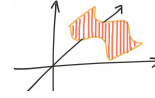

Mathematical Methods II



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Syllabus

This course continues and extends the techniques introduced in M1M1, with further differential equations and partial differentiation.

Differential Equations: First and second order differential equations. Homogeneous and inhomogeneous linear differential equations. Systems of linear differential equations matrix solution. Phase Plane Analysis: Qualitative analysis of solutions of differential equations and stability. Bifurcation of first order non-linear differential equations.

Multivariable Calculus: Partial differentiation: Definitions, implicit partial differentiation, total differential, change of variables. Taylors theorem, stationary points and their classification, contours. Definitions and physical meaning of grad, div, curl. Optimisation and Lagrange multipliers. Area under curves, arc length, surface area and volume of revolution; double integrals geometry, mass, moments of inertia; simple triple integrals.

Appropriate books

For the first part of the course on Ordinary Differential Equations:

W. E. Boyce. *Elementary differential equations and boundary value problems*, Wiley.

M. Braun, *Differential equations and their applications*, Springer Verlag.

F. Diacu, *An introduction to differential equations*, Freeman

R. Redheffer, *Differential equations: theory and applications*, Jones and Bartlett.

For the section on qualitative analysis of nonlinear ODEs:

S.H. Strogatz, *Nonlinear Dynamics and Chaos: With Applications to Physics, Biology, Chemistry and Engineering*, Westview Press

For the second part of the course on Introduction to multivariate calculus:

H.M. Schey, *Div, grad, curl and all that*, Norton and Company

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1 First and Second Order Differential Equations

For this section we're only going to consider functions of one variable:

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$$f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ or } \vec{f} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

Where x is the *independent variable*.

We can differentiate these functions up to order k as such:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{df}{dx} &= \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \Delta) - f(x)}{\Delta} = g(x) \\ \frac{dg}{dx} &= \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x + \Delta) - g(x)}{\Delta} = \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

Definition. A *differential equation* is of the form

$$F\left(x, f(x), \frac{df}{dx}, \dots, \frac{d^k f}{dx^k}\right) = 0$$

We want to find $f(x)$ to solve the differential equation.

- *Ordinary differential equations (ODE)* occur when $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $f(x)$ is a function of one variable. Usually x is the independent variable (sometimes t).
- The *order of the ODE* is the order of the highest derivative involved.
- The *degree of the ODE* is the degree of the highest derivative.

e.g. The differential equation

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - \left(x + \frac{dy}{dx}\right)^{1/5} = 0$$

has order of 2 and degree 5.

Sources of ODEs:

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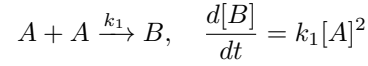
(i) Mechanics:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = v_* \text{ or } m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = F(t, x) \quad (\text{Newton's Laws})$$

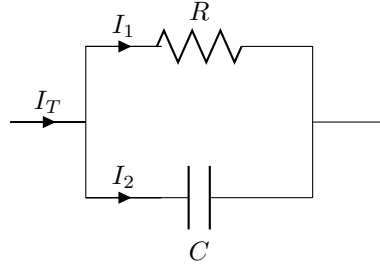
(ii) Population Dynamics:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = Kx \quad (\text{Maltus})$$

(iii) Chemical Reactions, e.g. Mass-action Kinetics:



(iv) Electrical Engineering: For a circuit, $I_1 + I_2 = I_T$ and $V = I_1 R$.



Also $C \frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{dQ}{dt} = I_2$ so

$$I_T = \frac{V}{R} + C \frac{dV}{dt}$$

(v) Economics & Game Theory

Types of Differential Equations:

(i) ODE: $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$:

$$F\left(x, f(x), \frac{df}{dx}, \dots\right) = 0$$

(ii) System of ODEs: $\vec{f} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$:

$$\begin{pmatrix} f_1(x) \\ \vdots \\ f_d(x) \end{pmatrix} = \vec{f}(x) = \begin{cases} \dots \\ F_i\left(x, \dots, f_i(x), \dots, \frac{df_i}{dx}, \dots\right) = 0 \\ \dots \end{cases}$$

(iii) Difference Equations (Maps, Discrete Systems): $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

(iv) Partial Differential Equations (PDEs): $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Definition. y_{PS} is a *particular solution* if

$$F\left(x, y_{PS}, \frac{dy_{PS}}{dx}, \dots, \frac{d^k y_{PS}}{dx^k}\right) = 0$$

Proofs about the existence and uniqueness of the solutions are covered next year.

Definition. $y_{GS} = f(x; c_1, \dots, c_k)$ is the *general solution*.

The k parameters, $\{c_i\}_{i=1}^k$ define the family of solutions. These parameters can be fixed or obtained from the initial/boundary conditions.

Example 1.1 (Velocity).

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = v_*$$

This is a first order ODE $\implies \{c_1\}$, so the general solution is:

$$x(t) = v_* t + c_1$$

In this case, c_1 would be the initial position, x_0 .

1.1 First Order ODEs

The explicit form for 1st Order ODEs is

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = F(x, t)$$

Separable Equations

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= f(x)g(t) \\ \implies \int \frac{dx}{f(x)} &= \int g(t) dt + C \end{aligned}$$

Example 1.2 (Malthus' Equation).

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= Kx \\ \implies \int \frac{dx}{x} &= K \int dt \\ \implies \log x &= Kt + C \\ \implies x(t) &= \underset{x(0)}{e^c} e^{Kt} \end{aligned}$$

Linear 1st Order ODE

The general form of a k th order linear ODE is:

$$\sum_{i=0}^k \alpha_i(x) \frac{d^i y}{dx^i} = \beta(x)$$

Where $\alpha_i(x)$ are only depend on the independent variable (x).

So the 1st Order ODE is:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + p(x)y = q(x)$$

We look for an *integrating factor*, $I(x)$, to turn the equation into a separable one:

$$\begin{aligned} I(x)[LHS] &= I(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + I(x)p(x)y \\ &\parallel \\ &\frac{d(Iy)}{dx} \end{aligned}$$

Once it's in this form, we can integrate and solve as usual:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d(Iy)}{dx} &= I(x)q(x) \\ \implies Iy &= \int I(x)q(x) dx \\ \implies y &= \frac{1}{I} \int I(x)q(x) dx + C \end{aligned}$$

Finding $I(x)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d(Iy)}{dx} &= I \frac{dy}{dx} + y \frac{dI}{dx} \\ &= I \frac{dy}{dx} + Ip(x)y \\ \implies \frac{dI}{dx} &= Ip(x) \\ \implies \int \frac{dI}{I} &= \int p(x) dx \\ \implies \boxed{I(x) = Ke^{\int p(x) dx}} \end{aligned}$$

Then our solution would be

$$y = \frac{k}{k} e^{-\int p(x) dx} \cdot \int e^{\int p(x) dx} q(x) dx + C$$

Note that the k 's end up cancelling out, so we haven't added to the number of unknown constants in our final solution. It's a good idea to just remember the integrating factor $I(x) = e^{\int p(x) dx}$ rather than memorise the full solution of y .

Dimensionally Homogeneous Equations

These are equations of the form:

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

We solve them by substituting in $u = \frac{y}{x}$, so $y = ux$:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= u + x \frac{du}{dx} \\ \implies u + x \frac{du}{dx} &= f(u) \\ \implies \int \frac{du}{-u + f(u)} &= \int \frac{dx}{x} + C \end{aligned}$$

Bernoulli Equation

These are equations of the form:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} + p(x)y &= Q(x)y^n \\ \implies \frac{1}{y^n} \frac{dy}{dx} + y^{1-n}p(x) &= Q(x)\end{aligned}$$

Substitute $u = y^{1-n}$, then $\frac{du}{dx} = (1-n)y^{-n} \frac{dy}{dx}$, so the equation becomes

$$\frac{du}{dx} + (1-n)p(x)u = (1-n)Q(x)$$

This is a 1st order linear ODE, which we can solve for $u = u(x)$ using an integrating factor. Then we solve for $y = u^{\frac{1}{1-n}}$.

1.2 Second Order ODEs

The implicit form of second order ODE is:

$$F\left(x, y, \frac{dy}{dx}, \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right) = 0$$

Assume we can find the explicit form:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = F\left(x, y, \frac{dy}{dx}\right)$$

Case (1) - $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = f(x)$

We solve this by double integration. Let $u = \frac{dy}{dx}$, then

$$u = \underbrace{\int f(x) dx}_{g(x)} + c_1$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= g(x) + c_1 \\ y &= \int g(x) dx + c_1x + c_2\end{aligned}$$

Example 1.3 (Mechanics). Writing acceleration as $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2}$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} &= a(t) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} &= u = \int a(t) dt + c_1 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} &= v(t) + c_1 \\ \Rightarrow x(t) &= \int v(t) dt + c_1 t + c_2\end{aligned}$$

Case (2) - $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = f\left(x, \frac{dy}{dx}\right)$

We again use the substitution $u = \frac{dy}{dx} \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = f(x, u)$.

Example 1.4 (Geometry). Radius of curvature:

$$\rho(x) = \frac{\left[1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2\right]^{3/2}}{\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}}$$

Find the family of curves with constant radius of curvature: $\rho(x) = R, \forall x$.

$$\begin{aligned}R &= \frac{\left[1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2\right]^{3/2}}{\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}} \\ \Rightarrow R \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= \left[1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2\right]^{3/2} = f\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)\end{aligned}$$

Let $u = \frac{dy}{dx}$. Then we have

$$R \frac{du}{dx} = [1 + u^2]^{3/2}$$

This is a separable ODE, so we just have to rearrange and integrate:

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{du}{(1 + u^2)^{3/2}} &= \frac{1}{R} \int dx + c_1 \\ &= \left[\frac{x}{R} + c_1 \right]\end{aligned}$$

STEP 1: Let $u = \tan t$, so $1 + u^2 = \frac{1}{\cos^2 t}$ and $du = \frac{dt}{\cos^2 t}$. Then the LHS becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{\frac{1}{\cos^2 t} dt}{\frac{1}{\cos^2 t}} &= \int \cos t dt \\ &= \sin t \\ &= \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 t} \\ &= \frac{u}{\sqrt{1 + u^2}} \end{aligned}$$

So we are left with

$$\frac{u}{\sqrt{1 + u^2}} = \left[\frac{x}{R} + c_1 \right] \quad (*)$$

STEP 2: Now let $X = \frac{x}{R} + c_1$. Then $(*)$ becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{u^2}{1 + u^2} &= X^2 \\ \implies u^2(1 - X^2) &= X^2 \end{aligned}$$

Recall that $u = \frac{dy}{dx}$, so we have

$$u = \frac{X}{\sqrt{1 - X^2}} = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

Also $dX = \frac{dx}{R}$, so

$$\frac{1}{R} \frac{dy}{dX} = \frac{X}{\sqrt{1 - X^2}}$$

Integrating

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{R} \int dy &= \int \frac{X dX}{\sqrt{1 - X^2}} \\ \implies \frac{1}{R} y &= -\sqrt{1 - X^2} + c_2 \\ \implies \left(\frac{y}{R} - c_2 \right)^2 &= 1 - \left(\frac{x}{R} + c_1 \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Letting $k_1 = Rc_1$, $k_2 = Rc_2$ our solution is

$$(x - k_1)^2 + (y - k_2)^2 = R^2$$

i.e. a circle, as expected to have a constant radius of curvature.

Case (3) - $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = f(y)$

Again, we use the substitution $u = \frac{dy}{dx} \implies \frac{du}{dx} = f(y)$. Since

$$\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{du}{dy} \frac{dy}{dx} = u \frac{du}{dy} = \frac{d(u^2/2)}{dy}$$

the equation becomes

$$\frac{d(u^2/2)}{dy} = f(y)$$

1ST STEP: Integrate the separable equation

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{u^2}{2} &= \int f(y) dy + c_1 \\ \implies u &= u(y) \end{aligned}$$

This is not what we were after..

2ND STEP:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{u^2}{2} &= g(y) + c_1 \\ u^2 &= 2g(y) + 2c_1 \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \sqrt{2g(y) + 2c_1} \\ \int \frac{dy}{\sqrt{2g(y) + 2c_1}} &= \int dx + c_1 \\ x &= g(y) \\ y &= g^{-1}(x) \end{aligned}$$

Example 1.5 (Harmonic Spring). Hooke's Law: $F = -kx$

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$$m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -kx$$

1ST STEP: Let $u = \frac{dx}{dt}$

$$\begin{aligned} m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} &= m \frac{du}{dt} = -kx \\ m \frac{du}{dx} \frac{dx}{dt} &= mu \frac{du}{dx} = m \frac{d(u^2/2)}{dx} \\ \frac{d(u^2/2)}{dx} &= -\frac{k}{m}x \\ \frac{u^2}{2} &= -\frac{k}{m} \int x dx = -\frac{k}{2m}x^2 + c_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{m}{2}u^2 + \frac{k}{2}x^2 = mc_1 \equiv E, \text{ energy}$$

2ND STEP:

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \frac{dx}{dt} = \sqrt{\frac{2E - kx^2}{m}} \\ \int \frac{dx}{\frac{\sqrt{2E - kx^2}}{m}} &= \int dt = t + c \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{2E}{m}}} \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{k}{2E}x^2}} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{2E}{m}}} \int \frac{dx \sqrt{\frac{k}{2E}}}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{2E}}x\right)^2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{k}{2E}}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}} \arcsin\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{2E}}x\right) = t + c \\ x(t) &= \sqrt{\frac{2E}{k}} \sin\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}t + c_2\right) \\ &= A \sin(\omega t + \phi) \end{aligned}$$

Case (4) - $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = f\left(y, \frac{dy}{dx}\right)$

1ST STEP:

Let $u = \frac{dy}{dx}$, then

$$\frac{d(u^2)/2}{dy} = f(y, u)$$

Find $u = u(y)$.

