

# Discussion 3B: Solving Systems of Differential Equations

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## Today:

1. Quick recap + motivating example for systems of diff. eqs.
2. Linear algebra review (2x2 matrix inverses, diagonal matrices)
3. Go through the problem (lecture style)

# Quick Recap

Homogeneous  
Differential Equation

Guess and verify +  
uniqueness

$$\boxed{\frac{d}{dt}x(t) = \lambda x(t)} \longrightarrow \boxed{x(t) = x(0)e^{\lambda t}}$$

Change of variables to recover a  
homogeneous diff eq

Nonhomogeneous  
Differential Equation  
with Constant Input

$$\boxed{\frac{d}{dt}x(t) = \lambda x(t) + \alpha} \longrightarrow \boxed{x(t) = x(0)e^{\lambda t} + \frac{\alpha}{\lambda}(e^{\lambda t} - 1)}$$

Discretize, solve a bunch of constant  
input diff eqs & take the limit as  $\Delta \rightarrow 0$

Nonhomogeneous  
Differential Equation  
with Nonconstant Input

$$\boxed{\frac{d}{dt}x(t) = \lambda x(t) + u(t)} \longrightarrow \boxed{x(t) = x(0)e^{\lambda t} + \int_0^t u(\tau)e^{\lambda(t-\tau)} d\tau}$$

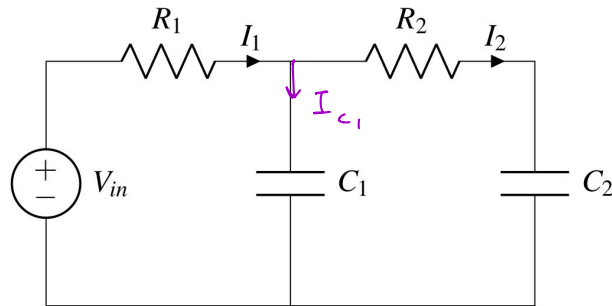
# Systems of Differential Equations

## Motivating Example

$$\begin{aligned}\text{KCL: } i_1 &= i_{C_1} + i_2 \\ i_2 &= i_{C_2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{V_{in} - V_{C_1}}{R_1} = C_1 \frac{dV_{C_1}(t)}{dt} + \frac{V_{C_1} - V_{C_2}}{R_2}$$

$$\frac{V_{C_1} - V_{C_2}}{R_2} = C_2 \frac{dV_{C_2}(t)}{dt}$$



# Quick Recap

## First Order Differential Equation with a Constant Input

Original Problem

$$\frac{d}{dt}x(t) = \lambda x(t) + \alpha$$



Original Solution

$$x(t) = x(0)e^{\lambda t} + \frac{\alpha}{\lambda}(e^{\lambda t} - 1)$$

Change of Variables Problem

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt}x(t) &= \lambda x(t) + \alpha \\ \frac{d}{dt}\left(z(t) - \frac{\alpha}{\lambda}\right) &= \lambda\left(z(t) - \frac{\alpha}{\lambda}\right) + \alpha \\ \frac{d}{dt}z(t) &= \lambda z(t)\end{aligned}$$



Change of Variables Solution

$$z(t) = z(0)e^{\lambda t}$$



# Linear Algebra Review

## Inverse

$$A^{-1}A = AA^{-1} = I \quad A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \quad I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad I_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## 2x2 Matrix Inverse

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \quad A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

## Diagonal Matrix

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & d_n \end{bmatrix}$$

## 1. Changing Coordinates and Systems of Differential Equations

Suppose we have the pair of differential equations (valid for  $t \geq 0$ )

$$\frac{d}{dt}x_1(t) = -9x_1(t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}x_2(t) = -2x_2(t)$$

with initial conditions  $x_1(0) = -1$  and  $x_2(0) = 3$ .

(a) Solve for  $x_1(t)$  and  $x_2(t)$  for  $t \geq 0$ .

$$x_1(t) = x_1(0)e^{-9t} = -e^{-9t}$$

$$x_2(t) = x_2(0)e^{-2t} = 3e^{-2t}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -9 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

Suppose we are actually interested in a different set of variables with the following differential equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt}z_1(t) &= -5z_1(t) + 2z_2(t) \\ \frac{d}{dt}z_2(t) &= 6z_1(t) - 6z_2(t).\end{aligned}$$

- (b) Write out the above system of differential equations in matrix form. Assuming that the initial state  $\vec{z}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 7 \end{bmatrix}^T$ , can we solve this system directly? No.

$$\vec{z}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} z_1(0) \\ z_2(0) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} z_1(t) \\ z_2(t) \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{z}(t)} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -5 & 2 \\ 6 & -6 \end{bmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} z_1(t) \\ z_2(t) \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{z}(t)}.$$

