

## 4. The Matrix Exponential

### Background for the Fundamental Matrix

We seek a solution of a [homogeneous first order linear system](#) of differential equations. For illustration purposes we consider the  $2 \times 2$  case:

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= a x[t] + b y[t] \\y' &= c x[t] + d y[t]\end{aligned}$$

First, write the system in vector and matrix form  $\vec{X}'[t] = \mathbf{A} \vec{X}[t]$

$$\vec{X}'[t] = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \vec{X}[t].$$

Then, find the [eigenvalues](#) and [eigenvectors](#) of the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ , denote the eigenpairs of  $\mathbf{A}$  by

$$\lambda_1, \vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} v_{1,1} \\ v_{2,1} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_2, \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} v_{1,2} \\ v_{2,2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Assumption.** Assume that there are two [linearly independent](#) eigenvectors  $\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_2$ , which correspond to the eigenvalues  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ , respectively. Then two linearly independent solution to  $\vec{X}'[t] = \mathbf{A} \vec{X}[t]$  are

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{x}_1[t] &= \vec{v}_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} = \begin{pmatrix} v_{1,1} \\ v_{2,1} \end{pmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t}, \quad \text{and} \\ \vec{x}_2[t] &= \vec{v}_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} = \begin{pmatrix} v_{1,2} \\ v_{2,2} \end{pmatrix} e^{\lambda_2 t}.\end{aligned}$$

**Definition (Fundamental Matrix Solution)** The fundamental matrix solution  $\vec{\Phi}[t]$ , is formed by using the two column vectors  $\vec{v}_1 e^{\lambda_1 t}$  and  $\vec{v}_2 e^{\lambda_2 t}$ .

$$(1) \quad \vec{\Phi}[t] = [\vec{v}_1 e^{\lambda_1 t}, \vec{v}_2 e^{\lambda_2 t}] = \begin{pmatrix} v_{1,1} & v_{1,2} \\ v_{2,1} & v_{2,2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\lambda_2 t} \end{pmatrix}.$$

The general solution to  $\vec{X}'[t] = \mathbf{A} \vec{X}[t]$  is the linear combination

$$(2) \quad \vec{X}[t] = c_1 \vec{v}_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + c_2 \vec{v}_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} = \begin{pmatrix} v_{1,1} & v_{1,2} \\ v_{2,1} & v_{2,2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\lambda_2 t} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

It can be written in matrix form using the fundamental matrix solution  $\vec{\Phi}[t]$  as follows

$$\vec{X}[t] = \vec{\Phi}[t] \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Notation.** When we introduce the notation

$$\mathbf{p} = [\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2] = \begin{pmatrix} v_{1,1} & v_{1,2} \\ v_{2,1} & v_{2,2} \end{pmatrix},$$

and

$$\mathbf{e}[t] = \begin{pmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\lambda_2 t} \end{pmatrix}$$

The fundamental matrix solution  $\vec{\Phi}[t]$  can be written as

$$(3) \quad \vec{\Phi}[t] = \begin{pmatrix} v_{1,1} & v_{1,2} \\ v_{2,1} & v_{2,2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\lambda_2 t} \end{pmatrix}.$$

or

$$(4) \quad \vec{\Phi}[t] = \mathbf{p} \mathbf{e}[t].$$

**The initial condition  $\vec{X}[0]$**

If we desire to have the initial condition  $\vec{X}[0] = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$ , then this produces the equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix} = \vec{\Phi}[0] \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The vector of constant  $\begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix}$  can be solved as follows

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \vec{\Phi}^{-1}[0] \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The solution with the prescribed initial conditions is

$$\vec{X}[t] = \vec{\Phi}[t] \vec{\Phi}^{-1}[0] \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Observe that  $\vec{\Phi}[0] \vec{\Phi}^{-1}[0] = \mathbf{I}_{2 \times 2}$  where  $\mathbf{I}_{2 \times 2}$  is the identity matrix. This leads us to make the following important definition

**Definition (Matrix Exponential)** If  $\vec{\Phi}[t]$  is a fundamental matrix solution to  $\vec{X}'[t] = \mathbf{A} \vec{X}[t]$ , then the matrix exponential is defined to be

$$\vec{\mathbf{E}}[t] = \vec{\Phi}[t] \vec{\Phi}^{-1}[0].$$

**Notation.** This can be written as

$$(5) \quad \vec{\Phi}[t] = \begin{pmatrix} v_{1,1} & v_{1,2} \\ v_{2,1} & v_{2,2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\lambda_2 t} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_{1,1} & v_{1,2} \\ v_{2,1} & v_{2,2} \end{pmatrix}^{-1},$$

or

$$(6) \quad \vec{\Phi}[t] = \mathbf{p} \mathbf{e}[t] \mathbf{p}^{-1}.$$

**Fact.** For a  $2 \times 2$  system, the initial condition is

$$\vec{\Phi}[0] = \vec{\Phi}[0] \vec{\Phi}^{-1}[0] = \mathbf{I}_{2 \times 2},$$

and the solution with the initial condition  $\vec{\mathbf{X}}[0] = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{x}_1[0] \\ \vec{x}_2[0] \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$  is

$$\vec{\mathbf{X}}[t] = \vec{\Phi}[t] \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix},$$

or

$$\vec{\mathbf{X}}[t] = \vec{\Phi}[t] \vec{\mathbf{X}}[0].$$

**Theorem (Matrix Diagonalization)** The eigen decomposition of a  $2 \times 2$  square matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{p} \mathbf{d} \mathbf{p}^{-1},$$

which exists when  $\mathbf{A}$  has a full set of eigenpairs  $\lambda_i, \vec{v}_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , and  $\mathbf{d}$  is the diagonal matrix

$$\mathbf{d} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\mathbf{p} = [\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2]$$

is the augmented matrix whose columns are the eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

$$\mathbf{p} = \begin{pmatrix} v_{1,1} & v_{1,2} \\ v_{2,1} & v_{2,2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