2ND STEP: Let $\frac{dy}{dx} = u(y)$. Integrate and solve:

$$\int \frac{dy}{u(y)} = \int dx + c$$

Example 1.6 (Spring).

$$m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -kx - 2\beta \left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2$$

1st Step:

$$\frac{d^2u}{dt^2} = \frac{d(u^2/2)}{dx} = -\frac{k}{m}x - 2\frac{\beta}{m}u^2$$

Let $U = \frac{u^2}{2}$, so

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dU}{dx} + 4\frac{\beta}{m}U &= -\frac{k}{m}x \\ \Rightarrow U &= ce^{-4\frac{\beta}{m}x} - \frac{k}{4\beta}\left(x - \frac{m}{4\beta}\right) = U(x) = \frac{u^2}{2}\end{aligned}$$

2nd Step:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} = u &= \sqrt{2ce^{-4\frac{\beta}{m}x} - \frac{k}{2\beta}\left(x - \frac{m}{4\beta}\right)} \\ \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{\dots}} &= \int dt + c_2\end{aligned}$$

2 Linear Equations (ODEs)

A linear ODE of order k is:

$$\sum_{i=0}^k \alpha_i(x) \frac{d^i y}{dx^i} = f(x) \quad (*)$$

For a 1st order linear ODE, the solution is found by an Integrating Factor.

The general structure of the solution of a linear ODE is:

$$\frac{d}{dx}[y] = \mathcal{D}[y]$$

Linearity of \mathcal{D} :

$$\mathcal{D}(\lambda_1 y_1 + \lambda_2 y_2) = \lambda_1 \mathcal{D}(y_1) + \lambda_2 \mathcal{D}(y_2)$$

It follows inductively that \mathcal{D}^i is also linear. Back to our linear ODE (*):

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^k \alpha_i(x) \mathcal{D}^i[y] &= f(x) \\ \parallel \\ \mathcal{L}_{\vec{\alpha}}[y] & \\ \implies \mathcal{L}_{\vec{\alpha}}[y_1 + y_2] &= \mathcal{L}_{\vec{\alpha}}[y_1] + \mathcal{L}_{\vec{\alpha}}[y_2] \end{aligned}$$

Implications for the structures of the solutions of ODEs:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\vec{\alpha}}[y] = f(x)$$

Solve: Find $y_{GS}(x; c_1, \dots, c_k)$. We can split the solution into two parts:

(i) Homogeneous problem:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\vec{\alpha}} = 0$$

Definition. The solution to the homogenous problem, $y_{GS}^{(H)}$ is the *Complementary function*:

$$y_{GS}^{(H)}(x; c_1, \dots, c_k) = y_{CF}$$

(ii) Particular solution:

We find one (any) solution to the full (non-homogeneous) problem:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\vec{\alpha}}[y_{PI}] = f(x)$$

Definition. $y_{PI}(x)$ is called the *particular integral*.

From linearity:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\vec{\alpha}}[y_{GS}^{(H)}(x; c_1, \dots, c_k) + y_{PI}] = f(x)$$

The solution of the full problem is written as the solution to the two singular problems.

Theorem 2.1

The solutions to $\mathcal{L}_{\vec{\alpha}}[y] = 0$ form a vector space of dimension k .

Lecture 5

Proof. See next year.

$(\mathcal{F}, +)$ form a group, i.e. it has the properties:

- (i) Closure: $\mathcal{L}[y_1] = 0, \mathcal{L}[y_2] = 0, \mathcal{L}[y_1 + y_2] = 0$
- (ii) Associativity
- (iii) Identity element: $\mathcal{L}[0] = 0$
- (iv) Inverses exist

The groups: $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$ and $(\mathcal{F}, +)$ together form a vector Space: $(\mathcal{F}, +, \mathbb{R})$. The solutions to $\mathcal{L}_{\vec{\alpha}}[y] = 0$ can be expressed as a linear combination:

$$y = \sum_{i=1}^k c_i y_i(x)$$

where $\{y_i(x)\}_{i=1}^k$ form a basis. So for the complementary function:

$$y_{CF} = y_{GS}^{(H)}(x; c_1, \dots, c_k) = \sum_{i=1}^k c_i y_i(x)$$

To solve the homogenous problem we need to find k solutions of the problem that are linearly independent.

How do we check that a set of k functions are linearly independent?

Definition. The *Wronskian* matrix:

$$W = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 & \cdots & y_k \\ y_1' & \cdots & y_k' \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ y_1^{(k-1)} & \cdots & y_k^{(k-1)} \end{pmatrix}$$

Theorem 2.2

A set is linearly independent $\iff \det(W) \neq 0$

Proof. First $\det(W) \neq 0 \implies$ linear independence:

By contradiction. Assume our vectors are linear dependent. Then $\exists c_i \neq 0$ such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^k c_i \cdot y_i(x) = 0$$

Taking derivatives:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \sum_{i=1}^k c_i y_i = 0 \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{i=1}^k c_i y_i^{(k-1)} = 0 \end{array} \right\} k \text{ equations}$$

$\exists \vec{c} \neq 0_v, W(x)\vec{c} = 0_v \implies \det(W) = 0$. So by the contrapositive: $\det(W) \neq 0 \implies$ linear independence.

We prove the other direction: A family of linearly independent solutions $\implies \det(W) \neq 0$. Linearly independent solutions means that we will have k initial conditions:

$$\{y_0, y_0', \dots, y_0^{(k-1)}\}$$

and the k constant $\{c_i\}$ should be able to describe them.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} y_0 = \sum_{i=1}^k c_i y_i(0) \\ \vdots \\ y_0^{(k-1)} = \sum_{i=1}^k c_i y_i^{(k-1)}(0) \end{array} \right\} W(0) \vec{c} = \begin{pmatrix} y_0 \\ \vdots \\ y_0^{(k-1)} \end{pmatrix} \equiv \vec{y}_0$$

This solution $\implies \det(W) \neq 0$. ■

Example 2.3. Do $\{\sin x, \cos x\}$ form a basis?

$$W = \begin{pmatrix} \sin x & \cos x \\ \cos x & -\sin x \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(W) = -1 \neq 0$$

So they do form a basis.

Can we choose any particular integral? Is it possible to have more than one y_{PI} ? Yes! There are infinitely many in fact, and any will work...

Suppose we have two particular solutions: y_{PI_1}, y_{PI_2} . Then $\mathcal{L}[y_{PI_1}] = f(x)$ and $\mathcal{L}[y_{PI_2}] = f(x)$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}[y_{PI_1} - y_{PI_2}] &= 0 \\ \parallel \\ \sum_{i=1}^k a_i y_i &= 0 \\ \implies y_{GS} &= \sum_{i=1}^k c_i y_i + y_{PI_1} \\ \text{or } y_{GS} &= \sum_{i=1}^k c_i y_i + y_{PI_2} = \sum_{i=1}^k (c_i + a_i) y_i \end{aligned}$$

One extra bit about solutions of linear ODEs:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\vec{\alpha}}[y] = f_1(x) + f_2(x) = f(x)$$

$$\text{1st Step: } \mathcal{L}_{\vec{\alpha}}[y_{CF}] = 0$$

$$\text{2nd Step: } \mathcal{L}_{\vec{\alpha}}[y + y_{PI_1}] = f_1(x)$$

$$\text{3rd Step: } \mathcal{L}_{\vec{\alpha}}[y + y_{PI_2}] = f_2(x)$$

$$y_{GS}(x; c_1, \dots, c_k) = y_{CF}(x; c_1, \dots, c_k) + y_{PI_1}(x) + y_{PI_2}(x)$$

Back to calculations:

Our linear ODEs with constant coefficients are of the form:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\vec{\alpha}}[y] = \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i(x) \frac{d^i}{dx^i} [y] = f(x)$$

2.1 1st order Linear ODEs

The general form for 1st order Linear ODEs with constant coefficients is

$$\mathcal{L}_{(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)}[y] = \alpha_1 \frac{dy}{dx} + \alpha_2 y = f(x)$$

1st step: Solve Homogeneous problem:

$$\mathcal{L}[y]_{CF} = 0$$

$$\alpha_1 \frac{dy}{dx} + \alpha_2 y = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-\alpha_2}{\alpha_1} y$$

$$y_{CF} = c_1 e^{\frac{-\alpha_2}{\alpha_1} x} = y_{GS}^{(H)}(x; c_1)$$

2nd Step: Ansatz \equiv Educated Guess.

Lecture 6

We find one or any particular solution of the full problem. For instance if we have $\mathcal{L}[y_{PI}] = f(x)$ and $f(x)$ is a polynomial, then y_{PI} will be a polynomial (closed under \mathcal{L})

Example 2.4.

$$\mathcal{L} = \alpha_1 \frac{dy}{dx} + \alpha_2 y = x$$

$\mathcal{L}[f \in \text{polynomial}] \in \text{polynomial}$

We use the *Method of undetermined coefficients (MUC)*

$$\begin{aligned}
y_{PI} &= ax^2 + bx + c \\
\mathcal{L}[y_{PI}] &= \alpha_1(2ax + b) + \alpha_2(ax^2 + bx + c) \\
&= a\alpha_2x^2 + (2a\alpha_1 + b\alpha_2)x + (\alpha_1b + \alpha_2c)
\end{aligned}$$

$\forall x$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
a\alpha_2 &= 0 \implies a = 0 \\
2a\alpha_1 + b\alpha_2 &= 1 \implies b = \frac{1}{\alpha_2} \\
\alpha_1b + \alpha_2c &= 0 \implies c = \frac{-\alpha_1}{\alpha_2^2}
\end{aligned}$$

We match orders to find (a, b, c) . So

$$y_{PI} = \frac{1}{\alpha_2} \left(x - \frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_2} \right)$$

The general solution of the full problem is then:

$$y_{GS}(x; c_1) = y_{CF} + y_{PI} = c_1 e^{-\frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1}x} + \frac{1}{\alpha_2} \left(x - \frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_2} \right)$$

Example 2.5.

$$\mathcal{L}_{(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)}[y] = e^{bx}$$

Ansatz: $y_{PI} = Ae^{bx}$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}[y_{PI}] &= \alpha_1(Abe^{bx}) + \alpha_2(Ae^{bx}) \\
&= (\alpha_1Ab + \alpha_2A)e^{bx} = e^{bx}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\forall x, A = \frac{1}{\alpha_1b + \alpha_2}$$

$$y_{GS}(x; c_1) = \underbrace{c_1 e^{-\frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1}x}}_{y_{CF}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{\alpha_1b + \alpha_2} e^{bx}}_{y_{PI}}$$

where $b \neq \frac{-\alpha_2}{\alpha_1}$

Example 2.6.

$$\mathcal{L}_{(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)}[y] = e^{-\frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1}x}$$

Naive ansatz: $y_{PI}^{(\text{bad})} = Ae^{-\frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1}x}$

This won't work because $\mathcal{L}[y_{PI}^{(\text{bad})}] = 0 \neq f(x)$

Not-so-naive ansatz:

$$y_{PI} = A(x)e^{-\frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1}x}$$

We then use *variation of parameters* (Lagrange) for $A(x)$:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}[y_{PI}] &= \alpha_1 \left[\frac{dA}{dx} e^{-\frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1}x} - \frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1} A e^{-\frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1}x} \right] + \alpha_2 \left[A e^{-\frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1}x} \right] \\ &= e^{-\frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1}x}\end{aligned}$$

Then $\forall x$

$$\left[\alpha_1 \frac{dA}{dx} \right] e^{-\frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1}x} = e^{-\frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1}x}$$

So $\alpha_1 \frac{dA}{dx} = 1$, $A(x) = \frac{1}{\alpha_1}x + c_2$

$$\begin{aligned}y_{GS} = y_{CF} + y_{PI} &= c_1 e^{-\frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1}x} + \left(\frac{1}{\alpha_1}x + c_2 \right) e^{-\frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1}x} \\ &= \underbrace{c_1 + c_2}_{c'} e^{-\frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1}x} + \frac{1}{\alpha_1}x e^{-\frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1}x}\end{aligned}$$

2.2 2nd order linear ODEs

General form of 2nd order linear ODEs with constant coefficients:

$$\mathcal{L}_{(\alpha_2, \alpha_1, \alpha_0)}[y] = \alpha_2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \alpha_1 \frac{dy}{dx} + \alpha_0 y = f(x)$$

The general solution is then:

$$\begin{aligned}y_{GS}(x; c_1, c_2) &= y_{CF}(x; c_1, c_2) + y_{PI}(x) \\ &\parallel \\ y_{GS}^{(H)} &= c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x)\end{aligned}$$

The basis of the vector space associated with $\mathcal{L}_{(\alpha_2, \alpha_1, \alpha_0)}$ is then $\{y_1(x), y_2(x)\} \equiv \mathcal{B}$.

