

1 Separation of Variables

$$y' = 3x^2(1+y) \rightarrow \frac{dy}{1+y} = 3x^2(1+y)$$

$$\frac{dy}{1+y} = 3x^2 \rightarrow \int \frac{dy}{1+y} = \int 3x^2$$
$$\ln|1+y| = x^3 + c \rightarrow |1+y| = e^{x^3+c}$$
$$y = ce^{x^3} - 1, k \neq 0$$

2 Approximation Methods

2.1 Euler's Method (Tangent Line Method) - 1768

With a given function $y' = f(t, y)$ and a given set point y_0 , we can approximate the line point by point.

For the initial value problem $y' = f(t, y), y(t_0) = y_0$

$$\text{Use the formulae } \begin{cases} t_{n+1} = t_n + h \\ y_{n+1} = y_n + hf(t_n, y_n) \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

2.1.1 Example

Obtain Euler approximation on $[0, 0.4]$ with step size 0.1 of

$$y' = -2ty + t \text{ and } y(0) = -1$$

$$h = 0.1, \begin{cases} t_0 = 0 \\ y_0 = -1 \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} t_1 = t_0 + h = 0.1 \\ y_1 = y_0 + hf(t_0, y_0) = -1 \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} t_2 = t_1 + h = 0.2 \\ y_2 = y_1 + hf(t_1, y_1) = -0.97 \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} t_3 = t_2 + h = 0.3 \\ y_3 = y_2 + hf(t_2, y_2) = -0.9112 \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} t_4 = t_3 + h = 0.4 \\ y_4 = y_3 + hf(t_3, y_3) = -0.82628 \end{cases}$$

2.2 Runge-Kutta Method of Approximation

If we have an IVP, we can calculate the next values with a process similar to (??)

$$\begin{cases} t_{n+1} = t_n + h \\ y_{n+1} = y_n + hf(t_n, y_n) \end{cases} \quad \text{Where} \quad (2)$$
$$k_{n1} = f(t_n, y_n)$$
$$k_{n2} = f\left(t_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{h}{2}k_{n1}\right)$$

For more precision, use the fourth order Runge-Kutta method. It is the most commonly used method both because of its speed as well as its relative precision.

$$\begin{cases} t_{n+1} = t_n + h \\ y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{h}{4}(k_{n1} + 2k_{n2} + 2k_{n3} + k_{n4}) \end{cases} \quad \text{Where} \quad (3)$$
$$k_{n1} = f(t_n, y_n)$$
$$k_{n2} = f\left(t_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{h}{2}k_{n1}\right)$$
$$k_{n3} = f\left(t_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{h}{2}k_{n2}\right)$$
$$k_{n4} = f(t_n + h, y_n + hk_{n3})$$

3 Picard's Theorem

Theorem 1 (Picard's). Suppose the function $f(t, y)$ is continuous on the region $R = \{(t, y) | a < t < b, c < y < d\}$ and $(t_0, y_0) \in R$. Then there exists a positive number h such that the IVP has a solution for t in the interval $(t_0 - h, t_0 + h)$. Furthermore, if $f_y(t, y)$ is also continuous on R , then that solution is unique.

4 Linearity and Nonlinearity

An equation $F(x, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) = c$ is linear if it is in the form $a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n = c$ where a_n are constants. Furthermore, if $c = 0$, the equation is said to be homogeneous.

We can generalize the concept of a linear equation to a linear differential equation. A differential equation $F(y, y', y'', \dots, y^{(n)}) = f(t)$ is linear if it is in the form: $a_n(t)y^{(n)} + a_{n-1}(t)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_1(t)y' + a_0(t)y = f(t)$ where all function of t are assumed to be defined over some common interval I . If $f(t) = 0$ over the interval I , the differential equation is said to be homogeneous.

We will also introduce some easier notation for linear algebraic equations: $\vec{x} = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$ and for linear differential equations: $\vec{y} = [y'', y', \dots, y, y]$

We will also introduce the linear operator L : $L(\vec{x}) = a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n$

$$L(y) = a_n(t)\frac{d^ny}{dt^n} + a_{n-1}(t)\frac{d^{n-1}y}{dt^{n-1}} + \dots + a_1(t)\frac{dy}{dt} + a_0(t)y$$

4.1 Properties

A solution of the algebraic is any \vec{x} that satisfies the definition of linear algebraic equations, while a solution of the differential is for any \vec{y} that satisfies the definition of linear differential equations.

