MAT 303 Lecture 7

HW 1 due at 11:59 pm today; submit via BB

Complex roots

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ $\quad \det(A - \lambda I) = (4-\lambda)^2 + 9$

$= \lambda^2 - 8\lambda + 16 + 9$

$= \lambda^2 - 8\lambda + 25$

$\lambda = \dfrac{8 \pm \sqrt{64 - 100}}{2} = 4 \pm 3i$

$\lambda = 4 + 3i$: $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$

$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} -3i & -3 & 0 \\ 3 & -3i & 0 \end{array}\right]$ ← multiples of one another

$-3ia - 3b = 0$

Let $a = 1$, $b = -i$ so $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix}$ is an eigenvector

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix} e^{(4+3i)t} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix} e^{4t}(\cos(3t) + i\sin(3t)) = (*)$

Original equation is $A\vec{x} = \vec{x}'$ and A is real so this equation implies $A(\mathrm{Re}\,\vec{x}) = (\mathrm{Re}\,\vec{x})'$, $A(\mathrm{Im}\,\vec{x}) = (\mathrm{Im}\,\vec{x})'$

$(*) = e^{4t}\begin{bmatrix} \cos(3t) \\ \sin(3t) \end{bmatrix} + i e^{4t}\begin{bmatrix} \sin(3t) \\ -\cos(3t) \end{bmatrix}$

Thus $e^{4t}\begin{bmatrix} \cos(3t) \\ \sin(3t) \end{bmatrix}$ and $e^{4t}\begin{bmatrix} \sin(3t) \\ -\cos(3t) \end{bmatrix}$ are solutions. $\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = Ce^{4t}\cos(3t) + De^{4t}\sin(3t) \\ y = Ce^{4t}\sin(3t) - De^{4t}\cos(3t) \end{cases}$ ∎

With the other eigenvector, suppose $\lambda_1 = \overline{\lambda_2}$

$(A - \lambda_1 I)\vec{v} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow (A - \overline{\lambda_1})\overline{\vec{v}} = \vec{0}$

Thus $\overline{\vec{v}}$ is an eigenvector for λ_2.

We said, let $\vec{v} = \vec{v}_1 + i\vec{v}_2$ ($\vec{v}_1$ ↳ real part, $\vec{v}_2$ ↳ imaginary part)

Well we have a solution $\lambda_1 = \alpha + i\beta$

$(\vec{v}_1 + i\vec{v}_2)e^{\alpha t}(\cos(\beta t) + i\sin(\beta t))$

$= e^{\alpha t}\big((\vec{v}_1\cos(\beta t) - \vec{v}_2\sin(\beta t)) + i(\vec{v}_1\sin(\beta t) + \vec{v}_2\cos(\beta t))\big)$

For $(\vec{v}_1 - i\vec{v}_2)e^{\alpha t}(\cos(\beta t) - i\sin(\beta t))$

$= e^{\alpha t}\big((\vec{v}_1\cos(\beta t) - \vec{v}_2\sin(\beta t)) - i(\vec{v}_1\sin(\beta t) + \vec{v}_2\cos(\beta t))\big)$

Multiple roots:

Case I: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ $\quad \det(A - \lambda I) = (2-\lambda)^2$

so $\lambda = 2$ is an eigenvalue of mult 2

$A - 2I = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ so in this case the kernel is 2D

so we take any two linearly indep eigenvectors

$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ $\quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow \vec{v}_1 e^{2t}$ and $\vec{v}_2 e^{2t}$ are solutions

$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = Ce^{2t} \\ y = De^{2t} \end{cases}$ is the general solution ∎

Case II: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ $\quad \det(A - \lambda I) = (2-\lambda)^2$

so $\lambda = 2$ is still an eigenvalue of mult. 2

but now $\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}\right] \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} b = 0 \\ 0 = 0 \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is an eigenvector

But there is no second l.i. eigenvector!

What do we do?