1st Step: Homogenous Problem.

$$\mathcal{L}[y] = \alpha_2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \alpha_1 \frac{dy}{dx} + \alpha_0 y = 0$$

Ansatz: $y_{GS}^{(H)} = A e^{\lambda x}$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}[y_{GS}^{(H)}] &= \alpha_2 \lambda^2 e^{\lambda x} + \alpha_1 \lambda e^{\lambda x} + \alpha_0 e^{\lambda x} \\ &= e^{\lambda x} [\alpha_2 \lambda^2 + \alpha_1 \lambda + \alpha_0] = 0\end{aligned}$$

So $\forall x$:

$$\alpha_2 \lambda^2 + \alpha_1 \lambda + \alpha_0 = 0$$

Definition. For a 2nd order linear ODE, the *characteristic equation* is

$$\alpha_2 \lambda^2 + \alpha_1 \lambda + \alpha_0 = 0$$

$$\implies \lambda_{1,2} = \frac{-\alpha_1 \pm \sqrt{\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2}}{2\alpha_2}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} y_1 = e^{\lambda_1 x} \\ y_2 = e^{\lambda_2 x} \end{array} \right\} \text{ Are they a basis?}$$

Are y_1 and y_2 linearly independent? Check the Wronskian:

$$W = \begin{pmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 x} & e^{\lambda_2 x} \\ \lambda_1 e^{\lambda_1 x} & \lambda_2 e^{\lambda_2 x} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(W) = e^{(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)x} (\lambda_2 - \lambda_1) \neq 0$$

If $\lambda_2 \neq \lambda_1 \implies \mathcal{B} = \{e^{\lambda_1 x}, e^{\lambda_2 x}\}$. Then

$$y_{CF} = y_{GS}^{(H)}(x; c_1, c_2) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 x} + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 x}$$

CASE (I)

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$$\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2 > 0 \implies \lambda_{1,2} \in \mathbb{R}$$

As $x \rightarrow \infty$, asymptotically the solution is dominated by a positive decaying exponential.

CASE (II)

$$\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2 < 0 \quad \left| \frac{\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2}{4\alpha_2^2} \right| = \omega^2$$

Then our solution is

$$\lambda_{1,2} = -\frac{\alpha_1}{2\alpha_2} \pm i\omega$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_{CF} &= c_1 e^{\lambda_1 x} + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 x} \\ &= c_1 e^{-\frac{\alpha_1}{2\alpha_2}x + i\omega x} + c_2 e^{-\frac{\alpha_1}{2\alpha_2}x - i\omega x} \\ &= e^{-\frac{\alpha_1}{2\alpha_2}x} [c_1 e^{i\omega x} + c_2 e^{-i\omega x}] \\ &= e^{-\frac{\alpha_1}{2\alpha_2}x} [c_1 (\cos(\omega x) + i \sin(\omega x)) + c_2 (\cos(\omega x) - i \sin(\omega x))] \\ &= e^{-\frac{\alpha_1}{2\alpha_2}x} [\underbrace{(c_1 + c_2)}_{c'_1} \cos \omega x + \underbrace{(c_1 - c_2)}_{c'_2} i \sin \omega x] \end{aligned}$$

We can write our coefficients as $c'_1 = A \cos \phi$, $c'_2 = A \sin \phi$, so our solution is

$$y_{CF} = e^{-\frac{\alpha_1}{2\alpha_2}x} A \cdot [\cos(\omega x - \phi)]$$

- If $\alpha_1 = 0$, we have solved it already. Harmonic Motion:
- If $\frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_2} > 0$. Damped Harmonic Motion:
- If $\frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_2} < 0$. Exponential Growth:

CASE (III)

$$\alpha_1^2 - 4\alpha_0\alpha_2 = 0 \implies \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = -\frac{\alpha_1}{2\alpha_2}$$

We need to find another function to span the space of functions $\{e^{\lambda_1 x}, ?\} = \mathcal{B}$.

We tried $y_{CF_1} = Ae^{\lambda_1 x} \implies e^{\lambda_1 x} = y_1$.

Use variation of parameters:

$$y_{CF_2} = A(x)e^{\lambda_1 x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}[y_{CF_2}] &= \alpha_0[Ae^{\lambda_1 x}] + \alpha_1 \left[\frac{dA}{dx} e^{\lambda_1 x} + c \frac{dy_1}{dx} \right] + \alpha_2 \left[\frac{d^2 A}{dx^2} y_1 + 2 \frac{dA}{dx} \frac{dy_1}{dx} + A \frac{d^2 y_1}{dx^2} \right] \\ &= A \left[\alpha_2 \frac{d^2 y_1}{dx^2} + \alpha_1 \frac{dy_1}{dx} + \alpha_0 y_1 \right] + \frac{dA}{dx} \left[2\alpha_2 \frac{dy_1}{dx} + \alpha_1 y_1 \right] + \frac{d^2 A}{dx^2} [\alpha_2 y_1] \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Note that:

$$\begin{aligned} 2\alpha_2 \frac{dy_1}{dx} + \alpha_1 y_1 &= 2\alpha_2 \lambda_1 e^{\lambda_1 x} + \alpha_1 e^{\lambda_1 x} \\ \left. \begin{aligned} y_1 &= e^{\lambda_1 x} \\ \lambda_1 &= -\frac{\alpha_1}{2\alpha_2} \end{aligned} \right\} &= e^{\lambda_1 x} [2\alpha_2 \lambda_1 + \alpha_1] \\ &= e^{\lambda_1 x} [-\alpha_1 + \alpha_1] \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Solve for $\frac{d^2 A}{dx^2} = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} A(x) &= B_2 x + B_3 \\ y_{CF_2} &= (B_2 x + B_3) e^{\lambda_1 x} \\ y_{CF} &= c_1 e^{\lambda_1 x} + (B_3 + B_2 x) e^{\lambda_1 x} \\ &= D e^{\lambda_1 x} + B_2 x e^{\lambda_1 x} \\ \mathcal{B} &= \{e^{\lambda_1 x}, x e^{\lambda_1 x}\} \end{aligned}$$

This function completes the basis, but we need to check linear independence.

$$\begin{aligned} \det(W) &= \begin{vmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 x} & x e^{\lambda_1 x} \\ \lambda_1 e^{\lambda_1 x} & e^{\lambda_1 x} + x \lambda_1 e^{\lambda_1 x} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= e^{2\lambda_1 x} (1 + \lambda_1 x - x \lambda_1) \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

So we have a basis.

2ND STEP: Find y_{PI} for a given $f(x)$.

Example 2.7.

$$\mathcal{L}[y] = \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 3\frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = f(x)$$

1ST STEP: $\mathcal{L}[y_{CF}] = 0$. Characteristic equation is

$$\lambda^2 - 3\lambda + 2 = 0$$

So $\lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = 1$. Then

$$y_{CF} = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^x$$

with a basis $\mathcal{B} = \{e^x, e^{2x}\}$

2ND STEP: $f(x) = x + 3$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MUC} = y_{PI} &= bx + c \\ \mathcal{L}[y_{PI}] &= -3b + 2(bx + c) \\ &= x + 3 \end{aligned}$$

So $\forall x$

$$\begin{aligned} 2b &= 1 \implies b = \frac{1}{2} \\ -3b + 2c &= 3 \implies c = \frac{9}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Then $y_{PI} = \frac{1}{2}(x + \frac{9}{2})$, so our full solution is:

$$y_{GS} = y_{CF} + y_{PI} = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^x + \frac{1}{2} \left(x + \frac{9}{2} \right)$$

Example 2.8.

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$$\mathcal{L}[y] = e^{8x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_{PI} &= Ae^{8x} \\ \mathcal{L}[y_{PI}] &= Ae^{8x}[64 - 24 + 2] = e^{8x} \\ \implies A &= \frac{1}{42} \end{aligned}$$

Example 2.9. $\mathcal{L}[y] = e^{2x}$, $y_{CF} = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^x$

$$\begin{aligned}
y_{PI} &= A(x)e^{2x} \\
\mathcal{L}[y_{PI}] &= [A'' + 4A' + 4A]e^{2x} - 3[A' + 2A]e^{2x} + 2[A]e^{2x} \\
&= e^{2x}
\end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned}
A'' + 4A' + 4A - 3A' - 6A + 2A &= A'' + A' \\
&= 1
\end{aligned}$$

$$u = \frac{dA}{dx} = A' \quad \frac{du}{dx} + u = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\int \frac{du}{1-u} &= \int dx \\
\log(u-1) &= -x + B \\
\frac{dA}{dx} = u &= B_1 \cdot e^{-x} + 1 \\
\implies A &= x - B_1 \cdot e^{-x} + B_2
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
y_{PI} &= (x - B_1 e^{-x} + B_2)e^{2x} \\
&= x e^{2x} - B_1 e^x + B_2 e^{2x} \\
y_{GS} &= x e^{2x} + \underbrace{D_1}_{C_2 - B_1} e^x + \underbrace{D^2}_{C_1 + B_2} e^{2x}
\end{aligned}$$

Example 2.10. Repeated Roots:

$$\mathcal{L}[y] = \left[\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + 4 \frac{d}{dx} + 4 \right] y$$

$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = -2$$

$$\mathcal{B} = \{e^{-2x}, x e^{-2x}\}$$

$$y_{CF} = c_1 e^{-2x} + c_2 x e^{-2x}$$

Now $\mathcal{L} = e^{-2x}$, so

$$\begin{aligned}
y_{PI} &= A(x)e^{-2x} \\
\mathcal{L}[y_{PI}] &= (A'' - 4A' + 4A)e^{-2x} + (4A' - 8A)e^{-2x} + 4Ae^{-2x} \\
&= e^{-2x}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d^2 A}{dx^2} = A'' = 1 \implies A(x) = \frac{x^2}{2} + B_1 x + B_2$$

$$y_{PI} = \frac{x^2}{2} e^{-2x} + B_1 x e^{-2x} + B_2 e^{-2x}$$

Repeated Roots in general

$$\mathcal{L}[\] = \left(\frac{d}{dx} - \lambda \right) \left(\frac{d}{dx} - \lambda \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_{PI} &= A(x)e^{\lambda x} \\ \mathcal{L}[y_{PI}] &= \left(\frac{d}{dx} - \lambda \right) \left(\frac{d}{dx} - \lambda \right) [A(x)e^{\lambda x}] \\ &= \left(\frac{d}{dx} - \lambda \right) [A'e^{\lambda x} + \lambda A e^{\lambda x} - \lambda A e^{\lambda x}] \\ &= A''e^{\lambda x} + A'\lambda e^{\lambda x} - \lambda A'e^{\lambda x} \\ &= A''e^{\lambda x} \end{aligned}$$

Example 2.11.

$$\mathcal{L}[y] = \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 4 \frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = xe^{-2x}$$

$$\mathcal{L}[y_{CF}] = 0, \mathcal{B} = \{e^{-2x}, xe^{-2x}\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_{PI} &= A(x)e^{-2x} \\ \mathcal{L}[y_{PI}] &= A''e^{-2x} = xe^{-2x} \\ A'' &= \frac{d^2 A}{dx^2} = x \\ \implies A &= \frac{1}{6}x^3 + B_1x + B_2 \end{aligned}$$

We see that this leads to a part which falls in the span of $\{xe^{-2x}\}$, so we can get rid of $B_1x + B_2$. Because we are looking for a y_{PI} all the constants in y_{PI} should not matter (so we can turn them to zero).

Theorem 2.12

Polynomials & exponentials are your friends...

So you should try to rewrite problems as linear combinations (or products) of polynomials and exponentials.

Example 2.13.

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}[y] &= \cosh x \\
&= \frac{1}{2}e^x + \frac{1}{2}e^{-x} \\
\mathcal{L}[y_{PI_1}] &= f_1(x) \\
\mathcal{L}[y_{PI_2}] &= f_2(x) \\
y_{PI} &= y_{PI_1} + y_{PI_2}
\end{aligned}$$

Example 2.14.

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}[y] &= e^x \cos x = e^x \left(\frac{e^{ix} + e^{-ix}}{2} \right) \\
\mathcal{B} &= \{e^{(1+i)x}, e^{(1-i)x}\} \\
\mathcal{L}[y] &= \frac{1}{2}e^{(1+i)x} + \frac{1}{2}e^{(1-i)x} \\
y_{PI_1} &= A_1 x e^{(1+i)x} \\
y_{PI_2} &= A_2 x e^{(1-i)x}
\end{aligned}$$

Example 2.15.