For homogeneous linear equations:

- A constant multiple of a solution is also a solution.
- The sum of two solutions is also a solution.

Linear Operator Properties:

- $L(k\vec{u}) = kL(\vec{u}), k \in \mathbb{R}$.
- $L(\vec{u} + \vec{w}) = L(\vec{u}) + L(\vec{w})$.

4.1.1 Superposition Principle

Let \vec{u}_1 and \vec{u}_2 be any solutions of the homogeneous linear equation $L(\vec{u}) = 0$. Their sum is also a solution. A constant multiple is a solution for any constant k .

4.1.2 Nonhomogeneous Principle

Let \vec{u}_h be any solution to a linear nonhomogeneous equation $L(\vec{u}) = c$ (algebraic) or $L(\vec{u}) = f(t)$ (differential), then $\vec{u} = \vec{u}_h + \vec{u}_p$ is also a solution, where \vec{u}_p is a solution to the associated homogeneous equation $L(\vec{u}) = 0$.

4.2 Steps for Solving Nonhomogeneous Linear Equations

- Find all \vec{u}_h of $L(\vec{u}) = 0$.
- Find any \vec{u}_p of $L(\vec{u}) = f$.
- Add them, $\vec{u} = \vec{u}_h + \vec{u}_p$ to get all solutions of $L(\vec{u}) = f$.

5 Solving 1st Order Linear Differential Equations

5.1 Euler-Lagrange 2-Stage Method

To solve a linear differential equation in the form $y' + p(t)y = f(t)$ using this method:

- Solve $y' + p(t)y = 0$ by separation of variables to get $y_h = ce^{-\int p(t)dt}$.
- Solve $v'(t)e^{-\int p(t)dt} = f(t)$ for $v(t)$ to get the particular solution $y_p = v(t)e^{-\int p(t)dt}$.
- Combine to get

$$y(t) = y_h + y_p = ce^{-\int p(t)dt} + e^{-\int p(t)dt} \int f(t)e^{\int p(t)dt} dt \quad (4)$$

5.2 Integrating Factor Method

- Find the integrating factor $\mu(t) = e^{\int p(t)dt}$ (Note: $\int p(t)dt$ can be any antiderivative. In other words, don't bother with the addition of a constant.)
- Multiply each side by the integrating factor to get $\mu(t)(y' + p(t)y) = \mu(t)f(t)$ Which will always reduce to $\frac{d}{dt}(\mu(t)y) = \mu(t)f(t)$
- Take the antiderivative of both sides $e^{\int p(t)dt}y(t) = \int f(t)e^{\int p(t)dt}dt + c$
- Solve for y

$$y(t) = e^{-\int p(t)dt} \left(\int f(t)e^{\int p(t)dt}dt + ce^{\int p(t)dt} \right) \quad (5)$$

5.2.1 Example

$$\frac{dy}{dt} - y = t$$
$$\mu(t) = e^{\int -1dt} \rightarrow e^{-t}$$
$$e^{-t}y = \int te^{-t}dt \rightarrow e^{-t}(-t-1) + c$$
$$y(t) = ce^t - t - 1$$

6 Applications of 1st Order Linear Equations

6.1 Growth and Decay

The function

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = ky$$

can be called the growth or decay equation depending on the sign of k .

We can explicitly find the solution to these equations:

For each k , the solution of the IVP

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = ky, y(0) = y_0$$
$$\text{Is given by}$$
$$y(t) = ye^{kt}$$

We can use these equations for a wide variety of different continuously compounding interest:

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = rA, A(0) = A_0$$
$$A(t) = A_0e^{rt}$$

6.2 Mixing and Cooling

We can also use these models for mixing and cooling problems. A problem consists of some amount of substance goes into a certain rate, and some amount of mixed substance comes out as such.

We can use nullclines to more easily draw the solutions. Nullclines are an adaptation of previously mentioned isolines (??). A V nullcline is an isoline of vertical slopes where $y' = 0$. An H nullcline is an isoline of horizontal slopes where $y' = 0$. Equilibria occurs at the point where these two nullclines intersect.