The original system was:

$x' = 2x + y$
$y' = 2y \Rightarrow y = Ce^{2t}$

$\left(\dfrac{dy}{y} = 2dt \Rightarrow \log(y) = 2t + \log(C) \Rightarrow y = Ce^{2t}\right)$

$\Rightarrow x' = 2x + Ce^{2t}$ (this is a first order linear eqn)

$\Rightarrow x' - 2x = Ce^{2t}$

First we solve $x' = 2x \Rightarrow x = e^{2t}$

ansatz: $x = ue^{2t}$

$x' - 2x = Ce^{2t}$ becomes

$u'e^{2t} + 2ue^{2t} - 2ue^{2t} = Ce^{2t}$

$\Rightarrow u' = C$

$\Rightarrow u = Ct + D$

$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = Cte^{2t} + De^{2t} \\ y = Ce^{2t} \end{cases}$ is the general sol'n

Back to the eigenspace approach!

Crux of the issue: if $(\lambda - a)^m$ is a factor of $\det(A - \lambda I)$, then

$\dim(\ker(A - \lambda I)^m) = m$ (generalized eigenspace)

$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ $\quad A - 2I = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$(A - 2I)^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ $\quad A - 2I = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$(A - 2I)^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$(A - 2I)^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

ansatz: $\vec{x} = (\vec{v}_1 t + \vec{v}_2)e^{\lambda t}$

$A\vec{x} = \vec{x}'$

$\vec{x}' = (\vec{v}_1\lambda t + \vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2\lambda)e^{\lambda t}$

$A\vec{x} = (tA\vec{v}_1 + A\vec{v}_2)e^{\lambda t}$

$\Rightarrow A\vec{v}_1 = \lambda\vec{v}_1$, $A\vec{v}_2 = \vec{v}_1 + \lambda\vec{v}_2$ $\Rightarrow (A - \lambda I)\vec{v}_1 = 0$, $(A - \lambda I)\vec{v}_2 = \vec{v}_1$

This means $\vec{v}_2 \overset{A - \lambda I}{\longmapsto} \vec{v}_1 \overset{A - \lambda I}{\longmapsto} \vec{0}$

So then $\vec{x} = te^{\lambda t}\vec{v}_1 + e^{\lambda t}\vec{v}_2$ is a solution!

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ we had $\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}\right] \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} b = 0 \\ 0 = 0 \end{matrix}$ so let $a = 1$ and $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is an e.v.

now consider $\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}\right] \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} b = 1 \\ 0 = 0 \end{matrix}$ let $a = 0$, get $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{v}_2$

then $\vec{x}_1 = te^{2t}\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + e^{2t}\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is a solution (D)

also $\vec{x}_2 = e^{2t}\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ (C)

thus the general sol'n is:

$\begin{cases} x = Ce^{2t} + Dte^{2t} \\ y = De^{2t} \end{cases}$

This matches our previous solution!

$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ $\quad \vec{v}_3 \overset{A - \lambda I}{\longmapsto} \vec{v}_2 \overset{A - \lambda I}{\longmapsto} \vec{v}_1 \overset{A - \lambda I}{\longmapsto} \vec{0}$

ansatz: $\vec{x} = \left(\dfrac{t^2}{2}\vec{v}_1 + t\vec{v}_2 + \vec{v}_3\right)e^{\lambda t}$

$\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$ becomes

$\vec{x}' = \left(\dfrac{t^2}{2}\lambda\vec{v}_1 + t(\vec{v}_1 + \lambda\vec{v}_2) + (\vec{v}_2 + \lambda\vec{v}_3)\right)e^{\lambda t}$

$A\vec{x} = \left(\dfrac{t^2}{2}A\vec{v}_1 + tA\vec{v}_2 + A\vec{v}_3\right)e^{\lambda t}$

$\Rightarrow A\vec{v}_1 = \lambda\vec{v}_1$, $A\vec{v}_2 = \lambda\vec{v}_2 + \vec{v}_1$, $A\vec{v}_3 = \lambda\vec{v}_3 + \vec{v}_2$ $\Rightarrow (A - \lambda I)\vec{v}_1 = \vec{0}$, $(A - \lambda I)\vec{v}_2 = \vec{v}_1$, $(A - \lambda I)\vec{v}_3 = \vec{v}_2$

In general if you can find $\vec{v}_k \overset{A - \lambda I}{\longmapsto} \vec{v}_{k-1} \overset{A - \lambda I}{\longmapsto} \cdots \overset{A - \lambda I}{\longmapsto} \vec{v}_1 \overset{A - \lambda I}{\longmapsto} \vec{0}$

$\vec{x}_1 = \vec{v}_1 e^{\lambda t}$

$\vec{x}_2 = (t\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2)e^{\lambda t}$