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 3 \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = \cosh 2x$$

$$\lambda_1 = -2, \lambda_2 = -1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
y_{CF} &+ c_1 e^{-2x} + c_2 e^{-x} \\
\mathcal{B} &= \{e^{-2x}, e^{-x}\} \\
f(x) &= \cosh 2x = \frac{1}{2}e^{2x} + \frac{1}{2}e^{-2x} \\
y_{PI_1} &= A_1 e^{2x} \\
y_{PI_2} &= A_2 x e^{-2x} \\
y_{PI} &= A \cosh 2x + B \sin h 2x
\end{aligned}$$

This will *not* be a good ansatz because it does not contain $x e^{-2x}$

2.3 Summary

General case of order k :

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$$\mathcal{L}_{(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_k)} = \sum_{i=0}^k \alpha_i \frac{d^i}{dx^i} [y] = f(x), \quad \alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}$$

The general solution will be

$$y_{GS}(x; c_1, \dots, c_k) = y_{CF} + y_{PI}$$

1st Step: Homogeneous Problem

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}[y_{CF}] &= 0 \\ y_{CF} &= y_{GS}^{(H)}(x; c_1, \dots, c_k) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k c_i y_i \\ \mathcal{B} &= \{y_i\}_{i=1}^k\end{aligned}$$

Ansatz: $y_{CF} = e^{\lambda x}$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}[y_{CF}] &= e^{\lambda x} \left[\sum_{i=0}^k \alpha_i \lambda^i \right] = 0 \\ \sum_{i=0}^k \alpha_i \lambda^i &= 0\end{aligned}$$

The roots of the polynomial to be found: factorisation, numerically...

Case 1: All roots are distinct.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{B} &= \{e^{\lambda_1 x}, \dots, e^{\lambda_k x}\} \\ y_{CF} &= \sum_{i=1}^k c_i e^{\lambda_i x}\end{aligned}$$

Case 2: Repeated roots.

Suppose the root λ_r is repeated d times, then:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{B} &= \{e^{\lambda_1 x}, \dots, e^{\lambda_r x}, x e^{\lambda_r x}, \dots, x^{d-1} e^{\lambda_r x}, \dots, e^{\lambda_{k-d+1} x}\} \\ y_{CF} &= c_1 e^{\lambda_1 x} + \dots + c_r e^{\lambda_r x} + c_{r+1} x e^{\lambda_r x} + \dots\end{aligned}$$

2ND STEP: Solving the full system:

$$\mathcal{L}[y_{PI}] = f(x)$$

If $f(x) = e^b x$, $b \notin \{\lambda_i\}_{i=1}^k$, then

$$y_{PI} = A e^{bx}$$

If $f(x) = e^{\lambda_1 x}$ and λ_1 is not a repeated root

$$y_{PI} = A x e^{\lambda_1 x}$$

If $f(x) = e^{\lambda_r x}$ and λ_r is repeated d times,

$$y_{PI} = Ax^d e^{\lambda_r x}$$

3rd Step: Particularize your solution

$$y_{GS} = y_{CF}(x; c_1, \dots, c_k) + y_{PI}$$

Given k initial conditions $\{y_0, y_0', \dots, y_0^{(k-1)}\}$, we fix the k constants $\{c_i\}_{i=1}^k$.

2.4 Euler Equation

Differential equations where the degree of x matches the order of the derivative. Useful in Economics and Thermodynamics. We use a change of variables that turns the equation into a linear ODE.

Example 2.16 (Euler Equation).

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 3x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = x^3$$

Change of variables:

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \begin{aligned} x &= e^z \\ z &= \log x \end{aligned} \right\} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{dy}{dx} \frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{1}{x} \frac{dy}{dz} \\ x \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{dy}{dz} \end{aligned}$$

The same thing happens at all orders:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} &= \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = \frac{d}{dz} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) \cdot \frac{dz}{dx} \\ &= \frac{1}{x} \left[\frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \frac{dy}{dz} \left(\frac{-1}{x^2} \right) \frac{dx}{dz} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{x^2} \frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} - \frac{1}{x^2} \frac{dy}{dz} \\ \Rightarrow x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} &= \frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} - \frac{dy}{dz} \end{aligned}$$

So our ODE becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} - \frac{dy}{dz} \right) + 3 \frac{dy}{dz} + y &= e^{3z} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} + 2 \frac{dy}{dz} + y &= e^{3z} \end{aligned}$$

We end up with a 2nd Order Linear ODE with constant coefficients.

$$y(z) = c_1 e^{-z} + c_2 z e^{-z} + \frac{1}{16} e^{3z}$$
$$\implies y(x) = c_1 \frac{1}{x} + c_2 \frac{\log x}{x} + \frac{1}{16} x^3$$

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Using the substitution, we get

$$\frac{d^k y}{dz^k} = \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i \cdot x^k \frac{d^i y}{dx^i}$$

Proof. Lots of algebra. ■

3 Systems of Linear Differential Equations

So far we've considered ODEs with one independent variable, x , implicit form

$$F\left(x, y, \frac{dy}{dx}, \dots, \frac{d^k y}{dx^k}\right) = 0$$

When we solve this we try to find the function $y(x) = \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Now we consider a system of ODEs:

$$\text{System} \begin{cases} F_1\left(x; y_1, \dots, y_d, \frac{dy_1}{dx}, \dots, \frac{dy_d}{dx}, \dots, \frac{d^{k_1} y_d}{dx^{k_1}}\right) = 0 \\ \vdots \\ F_d\left(x; y_1, \dots, y_d, \frac{dy_1}{dx}, \dots, \frac{dy_d}{dx}, \dots, \frac{d^{k_d} y_d}{dx^{k_d}}\right) = 0 \end{cases}$$

The solution we find is the set of functions $\{y_1(x), y_2(x), \dots, y_d(x)\} = \{y_i(x)\}_{i=1}^d$

The explicit form is

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d^{k_1} y_d}{dx^{k_1}} = f_1\left(x; y_1, \dots, y_d, \frac{dy_1}{dx}, \dots, \frac{dy_d}{dx}, \dots, \frac{d^{k_1-1} y_d}{dx^{k_1-1}}\right) = 0 \\ \vdots \\ \frac{d^{k_d} y_d}{dx^{k_d}} = f_d\left(x; y_1, \dots, y_d, \frac{dy_1}{dx}, \dots, \frac{dy_d}{dx}, \dots, \right) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Systems of ODEs are rewritten in terms of the first order derivatives by the remaining variables, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy_1}{dx} &= u_1 \\ \frac{du_1}{dx} &= u_2 \\ &\vdots \\ \frac{du_{k_1-1}}{dx} &= f_1(x, \dots) \end{aligned}$$

So in general we consider:

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$$\text{System} \begin{cases} F_1 \left(t; x, y, \frac{dx}{dt}, \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}, \frac{dy}{dt} \right) = 0 \\ \vdots \\ F_2 \left(t; x, y, \frac{dx}{dt}, \frac{dy}{dt}, \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} \right) = 0 \end{cases}$$

We write the explicit form as:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = u \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = w \\ \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = \frac{du}{dt} = f_1(t, x, y, uw) \\ \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = \frac{dw}{dt} = f_2(t, x, y, u, w) \end{cases}$$

Then

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ u \\ w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ w \\ f_1(t, x, y, u, w) \\ f_2(t, x, y, u, w) \end{pmatrix}$$

\parallel
 \vec{x}

So overall

$$\boxed{\frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = \vec{f}(\vec{x})}$$

Example 3.1 (Lotka-Volterra system).

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= ax - bxy = f_1(x, y) \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= -cy + dxy = f_2(x, y) \\ \vec{y} &= \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \\ \frac{d}{dt} \vec{y} &= \begin{pmatrix} f_1(x, y) \\ f_2(x, y) \end{pmatrix} = \vec{f}(\vec{y}) \end{aligned}$$

Example 3.2.

$$m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \eta \frac{dx}{dt} + kx = f(t)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{dx}{dt} = y = f_1(y) \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{f(t)}{m} - \frac{\eta}{m}y - \frac{k}{m}x = f_2(x, y, t) \end{array} \right\}$$

So overall

$$\frac{d\vec{y}}{dt} = \begin{pmatrix} f_1(y) \\ f_2(x, y, t) \end{pmatrix}$$

3.1 Systems of Linear ODEs with constant coefficients

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{dy_1}{dt} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_{1i}y_i + g_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{dy_n}{dt} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_{ni}y_i + g_n(t) \end{array} \right\} \text{System of Linear ODEs}$$

So $\vec{y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}$ and our system is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\vec{y}}{dt} &= \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{11} & \cdots & \alpha_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \alpha_{n1} & \cdots & \alpha_{nn} \end{pmatrix}}_A \vec{y} + \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} g_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ g_n(t) \end{pmatrix}}_{\vec{g}(t)} \\ \frac{d\vec{y}}{dt} &= A\vec{y} + \vec{g}(t) \end{aligned}$$

Example 3.3.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= -4x - 3y \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= 2x + 3y \\ \frac{d\vec{y}}{dt} &= \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -3 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \vec{y} \end{aligned}$$

Where $\vec{y} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$

We find the solution for the general case of systems of linear ODEs with constant coefficients:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\vec{y}}{dt} &= A\vec{y} + \vec{g}(t) \\ \mathcal{L}\vec{y} &= \left[\frac{d}{dt} - A \right] \vec{y} = \vec{g}(t)\end{aligned}$$

by splitting the problem into two steps as before:

1ST STEP: Homogenous problem

$$\mathcal{L}[\vec{y}_{GS}^{(H)}] = 0$$

2ND STEP: Find a Particular Integral

$$\mathcal{L}[\vec{y}_{PI}] = \vec{g}(t)$$

Then the complete general solution will be the sum:

$$\vec{y}_{GS} = \vec{y}_{GS}^{(H)} + \vec{y}_{PI}$$

A is diagonalisable

1ST STEP: Solving the Homogenous problem

$$\mathcal{L}[\vec{y}_{CF}] = \left[\frac{d}{dt} - A \right] \vec{y}_{CF} = 0$$

So

$$\frac{d\vec{y}_{CF}}{dt} = A\vec{y}_{CF} \quad (*)$$

where $\vec{y}_{CF}(t; c_1, \dots, c_n)$

Assuming $A_{n \times n}$ is diagonalisable, then $\exists V_{n \times n}$ such that

$$V^{-1}AV = \Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$$

The Eigenvalues of $A \equiv \{\lambda_i\}_{i=1}^n$, and the eigenvectors of $A \equiv \{\vec{v}_i\}_{i=1}^n$, which are found by solving $A\vec{v}_i = \lambda_i\vec{v}_i$. Letting

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 & \dots & \vec{v}_n \\ | & | & \dots & | \end{pmatrix}$$

we have to solve $AV = V\Lambda$

$$\implies A(\vec{v}_1 \dots \vec{v}_n) = (\vec{v}_1 \dots \vec{v}_n) \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{By } (*), \frac{d\vec{y}_{CF}}{dt} = A\vec{y}_{CF} &\implies V^{-1}\frac{d\vec{y}_{CF}}{dt} = V^{-1}A. \\ &\implies \frac{d(V^{-1}\vec{y}_{CF})}{dt} = [V^{-1}AV][V^{-1}\vec{y}_{CF}] \end{aligned}$$

Letting $\vec{Y} = V^{-1}\vec{y}_{CF}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\vec{Y}}{dt} &= \Lambda\vec{Y} \\ \begin{pmatrix} \frac{dY_1}{dt} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{dY_n}{dt} \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Y_1 \\ \vdots \\ Y_n \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

I.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{Y_1}{dt} &= \lambda_1 Y_1 \implies Y_1 = e^{\lambda_1 t} c_1 \\ &\vdots \\ \frac{Y_n}{dt} &= \lambda_n Y_n \implies Y_n = e^{\lambda_n t} c_n \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\vec{Y} = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \\ \vdots \\ c_n e^{\lambda_n t} \end{pmatrix}$$

Getting back to \vec{y}_{CF} :

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{y}_{CF} &= V\vec{Y} \\ &= (\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n) \begin{pmatrix} c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \\ \vdots \\ c_n e^{\lambda_n t} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_n e^{\lambda_n t} \vec{v}_n \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n c_i e^{\lambda_i t} \vec{v}_i. \end{aligned}$$

Recall a system of linear ODEs

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$$\frac{d\vec{y}}{dt} = A\vec{y} + \vec{g}(t)$$

where $\vec{y}_{n \times 1} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $A_{n \times n} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$.

Last time we solved the homogenous problem

$$\frac{d\vec{y}_{CF}}{dt} = A\vec{y}_{CF}$$

and found that

$$\vec{y}_{CF}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^m c_i e^{\lambda_i t} \vec{v}_i$$

where λ_i are the eigenvalues and \vec{v}_i are the eigenvectors of A .