### Matrix power $\mathbf{A}^n$

How do you compute the higher powers of a matrix ? For example, given  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  then

$$\mathbf{A}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a^2 + bc & ab + bd \\ ac + cd & bc + d^2 \end{pmatrix},$$

and

$$\mathbf{A}^3 = \begin{pmatrix} a^3 + 2abc + bcd & a^2b + b^2c + abd + bd^2 \\ a^2c + bc^2 + acd + cd^2 & abc + 2bcd + d^3 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ etc.}$$

The higher powers seem to be intractable! But if we have an eigen decomposition, then we are permitted to write

$$\mathbf{A}^2 = \mathbf{P} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{P}^{-1} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{P}^{-1} = \mathbf{P} \mathbf{D}^2 \mathbf{P}^{-1}$$

and

$$\mathbf{A}^3 = \mathbf{P} \mathbf{D}^2 \mathbf{P}^{-1} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{P}^{-1} = \mathbf{P} \mathbf{D}^3 \mathbf{P}^{-1}$$

in general

$$\mathbf{A}^n = \mathbf{P} \mathbf{D}^n \mathbf{P}^{-1}$$

**Fact.** For a  $2 \times 2$  matrix this is

$$\mathbf{A}^n = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{1,1} & \mathbf{v}_{1,2} \\ \mathbf{v}_{2,1} & \mathbf{v}_{2,2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}^n \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{1,1} & \mathbf{v}_{1,2} \\ \mathbf{v}_{2,1} & \mathbf{v}_{2,2} \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$$

which can be simplified

$$\mathbf{A}^n = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{1,1} & \mathbf{v}_{1,2} \\ \mathbf{v}_{2,1} & \mathbf{v}_{2,2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1^n & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2^n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{1,1} & \mathbf{v}_{1,2} \\ \mathbf{v}_{2,1} & \mathbf{v}_{2,2} \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$$

**Theorem (Series Representation for the Matrix Exponential)** The solution to  $\dot{\mathbf{X}}[t] = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{X}[t]$  is given by the series

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}[t] = e^{\mathbf{A}t} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (\mathbf{A}t)^n, \quad \text{which becomes}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}[t] = e^{\mathbf{A}t} = \mathbf{P} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1^n t^n & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2^n t^n \end{pmatrix} \right) \mathbf{P}^{-1}$$

and has the simplified form

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}[t] = e^{\mathbf{A}t} = \mathbf{P} \begin{pmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\lambda_2 t} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}^{-1},$$

or

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}[t] = e^{\mathbf{A}t} = \mathbf{P} \mathbf{e}[t] \mathbf{P}^{-1}.$$

**Example 1.** Consider the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,

**1 (a)** Find  $\dot{\mathbf{X}} = e^{\mathbf{A}}$ .

**1 (b)** Find  $\dot{\mathbf{X}}(t) = e^{\mathbf{A}t}$ .

**Solution 1 (a).**

**Solution 1 (b).**

## Matrix Exponential 2D examples

The following examples illustrate the situation when there is a full set of eigenvectors.

**Example 2.** Use the matrix exponential to find the general solution for the system of D. E.'s

$$x'[t] = -2x[t] + y[t]$$

$$y'[t] = x[t] - 2y[t]$$

Solution 2.

**Example 3.** Use the matrix exponential to find the general solution for the system of D. E.'s

$$x'[t] = -x[t] - 2y[t]$$

$$y'[t] = 2x[t] - y[t]$$

Solution 3.

## Matrix Exponential 3D examples

The following examples illustrate the situation when there is a full set of eigenvectors.

**Example 4.** Use the matrix exponential to find the general solution for the system of D.E.'s

$\vec{x}'[t] = \mathbf{A} \vec{x}[t]$ , where

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & -4 & 2 \\ -1 & -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Solution 4.

**Example 1.** Consider the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,

**1 (a)** Find  $\mathfrak{E} = \mathfrak{e}^{\mathbf{A}}$ .

**Solution 1 (a).**

We want to find

$$\mathfrak{e}^{\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A} + \frac{1}{2!} \mathbf{A}^2 + \frac{1}{3!} \mathbf{A}^3 + \frac{1}{4!} \mathbf{A}^4 + \dots + \frac{1}{n!} \mathbf{A}^n + \dots$$

First look at some powers  $\mathbf{A}^i$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 14 & 13 \\ 13 & 14 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^4 = \begin{pmatrix} 41 & 40 \\ 40 & 41 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^5 = \begin{pmatrix} 122 & 121 \\ 121 & 122 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now use the calculation  $\mathbf{A}^i = \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{d}^i \cdot \mathbf{p}^{-1}$

$$\mathbf{d} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix};$$

$$\mathbf{p} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix};$$

$$\mathbf{pi} = \text{Inverse}[\mathbf{p}];$$

For  $[\mathbf{i} = 1, \mathbf{i} \leq 5, \mathbf{i}++,$

**Print**[" $\mathbf{p}$ ", " $\mathbf{d}^{\mathbf{i}}$ ", " $\mathbf{p}^{-1}$ ", " = ", **MatrixForm**[\mathbf{p}], **MatrixForm**[**MatrixPower**[\mathbf{d}, \mathbf{i}]], **MatrixForm**[\mathbf{pi}], " = ",  
**MatrixForm**[\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{MatrixPower}[\mathbf{d}, \mathbf{i}] \cdot \text{Inverse}[\mathbf{p}]]];

$$\mathbf{p} \mathbf{d} \mathbf{p}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{p} \mathbf{d}^2 \mathbf{p}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{p} \mathbf{d}^3 \mathbf{p}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 27 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 14 & 13 \\ 13 & 14 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{p} \mathbf{d}^4 \mathbf{p}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 81 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 41 & 40 \\ 40 & 41 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{p} \mathbf{d}^5 \mathbf{p}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 243 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 122 & 121 \\ 121 & 122 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find the expression for the general term  $\mathbf{A}^n = \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{d}^n \cdot \mathbf{p}^{-1}$

$$\mathbf{p} \mathbf{d}^n \mathbf{p}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3^n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^n}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^n}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^n}{2} & \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^n}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Find matrix exponential  $\phi = e^A$  will be the sum of the infinite series