Note, when existence and uniqueness hold for an autonomous system, phase plane trajectories never cross.

7.3 Quick Sketching Outline for Phase Portraits

1. Nullclines and Equilibria

- Where $x' = 0$, slopes are vertical.
- Where $y' = 0$, slopes are horizontal.
- Where $x' = y' = 0$, we have equilibria.

2. Left-Right Directions

- Where x' is positive, arrows point right.
- Where x' is negative, arrows point left.

3. Up-Down Directions

- Where y' is positive, arrows point up.
- Where y' is negative, arrows point down.

4. Check Uniqueness

Where phase plane trajectories do not cross, we have uniqueness.

7.4 Applications of Systems of Differential Equations

7.4.1 Predator-Prey Assumptions

In the absence of foxes, the rabbit population will grow with the Malthusian Growth Law: $\frac{dx}{dt} = a_0R, a_0 > 0$ In the absence of rabbits, the fox population will die off according to the law: $\frac{dy}{dt} = -a_1F, a_1 > 0$ When both foxes and rabbits are present, the number of interactions is \propto the product of the population sizes, with inverse behavior. Thus we can get the Lotka-Volterra Equations for the predator-prey model:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = a_0R - c_0RF \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = -a_1F - c_2RF \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

8 Matrices

8.1 Definitions

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & \dots & a_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & a_{m3} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \quad (11)$$

We can also describe these matrices by saying it has order $m \times n$ where m and n are the row and column sizes respectively. Two matrices are equal if they have the same m and n and the values contained are equal. We can also have matrices with orders $m \times 1$ or $1 \times n$ which are called column and row vectors.

If all entries are 0, we call it a zero matrix; however if all entries but the diagonal are zero, this is called an diagonal matrix. These diagonal matrix are called diagonal elements. A special diagonal matrix is the identity matrix, which is formed when the diagonal elements are ones.

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (12)$$

8.2 Addition and Multiplication

Each new element in the matrix is a result of the dot product between the corresponding row and column matrices.

9.2 Definitions

Every element of a $n \times n$ matrix has an associated minor and cofactor.

- Minor $\rightarrow A$ ($n-1$) \times ($n-1$) matrix obtained by deleting the i th row and j th column of A .
- Cofactor \rightarrow The scalar $C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j}|M_{ij}|$

9.2.3 Recursive Method of an $n \times n$ matrix A

We can now determine a recursive method for any $n \times n$ matrix.

Using the definitions declared above, we use the recursive method that follows.

$$|A| = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}C_{ij} \quad (17)$$

Find j and then finish with the rules for the 2×2 matrix defined above in (??).

9.2.4 Row Operations and Determinants

Let A be square.

- If two rows of A are exchanged to get B , then $|B| = -|A|$.
- If one row of A is multiplied by a constant c , then added to another row to get B , then $|A| = |B|$.
- If one row of A is multiplied by a constant c , then $|B| = c|A|$.
- If $|A| = 0$, A is called singular.

For an $n \times n$ A and B , the determinant $|AB|$ is given by $|A||B|$.

9.2.5 Properties of Determinants

- If two rows of A are interchanged to equal B , then $|B| = -|A|$
- If one row of A is multiplied by a constant k , then added to another row to produce matrix B , then $|B| = |A|$
- If one row of A is multiplied by k to produce matrix B , then $|B| = k|A|$
- If $|AB| = 0$, then either $|A|$ or $|B|$ must be zero.

10 Vector Spaces and Subspaces

A vector space V is a non-empty collection of elements that we call vectors, for which we can define the operation of vector addition and scalar multiplication:

- Addition: $\vec{x} + \vec{y}$
- Scalars: $c\vec{x}$ where c is a constant.

that satisfy the following properties:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{A triangle matrix is one where either the lower or upper half is zero, e.g.} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ or } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$1. \vec{x} + \vec{y} \in V$$

$$2. c\vec{x} \in V$$

which can be condensed into a single equation: $c\vec{x} + d\vec{y} \in V$ which is called closure under linear combinations.

10.1 Properties

We have the properties from before, as well as new ones.