Example 3.4.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= -4x - 3y \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= 2x + 3y \end{aligned} \right\} \frac{d\vec{y}}{dt} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -3 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \vec{y}$$

where $\vec{y} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$. We then need to find the eigenvectors and values of A by solving

$$\begin{aligned} A\vec{v} &= \lambda\vec{v} \\ \implies |A - \lambda I| &= 0 \\ \implies \begin{vmatrix} -4 - \lambda & -3 \\ 2 & 3 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} &= 0 \\ \implies (\lambda + 4)(\lambda - 3) + 6 &= 0 \\ \implies \lambda^2 + \lambda - 6 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Giving $\lambda_1 = 2$, $\lambda_2 = -3$.

We find the eigenvector for $\lambda_1 = 2$: $A\vec{v}_1 = \lambda\vec{v}_1$, so

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} -4 - 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 3 - 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_{1x} \\ v_{1y} \end{pmatrix} &= 0 \\ -6v_{1x} - 3v_{1y} &= 0 \\ 2v_{1x} + 1v_{1y} &= 0 \\ \implies \vec{v}_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

For $\lambda_2 = -3$, we find that $v_{2y} = -\frac{1}{3}v_{2x}$, so $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$.

Thus

$$\Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \quad V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

Then the homogenous solution is

$$\vec{y}_{CF}(t; c_1, c_2) = c_1 e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{-3t} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

So our complete solution is

$$\vec{y} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{cases} x(t) = c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 3e^{-3t} \\ y(t) = c_1(-2)e^{2t} + c_2 e^{-3t}(-1) \end{cases}$$

Changing an N th order linear ODE to a system

Remark. In the previous example, the system was equivalent to a 2nd order linear ODE:

$$y = -\frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{dx}{dt} + 4x \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dt} &= -\frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 4 \frac{dx}{dt} \right) \\ &= 2x + 3\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) \left(\frac{dx}{dt} + 4x \right) \end{aligned}$$

Rewriting this:

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 4 \frac{dx}{dt} = -6x + 3 \frac{dx}{dt} + 12x$$

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \frac{dx}{dt} - 6x = 0$$

When we solve this using the ansatz we get

$$\lambda^2 + \lambda - 6 = 0$$

which when you solve for λ , you end up with the previous solution. These two things are equivalent.

We can also do the reverse; turn a 2nd order ODE into a system of ODEs and solve. Consider

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} + \eta \frac{dx}{dt} + kx = 0$$

From ansatz of $e^{\lambda x}$ we would get

$$\lambda^2 + \eta\lambda + k = 0$$

If we instead turn this into a system:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= y \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= -\eta y - kx \end{aligned} \right\} \frac{d}{dt} \vec{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -k & -\eta \end{pmatrix} \vec{y}$$

Solving the system we get

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ -k & -\eta - \lambda \end{vmatrix} &= 0 \\ \lambda(\lambda + \eta) + k &= 0 \\ \lambda^2 + \eta\lambda + k &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

The advantage to this approach is that doing eliminations in an N th order linear ODE is difficult to do by hand, but if we transform it into a system and end up with an $N \times N$ matrix A , then we can use MATLAB to solve the system easily.

Example 3.5.

$$\frac{d\vec{y}}{dt} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \vec{y} + \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}}_{\vec{g}(t)}$$

1ST STEP: Our operator is

$$\mathcal{L} = \left[\frac{d}{dt} - A \right]$$

We solve the homogenous problem

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}[\vec{y}_{CF}] &= 0 \\ \begin{vmatrix} 3 - \lambda & 1 \\ 2 & 2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} &= 0 \\ \implies \lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 4 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

This has two solutions: $\lambda_1 = 4$, $\lambda_2 = 1$.

For the eigenvectors of $\lambda_1 = 4$, we solve

$$(3 - 4)v_{1x} + v_{1y} = 0 \implies \vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then for $\lambda_2 = 1$, we solve

$$(3 - 1)v_{1x} + v_{1y} = 0 \implies \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

We have now solved the homogenous problem:

$$\vec{y}_{CF} = c_e^{4t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

2ND STEP:

$$[\vec{y}_{PI}] = \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

As we have a constant function, our ansatz should be some constants as well:

$$\vec{y}_{PI} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \text{MUC}$$

$$\mathcal{L}[\vec{y}_{PI}] = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

We solve

$$A \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus

$$\begin{cases} 3a + b = 5 \\ 2a + 2b = 2 \end{cases} \iff \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = A^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence our complete solution is

$$\vec{y}_{GS} = \vec{y}_{CF} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

When A is not diagonalisable

Sometimes we call a non-diagonalisable matrix A , a defective matrix. In this case $\exists V : V^{-1}AV = \Lambda$. However all matrices can be put into a form which is as close to diagonalisable as possible.

Theorem 3.6: Existence of Jordan Form

For all invertible matrices, W , there exists a J such that

$$W^{-1}AW = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 1 \dots & 0 \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & \lambda \end{pmatrix} = J$$

Proof. Omitted.

This matrix J has repeated eigenvalues:

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

Then

$$\frac{d(W^{-1}\vec{y})}{dy} = \underbrace{W^{-1}AW}_J (W^{-1}\vec{y})$$

Thus

$$\frac{d\vec{Y}}{dt} = J\vec{Y}$$

So now our problem is

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{dY_1}{dt} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{dY_n}{dt} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 1 \dots & 0 \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & \lambda \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Y_1 \\ \vdots \\ Y_n \end{pmatrix}$$

This can be solved recursively from the bottom upwards; the lowest row is trivial:

$$\frac{dY_n}{dt} = \lambda y_n \implies Y_n = c_n e^{\lambda t}$$

Then we go to the next row above:

$$\frac{dY_{n-1}}{dt} = \lambda Y_{n-1} + Y_n$$

We already solved for Y_n , so in fact we solve

$$\frac{dY_{n-1}}{dt} - \lambda Y_{n-1} = c_n e^{\lambda t}$$

we could consider the complimentary function approach to solving this:

$$\begin{aligned} CF : Y_{n-1}^{(CF)} &= c_{n-1} e^{\lambda t} \\ PI : Y_{n-1}^{(PI)} &= c^* t e^{\lambda t} \quad (\text{ansatz}) \end{aligned}$$

We plug in our ansatz into our operator to find c^* :

$$c * [e^{\lambda t} + \lambda t e^{\lambda t} - \lambda t e^{\lambda t}] = c_n e^{\lambda t}$$

So $c^* = c_n$. Thus

$$Y_{n-1} = c_{n-1} e^{\lambda t} + c_n t e^{\lambda t}$$

We continue with the next row:

$$\frac{dY_{n-2}}{dt} = \lambda Y_{n-2} + Y_{n-1}$$

Then

$$Y_{n-2} = c_{n-2} e^{\lambda t} + c_{n-1} t e^{\lambda t} + \frac{c_n}{2} t^2 e^{\lambda t}$$

So recursively you go upwards and continue solving the system. So even if A is defective, you can solve this using linear algebra.

Example 3.7. Suppose $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$, we find the eigenvalues:

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$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & -1 \\ 1 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} &= 0 \\ 3-3\lambda-\lambda+\lambda^2+1 &= 0 \\ \lambda^2-4\lambda+4 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

So $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 2$. We solve $(1-2)v_{1x} - v_{1y} = 0 \implies v_{1y} = -v_{1x}$, so there is only one eigenvector

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} W^{-1}AW &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \alpha \\ -1 & \beta \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \alpha \\ -1 & \beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 & \alpha - \beta \\ -2 & \alpha + 3\beta \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 + 2\alpha \\ -2 & -1 + 2\beta \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{cases} \alpha - \beta = 1 + 2\alpha \\ \alpha + 3\beta = -1 + 2\beta \end{cases} \quad \alpha + \beta = -1$$

So

$$\vec{W}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow W = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

We check this:

$$\begin{aligned} W^{-1}AW &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = J \end{aligned}$$

We then recursively solve

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

The bottom row:

$$\frac{dY_2}{dt} = 2Y_2 \Rightarrow Y_2 = c_2 e^{2t}$$

Then

$$\frac{dY_1}{dt} = 2Y_1 + Y_2$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} Y_1^{(CF)} &= c_1 e^{2t} \\ Y_1^{(PI)} + c_3 t e^{2t} &\longrightarrow \text{our ansatz} \end{aligned}$$

Plugging in our ansatz, we obtain

$$Y_1 = c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 t e^{2t}$$

So

$$\vec{Y} = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 t e^{2t} \\ c_2 e^{2t} \end{pmatrix}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{y} &= W\vec{Y} \\
 &= \underbrace{(\vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2)}_{\substack{\parallel \\ \vec{v}_1}} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 t e^{2t} \\ c_2 e^{2t} \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= (c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 t e^{2t}) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

We could have solved this system by changing it into a 2nd order ODE:

Write the system $\frac{d\vec{y}}{dt} = A\vec{y}$ as two equations and substitute:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dx}{dt} &= x - y \\
 \frac{dy}{dt} &= x + 3y
 \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} - 4 \frac{dx}{dt} + 4x = 0$$

Using the ansatz of $e^{\lambda t}$, we get the characteristic equation of $\lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 4 = 0$, which solves to the eigenvalues $\lambda_{1,2} = 2$. This corresponds to a basis of $\mathcal{B} = \{e^{2t}, te^{2t}\}$ - the same solution that we found using the Jordan form method.

4 Qualitative Analysis of Systems

4.1 Asymptotic Behaviours

We now work towards a qualitative description of the solution of systems of linear ODEs. We look at the analytical solutions for all possible behaviours of 2×2 systems.

So for $2D$ systems: $n = 2$, and so we consider with $A_{2 \times 2}$:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

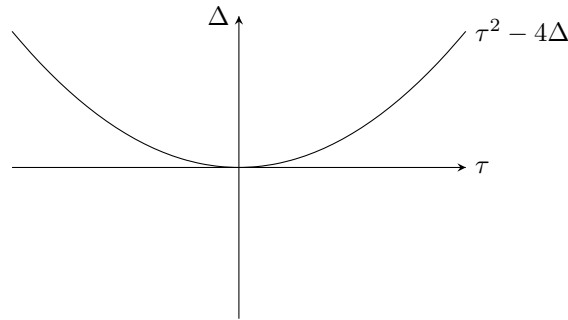
The solutions are found by solving the eigenvalue equation

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{vmatrix} a - \lambda & b \\ c & d - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \\ \implies & (a - \lambda)(d - \lambda) - bc = 0 \\ \implies & \lambda^2 - \underbrace{(a + d)}_{\tau = \text{tr}(A)} \lambda + \underbrace{(ad - bc)}_{\Delta = \det(A)} = 0 \\ \implies & \lambda^2 - \tau\lambda + \Delta = 0 \end{aligned}$$

The eigenvalues are then given by

$$\lambda_{1,2} = \frac{\tau \pm \sqrt{\tau^2 - 4\Delta}}{2}$$

So (τ, Δ) are responsible for the behaviour of the system. What we're working towards is being able to characterise the behaviour of a system by looking at where (τ, Δ) lie on the $\tau - \Delta$ plane.



CASE (1): $\Delta < 0$.

Then $\tau^2 - 4\Delta > 0 \implies \lambda_{1,2} \in \mathbb{R}$. Also $\tau^2 - 4\Delta > \tau^2$, so it follows that $\lambda_1 \in \mathbb{R}^+$ and $\lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}^-$. Then

$$\vec{y} = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{v}_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \vec{v}_2$$

Asymptotically:

- (i) As $t \rightarrow \infty$, $y \rightarrow c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{v}_1$.
- (ii) There is no oscillations because there are only real exponentials.

This takes care of the lower half of the plane.

CASE (2): $\Delta > 0$. We then need to split this into further cases.

(2.1) $\tau^2 - 4\Delta > 0 \implies \lambda_{1,2} \in \mathbb{R}$. Also $\tau^2 - 4\Delta < \tau^2$.

- $\tau > 0 \implies \lambda_1, \lambda_2 > 0$.
- $\tau < 0 \implies \lambda_1, \lambda_2 < 0$.

We then have

$$\vec{y} = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{v}_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \vec{v}_2$$

For (2.1.1), $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > 0$, so as $t \rightarrow \infty$, $\vec{y} \rightarrow c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{v}_1 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \infty \\ \infty \end{pmatrix}$.

