

## W6 Solutions

Problem 1: The characteristic equation of the ODE is

$$\lambda^3 + 2\lambda^2 - \lambda - 2 = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow \lambda = -2, -1, 1$$

The general solution is

$$y = c_1 e^{-2x} + c_2 e^{-x} + c_3 e^x$$

To convert the ODE into an ODE system, we do the following change of variables

$$y_1 = y$$

$$y_2 = y'_1 = y'$$

$$y_3 = y'_2 = y''$$

the original ODE can be written as

$$y'_3 + 2y_3 - y_2 - 2y_1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y'_3 = -2y_3 + y_2 + 2y_1$$

Altogether the ODE system is

$$\begin{bmatrix} y'_1 \\ y'_2 \\ y'_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\dot{y} = Ay$$

The eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $A$  are

$$\lambda_1 = -2, \quad v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2 = -1, \quad v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_3 = 1, \quad v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The general solution of the ODE system is

$$y = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2x} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-x} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^x$$

$$= \left[ c_1 e^{-2x} + c_2 e^{-x} + c_3 e^x \right]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2c_1e^{-2x} - c_2e^{-x} + c_3e^x \\ 4c_1e^{-2x} + c_2e^{-x} + c_3e^x \end{bmatrix}$$

finally, remind that  $y=y_1$ , so we are mostly interested in its first component that is

$$y = c_1e^{-2x} + c_2e^{-x} + c_3e^x$$

That is, the same result as we obtained by the direct method.

Problem 2:  $\begin{bmatrix} y_1' \\ y_2' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$

The characteristic equation of the system matrix is

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 1 \\ 3 & -1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 2, -2$$

The eigenvector of  $\lambda_1=2$  is

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

Solving it, we get  $x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

The eigenvector of  $\lambda_2=-2$  comes from

$$(A + 2I)x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{we get } x = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

finally the solution of the differential equation is

$$y = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{2t} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 e^{2t} - c_2 e^{-2t} \\ c_1 e^{2t} + 3c_2 e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix}$$

Problem 3: We can model the system with the following differential equations :

$$\dot{y}_1 = \frac{-y_1}{200} (16) + \frac{y_2}{200} (4) + (0)(12)$$

$$\dot{y}_2 = \frac{y_1}{200} (16) - \frac{y_2}{200} (4 + 12)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{y}_1 \\ \dot{y}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-16}{200} & \frac{4}{200} \\ \frac{16}{200} & \frac{-16}{200} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The eigenvalues and eigenvectors of this matrix are

$$\lambda_1 = -\frac{3}{25}, \quad v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2 = -\frac{1}{25}, \quad v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The general solution of the ODE system is

$$y = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-\frac{3}{25}t} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-\frac{1}{25}t}$$

At  $t=0$ , we have

$$y(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 100 \\ 200 \end{bmatrix} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow c_1 = 0, \quad c_2 = 200$$

So, the solution is

$$y = 200 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-\frac{t}{25}}$$

Problem 4:  $\begin{bmatrix} y'_1 \\ y'_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$

The characteristic equation of the matrix is

$$\lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 3 = 0$$

$$p = 2 > 0, \ q = -3 < 0$$

So, it is a saddle point, always unstable.

Problem 5: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} y'_1 \\ y'_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Its critical point is  $(y_1, y_2) = (0, 0)$ .

Eigenvalues of the matrix are 1 and 2, that is, it is an unstable node (because  $p = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 > 0$ )

If we do the change of variable  $\tau = -t$  then

$$\frac{dy_i}{d\tau} = \frac{dy_i}{dt} \frac{dt}{d\tau} = -\frac{dy_i}{dt}$$

So, the equation system becomes

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{dy_1}{d\tau} \\ \frac{dy_2}{d\tau} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

That is, the direction of motion changes, and the two eigenvalues become negative.

Then we have  $\rho = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 < 0$  and  $q = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 > 0$ , consequently a stable node.

Problem 6: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} y'_1 \\ y'_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -9 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The characteristic equation of the matrix is

$$\lambda^2 + 9 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm 3i$$

Eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda_1 = 3i$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{3}i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda_2 = -3i$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3}i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

To find the real solution, we construct the functions

$$y_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{3}i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{i3x}, \quad y_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3}i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-i3x}$$

$$\tilde{y}_1 = \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \sin 3x \\ \cos 3x \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{y}_2 = \frac{y_1 - y_2}{2i} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} \cos 3x \\ \sin 3x \end{bmatrix}$$

The General real solution is given by

$$y = c_1 \tilde{y}_1 + c_2 \tilde{y}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{c_1}{3} \sin 3x - \frac{c_2}{3} \cos 3x \\ c_1 \cos 3x + c_2 \sin 3x \end{bmatrix}$$

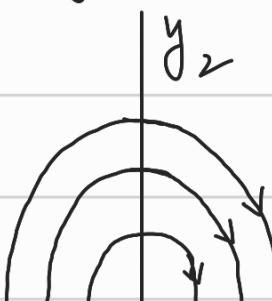
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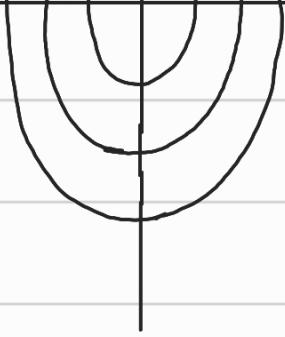
$$\frac{dy_1}{dx} = y_2, \quad \frac{dy_2}{dx} = -gy_1,$$

$$\frac{dy_1}{dy_2} = -\frac{y_2}{gy_1}, \quad gy_1 dy_1 = -y_2 dy_2$$

$$\Rightarrow g y_1^2 + y_2^2 = c$$

This is a family of ellipses.





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