(c) Consider that in our frustration with the previous system of differential equations, we start hearing voices. These voices whisper to us that that we should try the following change of variables:  $y_1, y_2$

$$z_1(t) = -y_1(t) + 2y_2(t)$$

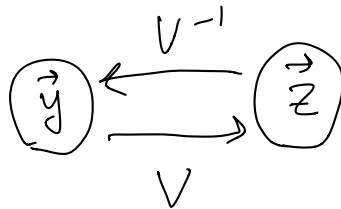
$$z_2(t) = 2y_1(t) + 3y_2(t).$$

Write out this transformation in matrix form ( $\vec{z} = V\vec{y}$ ).

$$\begin{bmatrix} z_1(t) \\ z_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}}_{V^{-1}} \begin{bmatrix} y_1(t) \\ y_2(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$V^{-1} \vec{z} = V^{-1} V \vec{y}.$$

$$V^{-1} \vec{z} = I \vec{y} = \vec{y}.$$





(d) How do the initial conditions for  $z_i(t)$  translate into the initial conditions for  $y_i(t)$ ?

1. By direct substitution:

$$\vec{y}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} y_1(0) \\ y_2(0) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$7 = z_1(0) = -y_1(0) + 2y_2(0) \quad R_1$$

$$7 = z_2(0) = 2y_1(0) + 3y_2(0) \quad R_2$$

$$\underline{R_2 + 2R_1}$$

$$21 = 7y_2(0) \quad \boxed{y_2(0) = 3}$$

$$-y_1(0) + 2(3) = 7$$

$$\boxed{y_1(0) = -1}$$

Initial Conditions

$$\vec{z}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 7 \end{bmatrix}^T$$

Change of Variables

$$z_1(t) = -y_1(t) + 2y_2(t)$$

$$z_2(t) = 2y_1(t) + 3y_2(t).$$

(d) How do the initial conditions for  $z_i(t)$  translate into the initial conditions for  $y_i(t)$ ?

2. Using matrices and vectors:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1(0) \\ y_2(0) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} z_1(0) \\ z_2(0) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$V \vec{y}(0) = \vec{z}(0)$$

$$V \vec{y}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V^{-1} V \vec{y}(0) &= V^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} \\ \vec{y}(0) &= V^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{3}{7} & \frac{2}{7} \\ \frac{2}{7} & \frac{1}{7} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$V^{-1} = \frac{1}{-3-4} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{3}{7} & \frac{2}{7} \\ \frac{2}{7} & \frac{1}{7} \end{bmatrix}$$

2x2 Matrix Inverse

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \quad A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

Initial Conditions

$$\vec{z}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 7 \end{bmatrix}^T$$

Change of Variables

$$\begin{bmatrix} z_1(t) \\ z_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \overset{\vec{V}}{\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} y_1(t) \\ y_2(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

(e) Rewrite the differential equations in terms of  $y_i(t)$ . Can we solve this system of differential equations?

1. By direct substitution:

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1(t) \\ y_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{3}{7} & \frac{2}{7} \\ \frac{2}{7} & \frac{1}{7} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1(t) \\ z_2(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$\vec{y} \qquad V^{-1} \qquad \vec{z}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} y_1(t) &= \dots \\ \frac{d}{dt} y_2(t) &= \dots \end{aligned} \quad \vec{\dot{z}} = V \vec{\dot{y}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} y_1(t) \\ y_2(t) \end{bmatrix} &= \frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{3}{7} z_1(t) + \frac{2}{7} z_2(t) \\ \frac{2}{7} z_1(t) + \frac{1}{7} z_2(t) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{3}{7} \left( \frac{d}{dt} z_1 \right) + \frac{2}{7} \left( \frac{d}{dt} z_2 \right) \\ \frac{2}{7} \left( \frac{d}{dt} z_1 \right) + \frac{1}{7} \left( \frac{d}{dt} z_2 \right) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{3}{7} (-5z_1 + 2z_2) + \frac{2}{7} (6z_1 - 6z_2) \\ \frac{2}{7} (-5z_1 + 2z_2) + \frac{1}{7} (6z_1 - 6z_2) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Differential Equations

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt} z_1(t) = -5z_1(t) + 2z_2(t) \\ \frac{d}{dt} z_2(t) = 6z_1(t) - 6z_2(t) \end{cases}$$

Change of Variables

$$\begin{aligned} z_1(t) &= -y_1(t) + 2y_2(t) \\ z_2(t) &= 2y_1(t) + 3y_2(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{27}{7} z_1 + \frac{-18}{7} z_2 \\ -\frac{4}{7} z_1 + \frac{-2}{7} z_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -9(y_1(t)) \\ -2(y_2(t)). \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} y_1(t) = -9 y_1(t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} y_2(t) = -2 y_2(t)$$

$$y_1(t) = y_1(0) e^{-9t} = -e^{-9t}$$

$$y_2(t) = y_2(0) e^{-2t} = 3e^{-2t}$$

(e) Rewrite the differential equations in terms of  $y_i(t)$ . Can we solve this system of differential equations?

