

**Tutorial Sheet 12: Systems of ODEs**

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(1) Solve the following systems of ODEs.

(a)  $x'_1 = x_1 + 2x_2$ ,  $x'_2 = \frac{1}{2}x_1 + x_2$

(b)  $x'_1 = -8x_1 - 2x_2$ ,  $x'_2 = 2x_1 - 4x_2$

(c)  $x'_1 = x_2$ ,  $x'_2 = -x_1 + x_3$ ,  $x'_3 = -x_2$

(2) Solve the following IVPs.

(a)  $x'_1 = 2x_1 + 2x_2$ ,  $x'_2 = 5x_1 - x_2$ ,  $x_1(0) = 0$ ,  $x_2(0) = 7$

(b)  $x'_1 = -14x_1 + 10x_2$ ,  $x'_2 = -5x_1 + x_2$ ,  $x_1(0) = -1$ ,  $x_2(0) = 1$

(3) Solve the following systems of ODEs.

(a)  $x'_1 = x_2 + e^{3t}$ ,  $x'_2 = x_1 - 3e^{3t}$

(b)  $x'_1 = -x_1 + x_2 + 10 \cos t$ ,  $x'_2 = -3x_1 - x_2 - 10 \sin t$

(c)  $x'_1 = x_1 + 4x_2 - 2 \cos t$ ,  $x'_2 = x_1 + x_2 - \cos t + \sin t$

Solution 1 :

$$(a) \quad x_1' = x_1 + 2x_2$$

$$x_2' = \frac{1}{2}x_1 + x_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{X}'(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{X}(t)$$

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow |A - \lambda I| &= \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 2 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 1 - 1 \\ &= \lambda(\lambda - 2) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  e. values of  $A$  are  $0, 2$ .

Eigenvector corresponding to e. value  $0$  :

$$Au = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\approx \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow u_1 + 2u_2 = 0$$

$\therefore \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is an e.vector with  $\lambda = 0$ .

$$\Rightarrow \vec{x}_1(t) = e^{0 \cdot t} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

is a solution.

Eigenvector corresponding to eigenvalue 2:

$$(A - 2I) v = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1/2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\approx \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -v_1 + 2v_2 = 0$$

$\therefore \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is an e.vector with  $\lambda = 2$ .

$$\Rightarrow \vec{x}_2(t) = e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is a solution.}$$

$\therefore$  The general solution of the given

System is

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{X}(t) &= C_1 \vec{X}_1(t) + C_2 \vec{X}_2(t) \\ &= C_1 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + C_2 e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -2C_1 + 2C_2 e^{2t} \\ C_1 + C_2 e^{2t} \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1(t) = -2C_1 + 2C_2 e^{2t}$$

$$x_2(t) = C_1 + C_2 e^{2t}.$$

Solution 2 :

$$\begin{aligned}(a) \quad x_1' &= 2x_1 + 2x_2 & x_1(0) &= 0 \\ x_2' &= 5x_1 - x_2 & x_2(0) &= 7\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{X}' = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 5 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{X}$$

$$\text{So, } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 5 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow |A - \lambda I| &= \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 2 \\ 5 & -1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -2 - \lambda + \lambda^2 - 10 \\ &= \lambda^2 - \lambda - 12\end{aligned}$$

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

$$\therefore \lambda = 4, -3$$

$$\therefore \vec{X}(t) = c_1 e^{4t} \vec{u} + c_2 e^{-3t} \vec{v}$$

where  $(A - 4I) \vec{u} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ 5 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\approx \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -u_1 + u_2 = 0$$

$$\therefore \vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

and  $(A + 3I) \vec{v} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\approx \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 5v_1 + 2v_2 = 0$$

$$\therefore \vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -5/2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \vec{x}(t) &= c_1 e^{4t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{-3t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -5/2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} c_1 e^{4t} + c_2 e^{-3t} \\ c_1 e^{4t} - 5/2 c_2 e^{-3t} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1(t) = c_1 e^{4t} + c_2 e^{-3t}$$

$$x_2(t) = c_1 e^{4t} - 5/2 c_2 e^{-3t}$$

$$\therefore x_1(0) = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 + c_2 = 0$$

$$\& x_2(0) = 7 \Rightarrow c_1 - 5/2 c_2 = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow 7/2 c_2 = -7$$

$$\Rightarrow c_2 = -2$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = 2$$

$$\therefore \vec{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{4t} - 2e^{-3t} \\ 2e^{4t} + 5e^{-3t} \end{bmatrix}.$$

### Solution 3.

$$(a) \quad \begin{aligned} x_1' &= x_2 + e^{3t} \\ x_2' &= x_1 - 3e^{3t} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \begin{bmatrix} x_1' \\ x_2' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} e^{3t} \\ -3e^{3t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So, } A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{g}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{3t} \\ -3e^{3t} \end{bmatrix}$$

e. Values of  $A$  are :  $\lambda = \pm 1$ .

Also, e. vector corresponding to  $\lambda = 1$

is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and for  $\lambda = -1$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

$\therefore$  The general solution corresponding to the homogeneous system is

$$\vec{x}_h(t) = c_1 e^t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Particular Solution :

$$\text{Let } \vec{x}_1(t) = e^t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} e^t \\ e^t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\& \vec{x}_2(t) = e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-t} \\ -e^{-t} \end{pmatrix}$$

∴ The fundamental matrix :

$$\tilde{X}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} e^t & e^{-t} \\ e^t & -e^{-t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\tilde{X}(t))^{-1} = -\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -e^{-t} & -e^{-t} \\ -e^t & e^t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \vec{u}'(t) = (\tilde{X}(t))^{-1} \cdot \vec{g}(t)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -e^{-t} & -e^{-t} \\ -e^t & e^t \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} e^{3t} \\ -3e^{3t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{2t} \\ -4e^{4t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -e^{2t} \\ 2e^{4t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \vec{u}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2}e^{2t} \\ \frac{1}{2}e^{4t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{x}_p(t) = \tilde{X}(t) \cdot \vec{u}(t)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} e^t & e^{-t} \\ e^t & -e^{-t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2}e^{2t} \\ \frac{1}{2}e^{4t} \end{bmatrix}$$



$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -e^{3t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \vec{x}(t) = \vec{x}_h(t) + \vec{x}_p(t)$$

$$= c_1 e^t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -e^{3t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-t} \\ c_1 e^t - c_2 e^{-t} - e^{3t} \end{pmatrix}$$