

Problem 1

Verify a fundamental matrix

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{2}{t^2} & \frac{2}{t} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{2}{t^2} > 0 \quad (1)$$

So the columns of the matrix are linearly independent.

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= \phi'(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 2t & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ RHS &= A(t)\phi(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{2}{t^2} & \frac{2}{t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t^2 & t \\ 2t & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2t & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Explain why it's a fundamental matrix even if $\det[\phi(0)] = 0$

For a matrix to be the fundamental matrix of an equation on interval I , the equation shall at least be defined on every $t \in I$. In our case, $A(t)$ is not defined when $t = 0$, so we don't have to worry about the determinant at $\phi(0)$.

Problem 2

The fundamental matrix, as given in the last question is

$$\Phi(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 2t & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

Our solution can be written as

$$\phi(t) = \Phi(t)\Phi^{-1}(2)\phi(2) + \Phi(t) \int_2^t \Phi^{-1}(s)g(s)ds \quad (4)$$

$$\phi(t) = \begin{bmatrix} t^2 & t \\ 2t & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} t^2 & t \\ 2t & 1 \end{bmatrix} \int_2^t \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2s^2} & \frac{1}{s} \\ \frac{2}{s} & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s^4 \\ s^3 \end{bmatrix} ds \quad (5)$$

The solution matrix for the IVP is

$$\phi(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{t^5}{4} + \frac{7}{2}t^2 - 7t \\ \frac{t^4}{4} + 7t - 7 \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

Problem 3**Verify a fundamental matrix**

Let $y' = m$ $y = n$, the equation can be re-written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} n \\ m \end{bmatrix}' = \begin{bmatrix} m \\ f(t) - p(t)m - q(t)n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -q(t) & -p(t) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} n \\ m \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ f(t) \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

Due to the fact that $\phi_i(t)$, $i=1,2$ are linearly independent

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1 & \phi_2 \\ \phi_1' & \phi_2' \end{bmatrix} \neq 0 \quad (8)$$

and also $\phi_i(t)$ satisfies the equation (7), as

$$\phi''(t) + p(t)\phi'(t) + q(t)\phi(t) = f(t) \quad (9)$$

The matrix $\Phi = \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1 & \phi_2 \\ \phi_1' & \phi_2' \end{bmatrix}$ is indeed a fundamental matrix

Solution for the non-homogeneous equation

For a generic ODE, the solution can be written as

$$\phi(t) = \Phi(t)\Phi^{-1}(t_0)\phi(t_0) + \Phi(t) \int_{t_0}^t \Phi^{-1}(s)g(s)ds \quad (10)$$

where $\Phi(t)$ is the fundamental matrix of the homogeneous equation.

In our case,

$$\phi(t_0) = 0 \quad g(s) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ f(s) \end{bmatrix} \quad (11)$$

The determinant of the fundamental matrix is Wronski $W(t)$, and the inverse of it is

$$\begin{bmatrix} \phi_2' & -\phi_2 \\ -\phi_1' & \phi_1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (12)$$

As in our case, the initial value is a zero vector

$$\phi(t_0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (13)$$

So we only have to take care about the second term.

$$\psi(t) = \int_{t_0}^t \frac{\begin{bmatrix} \phi_1(t) & \phi_2(t) \\ \phi_1'(t) & \phi_2'(t) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \phi_2'(s) & -\phi_2(s) \\ -\phi_1'(s) & \phi_1(s) \end{bmatrix}}{W(s)} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ f(s) \end{bmatrix} ds \quad (14)$$

It can indeed be simplified as

$$\psi(t) = \int_{t_0}^t \frac{\phi_2(t)\phi_1(s) - \phi_1(t)\phi_2(s)}{W(s)} f(s) ds \quad (15)$$

Problem 4

The fundamental matrix of A can be calculated as

$$e^{tA} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^k}{k!} \quad (16)$$

Note that $A^m = 0, \forall m > n - 1$.

When $m < n$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} e^{At} &= I + t \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n} + \frac{t^2}{2!} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & 1 & \\ & & & 0 & \\ 0 & \dots & & 0 & \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n} + \dots + \frac{t^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t & \frac{t^2}{2!} & \dots & \dots & \frac{t^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & & & \frac{t^{n-2}}{(n-2)!} \\ & & & \ddots & & \vdots \\ & & & & \frac{t^2}{2!} & \\ \vdots & & & & t & \\ 0 & \dots & & & 1 & \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n} \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

Problem 5

Notice that $A = \tilde{A} + 2I$, where \tilde{A} is the original matrix in problem 4

We can use the properties of the fundamental matrix

$$\begin{aligned} e^{\tilde{A}+2I} &= e^{\tilde{A}} e^{2I} \\ e^{2I} &= \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & e^{2t} & & 0 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & & e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} = e^{2t} I \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

So the solution is

$$e^{At} = e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t & \frac{t^2}{2!} & \dots & \dots & \frac{t^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & & & \frac{t^{n-2}}{(n-2)!} \\ & & & \ddots & & \vdots \\ & & & & \frac{t^2}{2!} & \\ \vdots & & & & t & \\ 0 & \dots & & & 1 & \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n} \quad (19)$$

Problem 6

First, carry out the eigen-decomposition of A

$$\det \left| \lambda I - \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \right| = 0 \quad (20)$$

and get our eigen-values

$$\lambda_1 = -3 \quad \lambda_2 = 2 \quad \lambda_3 = 4 \quad (21)$$

Solve for three equations and get our eigenvectors,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & -7 \\ 0 & -7 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -5 \end{bmatrix} v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (22)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & -1 & -7 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (23)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 7 & -1 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (24)$$

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (25)$$

Due to the properties of the exponential operator,

$$e^{At} = \exp(T\Lambda T^{-1}) = T e^{\Lambda t} T^{-1} \quad (26)$$

Also due to the fact that the non-zero linear combination of independent solutions are still independent solutions.

One of the fundamental matrix we can easily calculate is that

$$\Phi(t) = T e^{\Lambda t} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-3t} & 3e^{2t} & e^{4t} \\ 0 & e^{2t} & 7e^{4t} \\ 0 & 2e^{2t} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (27)$$