$\vdots$

$\vec{x}_k = \left(\dfrac{t^{k-1}}{(k-1)!}\vec{v}_1 + \dfrac{t^{k-2}}{(k-2)!} + \dots + \vec{v}_{k-1}t + \vec{v}_k\right)e^{\lambda t}$

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ $\quad \det(A - \lambda I)$ (cofactor expansion)

$= (2-\lambda)\begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2-\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} + 0 + 0 + 0 = (*)$

Cofactor expansion

$\begin{vmatrix} a_{1,1} & \cdots & a_{1,n} \\ a_{2,1} & & \\ \vdots & \ddots & \\ a_{m,1} & \cdots & a_{m,n} \end{vmatrix} = a_{1,1}\begin{vmatrix} a_{2,2} & \cdots & a_{2,n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n,m} & \cdots & a_{m,m} \end{vmatrix}$ → $(m-1)\times(m-1)$

$+ a_{2,1}\begin{vmatrix} a_{3,2} & \cdots & a_{3,m} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m,2} & \cdots & a_{m,n} \\ a_{1,2} & \cdots & a_{1,m} \end{vmatrix}$

(can be done on any column or row)

$+ \dots + a_{m,1}\begin{vmatrix} a_{1,2} & \cdots & a_{1,m} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m-1,2} & \cdots & a_{m-1,m} \end{vmatrix}$

$(*) = (2-\lambda)\begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2-\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (2-\lambda)^4$

So 2 is an eigenvalue of mult. 4

$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}\right] \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} b = 0 \\ c = 0 \\ d = 0 \\ 0 = 0 \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is an eigenvector

$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}\right] \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} b = 1 \\ c = 0 \\ d = 0 \\ 0 = 0 \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}\right] \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} b = 0 \\ c = 1 \\ d = 0 \\ 0 = 0 \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}\right] \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} b = 0 \\ c = 0 \\ d = 1 \\ 0 = 0 \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \vec{v}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

so some solutions are:

$\vec{x}_1 = \vec{v}_1 e^{2t}$ (C)

$\vec{x}_2 = (t\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2)e^{2t}$ (D)

$\vec{x}_3 = \left(\dfrac{t^2}{2}\vec{v}_1 + t\vec{v}_2 + \vec{v}_3\right)e^{2t}$ (E)

$\vec{x}_4 = \left(\dfrac{t^3}{6}\vec{v}_1 + \dfrac{t^2}{2}\vec{v}_2 + t\vec{v}_3 + \vec{v}_4\right)e^{2t}$ (F)

$\begin{cases} x = \left(C + Dt + E\dfrac{t^2}{2} + F\dfrac{t^3}{6}\right)e^{2t} \\ y = \left(D + Et + F\dfrac{t^2}{2}\right)e^{2t} \\ z = (E + Ft)e^{2t} \\ w = Fe^{2t} \end{cases}$

$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ $\quad \det(A - \lambda I) = (-1-\lambda)\begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & -4 & 2 \\ 1 & -3-\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} + 0$

$= -(\lambda + 1)\left(-\lambda\begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & -4 \\ 1 & -3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} + 0\right)$

$= -(\lambda+1)(-\lambda)\big((1-\lambda)(-3-\lambda) + 4\big)$

$= (\lambda+1)\lambda(\lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 1)$

$= (\lambda+1)^3\lambda$

With λ mult 3:
I) $\vec{v}_1 \mapsto 0$, $\vec{v}_2 \mapsto 0$, $\vec{v}_3 \mapsto 0$
II) $\vec{v}_1 \mapsto 0$, $\vec{v}_3 \mapsto \vec{v}_2 \mapsto 0$
III) $\vec{v}_3 \mapsto \vec{v}_2 \mapsto \vec{v}_1 \mapsto \vec{0}$

$\lambda = 0$

$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}\right] \rightsquigarrow \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}\right] \rightsquigarrow \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}\right]$

$\Rightarrow \begin{matrix} a - d = 0 \\ b - 2d = 0 \\ c - d = 0 \\ 0 = 0 \end{matrix}$ setting $d = 1$: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ eigenvector for $\lambda = 0$

$\lambda = -1$

$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -4 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array}\right] \rightsquigarrow \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array}\right]$

$\Rightarrow \begin{matrix} c = 0 \\ 0 = 0 \\ b - 2c + d = 0 \\ d = 0 \end{matrix}$ so $b = c = d = 0$; let $a = 1$, then $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{v}_1$ is an e.v.

