MAT 303 Lecture 9

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

$P(D) = a_n D^n + \dots + a_0$

Exponential shift theorem:

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

Proof: it suffices to prove this for $P(x) = x^k$ since $(P+Q)(D)[ue^{ax}] = P(D)[ue^{ax}] + Q(D)[ue^{ax}]$

Argue by induction:

$k=0$: $1[ue^{ax}] = e^{ax} 1[D \mapsto D+a][e^{ax}]$

inductive case: Assume that $P(x) = x^k$ that the result holds

$$D^{k+1}[ue^{ax}] = D[D^k[ue^{ax}]]$$
$$= D[e^{ax}(D+a)^k[u]]$$
$$= ae^{ax}(D+a)^k[u] + e^{ax} D(D+a)^k[u]$$
$$= e^{ax}(D+a)(D+a)^k[u] = e^{ax}(D+a)^{k+1}[u] \quad \square$$

Example:

$$(D^2 - 2D - 3)[x^3 e^{-2x}]$$
$$= (D-3)(D+1)[x^3 e^{-2x}]$$
$$= e^{-2x}(D-5)(D-1)[x^3]$$
$$= e^{-2x}(D^2 - 6D + 5)[x^3]$$
$$= e^{-2x}(6x - 18x^2 + 5x^3) \quad \square$$

Inverse operators:

If we want to solve $P(D)[y] = f(x)$

Let's just write $y = \frac{1}{P(D)}[f]$

This just means that $\frac{1}{P(D)}$ is some operator such that $\frac{1}{P(D)}[f]$ solves the equation.

$y = \frac{1}{D^2}[2x+3] \iff D^2 y = 2x+3$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{3}{2}x^2 + Cx + D$$

The solutions to the homogeneous eq'n are $Cx+D$ so we will pick the simplest solution that removes any additive factors that solve the homogeneous eq'n.

So we'll say $\frac{1}{D^2}[2x+3] = \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{3}{2}x^2$

$\frac{1}{D-a_0}[bx^k]$, $a_0 \neq 0$ — in other words, I want to solve $y' - a_0 y = bx^k$

solution without inverse operators:

ansatz: $y = A_k x^k + \dots + A_0$

Then $y' = kA_k x^{k-1} + (k-1)A_{k-1}x^{k-2} + \dots + A_1$

$y' - a_0 y = -a_0 A_k x^k + (kA_k - a_0 A_{k-1})x^{k-1} + \dots + (A_1 - a_0 A_0)$

get $b = -a_0 A_k \Rightarrow A_k = \frac{-b}{a_0}$

$0 = kA_k - a_0 A_{k-1} \Rightarrow A_{k-1} = \frac{kA_k}{a_0} = \frac{-bk}{a_0^2}$

$\vdots$

$0 = A_1 - a_0 A_0$

$(k-\ell)A_{k-\ell} - a_0 A_{k-\ell-1} = 0$

$A_{k-\ell-1} = \frac{(k-\ell)A_{k-\ell}}{a_0}$ $\qquad A_{k-\ell} = \frac{-bk^{\underline{\ell}}}{a_0^{\ell+1}}$

$\frac{-b}{a_0}, \frac{-kb}{a_0^2}, \frac{-k(k-1)b}{a_0^3}, \dots = \frac{-b}{a_0}\frac{k^{\underline{\ell}}}{a_0^{\ell}}$

where $k^{\underline{0}} = 1$, $k^{\underline{n+1}} = k(k-1)^{\underline{n}}$

e.g. $6^{\underline{3}} = 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4$

$$y = \frac{-b}{a_0}\left(x^k + \frac{k}{a_0}x^{k-1} + \frac{k(k-1)}{a_0^2}x^{k-2} + \dots + \frac{k!}{a_0^k}\right)$$

second method:

$\frac{1}{D-a_0}[bx^k] = \frac{-1}{a_0}\frac{1}{1-D/a_0}[bx^k] = (*)$

$\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$ → Taylor expansion at 0, e.g. $1 + 1/2 + 1/4 + 1/8 + \dots = \frac{1}{1-1/2} = 2$

$(*) = \frac{-1}{a_0}\left(1 + D/a_0 + D^2/a_0^2 + \dots + D^k/a_0^k\right)[bx^k]$

$= \frac{-b}{a_0}\left(x^k + \frac{kx^{k-1}}{a_0} + \frac{k(k-1)x^{k-2}}{a_0^2} + \dots + \frac{k!}{a_0^k}\right)$

Suppose $P(0) \neq 0$, i.e. $P(x) = a_n x^n + \dots + a_0$ for $a_0 \neq 0$

We want the series of $\frac{1}{a_n x^n + \dots + a_0}$

this only makes sense if $a_0 \neq 0$

if $\frac{1}{a_n x^n + \dots + a_0} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^n$

then $1 = (a_n x^n + \dots + a_0)\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^n$