- $\vec{x} + \vec{y} \in V \leftarrow$ Addition
- $c\vec{x} \in V \leftarrow$ Scalar Multiplication
- $\vec{x} + \vec{0} = \vec{x} \leftarrow$ Zero Element
- $\vec{x} + (-\vec{x}) = (-\vec{x}) + \vec{x} = \vec{0} \leftarrow$ Additive Inverse
- $(\vec{x} + \vec{y}) + \vec{z} = \vec{x} + (\vec{y} + \vec{z}) \leftarrow$ Associative Property
- $\vec{x} + \vec{y} = \vec{y} + \vec{x} \leftarrow$ Commutativity
- $1 \cdot \vec{x} = \vec{x} \leftarrow$ Identity
- $c(\vec{x} + \vec{y}) = c\vec{x} + c\vec{y} \leftarrow$ Distributive Property
- $(c + d)\vec{x} = c\vec{x} + d\vec{x} \leftarrow$ Distributive Property
- $c(d\vec{x}) = (cd)\vec{x} \leftarrow$ Associativity

10.2 Vector Function Space

A vector function space is just a unique vector space where the elements of the space are functions.

Note, the solutions to linear and homogeneous differential equations form vector spaces.

10.2.1 Closure under Linear Combination

$$c\vec{x} + d\vec{y} \in V \text{ whenever } \vec{x}, \vec{y} \in V \text{ and } c, d \in \mathbb{R} \quad (19)$$

10.2.2 Prominent Vector Function Spaces

- $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow$ The space of all ordered pairs.
- $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow$ The space of all ordered triples.
- $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow$ The space of all ordered n -tuples.
- $\mathbb{P} \rightarrow$ The space of all polynomials.
- $\mathbb{P}_n \rightarrow$ The space of all polynomials with degree $\leq n$.
- $\mathbb{M}_{m,n} \rightarrow$ The space of all $m \times n$ matrices.
- $C(I) \rightarrow$ The space of all continuous functions on the interval I (open, closed, finite, and infinite).
- $C^n(I) \rightarrow$ Same as above, except with n continuous derivatives.
- $C^\infty \rightarrow$ The space of all ordered n -tuples of complex numbers.

10.3 Vector Subspaces

Theorem: A non-empty subset W of a vector space V is a subspace of V if it is closed under addition and scalar multiplication:

- If $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in W$, then $\vec{u} + \vec{v} \in W$.
- If $\vec{u} \in W$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}$, then $c\vec{u} \in W$.

We can rewrite this to be more efficient:

$$\text{If } \vec{u}, \vec{v} \in W \text{ and } a, b \in \mathbb{R}, \text{ then } a\vec{u} + b\vec{v} \in W. \quad (20)$$

Note, vector space does not imply subspace. All subspaces are vector spaces, but not all vector spaces are subspaces.

To determine if it is a subspace, we check for closure with the above theorem.

There are only a couple subspaces for \mathbb{R}^2 :

- The zero subspace $\{(0, 0)\}$.
- Lines passing through the origin.

- \mathbb{R}^2 itself.

9.5 Existence and Uniqueness

If the RREF has a row that looks like: $[0, 0, 0, \dots, 0]k = \text{constant}$, then the system has no solutions. We call this a row of zeros.

If the system has one or more solutions, we call it consistent. In order to be unique, the system needs to be consistent.

- If every column is a pivot, the there is only one solution.
- Else If most columns are pivots, there are multiple (infinite).
- Else the system is inconsistent.

9.6 Superposition, Nonhomogeneous Linear Equations

For any nonhomogeneous linear system $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$, we can use: $\vec{x} = \vec{x}_h + \vec{x}_p$ Where \vec{x}_h represents vectors in the n solutions, and \vec{x}_p is a particular solution to the original system. We can use RREF to find \vec{x}_h and then, using the \vec{x}_p replaced by \vec{b} , find \vec{x}_p .

The rank of a matrix r equals the number of pivot columns. If r equals the number of variables, there is a unique solution. If r is less, then it is not unique.

