

# Beginning with Linear Homogeneous Differential Equations with Constant Coefficients

Second-order differential equations

$$y'' + py' + qy = 0 \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

characteristic equation  $r^2 + pr + q = 0$ , roots  $r_1, r_2$

(1)  $r_1 \neq r_2$   $y = c_1 e^{r_1 x} + c_2 e^{r_2 x}$

(2)  $r_1 = r_2$   $y = (c_1 + c_2 x) e^{r_1 x}$

only when  $r_1 = r_2$ ,  $c_2 x e^{r_1 x}$  is a solution to (1).

substitute  $c_2 x e^{r_1 x}$  into (1) and it shows only when

$r_1 = -\frac{p}{2}$ , the equation holds. (In this situation,  $p$  and  $q$  are not independent)

(3)  $r_1 = \alpha + i\beta$ ,  $r_2 = \alpha - i\beta$   $y = e^{\alpha x} (c_1 \cos \beta x + c_2 \sin \beta x)$

$$e^{\alpha + i\beta} = e^{\alpha} (\cos \beta + i \sin \beta)$$

$e^{\alpha x} (c_1 \cos \alpha + c_2 \cos \beta)$  is a linear combination of  $e^{r_1 x}$  and  $e^{r_2 x}$ .

The system of differential equations  $\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$

solve  $\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \dots (2) \quad \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} = \frac{dx}{dt} \\ \dot{y} = \frac{dy}{dt} \end{pmatrix}$

Note:  $e^A = I + A + \frac{A^2}{2!} + \frac{A^3}{3!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^n}{n!}$  ★

solution  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = e^{At} \begin{bmatrix} x(0) \\ y(0) \end{bmatrix}$

(1) A has two different eigenvalues  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  (including the situation that  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$  and the eigenvalue space has two dimensions, i.e., the geometric multiplicity is two, equal to the algebraic multiplicity) directly substituting ① or ② into (2) shows they are correct

$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = e^{At} \begin{bmatrix} x(0) \\ y(0) \end{bmatrix} = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$

$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$  are eigenvectors of  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ , respectively.

Proof: let  $P = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ y_1 & y_2 \end{bmatrix}$   $A = P \cdot D \cdot P^{-1}$ ,  $D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & \\ & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$

$e^{At} = e^{PDP^{-1}t} = P e^{D \frac{t}{P}} P^{-1} = P \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & \\ & e^{\lambda_2 t} \end{bmatrix} P^{-1}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ y_1 & y_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & \\ & e^{\lambda_2 t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ y_1 & y_2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \left( c_1 \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

let  $t=0$  in ②  $= \begin{bmatrix} x(0) \\ y(0) \end{bmatrix}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ y_1 & y_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & \\ & e^{\lambda_2 t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ y_1 & y_2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} c_1 \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} +$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ y_1 & y_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & \\ & e^{\lambda_2 t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ y_1 & y_2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}}_{= e^{\lambda_1 t} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix}} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ y_1 & y_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & \\ & e^{\lambda_2 t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ y_1 & y_2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} c_2 \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(2)  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$  and the geometric multiplicity is one  
only one independent eigenvector

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = e^{At} \begin{bmatrix} x(0) \\ y(0) \end{bmatrix} = ?$$

Proof:  $A = \lambda v \cdot v^T$  ( $v = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix}$ )  $\leftarrow$  eigenvector

This part is not completed.

Because I don't know the right solution now.