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2} \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2!} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^2}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^2}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^2}{2} & \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^2}{2} \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{3!} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^3}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^3}{2} \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{4!} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^4}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^4}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^4}{2} & \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^4}{2} \end{pmatrix} + \dots$$

The sum of the first few terms are:

**Clear[n];**

$$s = \sum_{n=0}^4 \frac{1}{n!} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^n}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^n}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^n}{2} & \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^n}{2} \end{pmatrix};$$

**Print[MatrixForm[s], " = ", MatrixForm[N[s]]];**

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{229}{24} & \frac{41}{6} \\ \frac{41}{6} & \frac{229}{24} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 9.54167 & 6.83333 \\ 6.83333 & 9.54167 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$s = \sum_{n=0}^9 \frac{1}{n!} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^n}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^n}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^n}{2} & \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^n}{2} \end{pmatrix};$$

**Print[MatrixForm[s], " = ", MatrixForm[N[s]]];**

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{590501}{51840} & \frac{3147097}{362880} \\ \frac{3147097}{362880} & \frac{590501}{51840} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 11.3908 & 8.67256 \\ 8.67256 & 11.3908 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$s = \sum_{n=0}^{99} \frac{1}{n!} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^n}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^n}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^n}{2} & \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^n}{2} \end{pmatrix};$$

**Print[MatrixForm[N[s]]];**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 11.4019 & 8.68363 \\ 8.68363 & 11.4019 \end{pmatrix}$$

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**Print[MatrixForm[N[s]]];**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 11.4019 & 8.68363 \\ 8.68363 & 11.4019 \end{pmatrix}$$

Each element in  $\phi$  can be calculated by the sum of an infinite series and *Mathematica* can assist us in these computations.

**$\phi = \text{Table}[0, \{2\}, \{2\}];$**

$$\phi_{[[1,1]]} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^n}{2} \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} (e + e^3)$$

$$\phi_{\llbracket 1, 2 \rrbracket} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \left( -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^n}{2} \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} (-\mathfrak{e} + \mathfrak{e}^3)$$

$$\phi_{\llbracket 2, 1 \rrbracket} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \left( -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^n}{2} \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} (-\mathfrak{e} + \mathfrak{e}^3)$$

$$\phi_{\llbracket 2, 2 \rrbracket} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^n}{2} \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} (\mathfrak{e} + \mathfrak{e}^3)$$

Therefore, the matrix exponential  $\phi = \mathfrak{e}^{\mathfrak{A}}$  is

$$\phi = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} (\mathfrak{e} + \mathfrak{e}^3) & \frac{1}{2} (-\mathfrak{e} + \mathfrak{e}^3) \\ \frac{1}{2} (-\mathfrak{e} + \mathfrak{e}^3) & \frac{1}{2} (\mathfrak{e} + \mathfrak{e}^3) \end{pmatrix}$$



**Example 1.** Consider the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,

**1 (a)** Find  $\Phi = e^A$ .

**1 (b)** Find  $\Phi(t) = e^{At}$ .

**Solution 1 (b).**

We want to find

$$e^{At} = I + At + \frac{1}{2!} A^2 t^2 + \frac{1}{3!} A^3 t^3 + \frac{1}{4!} A^4 t^4 + \dots + \frac{1}{n!} A^n t^n + \dots$$

First look at some powers  $A^i t^i$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2t & t \\ t & 2t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 5t^2 & 4t^2 \\ 4t^2 & 5t^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 14t^3 & 13t^3 \\ 13t^3 & 14t^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^4 = \begin{pmatrix} 41t^4 & 40t^4 \\ 40t^4 & 41t^4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^5 = \begin{pmatrix} 122t^5 & 121t^5 \\ 121t^5 & 122t^5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now use the calculation  $A^i t^i = p \cdot d^i \cdot p^{-1} t^i$

$$d = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix};$$

$$p = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix};$$

**pi = Inverse[p];**

**For[i = 1, i ≤ 5, i++,**

**Print["p", "d"<sup>i</sup>, "p"<sup>-1</sup>, "t"<sup>i</sup>, " = ", MatrixForm[p], MatrixForm[MatrixPower[d, i]], MatrixForm[pi], "t"<sup>i</sup>, " = ",**  
**MatrixForm[p.MatrixPower[d, i].Inverse[p] t<sup>i</sup>]]];**

$$p d p^{-1} t = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} t = \begin{pmatrix} 2t & t \\ t & 2t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p d^2 p^{-1} t^2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} t^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 5t^2 & 4t^2 \\ 4t^2 & 5t^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Find the expression for the general term  $A^n t^n = p \cdot d^n \cdot p^{-1} t^n$

$$p d^n p^{-1} t^n = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3^n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} t^n = t^n \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^n}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^n}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^n}{2} & \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^n}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Find matrix exponential  $\phi(t) = e^{At}$  will be the sum of the infinite series

