

2nd approach to find the solution of $y'' + Ay' + By = 0$ when the roots are complex (oscillations)

$r_{\pm} = a \pm bi$ (complex roots)

instead of: $y = \underbrace{e^{at} \cos bt}_{\text{real part}} + \underbrace{e^{at} \sin bt}_{\text{Imaginary part}}$

We use a complex solution:

$$\tilde{y} = C_1 e^{(a+bi)t} + C_2 e^{(a-bi)t} \quad \text{with } C_1 \text{ and } C_2 \text{ complex numbers.}$$

But we need to find conditions on C_1 and C_2 such as \tilde{y} is real. That would mean

Find C_1 and C_2 such as \tilde{y} is real. In

that case if we change i to $-i$ \tilde{y} is unchanged.

$$C_1 e^{(a+bi)t} + C_2 e^{(a-bi)t} = \bar{C}_1 e^{(a-bi)t} + \bar{C}_2 e^{(a+bi)t}$$

$\Rightarrow C_1 = \bar{C}_2$ or $C_2 = \bar{C}_1$ they are conjugate of each other.

$$\text{So } y = C e^{(a+bi)t} + \bar{C} e^{(a-bi)t}$$

$$\text{or } y = (c+id) e^{(a+bi)t} + (c-id) e^{(a-bi)t}$$

$$y = e^{at} \left[c (e^{bit} + e^{-bit}) + id (e^{bit} - e^{-bit}) \right]$$

$$y = e^{at} [2c \cos bt - 2d \sin bt]$$

Same thing as before.