2. Using matrices and vectors:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \vec{z} = A \vec{z}$$

$$\vec{z} = V \vec{y}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} (V \vec{y}) = A (V \vec{y})$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \vec{y} = ?$$

$$\cancel{V}^{-1} \left( \frac{d}{dt} \cancel{V} \vec{y} \right) = V^{-1} A V \vec{y}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \vec{y} = V^{-1} A V \vec{y}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \vec{y} = \Lambda \vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \vec{y}$$

Differential Equations

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} z_1(0) \\ z_2(0) \end{pmatrix} = \overset{A}{\begin{bmatrix} -5 & 2 \\ 6 & -6 \end{bmatrix}} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} z_1(0) \\ z_2(0) \end{pmatrix}$$

Change of Variables

$$\begin{pmatrix} z_1(t) \\ z_2(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1(t) \\ y_2(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

(f) What are the solutions for  $z_i(t)$ ?

1. Solve this with direct substitution:

$$y_1(t) = y_1(0)e^{-9t} = -e^{-9t}$$

$$y_2(t) = y_2(0)e^{-2t} = 3e^{-2t}$$

$$z_1(t) = -(-e^{-9t}) + 2(3e^{-2t}) = e^{-9t} + 6e^{-2t}$$

$$z_2(t) = 2(-e^{-9t}) + 3(3e^{-2t}) = -2e^{-9t} + 9e^{-2t}.$$

Change of Variables

$$z_1(t) = -y_1(t) + 2y_2(t)$$

$$z_2(t) = 2y_1(t) + 3y_2(t).$$

(f) What are the solutions for  $z_i(t)$ ?

2. Using matrices and vectors:

$$\vec{y}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} y_1(t) \\ y_2(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{z} = V \vec{y}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} z_1(t) \\ z_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -e^{-9t} \\ 3e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix}$$

Change of Variables

$$\begin{bmatrix} z_1(t) \\ z_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1(t) \\ y_2(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x} = \alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \vec{v}_n$$

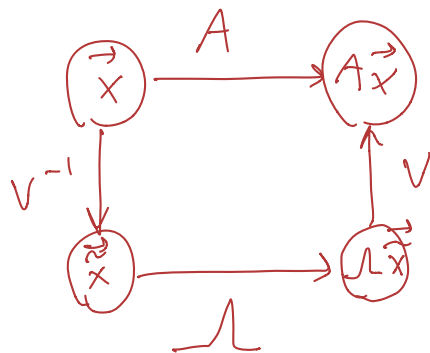
$$= \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \downarrow \vec{v}_1 & \dots & \downarrow \vec{v}_n \\ 1 & & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_V \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{\alpha}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A\vec{x} &= A(\alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \vec{v}_n) \\ &= \alpha_1 \lambda_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \lambda_n \vec{v}_n \end{aligned}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} V \\ \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \lambda_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{\alpha}'}$$

$$\vec{\alpha}' = \bigwedge \vec{\alpha}$$

$$\vec{\alpha}' = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \vec{\alpha}$$





Original Problem

$$\frac{d}{dt}\vec{x}(t) = A\vec{x}(t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(V\vec{\tilde{x}}(t)) = A(V\vec{\tilde{x}}(t))$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\vec{\tilde{x}}(t) = V^{-1}AV\vec{\tilde{x}}(t)$$

Original Solution

$$\vec{x}(t) = V\vec{\tilde{x}}(t)$$

$$A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$$

Change of Coordinates Problem

$$\vec{x}(t) = V\vec{\tilde{x}}(t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\vec{\tilde{x}}(t) = V^{-1}AV\vec{\tilde{x}}(t) =$$

$$\Lambda$$

$$\vec{\tilde{x}}(0) = V^{-1}\vec{x}(0)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = V\Lambda V^{-1}$$

$$V^{-1}A = \Lambda V^{-1}$$

$\vec{\tilde{x}}(t)$  Eigenbasis coordinates

$$V^{-1}AV = \Lambda$$

Change of Coordinates Solution

$$\tilde{x}_1(t) = \tilde{x}_1(0)e^{\lambda_1 t}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\tilde{x}_n(t) = \tilde{x}_n(0)e^{\lambda_n t}$$

How to solve for the change of basis V?

To be continued...