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2} \end{pmatrix} + \frac{t^2}{2!} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^2}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^2}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^2}{2} & \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^2}{2} \end{pmatrix} + \frac{t^3}{3!} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^3}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^3}{2} \end{pmatrix} + \frac{t^4}{4!} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^4}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^4}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^4}{2} & \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^4}{2} \end{pmatrix} + \dots$$

The sum of the first five terms is

**Clear[n];**

$$s = \sum_{n=0}^4 \frac{t^n}{n!} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^n}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^n}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^n}{2} & \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^n}{2} \end{pmatrix};$$

**Print[MatrixForm[s]];**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 + 2t + \frac{5t^2}{2} + \frac{7t^3}{3} + \frac{41t^4}{24} & t + 2t^2 + \frac{13t^3}{6} + \frac{5t^4}{3} \\ t + 2t^2 + \frac{13t^3}{6} + \frac{5t^4}{3} & 1 + 2t + \frac{5t^2}{2} + \frac{7t^3}{3} + \frac{41t^4}{24} \end{pmatrix}$$

The sum of the first ten terms is

**Clear[n];**

$$s = \sum_{n=0}^9 \frac{t^n}{n!} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^n}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^n}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^n}{2} & \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^n}{2} \end{pmatrix};$$

**Print[MatrixForm[s]];**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 + 2t + \frac{5t^2}{2} + \frac{7t^3}{3} + \frac{41t^4}{24} + \frac{61t^5}{60} + \frac{73t^6}{144} + \frac{547t^7}{2520} + \frac{3281t^8}{40320} + \frac{703t^9}{25920} & t + 2t^2 + \frac{13t^3}{6} + \frac{5t^4}{3} + \frac{121t^5}{120} + \frac{91t^6}{180} + \frac{1093t^7}{5040} + \frac{41t^8}{504} + \frac{9841t^9}{362880} \\ t + 2t^2 + \frac{13t^3}{6} + \frac{5t^4}{3} + \frac{121t^5}{120} + \frac{91t^6}{180} + \frac{1093t^7}{5040} + \frac{41t^8}{504} + \frac{9841t^9}{362880} & 1 + 2t + \frac{5t^2}{2} + \frac{7t^3}{3} + \frac{41t^4}{24} + \frac{61t^5}{60} + \frac{73t^6}{144} + \frac{547t^7}{2520} + \frac{3281t^8}{40320} + \frac{703t^9}{25920} \end{pmatrix}$$

Each element in  $\phi(t)$  can be calculated by the sum of an infinite series and *Mathematica* can assist us in these computations.

**$\phi = \text{Table}[0, \{2\}, \{2\}];$**

$$\phi_{[1,1]} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{n!} \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^n}{2} \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} e^t (1 + e^{2t})$$

$$\phi_{[1,2]} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{n!} \left( -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^n}{2} \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} e^t (-1 + e^{2t})$$

$$\phi_{[2,1]} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{n!} \left( -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^n}{2} \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} e^t (-1 + e^{2t})$$

$$\phi_{\llbracket 2,2 \rrbracket} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{n!} \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3^n}{2} \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} e^t (1 + e^{2t})$$

Therefore, the matrix exponential  $\phi(t) = e^{At}$  is

$$\phi = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} e^t (1 + e^{2t}) & \frac{1}{2} e^t (-1 + e^{2t}) \\ \frac{1}{2} e^t (-1 + e^{2t}) & \frac{1}{2} e^t (1 + e^{2t}) \end{pmatrix}$$

**Example 2.** Use the matrix exponential to find the general solution for the system of D. E.'s

$$x' [t] = -2x[t] + y[t]$$

$$y' [t] = x[t] - 2y[t]$$

**Solution 2.**

First, write the system in vector and matrix form  $\vec{X}' [t] = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \vec{X}[t]$ .

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$d = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p \ d \ p^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p \ d \ p^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p \ d \ p^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

A fundamental matrix solution is  $\vec{\Phi}[t] = p \begin{pmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\lambda_2 t} \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\vec{\Phi}[t] = \begin{pmatrix} -e^{-3t} & e^{-t} \\ e^{-3t} & e^{-t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A \cdot \vec{\Phi}[t] = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -e^{-3t} & e^{-t} \\ e^{-3t} & e^{-t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A \cdot \vec{\Phi}[t] = \begin{pmatrix} 3e^{-3t} & -e^{-t} \\ -3e^{-3t} & -e^{-t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{\Phi}' [t] = \begin{pmatrix} 3e^{-3t} & -e^{-t} \\ -3e^{-3t} & -e^{-t} \end{pmatrix}$$

Does  $\vec{\Phi}' [t] = A \cdot \vec{\Phi}[t]$  ?

True

The matrix exponential is  $\vec{\Phi}[t] = \vec{\Phi}[t] \vec{\Phi}^{-1}[0]$ .

$$\vec{\Psi}[t] = \begin{pmatrix} -e^{-3t} & e^{-t} \\ e^{-3t} & e^{-t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{\Psi}[0] = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{\Phi}[t] = \vec{\Psi}[t].\text{Inverse}[\vec{\Psi}[0]]$$

$$\vec{\Phi}[t] = \begin{pmatrix} -e^{-3t} & e^{-t} \\ e^{-3t} & e^{-t} \end{pmatrix} \text{Inverse}\left[\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\right]$$

$$\vec{\Phi}[t] = \begin{pmatrix} -e^{-3t} & e^{-t} \\ e^{-3t} & e^{-t} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{\Phi}[t] = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{e^{-3t}}{2} + \frac{e^{-t}}{2} & -\frac{1}{2}e^{-3t} + \frac{e^{-t}}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2}e^{-3t} + \frac{e^{-t}}{2} & \frac{e^{-3t}}{2} + \frac{e^{-t}}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{\Phi}[0] = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The solution to the D. E. with initial conditions  $\vec{X}[0] = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$ , is  $\vec{F}[t, x_0, y_0] = \vec{\Phi}[t] \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