For (2.1.2), $\lambda_2 < \lambda_1 < 0$. So as $t \rightarrow \infty$, the $y \rightarrow c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{v}_1 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

(2.2) $\tau^2 - 4\Delta < 0 \implies \Delta > \frac{\tau^2}{4}$. Then

$$\left| \frac{\tau^2 - 4\Delta}{4} \right| = \omega^2$$

So $\lambda_{1,2} = \frac{\tau}{2} \pm i\omega$. Then

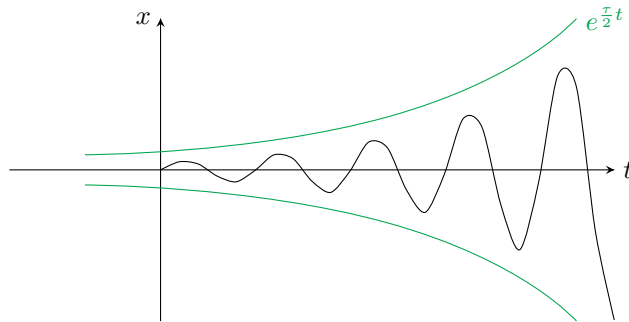
- $\tau = 0 \implies \lambda_{1,2} = \pm i\omega$. Then

$$\vec{y} = c_1 e^{i\omega t} \vec{v}_1 + c_2 e^{-i\omega t} \vec{v}_2$$

This is sinusoidal functions \implies periodic behaviour.

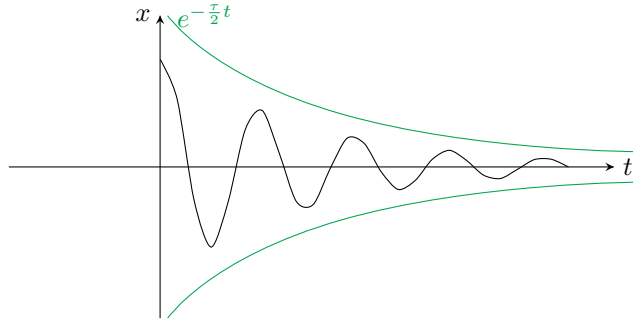
- $\tau > 0$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{y} &= c_1 e^{(\frac{\tau}{2} + i\omega)t} \vec{v}_1 + c_2 e^{(\frac{\tau}{2} - i\omega)t} \vec{v}_2 \\ &= e^{\frac{\tau}{2}t} \left[c_1 e^{i\omega t} \vec{v}_1 + c_2 e^{-i\omega t} \vec{v}_2 \right] \end{aligned}$$



- $\tau < 0$.

$$\vec{y} = e^{\frac{\tau}{2}t} \left[c_1 e^{i\omega t} \vec{v}_1 + c_2 e^{-i\omega t} \vec{v}_2 \right]$$



CASE (3): $\Delta = 0$.

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Then $\lambda_1 = \tau$, $\lambda_2 = 0$, so

$$\vec{y} = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2$$

- $\tau > 0$. As $t \rightarrow \infty$, asymptotically the solution grows exponentially along $(c_1 \vec{v}_1) e^{\lambda_1 t}$.
- $\tau < 0$. As $t \rightarrow \infty$, $\vec{Y} \rightarrow c_2 \vec{v}_2$ along $(c_2 \vec{v}_2) e^{\lambda_2 t}$.

CASE (4): $\tau^2 - 4\Delta = 0$.

Then $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \frac{\tau}{2} \implies$ repeated eigenvalues.

(4.1) A is diagonalisable.

$$A = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Where } \vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{y} &= c_1 e^{\lambda t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{\lambda t} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= e^{\lambda t} \left[c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right] \\ &= e^{\lambda t} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

- $\tau > 0 \implies \lambda > 0$, so \vec{y} diverges to infinite along $\begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix}$, which is fixed by initial conditions.

- $\tau < 0$ then as $t \rightarrow \infty$, $\vec{y} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ along $\begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix}$.

(4.2) A is non-diagonalisable. We then consider the Jordan form:

$$W^{-1}AW = J$$

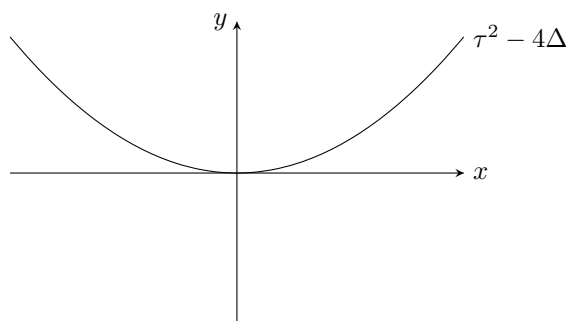
Where $W = (\vec{v}_1 \vec{w}_2)$. Then

$$\vec{y} = (c_1 + tc_2)e^{\lambda t} \vec{v}_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda t} \vec{w}_2$$

- $\tau > 0 \implies \lambda > 0$, so as $t \rightarrow \infty$, the dominant term is $te^{\lambda t}c_2\vec{v}_1$ and the solution diverges.
- $\tau < 0 \implies \lambda < 0$, so as $t \rightarrow \infty$, the dominant term is $te^{\lambda t}c_2\vec{v}_1$ and the solution $\vec{y} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

4.2 Phase Plane Analysis

We consider $\frac{d\vec{y}}{dt} = A\vec{y}$, where $\vec{y} \in \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$, and $\vec{y}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$.



We are interested in finding the general trajectories of $\vec{y}(t)$ on \mathbb{R}^2 , from an initial condition (x_0, y_0) .

Definition. The *phase portrait* of a given system described by A is a collection of the representative trajectories of all distinct behaviours of the system.

Proposition 4.1. *Trajectories cannot cross (except at special cases)*

Proof. See M2AA1; this is based on the existence and uniqueness of solutions to ODEs.

So the main points of phase plane analysis are:

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- $\vec{y}(t)$ is a trajectory on the plane (x, y)
- $(x(0), y(0)) = \vec{y}(0)$ is the initial condition which is a point on the plane
- No crossing of trajectories except at special points.
- Vector field: At every point of (x, y) there is a vector defined at the point $\frac{d\vec{y}}{dt} = A\vec{y} \equiv$ “velocity”, which is always tangent to the trajectory at \vec{y} .
- The eigenvectors define special directions on the plane: invariant under the dynamics. “If we start on \vec{v}_i , we remain on \vec{v}_i ”
- Phase portrait: the collection of representative trajectories that describe the possible outcomes of the system.

(vii) Special points are to be found.

Example 4.2. $\frac{d\vec{y}}{dt} = A\vec{y}$, with $A = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -3 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$.

$\tau = -1$, $\Delta = -6$. Since $\lambda^2 - \tau\lambda + \Delta = 0$, we find $\lambda_1 = 2$, $\lambda_2 = -3$ with eigenvectors

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Trajectory on \vec{v}_1 :

4.3 Bifurcations

5 Partial Differentiation

5.1 Functions of Several Variables

Up to now we've dealt with

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$$f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \text{ i.e. } f(x) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

and

$$\vec{f} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, \text{ i.e. } \vec{f}(x) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

Definition. Given $\vec{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n, \exists! f(\vec{x}) \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$\vec{f} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \text{ i.e. } f(\vec{x}) = f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

f is then an *multivariable function*.

5.2 Partial Differentiation

Notions of limit and continuity are similar to functions of one variable (see M2P1):

Limit: $\lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{x}^*} f(\vec{x}) = c$ iff $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$ such that $|\vec{x} - \vec{x}^*| < \delta \implies |f(\vec{x}) - c| < \epsilon$

Continuity: $\lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{x}^*} f(\vec{x}) = f(\vec{x}^*)$

Definition (Partial Derivative). Given $f(x, y)$, the partial derivative of f with respect to x :

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h, y) - f(x, y)}{h} = \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_y$$

similarly

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x, y+h) - f(x, y)}{h} = \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right|_x$$

In general for $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f(\vec{x})$, $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_1, \dots, x_{i+h}, \dots, x_n) - f(\vec{x})}{h} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}$$

We can calculate higher derivatives as you would expect:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = g_1(x, y) &\longrightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \\ \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} \end{cases} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = g_2(x, y) &\longrightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} \\ \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 3.1

Iff $f, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ are continuous, then $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$

Proof. See M2AA2: Multivariable Calculus. ■

Example 3.2. Consider $u(x, y) = x^2 \sin y + y^3$.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = (2x) \sin y &\longrightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = \sin y(2) \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} = (2x) \cos y \end{cases} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = x^2 \cos y + 3y^2 &\longrightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = x^2(\sin y) + 6y \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = \cos y \cdot 2x \end{cases}\end{aligned}$$

Consider

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta f &= f(x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y) - f(x, y) \\ &= [f(x + \Delta x, y) - f(x, y)] + [f(x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y) - f(x + \Delta x, y)] \\ &= \left[\frac{f(x + \Delta x, y) - f(x, y)}{\Delta x} \right] \Delta x + \left[\frac{f(x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y) - f(x + \Delta x, y)}{\Delta y} \right] \Delta y\end{aligned}$$

Taking $\lim \Delta x \rightarrow 0, \Delta y \rightarrow 0$ we get:

$$df = \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{(x,y)} dx + \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right|_{(x,y)} dy$$

Definition (Total Differential). The total differential evaluates the infinitesimal change of $f(x, y)$ when *all* independent variables are varied

$$df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} dy$$

For $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$df = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} dx_i$$

Chain Rule

Reminder: For $u = u(x)$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $x = x(t)$, $\frac{du}{dt} = \frac{du}{dx} \frac{dx}{dt}$.

What is the equivalent for $f(\vec{x})$?

For $u = u(x, y)$, $x = x(t)$, $y = y(t)$, the change of u when t is changed

$$du = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dy$$

Since $dx = \frac{dx}{dt} dt$, $dy = \frac{dy}{dt} dt$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}du &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} dt + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} dt \\ &= \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} \right] dt\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}} \quad (3.3)$$

For $u = u(x, y)$, $x = x(t)$, $y = y(t)$

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$$\begin{aligned} du &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dy \\ dx &= \frac{dx}{dt} dt \\ dy &= \frac{dy}{dt} dt \\ du &= \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} \right] dt \end{aligned}$$

Example 3.4 (Chain Rule). $V = \pi r^2 h = V(r, h)$. $r = 2t = r(t)$, $h = 1 + t^2 = h(t)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dV}{dt} &= \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \frac{dr}{dt} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial h} \frac{dh}{dt} \\ &= 2\pi r h \cdot 2 + \pi r^2 2t \\ &= 2\pi r(2h + rt) \\ &= 4\pi t(2 + 4t^2) \end{aligned}$$

We can check this by substituting first and differentiating as usual:

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \pi(2t)^2(1 + t^2) \\ \frac{dV}{dt} &= \pi[4(2t)(1 + t^2) + (2t)^2 2t] \\ &= 8\pi t[1 + t^2 + t^2] \end{aligned}$$

For $u(x, y)$, $y = y(x, t)$ we have:

$$\begin{aligned} du &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dy \\ dy &= \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} dt \\ du &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \left[\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} dt \right] \\ &= \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right] dx + \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \right] dt \\ &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \Big|_t dx + \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \Big|_x dt \end{aligned}$$

Example 3.5 (Chain Rule). For $u(x, y) = xy + y^2$, $y = x + t$ we have

$$du = [y + (x + 2y) \cdot 1]dx + [(x + 2y) \cdot 1]dt$$

$h = h(x, y)$, $x = x(u, v)$, $y = y(u, v)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} dh &= \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} dy \\ dx &= \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} du + \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} dv \\ dy &= \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} du + \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} dv \\ dh &= \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \left[\frac{\partial x}{\partial u} du + \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} dv \right] + \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} \left[\frac{\partial y}{\partial u} du + \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} dv \right] \\ &= \left[\frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \right] du + \left[\frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \right] dv \\ &= \frac{\partial h}{\partial u} du + \frac{\partial h}{\partial v} dv \end{aligned}$$

5.3 Implicit Functions

Reminder: For functions of one variable, the explicit form is $y = f(x)$, $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Implicit form is of $F(x, y) = 0$ e.g. $x^2 + y^2 - R^2 = 0$

Definition. For two variables a function in implicit form:

$$F(x, y, z) = 0$$

The total differential in these cases are easy to obtain:

$$dF = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} dz = 0$$

Example 3.6. $u(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - 5$

From the explicit form directly we find:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 2x, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 2y.$$

Suppose we cannot express the function in explicit form, so we only have the implicit function:

$$F(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 - 5 - z = 0$$

$$dF = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} dz = 0$$

In this case:

$$2xdx + 2ydy - 1dz = 0$$

To find $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ note that:

$$\begin{aligned} dz &= \left[\frac{-\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}} \right] dx + \left[\frac{-\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}} \right] dy \\ &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} dy \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \left[\frac{-\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}} \right] = \frac{-2x}{-1} = 2x$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \left[\frac{-\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}}{\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}} \right] = \frac{-2y}{-1} = 2y$$

6 Functions of Two Variables

6.1 Taylor expansion

Reminder: For functions of one variable, assuming continuity:

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$$f(x_0 + \delta x) = f(x_0) + \left. \frac{df}{dx} \right|_{x_0} \delta x + \frac{1}{2!} \left. \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} \right|_{x_0} (\delta x)^2 + \dots$$