9.7 Inverse of a Matrix

$$\text{When given a system of equations like: } \begin{cases} x + y = 1 \\ 4x + 5y = 6 \end{cases}$$

in the form: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ For this sort of A , the inverse which is defined as the matrix that, when A is original, equals an Identity Matrix. In other words: $A^{-1}A = I$

9.7.1 Properties

- $(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$
- A and B are invertible matrices of the same order n .
- If A is invertible, then so is A^T and $(A^{-1})^T = (A^T)^{-1}$

We can call the zero and the set V themselves trivial subspaces of lines passing through the origin the only n in \mathbb{R}^n .

We can classify \mathbb{R}^3 similarly:

- Trivial:
 - Zero subspace
 - \mathbb{R}^3

Non-Trivial

- Lines that contain the origin.
- Planes that contain the origin.

10.3.1 Examples

- The set of all even functions.
- The set of all solutions to $y'' - y' + y = 0$.
- $\{P \in P; P(2) = P(3)\}$

11 Span, Basis and Dimension

11.1 Span

The span of a set $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$ of vectors in a vector space V is the set of all linear combinations of $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n$.

11.1.1 Example

For example, If $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

Then we can write their span as

$$\text{span} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} : b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

- A has n pivot columns.
- $|A| \neq 0$

2. Suppose we have a set of vectors $\mathbf{V} = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \dim(\mathbf{V}) = m$. Then the set \mathbf{V} is linearly independent if $n > m$ where n is the number of elements in \mathbf{V} . *Note, this cannot prove the opposite. It only goes one way.*

3. Columns of A are linearly independent if and only if $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has only the trivial solutions of n .

are the column vectors of the identity matrix I_n .

11.6.2 Example

A vector space can have different bases. The standard basis for \mathbb{R}^3 is:

$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ giving $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ and $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ are also bases for \mathbb{R}^3 .
 But another basis for \mathbb{R}^3 is given by:
 $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

11.7 Dimension of the Column Space of a Matrix

Essentially, the number of vectors in a basis.

11.7.1 Properties

- The pivot columns of a matrix A form a basis for Column A .
- The dimension of the column space, called the rank of A , is the number of pivot columns in A . rank $A = \dim(\text{Col}(A))$

11.7.2 Invertible Matrix Characterizations

Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix. The following are true.

- A is invertible.
- The column vector of A is linearly independent.
- Every column of A is a pivot column.
- The column vectors of A form a basis for $\text{Col}(A)$.
- Rank $A = n$

11.6 Basis of a Vector Space

The set $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ is a basis for vector space V provided that

- $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ is linearly independent.
- $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\} = V$

11.6.1 Standard Basis for \mathbb{R}^n

$$\mathbf{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Case One $\Delta > 0$	Real Unequal Roots $r_1, r_2 = \frac{-a \pm \sqrt{a^2 - 4bc}}{2c}$	Overdamped Motion $y_h(t) = c_1 e^{r_1 t} + c_2 e^{r_2 t}$
Case Two $\Delta = 0$	Real Repeated Root $r = -\frac{a}{2c}$	Critically Damped Motion $y_h(t) = c_1 e^{r_1 t} + c_2 t e^{r_1 t}$
Case Three $\Delta < 0$	Complex Conjugate Roots $r_1, r_2 = \alpha \pm \beta i$ $\alpha = -\frac{a}{2c}, \beta = \frac{\sqrt{4bc - a^2}}{2c}$	Underdamped Motion $y_h(t) = e^{\alpha t} (c_1 \cos(\beta t) + c_2 \sin(\beta t))$

Table 1: Roots for Second Order Differential Equations in Characteristic Equation Form

12.4 Linear Independence

The Solution Space Theorem (??) provides us with the number of solutions in a basis for an n th order homogeneous differential equation (n).

- Starting with m solutions for the n th order case, if $m > n$ the solutions can not be independent.
- If $m = n$, we must test using the concepts from before.
- If $m < n$, the set does not span the space.

12.4.1 Wronskian

The Wronskian also tells us about the linear independence of a set of functions. This Wronskian is identical to the Wronskian previously defined (??).

Suppose $\{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$ is a set of solutions of an n th order homogeneous differential equation.

$$L(y) = c_n(y)^{(n)} + c_{n-1}(y)^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_1(y)' + a_0(y) = 0$$

- If $W(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \neq 0$ at any point on (a, b) , then the set is linearly independent.
- If $W(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) = 0$ at every point on (a, b) , then the set is linearly dependent.