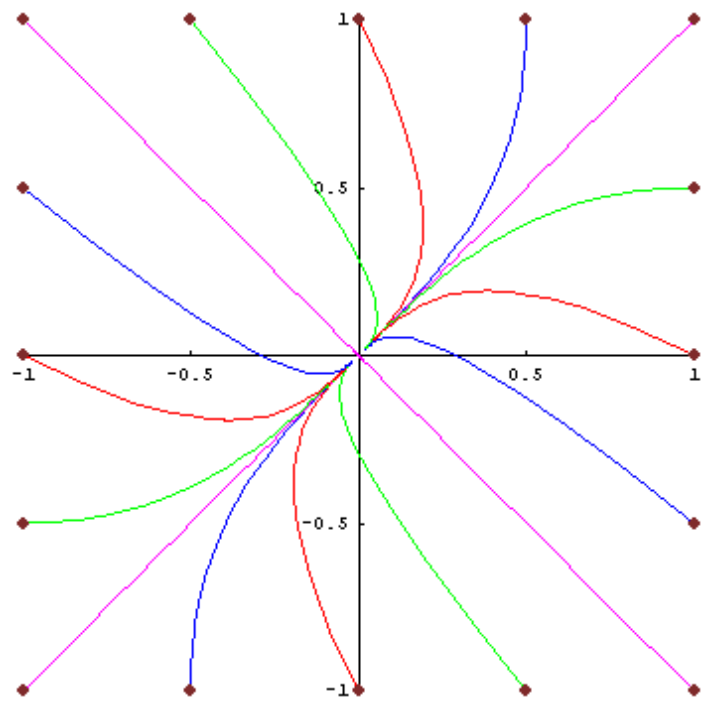
$$\vec{\Phi}[t] = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{e^{-3t}}{2} + \frac{e^{-t}}{2} & -\frac{1}{2}e^{-3t} + \frac{e^{-t}}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2}e^{-3t} + \frac{e^{-t}}{2} & \frac{e^{-3t}}{2} + \frac{e^{-t}}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{F}[t] = \vec{\Phi}[t] \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{F}[t] = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{e^{-3t}}{2} + \frac{e^{-t}}{2} & -\frac{1}{2}e^{-3t} + \frac{e^{-t}}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2}e^{-3t} + \frac{e^{-t}}{2} & \frac{e^{-3t}}{2} + \frac{e^{-t}}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{F}[t] = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2}e^{-3t}x_0 + \frac{1}{2}e^{-t}x_0 - \frac{1}{2}e^{-3t}y_0 + \frac{1}{2}e^{-t}y_0 \\ -\frac{1}{2}e^{-3t}x_0 + \frac{1}{2}e^{-t}x_0 + \frac{1}{2}e^{-3t}y_0 + \frac{1}{2}e^{-t}y_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{F}[0] = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\vec{F}[t] = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} e^{-3t} x_0 + \frac{1}{2} e^{-t} x_0 - \frac{1}{2} e^{-3t} y_0 + \frac{1}{2} e^{-t} y_0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} e^{-3t} x_0 + \frac{1}{2} e^{-t} x_0 + \frac{1}{2} e^{-3t} y_0 + \frac{1}{2} e^{-t} y_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

For t in the interval  $0 \leq t \leq 2.5$

I.C.'s  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} =$

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0.5 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -0.5 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -0.5 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -0.5 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0.5 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -0.5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

**Example 3.** Use the matrix exponential to find the general solution for the system of D. E.'s

$$x' [t] = -x[t] - 2y[t]$$

$$y' [t] = 2x[t] - y[t]$$

**Solution 3.**

First, write the system in vector and matrix form  $\vec{X}' [t] = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \vec{X}[t]$ .

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} -i & i \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} -1-2i & 0 \\ 0 & -1+2i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P D P^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -i & i \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1-2i & 0 \\ 0 & -1+2i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{i}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{i}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P D P^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -2+i & -2-i \\ -1-2i & -1+2i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{i}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{i}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P D P^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

A fundamental matrix solution is  $\vec{\Phi}[t] = P \begin{pmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\lambda_2 t} \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\vec{\Phi}[t] = \begin{pmatrix} -i e^{(-1-2i)t} & i e^{(-1+2i)t} \\ e^{(-1-2i)t} & e^{(-1+2i)t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A \cdot \vec{\Phi}[t] = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -i e^{(-1-2i)t} & i e^{(-1+2i)t} \\ e^{(-1-2i)t} & e^{(-1+2i)t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A \cdot \vec{\Phi}[t] = \begin{pmatrix} (-2+i) e^{(-1-2i)t} & (-2-i) e^{(-1+2i)t} \\ (-1-2i) e^{(-1-2i)t} & (-1+2i) e^{(-1+2i)t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{\Phi}'[t] = \begin{pmatrix} (-2+i) e^{(-1-2i)t} & (-2-i) e^{(-1+2i)t} \\ (-1-2i) e^{(-1-2i)t} & (-1+2i) e^{(-1+2i)t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Does } \vec{\Phi}'[t] = A \cdot \vec{\Phi}[t] ?$$

True

The matrix exponential is  $\vec{\Xi}[t] = \vec{\Phi}[t] \vec{\Phi}^{-1}[0]$ .