For a function of two variables, $f(\vec{x}) : \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ evaluated at $\vec{x}_0 = (x_0, y_0)$ we assume suitably continuity and find similar expansion:

$$\begin{aligned} f(\vec{x}) &= f(\vec{x}_0 + \delta \vec{x}_0) = f(x_0 + \delta x, y_0 + \delta y) \\ &= f(x_0, y_0 + \delta y) + \left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0 + \delta y) \right] \delta x + \frac{1}{2!} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(x_0, y_0 + \delta y) (\delta x)^2 + \mathcal{O}(|\delta x|^3) \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_0, y_0 + \delta y) &= f(x_0, y_0) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) \delta y + \frac{1}{2!} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}(x_0, y_0) (\delta y)^2 + \mathcal{O}(|\delta y|^3) \\ \left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0 + \delta y) \right] \delta x &= \delta x \left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}(x_0, y_0) \delta y + \frac{1}{2!} \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial^2 y \partial x}(x_0, y_0) (\delta y)^2 + \dots \right] \\ \frac{1}{2!} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(x_0, y_0 + \delta y) (\delta x)^2 &= (\delta x)^2 \frac{1}{2!} \left[\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(x_0, y_0) + \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial y \partial x^2}(x_0, y_0) \delta y + \dots \right] \end{aligned}$$

So to 2nd order:

$$f(\vec{x}_0 + \delta \vec{x}) = f(\vec{x}_0) + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(\vec{x}_0) \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(\vec{x}_0) \right) \begin{pmatrix} \delta x \\ \delta y \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} (\delta x \ \delta y) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(\vec{x}_0) & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}(\vec{x}_0) \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}(\vec{x}_0) & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}(\vec{x}_0) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta x \\ \delta y \end{pmatrix}$$

Definition. Gradient (vector): $\vec{\nabla} f(\vec{x}) = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right)$

Hessian (matrix):

$$H(\vec{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

So the Taylor expansion is:

$$f(\vec{x}_0 + \delta \vec{x}) = f(\vec{x}_0) + \vec{\nabla} f(\vec{x}_0) \delta \vec{x} + \frac{1}{2} \delta \vec{x} H(\vec{x}_0) \delta \vec{x} + \mathcal{O}(|\delta \vec{x}|^3) \quad (4.1)$$

Example 4.2. $u(x, y) = e^{2x-y}$. Find the Taylor expansion around $\vec{x}_0 = (0, 0)$ to 2nd order.

$$\vec{\nabla} u(\vec{x}) = (e^{-y} 2e^{2x} \quad e^{2x} (-1)e^{-y})$$

$$\implies \vec{\nabla} u(\vec{x}_0) = (2 \quad -1)$$

$$H(\vec{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} 4e^{2x}e^{-y} & -2e^{2x}e^{-y} \\ -2e^{2x}e^{-y} & e^{2x}e^{-y} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\implies H(\vec{x}_0) = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$u(\vec{x}_0 + \delta\vec{x}) = u(0, 0) + (2 \quad -1)\delta\vec{x} + \frac{1}{2}\delta\vec{x} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \delta\vec{x} + \mathcal{O}(\|\delta\vec{x}\|^3)$$

$$= 1 + (2\delta x - \delta y) + (2\delta x^2 - 4\delta x\delta y + \frac{1}{2}\delta y^2) + \mathcal{O}(\|\delta\vec{x}\|^3)$$

Example 4.3. $A = xy = A(x, y)$, $\vec{x}_0 = (x_0, y_0)$

$$A(\vec{x}_0 + \delta\vec{x}_0) = A(\vec{x}_0) + (y_0 \quad x_0)\delta\vec{x} + \frac{1}{2}\delta\vec{x} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \delta\vec{x} + \mathcal{O}(\|\delta\vec{x}\|^3)$$

$$= A_0 + (y_0\delta x + x_0\delta y) + \delta x\delta y$$

Example 4.4 (Error Propagation). $h = x \tan \theta = h(x, \theta)$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x \pm \delta x \\ \theta \pm \delta \theta \end{array} \right\} \longrightarrow h + \delta h$$

$$\delta h = \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \delta x + \frac{\partial h}{\partial \theta} \delta \theta$$

$$= |\tan \theta| |dx| + |x \sec^2 \theta| |\delta \theta|$$

We use the worst case for error propagation (Hence the absolute values)

The linear approximation:

$$h(x + \delta x, \theta + \delta \theta) = h(x, \theta) + \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \delta x + \frac{\partial h}{\partial \theta} \delta \theta + \mathcal{O}(\|\delta\vec{x}\|^2)$$

$$\delta h \approx \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \delta x + \frac{\partial h}{\partial \theta} \delta \theta$$

6.2 Change of coordinates

$$\begin{cases} x &= r \cos \theta = x(r, \theta) \\ y &= r \sin \theta = y(r, \theta) \end{cases}$$

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$$\begin{cases} r &= +\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = r(x, y) \\ \theta &= \arctan(y/x) = \theta(x, y) \end{cases}$$

Transformation to polar coordinates:

$$dx = \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} dr + \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} d\theta = \cos \theta dr + (-r \sin \theta) d\theta$$

$$dy = \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} dr + \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} d\theta = \sin \theta dr + r \cos \theta d\theta$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} dx \\ dy \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & r \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{Jacobian matrix } J_{p \rightarrow c}} \begin{pmatrix} dr \\ d\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

Definition. The *Jacobian matrix* J is change of coordinate matrix:

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} \end{pmatrix}$$

We can also find the Jacobian matrix to change from cartesian to polar coordinates:

$$\begin{pmatrix} dr \\ d\theta \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix}}_{J_{c \rightarrow p}} \begin{pmatrix} dx \\ dy \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2)^{-1/2} \cdot 2x = \frac{r \cos \theta}{r} = \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{\partial r}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2)^{-1/2} \cdot 2y = \sin \theta$$

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{1 + (y/x)^2} y \left(\frac{-1}{x^2} \right) = \frac{-y}{x^2 + y^2} = \frac{-\sin \theta}{r}$$

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{1 + (y/x)^2} y \cdot \frac{1}{x} = \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} = \frac{\cos \theta}{r}$$

$$\implies J_{c \rightarrow p} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ \frac{-\sin \theta}{r} & \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \end{pmatrix} = J_{p \rightarrow c}^{-1}$$

Example 4.5. $ds^2 = (dx)^2 + (dy)^2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 ds^2 &= (dx \ dy) \begin{pmatrix} dx \\ dy \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= (dr \ d\theta) J^T J \begin{pmatrix} dr \\ d\theta \end{pmatrix} \\
 J^T J &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -r \sin \theta & r \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & r \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & r^2 \end{pmatrix} \\
 \implies ds^2 &= (dr \ d\theta) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & r^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} dr \\ d\theta \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= (dr)^2 + r^2 (d\theta)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Example 4.6. $dA = dx \ dy$

$$\begin{aligned}
 J &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & r \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \\
 \det(J) &= r \cos^2 \theta + r \sin^2 \theta = r \\
 dA &= dx \ dy = \det(J) \ dr \ d\theta
 \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 4.7

$\det(J)$ gives the increase in area (“volume”) induced by the transformation J

Proof. Consider $(x, 0)$ and $(0, y)$ and the matrix transform $U = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ applied to these points.

We know that the area is given by the magnitude of the cross-product of the two vectors:

$$A = \|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}\|$$

Applying U to our points we have:

$$U \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ax \\ cx \end{pmatrix} = x \begin{pmatrix} a \\ c \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ y \end{pmatrix} = y \begin{pmatrix} b \\ d \end{pmatrix}$$

In our case we have:

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ xa & xc & 0 \\ by & dy & 0 \end{vmatrix} = ||(xyad - bcxy)\vec{k}|| \\ &= xy(ad - bc) \end{aligned}$$

Thus $A = \det(U)A_0$. Hence $dx dy = \det(J) dr d\theta$ in the previous example. This also extends to 3D with volume. ■

Example 4.8 (Change of variables). $u(x, y) \longrightarrow u(r, \theta)$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} \end{pmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix}}_{J^{-1}}$$

6.3 Partial Differential Equations

Main Application: Partial Differential Equations (PDEs)

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$$f(\vec{x}), \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2, \vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$F \left(x, y, f, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}, \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}, \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}, \dots \right) = 0$$

Laplace Equation

$$u(x, y), \quad \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

Motivation:

- (i) Complex Analysis:
- $f = u(x, y) + i v(x, y)$

Analytic Functions:

(a) Cauchy Riemann Conditions: $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$

(b) Continuous $\implies \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x}$

Together these $\implies \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$

- (ii) Physical Fields: (as in Mechanics) When you have a conservative field, it can be written in terms of a gradient of a function. There is a similar statement (see Multivariable calculus) that follows from the divergence of a vector which immediately shows that the electrostatic potential will fulfil the Laplace equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

$u(x, y)$ will be the electrostatic potential. In reality we look for a solution in terms of $u(r, \theta)$. In many cases solutions are simpler in polar coordinates. Find the Laplace Equation for:

$$\begin{cases} x = r \cos \theta \\ y = r \sin \theta \end{cases} \longrightarrow u(r, \theta) \text{ i.e. in polar coordinates}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} = \cos \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \left(-\frac{\sin \theta}{r} \right) \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}$$

Note: $\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \left[\cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right] u$

What is $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$?

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right] [u] \\ &= \left[\cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right] \left[\cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right] u \\ &= \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[\cos \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right] - \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[\frac{\sin \theta}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} \right] - \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left[\cos \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right] \\ &= \cos^2 \theta \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} - \cos \theta \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} \right] - \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left[\cos \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right] + \frac{\sin \theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left[\sin \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} &= \cos^2 \theta \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} - \cos \theta \sin \theta \left[-\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r \partial \theta} \right] \\
&\quad - \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \left[(-\sin \theta) \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \cos \theta \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} \right] + \frac{\sin \theta}{r^2} \left[\cos \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} + \sin \theta \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} \right] \\
&= \cos^2 \theta \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + 2 \frac{\cos \theta \sin \theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} - \frac{2 \cos \theta \sin \theta}{r} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r \partial \theta} + \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} &= \left[\sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right] \left[\sin \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} \right] \\
&= [\dots] \text{ (problem set)} \\
&= \sin^2 \theta \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} - 2 \frac{\cos \theta \sin \theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} + \frac{2 \cos \theta \sin \theta}{r} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r \partial \theta} + \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus the Laplace Equation in Polar Coordinates is:

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2}}$$

Wave Equation

$$u = u(x, t) \quad \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = 0$$

The D'Alembert solution:

$$\boxed{u = u(\zeta) \quad \zeta = x - ct}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} du &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial \zeta} d\zeta \\ d\zeta &= dx - c dt \end{aligned} \right\} du = \underbrace{\frac{du}{d\zeta}}_{\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}} dx - c \underbrace{\frac{du}{d\zeta}}_{\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}} dt$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right] = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial \zeta} \right] \\
d \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial \zeta} \right) &= \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \zeta^2} d\zeta = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \zeta^2} [dx - cdt] \\
&= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial \zeta} \right] dx + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial \zeta} \right] dt \\
\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial \zeta} \right] &= \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \zeta^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \\
\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial \zeta} \right] &= -c \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \zeta^2} \\
\implies \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} &= c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \zeta^2}
\end{aligned}$$

So $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = 0$ has solution $u(\zeta)$ if $\frac{d^2 u}{d\zeta^2}$ exists, where $\zeta = x - ct$.

6.4 Exact Differential Equations

Reminder: 1st Order ODEs

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = F(x, y) = f(x)g(y)$$

Separable: $\int \frac{dy}{g(y)} = \int f(x) dx \quad y = y(x)$.

What about non-separable equations?

Consider the implicit function $u(x, y) = 0$

$$du = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dy = 0$$

$u(x, y)$ then fulfils the ODE $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}}{\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}}$, and if u is continuous $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x}$.

$u(x, y) = 0$ is the solution of the ODE (1) in implicit form because $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{\partial G}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y}$

Definition. The non-separable ODE:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-F(x, y)}{G(x, y)} \quad (1)$$

is an *exact ODE* if it satisfies the conditions of integrability:

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial G}{\partial x} \implies u(x, y) \text{ is a solution}$$

Then $u(x, y) = 0$ is a solution to (1), which is found by solving:

$$F(x, y) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \quad G(x, y) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$$

Example 4.9.

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2xy - \cos x \cos y}{x^2 - \sin x \sin y} \quad (*)$$

$$\underbrace{(2xy + \cos x \cos y)}_{F(x, y)} dx + \underbrace{(x^2 - \sin x \sin y)}_{G(x, y)} dy = 0$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} &= 2x + \cos x (-\sin y) \\ \frac{\partial G}{\partial x} &= 2x - \sin y \cos x \end{aligned} \right\} \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial G}{\partial x}$$

Hence this fulfils the conditions for integrability.

$$F = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 2xy + \cos x \cos y$$

$$u = ux^2 + \cos y \sin x + c_1 + f(y)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = x^2 - \sin y \sin x + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \implies \frac{df}{dy} = 0$$

$$\implies \boxed{u(x, y) = yx^2 + \cos y \sin x + C = 0}$$

This is the solution for (*).