12.5 Undetermined Coefficients

Let's assume $L(y) = a_n(t)y^{(n)} + a_{n-1}(t)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_1(t)y' + a_0(t)y = 0$ where $t \in$ some interval I .

- Equilibrium arrives at origin (Symmetric)
- Speed is determined by magnitude of the eigenvalues.

14.2 Linear Systems with Real Eigenvalues

To solve a system in the form

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = A\mathbf{x}$$

- Find eigenvalues of A .
 - Find associated eigenvectors.
 - Solution is in the form (for a 2×2 matrix at least) our solution is in the form: $\mathbf{x}(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \mathbf{v}_2$
- If there are insufficient eigenvalues (repeated eigenvalues), follow the method below.

- Find the one eigenvector.
- Find its eigenvector.
- Find \mathbf{V} such that $(A - \lambda I)\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{0}$.
- Solution: $\mathbf{x}(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_1 t} (t\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{w})$.

14.3 Non-Real Eigenvalues

If we have a matrix A with non-real eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = \alpha \pm \beta i$, the corresponding eigenvectors are also complex conjugate pairs in the form: $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{p} \pm \beta i \mathbf{q}$. To solve:

- For the first eigenvalue, find its eigenvector. The second eigenvector is a pair of the first.
- Construct the real and non-real parts:

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{x}_e = e^{\alpha t} (\cos(\beta t) \mathbf{p} - \sin(\beta t) \mathbf{q}) \\ \mathbf{x}_i = e^{\alpha t} (\sin(\beta t) \mathbf{p} + \cos(\beta t) \mathbf{q}) \end{cases}$$
- The general solution is defined as $\mathbf{x}(t) = c_1 \mathbf{x}_e(t) + c_2 \mathbf{x}_i(t)$

12.1 Harmonic Oscillators

12.1.1 The Mass-Spring System

Consider an object with mass m on a table that is attached to a spring attached to wall. When the object is moved by an external force, we can model its behavior using Newton's Second Law of Motion: $F = ma$ where F is the sum of the forces acting on the object.

- Restoring Force:** The restorative force of a spring is $\propto x$ the amount of stretching/compression: $F_{restoring} = -kx$
- Damping Force:** We also assume that friction exists, and therefore a damping force \propto the velocity of the object: $F_{damping} = -bx$ Where damping constant $b > 0$ and small for slick surfaces.
- External Force:** We also allow for an external force to drive the motion: $F_{external} = f(t)$

Thus we get our equation for a Simple Harmonic Oscillator: $m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = f(t) + F_0 \sin(\omega t)$

- Constants $m > 0, k > 0, b > 0$
- When $b = 0$, the oscillator is called undamped. Otherwise it is damped.
- If $f(t) = 0$, the equation is homogeneous and the motion is called unforced, undriven, or free. Otherwise it is forced, or driven.

12.1.2 Solutions

- When we say solution, we are referring to a solution that gives us x , in other words, the position of the mass at any given time t as a function of t . Due to the inherent nature of derivatives, this may or may not have undetermined constants (often denoted as $c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots, c_n$) as will be set by initial values given (similar to first order differential equations).
- Later we will determine how to solve these equations fully, however a quick answer can be found by applying the following formulas. After learning the methods given ahead, be sure to come back and determine how these solutions were determined.
- Given Equation: $m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = 0$
 $x(t) = c_1 \cos(\omega_0 t) + c_2 \sin(\omega_0 t)$
 $\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$

This gives us one form of the solution, however we can also find an alternate form:

- $x(t) = A \cos(\omega_0 t - \delta)$
- Where
 - Amplitude A and phase angle δ (radians) are arbitrary constants determined by initial conditions.
 - The motion has circular frequency $\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$ (radians) per second, and a natural frequency $f_0 = \frac{\omega_0}{2\pi}$
 - The period T (seconds) is $2\pi/\omega_0$
- The above solution is a horizontal shift of $A \cos(\omega_0 t)$ with phase shift $\frac{\delta}{\omega_0}$

To convert between the two forms, apply the following formulas.

$$\begin{cases} A = \sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2} \\ \tan \delta = \frac{c_2}{c_1} \end{cases} \begin{cases} c_1 = A \cos \delta \\ c_2 = A \sin \delta \end{cases}$$