$$\vec{\Phi}[t] = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} e^{(-1-2i)t} & \frac{1}{2} e^{(-1+2i)t} \\ e^{(-1-2i)t} & e^{(-1+2i)t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{\Phi}[0] = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{\Phi}[t] = \vec{\Phi}[t].\text{Inverse}[\vec{\Phi}[0]]$$

$$\vec{\Phi}[t] = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} e^{(-1-2i)t} & \frac{1}{2} e^{(-1+2i)t} \\ e^{(-1-2i)t} & e^{(-1+2i)t} \end{pmatrix} \text{Inverse}\left[\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\right]$$

$$\vec{\Phi}[t] = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} e^{(-1-2i)t} & \frac{1}{2} e^{(-1+2i)t} \\ e^{(-1-2i)t} & e^{(-1+2i)t} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{\Phi}[t] = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} e^{(-1-2i)t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{(-1+2i)t} & -\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} e^{(-1-2i)t} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} e^{(-1+2i)t} \\ \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} e^{(-1-2i)t} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} e^{(-1+2i)t} & \frac{1}{2} e^{(-1-2i)t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{(-1+2i)t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{\Phi}[t] = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-t} \cos[2t] & -e^{-t} \sin[2t] \\ e^{-t} \sin[2t] & e^{-t} \cos[2t] \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{\Phi}[0] = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The solution to the D. E. with initial conditions  $\vec{X}[0] = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$ , is  $\vec{F}[t, x_0, y_0] = \vec{\Phi}[t] \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

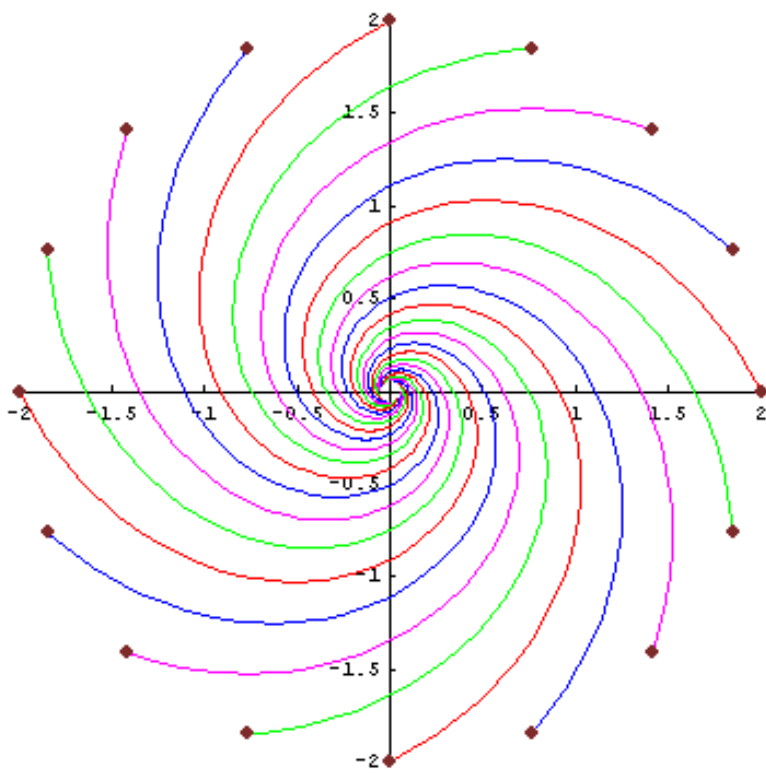
$$\vec{\Phi}[t] = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-t} \cos[2t] & -e^{-t} \sin[2t] \\ e^{-t} \sin[2t] & e^{-t} \cos[2t] \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{F}[t] = \vec{\Phi}[t] \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{F}[t] = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-t} \cos[2t] & -e^{-t} \sin[2t] \\ e^{-t} \sin[2t] & e^{-t} \cos[2t] \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{F}[t] = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-t} \cos[2t] x_0 - e^{-t} \sin[2t] y_0 \\ e^{-t} \sin[2t] x_0 + e^{-t} \cos[2t] y_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{F}[0] = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\vec{F}[t] = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-t} \cos[2t] x_0 - e^{-t} \sin[2t] y_0 \\ e^{-t} \sin[2t] x_0 + e^{-t} \cos[2t] y_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

for  $t$  in the interval  $0 \leq t \leq 3.5$

$$\text{I.C.'s } \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \cos\left[\frac{\pi}{8}\right] \\ 2 \sin\left[\frac{\pi}{8}\right] \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \cos\left[\frac{3\pi}{8}\right] \\ 2 \sin\left[\frac{3\pi}{8}\right] \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \cos\left[\frac{5\pi}{8}\right] \\ 2 \sin\left[\frac{5\pi}{8}\right] \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -\sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \cos\left[\frac{7\pi}{8}\right] \\ 2 \sin\left[\frac{7\pi}{8}\right] \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \cos\left[\frac{9\pi}{8}\right] \\ 2 \sin\left[\frac{9\pi}{8}\right] \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -\sqrt{2} \\ -\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \cos\left[\frac{11\pi}{8}\right] \\ 2 \sin\left[\frac{11\pi}{8}\right] \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \cos\left[\frac{13\pi}{8}\right] \\ 2 \sin\left[\frac{13\pi}{8}\right] \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} \\ -\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \cos\left[\frac{15\pi}{8}\right] \\ 2 \sin\left[\frac{15\pi}{8}\right] \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

**Example 4.** Use the matrix exponential to find the general solution for the system of D.E.'s  $\vec{X}'[t] = \mathbf{A} \vec{X}[t]$ , where

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & -4 & 2 \\ -1 & -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Solution 4.**