$= a_0 b_0 + a_0 b_1 x + a_0 b_2 x^2 + a_0 b_3 x^3 + \dots$
$\quad + a_1 b_0 x + a_1 b_1 x^2 + a_1 b_2 x^3 + \dots$
$\quad + a_2 b_0 x^2 + a_2 b_1 x^3 + \dots$
$\quad + a_3 b_0 x^3 + \dots$
$\quad + \dots$

$\Rightarrow 1 = a_0 b_0 \Rightarrow b_0 = 1/a_0$

$0 = a_0 b_1 + a_1 b_0 \Rightarrow b_1 = \frac{-a_1 b_0}{a_0} = \frac{-a_1}{a_0^2}$

$0 = a_0 b_2 + a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_0 \Rightarrow b_2 = \frac{-1}{a_0}(a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_0) = \frac{a_1^2}{a_0^3} - \frac{a_2}{a_0^2}$

$0 = a_0 b_3 + a_1 b_2 + a_2 b_1 + a_3 b_0$

$4y'' - 3y' + 9y = 5x^2$

$P(x) = 4x^2 - 3x + 9$

$\frac{1}{4x^2 - 3x + 9} = \frac{1}{9}\frac{1}{1 - 1/3x + 4/9x^2} = (*)$

Long division of 1 by $1 - 1/3x + 4/9x^2$: quotient $1 + 1/3x - 1/3x^2 + \dots$

$1 - 1/3x + 4/9x^2$

$1/3x - 4/9x^2$

$1/3x - 1/9x^2 + 4/27x^3$

$-1/3x^2 - 4/27x^3$

$-1/3x^2 + \dots$

$0 + \dots$

$(*) = \frac{1}{9}(1 + 1/3D - 1/3D^2)[5x^2]$

$= \frac{1}{9}(5x^2 + 10/3x - 10/3) \quad \square$ — particular solution

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What if $a_0 = 0$?

$P(x) = x^m(a_n x^n + \dots + a_0)$

$P(D)[y] = bx^k$

$y = \frac{1}{D^m}\left[\frac{1}{a_n x^n + \dots + a_0}[bx^k]\right]$ ✓

"=" $\frac{1}{a_n x^n + \dots + a_0}\left[\frac{1}{D^m}[bx^k]\right]$ → this is worse

$y'' - 2y' = 5$

$y = \frac{1}{D}\left[\frac{1}{D-2}[5]\right] = \frac{1}{D}\left[\frac{1}{-2}\frac{1}{1-D/2}[5]\right]$

$= \frac{1}{D}\left[\frac{1}{-2} 1[5]\right] = \frac{1}{D}\left[\frac{-5}{2}\right] = \frac{-5x}{2}$

$y^{(5)} - y^{(3)} = 2x^2$

$y = \frac{1}{D^3}\frac{1}{D^2-1}[2x^2] = \frac{-1}{D^3}\left[\frac{1}{1-D^2}[2x^2]\right]$

$= \frac{-1}{D^3}[(1+D^2)[2x^2]]$

$= \frac{-1}{D^3}[2x^2 + 4]$

$= -\left(\frac{2x^5}{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5} + \frac{4x^3}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3}\right)$

$= \frac{-x^5}{30} - \frac{2x^3}{3} \quad \square$

Digression: variation of parameters for 3rd order linear ODEs

Review: $y'' + f(x)y' + g(x)y = h(x)$

suppose y_1, y_2 are sol'ns of the homogeneous eq'n

then use ansatz $y = u_1 y_1 + u_2 y_2$

then $y' = u_1' y_1 + u_2' y_2 + u_1 y_1' + u_2 y_2'$

we look for solution where this is 0

$u_1' y_1 + u_2' y_2 = 0$

$y'' = u_1' y_1' + u_2' y_2' + u_1 y_1'' + u_2 y_2''$

$\Rightarrow y'' + fy' + gy = u_1' y_1' + u_2' y_2' + 0$

$u_1' y_1' + u_2' y_2' = h$

For third order equations

$y''' + fy'' + gy' + hy = k$

suppose $y_1\ y_2\ y_3$ solve the homogeneous eqn

ansatz: $y = u_1 y_1 + u_2 y_2 + u_3 y_3$

$y' = u_1 y_1' + u_2 y_2' + u_3 y_3' + \underbrace{u_1' y_1 + u_2' y_2 + u_3' y_3}_{=0}$

$u_1' y_1 + u_2' y_2 + u_3' y_3 = 0$

$y'' = u_1 y_1'' + u_2 y_2'' + u_3 y_3'' + \underbrace{u_1' y_1' + u_2' y_2' + u_3' y_3'}_{=0}$

$u_1' y_1' + u_2' y_2' + u_3' y_3' = 0$

$u_1' y_1'' + u_2' y_2'' + u_3' y_3'' = h(x)$

this is a 3x3 linear system for u_i' ⇒ solve it, integrate to get u_i

For fourth order systems get eqns:

$u_1' y_1 + u_2' y_2 + u_3' y_3 + u_4' y_4 = 0$

$u_1' y_1' + u_2' y_2' + u_3' y_3' + u_4' y_4' = 0$

$u_1' y_1'' + u_2' y_2'' + u_3' y_3'' + u_4' y_4'' = 0$

$u_1' y_1''' + u_2' y_2''' + u_3' y_3''' + u_4' y_4''' = f$ ← the inhomogeneous part

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Exponential shift theorem for inverse operators:

$$\frac{1}{P(D)}[ue^{ax}] = e^{ax}\frac{1}{P(D+a)}[u]$$

Proof: $e^{ax}u = e^{ax}P(D+a)\frac{1}{P(D+a)}[u]$

$= P(D)\left[e^{ax}\frac{1}{P(D+a)}[u]\right]$

$e^{ax}u = P(D)\frac{1}{P(D)}[e^{ax}u]$

$\Rightarrow 0 = P(D)\left[e^{ax}\frac{1}{P(D+a)}[u] - \frac{1}{P(D)}[e^{ax}u]\right]$

$0 = \frac{1}{P(D)}0 = e^{ax}\frac{1}{P(D+a)}[u] - \frac{1}{P(D)}[e^{ax}u]$

$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{P(D)}[e^{ax}u] = e^{ax}\frac{1}{P(D+a)}[u] \quad \square$

Example: $y'' - 2y' - 3y = x^2 e^{2x}$

$\frac{1}{D^2 - 2D - 3}[x^2 e^{2x}] = \frac{1}{(D-3)(D+1)}[x^2 e^{2x}]$

$= e^{2x}\frac{1}{(D-1)(D+3)}[x^2]$

$= e^{2x}\frac{1}{D^2 + 2D - 3}[x^2]$

$= \frac{-e^{2x}}{3}\frac{1}{1 - 2/3D - 1/3D^2}[x^2] = (*)$

Long division of 1 by $1 - 2/3x - 1/3x^2$: quotient $1 + 2/3x + 7/9x^2 + \dots$

$1 - 2/3x - 1/3x^2$

$2/3x + 1/3x^2$

$2/3x - 4/9x^2 + \dots$

$7/9x^2$

$\frac{3}{9} + \frac{4}{9} = \frac{7}{9}$

$(*) = \frac{-e^{2x}}{3}(1 + 2/3D + 7/9D^2)[x^2]$

$= \frac{-e^{2x}}{3}(x^2 + 4/3x + 14/9) \quad \square$

Example: $y''' - 5y'' + 8y' - 4y = 2e^{4x}x$

$\frac{1}{D^3 - 5D^2 + 8D - 4} = \frac{1}{(D-1)(D-2)^2}$

$\frac{1}{(x-1)(x-2)^2} = \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{x-2} + \frac{C}{(x-2)^2}$

$= \frac{A(x^2 - 4x + 4) + B(x^2 - 3x + 3) + C(x-1)}{(x-1)(x-2)^2}$

$= \frac{(A+B)x^2 + (-4A - 3B + C)x + (4A + 2B - C)}{(x-1)(x-2)^2}$

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

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

$\Rightarrow A = 1 \quad B = -1 \quad C = 1$

$\frac{1}{(D-1)(D-2)^2}[2e^{4x}x] = \left(\frac{1}{D-1} - \frac{1}{D-2} + \frac{1}{(D-2)^2}\right)[2e^{4x}x]$

$= e^{4x}\left(\frac{1}{D+3} - \frac{1}{D+2} + \frac{1}{(D+2)^2}\right)[2x]$

$= e^{4x}\left(\frac{1}{3}\frac{1}{1-(-D/3)} - \frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{1-(-D/2)} + \frac{1}{4}\frac{1}{1 + D + 1/4D^2}\right)[2x]$

$= e^{4x}\left(\frac{1}{3}(1 - D/3) - \frac{1}{2}(1 - D/2) + \frac{1}{4}(1 - D)\right)[2x]$

$= e^{4x}\left(x\left(\frac{2}{3} - 1 + \frac{1}{4}\right) + \left(-\frac{2}{9} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\right)\right)$

$\frac{4 - 12 + 3}{12} = \frac{-5}{12}$

$= e^{4x}\left(-\frac{2}{9} - \frac{5}{12}x\right) \quad \square$

Laplace transforms

If $f(x)$ is defined for $x \geq 0$ then we define $L[f]$ to be the function

$$L[f](s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-sx} f(x)\,dx$$

Note L is linear in f, so this is an operator!

e.g. $L[1](s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-sx}\,dx$

$= \frac{-1}{s}e^{-sx}\Big|_0^{\infty}$ (for $s > 0$)

$= \frac{1}{s}$