$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -4 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array}\right] \rightsquigarrow \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array}\right]$

$\Rightarrow \begin{matrix} c = 1 \\ 0 = 0 \\ b - 2c + d = 0 \\ d = 0 \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} b = 2 \\ c = 1 \\ d = 0 \end{matrix}$ let $a = 0$: $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -4 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array}\right] \rightsquigarrow \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array}\right]$

$\Rightarrow \begin{matrix} c = 0 \\ 0 = 0 \\ b - 2c + d = 1 \\ d = 0 \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} b = 1 \\ c = 0 \\ d = 0 \end{matrix}$ let $a = 0$: $\vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \overset{A+I}{\longmapsto} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \overset{A+I}{\longmapsto} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \overset{A+I}{\longmapsto} \vec{0}$ $\quad\Big|\quad$ $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \overset{A}{\longmapsto} \vec{0}$

(C) $\vec{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ $\quad$ (D) $\vec{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}e^{-t}$

(E) $\vec{x}_3 = te^{-t}\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + e^{-t}\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(F) $\vec{x}_4 = \dfrac{t^2}{2}e^{-t}\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + te^{-t}\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + e^{-t}\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\begin{cases} x = C + e^{-t}(D + Et + Ft^2/2) \\ y = 2C + e^{-t}(2E + F(2t+1)) \\ z = C + e^{-t}(E + Ft) \\ w = C \end{cases}$ the general solution ∎

Inhomogeneous linear systems next time

Operators

An operator $\mathcal{L}$ is something that takes functions to functions and is linear, that is

$\mathcal{L}[f + \lambda g] = \mathcal{L}[f] + \lambda\mathcal{L}[g]$

e.g. $\mathcal{L} = D = \dfrac{d}{dx}$ differentiation is linear

If $P(x) = a_n x^n + \dots + a_0$, then

$P(D) = a_n D^n + \dots + a_0$ is an operator called polynomial (differential) operator

e.g. the equation $y'' + 2y' + y = f(x)$ is $P(D)[y] = f(x)$ for $P(x) = x^2 + 2x + 1$

Theorem: If P and Q are polynomials, then

$(P \cdot Q)(D) = P(D) \circ Q(D)$ □

example: $x^2 + 2x + 1 = (x+1)(x+1)$

so $D^2 + 2D + 1 = (D+1)(D+1)$

Cor: $P(D)Q(D) = (P \cdot Q)(D) = (Q \cdot P)(D) = Q(D)P(D)$

example: for $(x+1)(x+2)$

$(D+1)(D+2) = (D+2)(D+1)$

(works with D replaced by $\mathcal{L}$, so long as there is no x)

example: Compute $(D^2 - 2D - 3)[\sin(x) + x^2]$

Method 1: $(D^2 - 2D - 3)[\sin(x)] + (D^2 - 2D - 3)[x^2]$

$= -\sin(x) - 2\cos(x) - 3\sin(x) + 2 - 4x - 3x^2$

$= -3x^2 - 4x + 2 - 2\cos(x) - 4\sin(x)$

Method 2: $(D^2 - 2D - 3)[\sin(x) + x^2]$

$= (D-3)(D+1)[\sin(x) + x^2]$

$= (D-3)[\cos(x) + 2x + \sin(x) + x^2]$

$= -\sin(x) + 2 + \cos(x) + 2x - 3(\cos(x) + 2x + \sin(x) + x^2)$

$= -3x^2 - 4x + 2 - 2\cos(x) - 4\sin(x)$ ∎

Theorem (Exponential shift):

$P(D)[ue^{ax}] = e^{ax} \cdot P(D+a)[u]$

Proof: (next time) □

Example: $(D^2 + 2D + 3)[e^{2x}\sin(x)]$

$= e^{2x}\big((D+2)^2 + 2(D+2) + 3\big)[\sin(x)]$

$= e^{2x}(D^2 + 6D + 11)[\sin(x)]$

$= e^{2x}(-\sin(x) + 6\cos(x) + 11\sin(x))$

$= e^{2x}(6\cos(x) + 10\sin(x))$ □