To solve the Mass-Spring System with both damping and forcing as given by the following equation:

$$m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = F_0 \cos(\omega_f t)$$

we can apply the following formula. (Note, some concepts are explained later in the text, refer back if needed)

- $x_0(t)$ has three possible solutions. See (??).
 - $x_p(t)$ can be assumed as $A \cos(\omega_f t) + B \sin(\omega_f t)$ See (??).
 - $\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$
 - $A = \frac{m F_0 \cos(\omega_f t - \delta_f)}{m(\omega_0^2 - \omega_f^2) + b^2 \omega_f^2}$
 - $B = \frac{b F_0 \sin(\omega_f t - \delta_f)}{m(\omega_0^2 - \omega_f^2) + b^2 \omega_f^2}$
- As you can see, this is a pain. Values A and B in particular are tedious to calculate. Despite this, as you'll see later, these methods can be easier than solving by hand.

- Find two linearly independent solutions of the second order differential equation $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = f(t)$ this having the general solution $y_h(t) = c_1 y_1(t) + c_2 y_2(t)$
 - To find the particular solution, take $y_h(t) = c_1 y_1(t) + c_2 y_2(t)$ and swap constants to get $y_p(t) = c_1(t)y_1(t) + c_2(t)y_2(t)$ where c_1 and c_2 are unknown functions.
 - We find v_1 and v_2 by substituting our new equation into our first. Differentiating by the product rule we get $y_p'(t) = c_1 y_1' + v_1 y_1' + c_2 y_2' + v_2 y_2'$
 - Before we calculate y_p'' we choose an auxiliary condition, that v_1 and v_2 satisfy $v_1 y_1 + v_2 y_2 = 0$ where we get $y_p' = v_1 y_1' + v_2 y_2'$
 - Differentiating again we get $y_p''(t) = v_1 y_1'' + v_1' y_1' + v_2 y_2'' + v_2' y_2'$
 - We wish to get $L(y) = y'' + p y' + q y = f$ Substituting for what we have solved for gives $v_1 y_1 + v_2 y_2 = f$
 - We now have two equations for our two unknowns.

$$\begin{cases} y_1 v_1' + y_2 v_2' = f \\ y_1 v_1 + y_2 v_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$
- Solve the system of equations and insert.
- Another method is to use Cramer's Rule (??) where
- $$v_1' = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & y_2 \\ y_1 & y_2' \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix}} \text{ and } v_2' = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} y_1 & 0 \\ y_1' & y_1' \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix}}$$
- The denominator in this case is the Wronskian. It will not be zero because both y_1 and y_2 are linearly independent. Integrate these to find v_1 and v_2 .

13 Linear Transformations

Vectors that aren't rotated by linear transformations, but are only scaled or flipped are called eigenvectors.

Theorem 6 (Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors). Let $T: V \rightarrow V$ be a linear transformation. A scalar λ is an eigenvalue of T if there is a nonzero vector $\mathbf{v} \in V$ such that $T(\mathbf{v}) = \lambda \mathbf{v}$.

Such a nonzero vector \mathbf{v} is called an eigenvector of T corresponding to λ . If the linear transformation T is represented by an $n \times n$ matrix A where $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ and $T(\mathbf{v}) = A\mathbf{v}$, then A and \mathbf{v} are characterized by the equation $A\mathbf{v} = \lambda \mathbf{v}$.

- Star Node:** If λ has two linearly independent eigenvectors we call it an attracting or repelling star node. The sign of λ gives its stability.

- In both cases, the sign of λ gives its stability.
- If $\lambda > 0$, trajectories go to infinity, parallel to \mathbf{v} .
 - If $\lambda < 0$, trajectories approach the origin parallel to \mathbf{v} .
 - If $\lambda = 0$, there exists a line of fixed points at the eigenvector.

15 Non-Linear Systems

15.1 Properties of Phase Plane Trajectories in Non-Linear 2×2 Systems

- When uniqueness holds, phase plane trajectories cannot cross.
- When the given functions f and g are continuous, trajectories are continuous and smooth.

15.2 Equilibria

Phase Portraits can have more than one, or none at all. To find a system's equilibria, solve x' and y' simultaneously.

