

# Chap 4. Systems of ODEs

## 4.0 Basics of Matrices and Vectors

### Eigenvalues, Eigenvectors

$$A\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x} \text{ for some } \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$$

$\downarrow$   $\hookrightarrow$   
eigenvector eigenvalue

$$\Leftrightarrow (A - \lambda I)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \text{ for some } \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \det(A - \lambda I) = 0 : \text{characteristic equation of } A$$

### Ex 1 (Eigenvalue Problem)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -4.0 & 4.0 \\ -1.6 & 1.2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} -4.0 - \lambda & 4.0 \\ -1.6 & 1.2 - \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \lambda^2 + 2.8\lambda + 1.6 = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 = -2, \quad \lambda_2 = -0.8$$

$$\mathbf{x}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0.8 \end{bmatrix}$$

For  $\lambda_1 = -2$ ,

$$\begin{bmatrix} -4.0 + 2.0 & 4.0 \\ -1.6 & 1.2 + 2.0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2.0 & 4.0 \\ -1.6 & 3.2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-x_1 + 2x_2 = 0$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{x}^{(1)} = c \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ for } c \neq 0$$

## 4.1 Systems of ODEs as Models

### Ex 1 (Mixing Problem Involving Two Tanks)

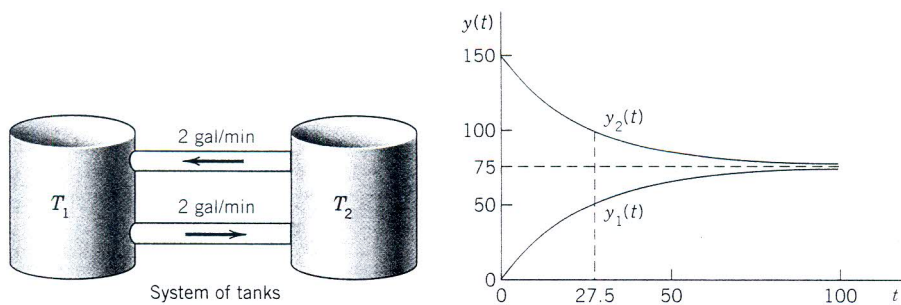


Fig. 77. Fertilizer content in Tanks  $T_1$  (lower curve) and  $T_2$

$$\begin{cases} y_1' = -0.02 y_1 + 0.02 y_2, & y_1(0) = 0 \\ y_2' = 0.02 y_1 - 0.02 y_2, & y_2(0) = 150 \end{cases}$$
$$y' = \begin{bmatrix} y_1' \\ y_2' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.02 & 0.02 \\ 0.02 & -0.02 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = A y$$

Let  $y = x e^{\lambda t}$ ,

$$y' = \lambda x e^{\lambda t}, \quad A x e^{\lambda t} = \lambda x e^{\lambda t}$$

$$\therefore A x = \lambda x$$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \lambda(\lambda + 0.04) = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 = 0: x^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \lambda_2 = -0.04: x^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y = c_1 x^{(1)} e^{\lambda_1 t} + c_2 x^{(2)} e^{\lambda_2 t}$$

$$= c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-0.04 t}$$

$$y(0) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 150 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore c_1 = 75, \quad c_2 = -75$$

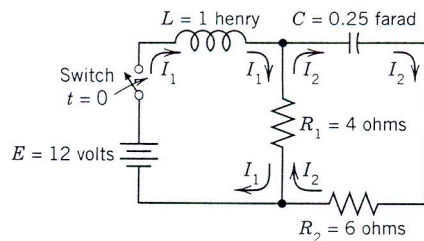
$$y(t) = 75 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - 75 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-0.04 t}$$

## Ex 2 (Electrical Network)

$$\begin{cases} I_1' + 4(I_1 - I_2) = 12 \\ 6I_2 + 4(I_2 - I_1) + 4 \int I_2 dt = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} I_1' = -4I_1 + 4I_2 + 12 \\ I_2' - 0.4I_1' + 0.4I_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\hookrightarrow I_2' = -1.6I_1 + 1.2I_2 + 4.8$$



$$\mathbf{J}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{J} + \mathbf{g}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} I_1' \\ I_2' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4.0 & 4.0 \\ -1.6 & 1.2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_1 \\ I_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 4.8 \end{bmatrix}$$

① Consider  $\mathbf{J}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{J}$  first,  $\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = 0$

$$\lambda_1 = -2: \mathbf{x}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \lambda_2 = -0.8: \mathbf{x}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0.8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{J}_h = c_1 \mathbf{x}^{(1)} e^{-2t} + c_2 \mathbf{x}^{(2)} e^{-0.8t}$$

