

## 4 Solution of system of differential equations

### 4.1 Objective

- To solve the system of n-th order differential equations of the form  $X' = AX + B$  using diagonalization method.
- To develop code for solving physical problems which can be modeled in the above form.

### 4.2 Mathematical Model

System of differential equations arise in modeling of various engineering application. A system of first order differential equation can be represented as

$$\begin{aligned}x'_1 &= a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n + b_1 \\x'_2 &= a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \cdots + a_{2n}x_n + b_2 \\&\vdots \qquad \qquad \qquad \vdots \qquad \qquad \qquad \vdots \qquad \qquad \qquad \vdots \\x'_n &= a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{nn}x_n + b_n\end{aligned}\tag{4}$$

or in matrix form

$$X' = AX + B$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are coefficient matrix.

If  $A$  is diagonalisable, i.e. if there exist a nonsingular  $n \times n$  matrix  $P$  such that

$$D = P^{-1}AP$$

then in order to solve the given system of equation, assume

$$X = PY\tag{5}$$

then, the system of differential equation (1) becomes

$$Y' = DY + C\tag{6}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned}y'_1 &= \lambda_1 y_1 + c_1 \\y'_2 &= \lambda_2 y_2 + c_2 \\&\vdots \qquad \qquad \qquad \vdots \\y'_n &= \lambda_n y_n + c_n\end{aligned}\tag{7}$$

where  $D$  is the diagonal matrix similar to  $A$  and  $C = P^{-1}B$  is a  $n \times 1$  column vector. Equation (3) is a decoupled differential equation which can be solved using any of the method for solving differential equations. After solving (3) for  $Y$ , we can get  $x$  by (2).

### 4.3 MATLAB Functions

MATLAB provides many matrix functions for various matrix/vector manipulations; see Table 3.3 for some of these functions. Use the online help of MATLAB to and how to use these functions.

Command	Explanation
inv	$\text{inv}(A)$ returns inverse of matrix $A$ .
round	$Y = \text{round}(X, N)$ rounds $X$ to $N$ digits
\	$X = A \setminus B$ solves the system of linear equations $AX = B$ . The matrices $A$ and $B$ must have the same number of rows.
det	$\text{det}(A)$ , returns the determinant of matrix $A$
diag	$\text{diag}(A)$ , returns an equivalent diagonal matrix of $A$
eig	$[V, D] = \text{eig}(A)$ returns matrices $V$ and $D$ . The columns of $V$ present eigenvectors of $A$ . The diagonal matrix $D$ contains eigenvalues.
null	$Z = \text{null}(A)$ returns an orthonormal basis for the null space of $A$ .

## Exercise:

Write a MATLAB code for solving the following system of differential equations

1. Solve the system of homogeneous differential equations

$$\begin{aligned}x_1'(t) &= 2x_1(t) - 2x_2(t) + x_3(t) \\x_2'(t) &= -x_1(t) + 3x_2(t) - x_3(t) \\x_3'(t) &= -2x_1(t) - 4x_2(t) + 3x_3(t)\end{aligned}$$

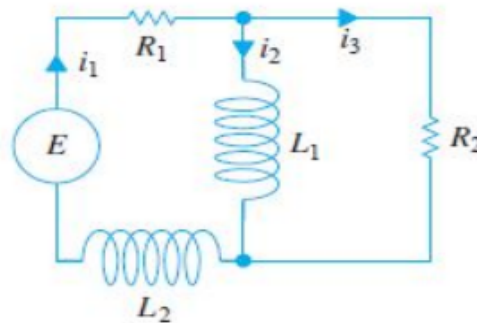
with initial conditions

$$x_1(0) = 1, x_2(0) = 0, x_3(0) = 0.$$

2. Solve the system of non-homogeneous differential equations

$$\begin{aligned}x_1'(t) &= 2x_1(t) - 2x_2(t) + x_3(t) \\x_2'(t) &= -x_1(t) + 3x_2(t) - x_3(t) + 3 \\x_3'(t) &= -2x_1(t) - 4x_2(t) + 3x_3(t) + 3t\end{aligned}$$

3. Write the mathematical Model of the given electrical network and solve using matrix diagonalization method, if,  $R_1 = 8\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 3\Omega$ ,  $L_1 = 1h$ ,  $L_2 = 1h$ ,  $E(t) = 100 \sin(t)$  V,  $i_1(0) = 0$ , and  $i_2(0) = 0$ .



4. Write the mathematical Model of the given mass spring system and solve using matrix diagonalization method.