15.3 Nullclines

Nullclines in this case are the same as before.

15.4 Limit Cycle

A limit cycle is a closed curve (representing a periodic solution) to which other solutions tend by winding around more and more closely from either inside or outside.

16 Linearization

Theorem 9 (Jacobian). For a given system of equations:

$$\begin{cases} x' = f(x, y) \\ y' = g(x, y) \end{cases}$$

12.1.3 Phase Planes

For any autonomous second order differential equation $\ddot{x} = f(x, \dot{x})$, the phase plane is the two dimensional graph with x and \dot{x} are the position and velocity respectively? This phase field with direction given by

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} \rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \rightarrow \frac{dy}{dt} = \ddot{x} \end{cases}$$

Trajectories can be formed by parametrically combining path. A graph showing these trajectories is called a phase portrait. The direction of the trajectory is also equivalent to the system of equations

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = x \\ \dot{y} = y \end{cases}$$

The biggest advantage with phase portraits is that it solve the differential equation graphically, and not numerically, which is much easier if done correctly.

12.2 Properties and Theorems

For the linear homogeneous, second-order differential equation $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0$ with p and q being continuous functions of t , there exists a vector space of solutions.

Reverting the above equation gives us $y''(t) = f(t, y, y') = -p(t)y' - q(t)y = 0$ which gives us the existence and uniqueness theorem equation.

Theorem 2 (Existence and Uniqueness). Let $p(t)$ and $q(t)$ be continuous functions on an interval I . For any A and B in \mathbb{R} , there exists a defined on I for the IVP $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0, y(t_0) = A, y'(t_0) = B$.

A basis exists for the general second order equation.

Theorem 3 (Solution Space). The solution space S of a homogeneous differential equation has a Dimension of 2.

For any linear second order homogeneous differential equation $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0$

²This concept of a phase plane is identical to the one introduced in the next section of replacing y .

13.3 Properties of Eigenvalues

Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix.

- λ is an eigenvalue of A if and only if $|A - \lambda I| = 0$
- λ is an eigenvalue of A if and only if $(A - \lambda I)\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ solution.
- A has a zero eigenvalue if and only if $|A| = 0$
- A and A^T have the same characteristic polynomial

13.4 The Mind-Blowing Part

Remember Characteristic Roots (??)? Well, they are identical to the roots of the characteristic equation.

Given the linear second order differential equation:

$$y'' - y' - 2y = 0$$

we know that it has a characteristic equation of $r^2 - r - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow (r - 2)(r + 1) = 0$ with roots of

$$\begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

which creates the general solution of $y = c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 e^{-t}$

In Section ?? we saw that we can write a second order system of equations:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = y \\ \dot{y} = 2y + y' \end{cases}$$

which has the matrix form $\mathbf{x}' = A\mathbf{x}$:

$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} y \\ y' \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The characteristic equation $|A - \lambda I| = 0$ for this matrix which has the same eigenvalues as our original equation's roots.

13.4.1 Properties of Linear Homogeneous Differential Equations with Distinct Eigenvalues

For the differential equation $\mathbf{x}' = A\mathbf{x}$ with distinct eigenvalues and properties apply:

Type	Eigenvalues	Geometry
Real Distinct Roots	$\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < 0$ $0 < \lambda_2 < \lambda_1$	Attracting Node Repelling Node Saddle
Real Repeated Roots	$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 < 0$ $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 > 0$	Attracting Star of Deg. Node Repelling Star or Deg. Node
Complex Conjugate Roots	$\alpha > 0$ $\alpha < 0$ $\alpha = 0$	Repelling Spiral Attracting Spiral Center

Table 3: Table of Behavior Based on the System's Jacobian values

where f and g are twice differentiable, the linearized system $\mathbf{x}' = J(x_0, y_0) \mathbf{x}$ translated by $u = x - x_0$ and $v = y - y_0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} u' \\ v' \end{bmatrix} = J(x_0, y_0) \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} \text{ where } J(x_0, y_0) = \begin{bmatrix} f_x(x_0, y_0) & f_y(x_0, y_0) \\ g_x(x_0, y_0) & g_y(x_0, y_0) \end{bmatrix}$$