② For a particular solution, try a constant vector

$$\mathbf{J}_p = \mathbf{a} = [a_1, a_2]^T \Rightarrow \mathbf{J}_p' = [0, 0]^T$$

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{g} = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{or} \quad \mathbf{A}\mathbf{a} = -\mathbf{g}$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{a} = [3, 0]^T$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{J} = \mathbf{J}_h + \mathbf{J}_p = c_1 \mathbf{x}^{(1)} e^{-2t} + c_2 \mathbf{x}^{(2)} e^{-0.8t} + \mathbf{a}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_1 \\ I_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2 e^{-0.8t} + 3 \\ c_1 e^{-2t} + 0.8c_2 e^{-0.8t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_1(0) \\ I_2(0) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2c_1 + c_2 + 3 \\ c_1 + 0.8c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore c_1 = -4, \quad c_2 = 5$$

$$\mathbf{J} = -4 \mathbf{x}^{(1)} e^{-2t} + 5 \mathbf{x}^{(2)} e^{-0.8t} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} I_1 = -8e^{-2t} + 5e^{-0.8t} + 3 \\ I_2 = -4e^{-2t} + 4e^{-0.8t} \end{cases}$$

## Conversion of an nth-Order ODE to a System

$$y^{(n)} = F(t, y, y', \dots, y^{(n-1)})$$

$$\text{Let } y_1 = y, y_2 = y', y_3 = y'', \dots, y_n = y^{(n-1)}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} y_1' = y_2 \\ y_2' = y_3 \\ \dots \\ y_{n-1}' = y_n \\ y_n' = F(t, y_1, \dots, y_n) \end{cases}$$

### Ex3 (Mass on a Spring)

$$m y'' + c y' + k y = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad y'' + \frac{c}{m} y' + \frac{k}{m} y = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} y_1' = y_2 \\ y_2' = -\frac{k}{m} y_1 - \frac{c}{m} y_2 \end{cases}$$

$$Y' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{c}{m} \end{bmatrix} Y, \quad \text{where } Y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The characteristic equation is

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{c}{m} - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 + \frac{c}{m} \lambda + \frac{k}{m} = 0$$

When  $m=1, c=2, k=0.75$ ,

$$\lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 0.75 = (\lambda + 0.5)(\lambda + 1.5) = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 = -0.5: X^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \lambda_2 = -1.5: X^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Y = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-0.5t} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1.5 \end{bmatrix} e^{-1.5t}$$

$$\therefore y = y_1 = 2c_1 e^{-0.5t} + c_2 e^{-1.5t}$$



## 4.2 Basic Theory of Systems of ODEs

$$\begin{cases} y_1' = f_1(t, y_1, \dots, y_n) \\ y_2' = f_2(t, y_1, \dots, y_n) \\ \dots \\ y_n' = f_n(t, y_1, \dots, y_n) \end{cases} \quad \text{or } \mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{y})$$

IVP:

$$y_1(t_0) = K_1, y_2(t_0) = K_2, \dots, y_n(t_0) = K_n \quad \text{or } \mathbf{y}(t_0) = \mathbf{K}$$

### Linear Systems

$$\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{g}, \quad \text{where } \mathbf{A} = [a_{ij}(t)]_{n \times n}, \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{g} = \begin{bmatrix} g_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ g_n(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

Homogeneous:  $\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y}$

Nonhomogeneous:  $\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{g}$ , where  $\mathbf{g} \neq \mathbf{0}$

Basis:  $\mathbf{y}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{y}^{(m)}$  : basis  
( $\Leftrightarrow$  a linearly indep. set of  $n$  sols of  $\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y}$ .)

General Solution:

$$\mathbf{y} = c_1 \mathbf{y}^{(1)} + \dots + c_n \mathbf{y}^{(n)}$$

Wronskian

$$W(\mathbf{y}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{y}^{(n)}) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1^{(1)} & y_1^{(2)} & \dots & y_1^{(n)} \\ y_2^{(1)} & y_2^{(2)} & \dots & y_2^{(n)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ y_n^{(1)} & y_n^{(2)} & \dots & y_n^{(n)} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{y}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{y}^{(n)} : \text{basis} \Leftrightarrow W(\mathbf{y}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{y}^{(n)}) \neq 0$$

Remark

two indep.

