = f(t)$$

- Can be solved as a standard 2nd order constant coefficient DE
- Frequently may see “natural frequency” $\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$

Mechanical Oscillators Contd.

- Use the radical part of the quadratic equation to assess cases:

$$\sqrt{\gamma^2 - 4mk}$$

Criteria	**Solution**	**Physical Scenario**
$\gamma^2 = 0$	• r = ±bi • $y_h = C_1\cos(bt) + C_2\sin(bt)$	• Undamped • Oscillates forever
$\gamma^2 < 4mk$	• r = a±bi • $y_h = e^{at}(C_1\cos(bt) + C_2\sin(bt))$	• Underdamped • Oscillations die away slowly
$\gamma^2 = 4mk$	• r = a • $y_h = C_1te^{r_1t} + C_2e^{r_1t}$	• Critically damped • Oscillations die away quickly
$\gamma^2 > 4mk$	• r = a±b • $y_h = C_1e^{r_1t} + C_2e^{r_2t}$	• Overdamped • Oscillations mostly die away quickly

Electrical Oscillators

- Derived from circuit laws (for series RLC circuits specifically):

$$LI'' + RI' + \frac{1}{C}I = \frac{dV(t)}{dt}$$

- Direct analogues can be drawn from mechanical to electrical oscillators
  - $L = m$ (inductance)
  - $R = \Upsilon$ (resistance)
  - $\frac{1}{C} = k$ (inverse capacitance)
- Same cases and implications as mechanical oscillators

Thanks for Coming!