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# Linear Systems with Variable Coefficients

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = A(t)x + b(t)$$

No general method to solve variable-coefficient homogeneous, linear systems in terms of elementary functions.

Given a fundamental systems of solutions to an associated homogeneous equation, a solution to an inhomogeneous equation can be found.

## Variation of Parameters for Linear Systems

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = A(t)x + b(t), A : \mathbb{R} \to Mat(n \times n, \mathbb{R}), b : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}^n$$

Given a fundamental system  $x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, \dots, x^{(n)}$ , then

$$X_{\text{hom}}(t) = c_1 X^{(1)}(t) + \cdots + c_n X^{(n)}(t), \quad c_1, \cdots, c_n \in \mathbb{R}$$

Set

$$x_{\text{part}}(t) = c_1(t)x^{(1)}(t) + \cdots + c_n(t)x^{(n)}(t)$$

$$\frac{dx_{\text{part}}}{dt} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} (c'_{k}(t)x^{(k)}(t) + c_{k}(x^{(k)})'(t)) = A(t)x_{\text{part}} + b(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{n} c'_{k}(t)x^{(k)}(t) = b(t)$$

$$x^{(k)} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1^{(k)} \\ \vdots \\ x_n^{(k)} \end{pmatrix}, \quad c(t) = \begin{pmatrix} c_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ c_n(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} (c'_{k}(t)x^{(k)}(t)) = \begin{pmatrix} c'_{1}(t)x_{1}^{(1)}(t) + \dots + c'_{n}(t)x_{1}^{(n)}(t) \\ \vdots \\ c'_{1}(t)x_{n}^{(1)}(t) + \dots + c'_{n}(t)x_{n}^{(n)}(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} x_{1}^{(1)}(t) & x_{2}^{(2)}(t) & \dots & x_{1}^{(n)}(t) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ x_{n}^{(1)}(t) & x_{n}^{(2)}(t) & \dots & x_{n}^{(n)}(t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c'_{1}(t) \\ \vdots \\ c'_{n}(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= X(t)c'(t)$$

Use Cramer's rule to solve X(t)c'(t) = b(t),

$$c_k'(t) = \frac{\det X^{(k)}(t)}{\det X(t)}$$

where  $X^{(k)}$  is the fundamental matrix with the kth column replaced with b

The Wronskian of *n* Solutions of a System

$$W(t) = \det(x^{(1)}(t), \cdots, x^{(n)}(t)) = \det X(t)$$

$$\frac{dW}{dt} = \operatorname{tr} A(t) \cdot W, \quad W(t) = W(t_0) e^{\int_{t_0}^t \operatorname{tr} A(s) ds}$$

$$W(t) = 0 \text{ for all } t \text{ or } W(t) \neq 0 \text{ for all } t$$

# Linear Second-Order Equations and Vibrations

### **Definition**

A linear differential equation of order 2 is an equation of the form

$$r(t)y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = g(t)$$

We only focus on y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = g(t) now.





### Reduction of Order

Given a solution  $y_1$  to the equation y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0, set  $y_2(t) = v(t)y_1(t)$ , then

$$0 = y_1 v'' + (2y_1' + \rho y_1)v' + \underbrace{(y_1'' + \rho y_1' + q y_1)}_{=0} v = y_1 v'' + (2y_1' + \rho y_1)v'$$

### Example

$$(1-x^2)y'' - 2xy' + 2y = 0, -1 < x < 1$$
  
 $y(x) = x$ 

 $(1 - x^2) \cdot 0 - 2x + 2x = 0$ , so  $y_1(x) = x$  is a solution. Set  $v_2(x) = c(x)x$ , then

$$(1 - x^{2})(c''(x)x + 2c'(x)) - 2x(c'(x)x + c(x)) + 2xc(x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(1 - x^{2})c''(x) + (2 - 4x^{2})c'(x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c''(x) = -\frac{4 - 4x^{2} - 2}{x(1 - x^{2})}c'(x) = -\frac{1}{x}(4 - \frac{1}{1 - x} - \frac{1}{1 + x})c'(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln|c'(x)| = -4\ln|x| + \ln|x| - \ln|x - 1| + \ln|x| - \ln|1 + x| + C$$

$$\Rightarrow c'(x) = \frac{C}{x^{2}(x^{2} - 1)} = C \cdot (\frac{1}{x - 1} - \frac{1}{x + 1} - \frac{2}{x^{2}})$$

$$\Rightarrow c(x) = C_{1} \cdot (\frac{2}{x} + \ln|x - 1| - \ln|x + 1|)(+C_{2})$$

$$\Rightarrow y_{2}(x) = C_{1}(2 + x \ln \frac{1 - x}{1 + x})$$





### Linear Second-Order ODEs with Constant Coefficients

$$ay'' + by' + cy = 0$$
,  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}, a \neq 0$ 

1.  $b^2 \neq 4ac$ 

$$y(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t}, \quad c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{C}$$

2.  $b^2 = 4ac$ 

$$y(t)=(c_1+c_2t)e^{\lambda t}, \quad c_1,c_2\in\mathbb{R}$$

(Similar to the result of  $ax_{n+2} + bx_{n+1} + cx_n = 0$ .)

# The atmosphere will propagate signals at a higher frequency range over longer distances.

### Sinusoidal Carrier

$$y(t) = x(t)c(t) = x(t)\cos(\omega_c t + \theta_c)$$

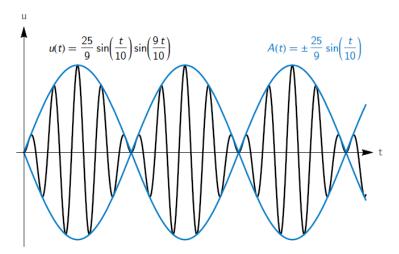
### Synchronous Demodulation

$$w(t) = x(t)\cos(\omega_c t + \theta_c)\cos(\omega_c t + \phi_c)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}x(t)(\cos(\theta_c - \phi_c) + \cos(2\omega_c t + \theta_c + \phi_c))$$

$$= \frac{\theta_c = \phi_c}{2}\frac{1}{2}x(t) + \frac{1}{2}x(t)\cos(2\omega_c t + 2\theta_c)$$





$$y(t) = (A + x(t))\cos(\omega_c t + \theta_c), \quad A > |x(t)|_{\text{max}}$$