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & -4 & 2 \\ -1 & -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{p} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1+i & 1-i \\ 1 & 1+i & 1-i \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{d} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1-2i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1+2i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{p} \mathbf{d} \mathbf{p}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1+i & 1-i \\ 1 & 1+i & 1-i \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1-2i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1+2i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{4} - \frac{i}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} - \frac{i}{4} & \frac{1}{4} + \frac{i}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} + \frac{i}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} + \frac{i}{4} & \frac{1}{4} - \frac{i}{4} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{p} \mathbf{d} \mathbf{p}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1-3i & 1+3i \\ -2 & 1-3i & 1+3i \\ -2 & -2-4i & -2+4i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{4} - \frac{i}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} - \frac{i}{4} & \frac{1}{4} + \frac{i}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} + \frac{i}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} + \frac{i}{4} & \frac{1}{4} - \frac{i}{4} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{p} \mathbf{d} \mathbf{p}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & -4 & 2 \\ -1 & -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

A fundamental matrix solution is  $\vec{\Psi}[t] = \mathbf{p} \begin{pmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\lambda_2 t} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{\lambda_3 t} \end{pmatrix}.$

$$\vec{\Psi}[t] = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & (1 + i) e^{(-1-2i)t} & (1 - i) e^{(-1+2i)t} \\ e^{-2t} & (1 + i) e^{(-1-2i)t} & (1 - i) e^{(-1+2i)t} \\ e^{-2t} & 2 e^{(-1-2i)t} & 2 e^{(-1+2i)t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & -4 & 2 \\ -1 & -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A \cdot \vec{\Psi}[t] = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & -4 & 2 \\ -1 & -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & (1 + i) e^{(-1-2i)t} & (1 - i) e^{(-1+2i)t} \\ e^{-2t} & (1 + i) e^{(-1-2i)t} & (1 - i) e^{(-1+2i)t} \\ e^{-2t} & 2 e^{(-1-2i)t} & 2 e^{(-1+2i)t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A \cdot \vec{\Psi}[t] = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & (1 - 3i) e^{(-1-2i)t} & (1 + 3i) e^{(-1+2i)t} \\ -2 e^{-2t} & (1 - 3i) e^{(-1-2i)t} & (1 + 3i) e^{(-1+2i)t} \\ -2 e^{-2t} & (-2 - 4i) e^{(-1-2i)t} & (-2 + 4i) e^{(-1+2i)t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{\Psi}'[t] = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & (1 - 3i) e^{(-1-2i)t} & (1 + 3i) e^{(-1+2i)t} \\ -2 e^{-2t} & (1 - 3i) e^{(-1-2i)t} & (1 + 3i) e^{(-1+2i)t} \\ -2 e^{-2t} & (-2 - 4i) e^{(-1-2i)t} & (-2 + 4i) e^{(-1+2i)t} \end{pmatrix}$$

Does  $\vec{\Psi}'[t] = A \cdot \vec{\Psi}[t]$  ?

True

The matrix exponential is  $\vec{\Phi}[t] = \vec{\Psi}[t] \vec{\Psi}^{-1}[0]$  .

$$\vec{\Psi}[t] = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & (1+i) e^{(-1-i)t} & (1-i) e^{(-1+i)t} \\ e^{-2t} & (1+i) e^{(-1-i)t} & (1-i) e^{(-1+i)t} \\ e^{-2t} & 2 e^{(-1-i)t} & 2 e^{(-1+i)t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{\Psi}[0] = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1+i & 1-i \\ 1 & 1+i & 1-i \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{\Phi}[t] = \vec{\Psi}[t].\text{Inverse}[\vec{\Psi}[0]]$$

$$\vec{\Phi}[t] = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & (1+i) e^{(-1-i)t} & (1-i) e^{(-1+i)t} \\ e^{-2t} & (1+i) e^{(-1-i)t} & (1-i) e^{(-1+i)t} \\ e^{-2t} & 2 e^{(-1-i)t} & 2 e^{(-1+i)t} \end{pmatrix} \text{Inverse}\left[\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1+i & 1-i \\ 1 & 1+i & 1-i \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}\right]$$

$$\vec{\Phi}[t] = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & (1+i) e^{(-1-i)t} & (1-i) e^{(-1+i)t} \\ e^{-2t} & (1+i) e^{(-1-i)t} & (1-i) e^{(-1+i)t} \\ e^{-2t} & 2 e^{(-1-i)t} & 2 e^{(-1+i)t} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{4} - \frac{i}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} - \frac{i}{4} & \frac{1}{4} + \frac{i}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} + \frac{i}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} + \frac{i}{4} & \frac{1}{4} - \frac{i}{4} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{\Phi}[t] = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} e^{(-1-i)t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{(-1+i)t} & -\frac{1}{2} i e^{(-1-i)t} + \frac{1}{2} i e^{(-1+i)t} & \frac{1}{2} i e^{(-1-i)t} - \frac{1}{2} i e^{(-1+i)t} \\ -e^{-2t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{(-1-i)t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{(-1+i)t} & e^{-2t} - \frac{1}{2} i e^{(-1-i)t} + \frac{1}{2} i e^{(-1+i)t} & \frac{1}{2} i e^{(-1-i)t} - \frac{1}{2} i e^{(-1+i)t} \\ -e^{-2t} + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{i}{2}\right) e^{(-1-i)t} + \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{i}{2}\right) e^{(-1+i)t} & e^{-2t} - \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{i}{2}\right) e^{(-1-i)t} - \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{i}{2}\right) e^{(-1+i)t} & \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{i}{2}\right) e^{(-1-i)t} + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{i}{2}\right) e^{(-1+i)t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{\Phi}[t] = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-t} \cos[2t] & -e^{-t} \sin[2t] & e^{-t} \sin[2t] \\ -e^{-2t} + e^{-t} \cos[2t] & e^{-2t} - e^{-t} \sin[2t] & e^{-t} \sin[2t] \\ -e^{-2t} + e^{-t} \cos[2t] - e^{-t} \sin[2t] & e^{-2t} - e^{-t} \cos[2t] - e^{-t} \sin[2t] & e^{-t} \cos[2t] + e^{-t} \sin[2t] \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{\Phi}[0] = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The solution to the D. E. with initial conditions  $\vec{X}[0] = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \\ z_0 \end{pmatrix}$ , is  $\vec{F}[t, x_0, y_0, z_0] = \vec{\Phi}[t] \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \\ z_0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