Another class of equations are not integrable, but can be made integrable by an *integrating factor*.

$$F(x, y)dx + G(x, y)dy = 0, \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \neq \frac{\partial G}{\partial x} \text{ (not exact)}$$

Definition. $\lambda(x)$ or $\lambda(y)$ is the *integrating factor* that turns our equations into exact form:

We find $\lambda(x)$ or $\lambda(y)$ by solving:

$$\lambda(x)F(x, y)dx + \lambda(x)G(x, y)dy = 0$$

which is done by integrating and solving the ODE:

$$\frac{\partial[\lambda F]}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial[\lambda G]}{\partial x}$$

Example 4.10 (Integrating Factor).

$$\underbrace{(xy - 1)}_F dx + \underbrace{(x^2 - xy)}_G dy = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = x \neq \frac{\partial G}{\partial x} = 2x - y$$

This equation is *not exact*.

Consider an integrating factor: $\lambda(x)$

$$[\lambda(xy - 1)]dx + [\lambda(x^2 - xy)]dy = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial[\lambda F]}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial[\lambda G]}{\partial x}$$

$$\lambda(x) \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial x} G + \lambda \frac{\partial G}{\partial x}$$

$$\boxed{\lambda x = \frac{d\lambda}{dx}(x^2 - xy) + \lambda(2x - y)}$$

$$\frac{d\lambda}{dx}(x^2 - xy) + \lambda(x - y) = 0$$

$$(x - y) \left[\frac{d\lambda}{dx} x + \lambda \right] = 0$$

$$\int \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda} = - \int \frac{dx}{x}$$

$$\lambda x = C$$

So our integrating factor is $\lambda = \frac{c}{x} = \frac{1}{x}$.

Check: $\lambda \cdot (1)$ gives

$$\underbrace{\left(y - \frac{1}{x}\right)}_H dx + \underbrace{(x - y)}_J dy = 0$$

Then $\frac{\partial H}{\partial y} = 1 = \frac{\partial J}{\partial x}$, so our equation is exact!

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = y - \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\implies u = yx - \log x + f(y) + c_1$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = x + \frac{df}{dy} = (x - y)$$

$$\implies \frac{df}{dy} = -y \implies f = -\frac{1}{2}y^2 + c_2$$

Thus our solution is

$$u(x, y) = xy - \log x - \frac{1}{2}y^2 + C = 0$$

Recap of an old friend: 1st order linear ODE

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + F(x)y = G(x)$$

$$[F(x)y - G(x)]dx + [1]dy = 0$$

This ODE is not exact. We can find a $\lambda(x)$ that will make it exact:

$$\lambda(x)[F(x)y - G(x)]dx + [\lambda(x)]dy = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y}[\lambda(x)[F(x)y - G(x)]] = \frac{d\lambda}{dx}$$

$$\implies \lambda(x)F(x) = \frac{d\lambda}{dx}$$

$$\implies \int \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda} = \int F(x) dx$$

$$\implies \lambda = K \exp \left[\int F(x) dx \right]$$

As in lecture 2. This integrating factor is always possible to solve.

6.5 Stationary Points

For functions of one-variable, the stationary points occur when $\frac{df}{dx} = 0$. We find the maximum / minimum by looking at the sign of $\frac{d^2f}{dx^2}$. We can extend this to functions of two-variables:

Definition. For $u(\vec{x})$ with $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2$, the *stationary points*, \vec{x}^* , occur when

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(\vec{x}^*) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(\vec{x}^*) = 0$$

What about the character? Maximum / Minimum / Saddle Point.

Example 4.11. Looking at $f(x)$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$f(x) = f(x^*) + \cancel{\frac{df}{dx}(x^*)\delta x} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2}(x^*)(\delta x)^2 + \mathcal{O}(\delta x^3)$$

$$\implies f(x) - f(x^*) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2}(x^*)(\delta x)^2 + \mathcal{O}(\delta x^3)$$

So $\frac{d^2 f}{dx^2}(x^*) > 0 \iff f(x) - f(x^*) > 0$. Hence local minimum when $f(x) - f(x^*) > 0$.

For $u = u(x, y)$, consider the taylor expansion about a stationary point $(x^*, y^*) = \vec{x}^*$ (so $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(\vec{x}^*) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(\vec{x}^*) = 0$):

$$u(\vec{x}^* + \delta \vec{x}) = u(\vec{x}^*) + \left[\cancel{\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(\vec{x}^*)\delta x} + \cancel{\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(\vec{x}^*)\delta y} \right] + \frac{1}{2} \delta \vec{x}^* \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} & \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} \\ \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x} & \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \end{pmatrix}_{\vec{x}^*} \delta \vec{x} + \mathcal{O}(\|\delta \vec{x}\|^3)$$

$$\quad \quad \quad \parallel$$

$$\quad \quad \quad H(\vec{x}^*)$$

Thus:

$$u(\vec{x}^* + \delta \vec{x}) - u(\vec{x}^*) = \frac{1}{2} \delta \vec{x}^* H(\vec{x}^*) \delta \vec{x} + \mathcal{O}(\|\delta \vec{x}\|^3)$$

So we get:

$$\text{Local} \begin{cases} \text{Minimum:} & \forall \delta \vec{x}^*, \delta \vec{x}^* H(\vec{x}^*) \delta \vec{x} > 0 \\ & \|\delta \vec{x}\| \text{ is small} \\ \text{Maximum:} & \forall \delta \vec{x}^*, \delta \vec{x}^* H(\vec{x}^*) \delta \vec{x} < 0 \\ & \|\delta \vec{x}\| \text{ is small} \end{cases}$$

Note that $\forall \vec{x}, \vec{x}^* A \vec{x} > 0 \iff A$ is positive definite \iff All eigenvalues λ_i are positive.

So for $H(\vec{x}^*) = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B & C \end{pmatrix}$ (continuity $\implies \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x} \implies H(\vec{x}^*) = H^T(\vec{x}^*)$), we have that:

(1) $H(\vec{x}^*)$ is always diagonalisable:

$$v^{-1} H v = \Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

(2) v is orthogonal (i.e. $v^{-1} = v^T$), so:

$$v^T H v = \Lambda \implies H = v \Lambda v^T$$

(3) All eigenvalues are real:

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B & C \end{pmatrix}, \lambda = \frac{\tau \pm \sqrt{\tau^2 - 4\Delta}}{2}, \tau^2 - 4\Delta > 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} (A + C)^2 - 4(AC - B^2) &= A^2 + C^2 + 2AC - 4AC + 4B^2 \\ &= A^2 + C^2 - 2AC + 4B^2 \\ &= (A - C)^2 + 4B^2 > 0 \end{aligned}$$

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$H = H^T$ is positive definite $\iff \lambda_1, \lambda_2$ are positive.

Proof. $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 > 0 \implies$ positive definite:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{x}^T H \vec{x} &= \vec{x}^T V \Lambda V^T \vec{x} = \vec{x}^T (\vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2) \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{v}_1^T \\ \vec{v}_2^T \end{pmatrix} \vec{x} \\ &= (\vec{x}^T \cdot \vec{v}_1 \ \vec{x}^T \cdot \vec{v}_2) \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{v}_1^T \cdot \vec{x} \\ \vec{v}_2^T \cdot \vec{x} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \lambda_1 (\vec{x}^T \vec{v}_1)^2 + \lambda_2 (\vec{x}^T \vec{v}_2)^2 > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Positive definite $\implies \lambda_1, \lambda_2 > 0$:

$$\vec{x}^T H \vec{x} = \lambda_1 (\vec{x}^T \vec{v}_1)^2 + \lambda_2 (\vec{x}^T \vec{v}_2)^2$$

Assume $\vec{x} = \vec{v}_1$, then $\begin{cases} \vec{v}_1^T \cdot \vec{v}_2 = 0 \\ \vec{v}_1^T \cdot \vec{v}_1 = 1 \end{cases}$ from $VV^T = V^TV = I$

$$\vec{v}_1^T H \vec{v}_1 = \lambda_1 \cdot 1 + \lambda_2 \cdot 0 \text{ and } \vec{v}_2^T H \vec{v}_2 = \lambda_2$$

So $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 > 0$ is necessary so that $\vec{x}^T H \vec{x} > 0$ ■

Going back to the character of stationary points:

- (i) Minimum: $\delta \vec{x} H(\vec{x}^*) \delta \vec{x} > 0 \iff \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \text{ of } H(\vec{x}^*) > 0 \iff \tau, \Delta > 0$
- (ii) Maximum: $\delta \vec{x} H(\vec{x}^*) \delta \vec{x} < 0 \iff \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \text{ of } H(\vec{x}^*) < 0 \iff \tau < 0, \Delta > 0$
- (iii) Saddle-Point: $\lambda_1 > 0, \lambda_2 < 0 \iff \Delta < 0$
- (iv) If λ_1 or λ_2 or both are zero, we need to go to higher derivatives.

Example 4.13. $u(x, y) = (x - y)(x^2 + y^2 - 1)$

(i) Contour lines for $u = 0$:

$$(x - y)(x^2 + y^2 - 1) = 0 \implies \begin{cases} y = x \\ x^2 + y^2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

(ii) Stationary points: $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = (x^2 + y^2 - 1) + (x - y)2x = 0 \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -(x^2 + y^2 - 1) + (x - y)2y = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\implies 2(x - y)(x + y) = 0$$

$$\implies y^* = \pm x^*$$

a) $x^* - y^* = 0$

$$2x^{*2} - 1 = 0 \implies x^* = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = y^*$$

$$\implies P_1 = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \quad P_2 = \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

b) $x^* + y^* = 0$

$$-(2x^{*2} - 1) - 4x^{*2} = 0 \implies x^* = -y^* = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$$

$$\implies P_3 = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \right) \quad P_4 = \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \right)$$

(iii) Character of the stationary points:

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$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} & \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} \\ \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x} & \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \end{pmatrix} = H(\vec{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} 6x - 2y & 2y - 2x \\ 2y - 2x & 2x - 6y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_1: H(P_1) = \begin{pmatrix} 4\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & -4\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \lambda_1 > 0, \lambda_2 < 0 \\ \tau = 0, \Delta < 0 \end{array} \right\} \implies \text{Saddle-point}$$

$$P_2: H(P_2) = \begin{pmatrix} -4\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 4\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \lambda_1 > 0, \lambda_2 < 0 \\ \tau = 0, \Delta < 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \text{Saddle-point}$$

$$P_3: H(P_3) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{8}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{-4}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{-4}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{6}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\tau = \frac{16}{\sqrt{6}}, \Delta = 8 \Big\} \Rightarrow \text{Minimum}$$

$$P_4: H(P_4) = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{8}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{4}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{4}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{6}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\tau = -\frac{16}{\sqrt{6}}, \Delta = 8 \Big\} \Rightarrow \text{Maximum}$$

Asymptotic's:

$$\lim x \rightarrow +\infty, y \rightarrow -\infty, u(x, y) = +\infty$$

$$\lim x \rightarrow -\infty, y \rightarrow +\infty, u(x, y) = -\infty$$

7 Vector Calculus

7.1 Grad, Div and Curl

Consider $f(\vec{x}) : \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n, f \in \mathbb{R}$

Definition. The *gradient* of f is

$$\vec{\nabla} f = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \right) = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \right) f \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

The *divergence* of $\vec{g} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{g} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \right) \cdot (g_1, \dots, g_n) = \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial x_2} + \dots + \frac{\partial g_n}{\partial x_n}$$

So in \mathbb{R}^2 , the divergence of \vec{g} is the dot product with $\vec{\nabla}$:

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{g} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) \cdot (g_1(x, y), g_2(x, y)) = \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial y}$$

Definition. The *curl* (rotational) of \vec{v} is the cross product with $\vec{\nabla}$.

For $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v_x(x, y, z) \\ v_y(x, y, z) \\ v_z(x, y, z) \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3$, the curl is:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{v} &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} & \hat{\mathbf{j}} & \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ v_x & v_y & v_z \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \hat{\mathbf{i}} \left(\frac{\partial v_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial z} \right) + \hat{\mathbf{j}} \left(\frac{\partial v_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial x} \right) + \hat{\mathbf{k}} \left(\frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Example 5.1. $f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2, \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3, f \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\nabla} f &= \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) f = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right) \\ &= (2x, 2y, 2z) = 2x \hat{\mathbf{i}} + 2y \hat{\mathbf{j}} + 2z \hat{\mathbf{k}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} f) &= \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right) \\
&= 2 + 2 + 2 = 6 \\
&= \underbrace{\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2}}_{\text{Laplacian (next year)}} = \nabla^2 f
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{\nabla} f &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} & \hat{\mathbf{j}} & \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ 2x & 2y & 2z \end{vmatrix} \\
&= 0\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 0\hat{\mathbf{j}} + 0\hat{\mathbf{k}} = 0v
\end{aligned}$$

(This happens in general, to be seen next year)

7.2 Directional Derivative

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8 Optimization

8.1 Lagrange Multipliers

9 Applications of Integration

9.1 Moments of Inertia

9.2 Final Examples

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