

ODE $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$

CF. $am^2 + bm + c = 0$

Suppose we have complex roots

$$m = \alpha \pm \beta i$$

$$\text{so } y = K_1 e^{(\alpha + \beta i)x} + K_2 e^{(\alpha - \beta i)x}$$

$$= e^{\alpha x} (K_1 e^{\beta i x} + K_2 e^{-\beta i x})$$

Euler's Formula

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$$

$$\text{so } y = e^{\alpha x} \begin{bmatrix} K_1 (\cos \beta x + i \sin \beta x) \\ K_2 (\cos \beta x - i \sin \beta x) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y = e^{\alpha x} \left\{ (K_1 + K_2) \cos \beta x + i (K_1 - K_2) \sin \beta x \right\}$$

$$\text{let } C_1 = K_1 + iK_2, \quad C_2 = i(K_1 - K_2)$$

$$\text{Ans.} \quad y = C_1 e^{\alpha x} \cos \beta x + C_2 e^{\alpha x} \sin \beta x.$$

Ex. Solve

$$y'' + 4y' + 5y = 0$$

$$m^2 + 4m + 5 = 0$$

$$m = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 20}}{2} = \frac{-4 \pm 2i}{2} = -2 \pm i$$

$$\alpha = -2, \quad \beta = 1$$

$$\text{Ans.} \quad y = C_1 e^{-2x} \cos x + C_2 e^{-2x} \sin x$$

Ex 2 $y'' + 9y = 0$

$$m^2 + 9 = 0 \quad m = \pm 3i$$

$$\alpha = 0 \quad \beta = 3$$

$$y = c_1 \cos 3x + c_2 \sin 3x$$

Ex 3 Soln

$$y'' + 2y' + 17y = 0$$

$$y(0) = 0$$

$$y'(0) = -8$$

$$m^2 + 2m + 17 = 0$$

$$m = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 68}}{2} = \frac{2 \pm 8i}{2} = 1 \pm 4i$$

$$y = c_1 e^x \cos 4x + c_2 e^x \sin 4x$$

$$y(0) = c_1 = 0 \quad \text{so} \quad y = c_2 e^x \sin 4x$$

$$y' = c_2 e^x \sin 4x + 4c_2 e^x \cos 4x$$

$$y'(0) = 4c_2 = -8 \Rightarrow c_2 = -2$$

$$y = -2e^x \sin 4x.$$