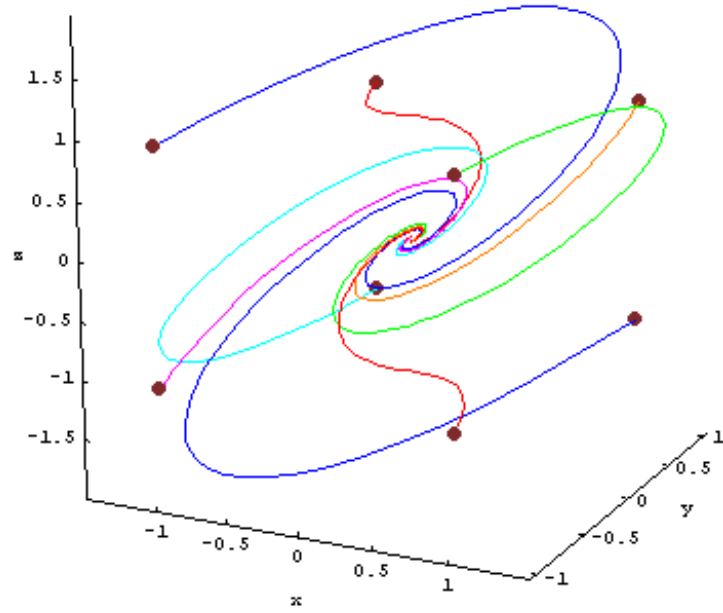
$$\vec{\Phi}[t] = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} e^{(-1-2i)t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{(-1+2i)t} & -\frac{1}{2} i e^{(-1-2i)t} + \frac{1}{2} i e^{(-1+2i)t} & \frac{1}{2} i e^{(-1-2i)t} - \frac{1}{2} i e^{(-1+2i)t} \\ -e^{-2t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{(-1-2i)t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{(-1+2i)t} & e^{-2t} - \frac{1}{2} i e^{(-1-2i)t} + \frac{1}{2} i e^{(-1+2i)t} & \frac{1}{2} i e^{(-1-2i)t} - \frac{1}{2} i e^{(-1+2i)t} \\ -e^{-2t} + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{i}{2}\right) e^{(-1-2i)t} + \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{i}{2}\right) e^{(-1+2i)t} & e^{-2t} - \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{i}{2}\right) e^{(-1-2i)t} - \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{i}{2}\right) e^{(-1+2i)t} & \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{i}{2}\right) e^{(-1-2i)t} + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{i}{2}\right) e^{(-1+2i)t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{F}[t] = \vec{\Phi}[t] \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \\ z_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{F}[t] = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} e^{(-1-2i)t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{(-1+2i)t} & -\frac{1}{2} i e^{(-1-2i)t} + \frac{1}{2} i e^{(-1+2i)t} & \frac{1}{2} i e^{(-1-2i)t} - \frac{1}{2} i e^{(-1+2i)t} \\ -e^{-2t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{(-1-2i)t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{(-1+2i)t} & e^{-2t} - \frac{1}{2} i e^{(-1-2i)t} + \frac{1}{2} i e^{(-1+2i)t} & \frac{1}{2} i e^{(-1-2i)t} - \frac{1}{2} i e^{(-1+2i)t} \\ -e^{-2t} + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{i}{2}\right) e^{(-1-2i)t} + \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{i}{2}\right) e^{(-1+2i)t} & e^{-2t} - \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{i}{2}\right) e^{(-1-2i)t} - \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{i}{2}\right) e^{(-1+2i)t} & \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{i}{2}\right) e^{(-1-2i)t} + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{i}{2}\right) e^{(-1+2i)t} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \\ z_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{F}[t] = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-t} \cos[2t] x_0 - e^{-t} \sin[2t] y_0 + e^{-t} \sin[2t] z_0 \\ -e^{-2t} x_0 + e^{-t} \cos[2t] x_0 + e^{-2t} y_0 - e^{-t} \sin[2t] y_0 + e^{-t} \sin[2t] z_0 \\ -e^{-2t} x_0 + e^{-t} \cos[2t] x_0 - e^{-t} \sin[2t] x_0 + e^{-2t} y_0 - e^{-t} \cos[2t] y_0 - e^{-t} \sin[2t] y_0 + e^{-t} \cos[2t] z_0 + e^{-t} \sin[2t] z_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{F}[0] = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \\ z_0 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\vec{F}[t] = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-t} \cos[2t] x_0 - e^{-t} \sin[2t] y_0 + e^{-t} \sin[2t] z_0 \\ -e^{-2t} x_0 + e^{-t} \cos[2t] x_0 + e^{-2t} y_0 - e^{-t} \sin[2t] y_0 + e^{-t} \sin[2t] z_0 \\ -e^{-2t} x_0 + e^{-t} \cos[2t] x_0 - e^{-t} \sin[2t] x_0 + e^{-2t} y_0 - e^{-t} \cos[2t] y_0 - e^{-t} \sin[2t] y_0 + e^{-t} \cos[2t] z_0 + e^{-t} \sin[2t] z_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

For  $t$  in the interval  $0 \leq t \leq 4$

$$\text{I.C.'s } \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \\ z_0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$