This definition is related to Section 2.6 with solutions  $y, z$ .

$$W(y, z) = \begin{vmatrix} y & z \\ y' & z' \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & z_1 \\ y_2 & z_2 \end{vmatrix}, \quad \text{where } y = y_1, y' = y_1' = y_2 \\ z = z_1, z' = z_1' = z_2.$$

### 4.3 Constant-Coefficient Systems

$y' = Ay$ , where  $A = [a_{ij}]$  is constant

$$\text{Try } y = x e^{\lambda t} \Rightarrow y' = \lambda x e^{\lambda t} = Ay = A x e^{\lambda t} \\ \therefore Ax = \lambda x.$$

$x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(m)}$  :  $n$  eigenvectors of  $A$ , forming a basis

$\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  : eigenvalues of  $A$

$\Rightarrow y^{(1)} = x^{(1)} e^{\lambda_1 t}, \dots, y^{(m)} = x^{(m)} e^{\lambda_n t}$  : solutions of  $y' = Ay$

$$W(y^{(1)}, \dots, y^{(m)}) = \begin{vmatrix} x_1^{(1)} e^{\lambda_1 t} & \dots & x_1^{(m)} e^{\lambda_n t} \\ x_2^{(1)} e^{\lambda_1 t} & & x_2^{(m)} e^{\lambda_n t} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ x_n^{(1)} e^{\lambda_1 t} & \dots & x_n^{(m)} e^{\lambda_n t} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= e^{(\lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_n)t} \begin{vmatrix} x_1^{(1)} & \dots & x_1^{(m)} \\ x_2^{(1)} & & x_2^{(m)} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ x_n^{(1)} & \dots & x_n^{(m)} \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$$

(since  $x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(m)}$  form a basis)

#### Th1 (General Solution)

If  $A$  has a linearly independent set of  $n$  eigenvectors

$\Rightarrow y^{(1)}, \dots, y^{(m)}$  form a basis of solutions

$y = c_1 x^{(1)} e^{\lambda_1 t} + \dots + c_n x^{(n)} e^{\lambda_n t}$  : general solution

## 4.6 Nonhomogeneous Linear Systems of ODEs

$$y' = Ay + g, \quad g(t) \neq 0$$

$$y = y^{(h)} + y^{(p)}$$

### Method of Undetermined Coefficients

#### Ex 1 (Modification Rule)

$$y' = Ay + g = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} y + \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t}$$

$$\Rightarrow y^{(h)} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-4t}$$

$$y^{(p)} = u \underline{t} e^{-2t} + v e^{-2t}$$

$$y^{(p)'} = u e^{-2t} - 2u t e^{-2t} - 2v e^{-2t}$$

$$= A u t e^{-2t} + A v e^{-2t} + g$$

$$A u = -2u \Rightarrow u = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ a \end{bmatrix}, \quad a \neq 0$$

$$u - 2v = A v + \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow u = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } v = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + k \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For  $k=0$ ,

$$y = y^{(h)} + y^{(p)} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-4t}$$

$$\quad \quad \quad \underbrace{-2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} t e^{-2t} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t}}_{y^{(p)}}$$

$$\text{For } k=-2, \quad y^{(p)} = -2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} t e^{-2t} + \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t}$$

## Method of Variation of Parameters

$$y' = Ay + g$$

$$y^{(n)} = c_1 y^{(1)} + \dots + c_n y^{(n)} = \underbrace{[y^{(1)} \dots y^{(n)}]}_{Y(t)} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y^{(p)} = Y(t)u(t)$$

$$\underbrace{Y(t)}_{AY} u + Y u' = AY u + g$$

$$Y u' = g$$

$$u' = Y^{-1} g$$

$$u(t) = \int_{t_0}^t Y^{-1}(\tau) g(\tau) d\tau + c$$

$$y = Y u = Y c + Y \int_{t_0}^t Y^{-1}(\tau) g(\tau) d\tau$$

Ex 2 (For the problem of Ex 1)

$$Y = [y^{(1)} \ y^{(2)}] = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-2t} & e^{-4t} \\ e^{-2t} & -e^{-4t} \end{bmatrix}, \quad g = \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t}$$

$$Y^{-1} = \frac{1}{-2e^{-6t}} \begin{bmatrix} -e^{-4t} & -e^{-4t} \\ -e^{-2t} & e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} & e^{2t} \\ e^{4t} & -e^{4t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u' = Y^{-1} g = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} & e^{2t} \\ e^{4t} & -e^{4t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -6e^{-2t} \\ 2e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -4e^{2t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u(t) = \int_0^t \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -4e^{2\tau} \end{bmatrix} d\tau = \begin{bmatrix} -2t \\ -2e^{2t} + 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Y u = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-2t} & e^{-4t} \\ e^{-2t} & -e^{-4t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2t \\ -2e^{2t} + 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -2t-2 \\ -2t+2 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} e^{-4t}$$

a solution of the homogeneous system

$$\therefore y = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-4t} - 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} t e^{-2t} + \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t}$$