

## Systems of Linear Differential equations

Ex 1. a) Given 
$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1'(t) \\ x_2'(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 8 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R},$$

1. Find eigenvalues and spaces, and use this to state the general solution.

Let  $\underline{A}$  denote the coefficient matrix, then

$$\begin{aligned} \det(\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}) &= (1 - \lambda)(-1 - \lambda) - 8 \\ &= \lambda^2 - 9. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the eigenvalues are  $\pm 3$ .

$$\lambda = -3: \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 8 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \underline{v} = \underline{0} \Leftrightarrow \underline{v} = t \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\lambda = 3: \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 8 \\ 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \underline{u} = \underline{0} \Leftrightarrow \underline{u} = t \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

So the eigenspaces are

$$E_{-3} = \text{span} \{ (-2, 1) \},$$

$$E_3 = \text{span} \{ (4, 1) \}.$$

The general solution for some constants  $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  is given by

$$\underline{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = c_1 e^{-3t} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

This follows from 17.4.

2. Find the solution that satisfies  $x_1(0) = 0$  and  $x_2(0) = 3$ .

We plug in and solve for  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ .

$$c_1 e^{-3 \cdot 0} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^{3 \cdot 0} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -2c_1 \\ c_1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 4c_2 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow c_1 = 2 \wedge c_2 = 1$$

The solution amounts to

$$\underline{x}(t) = 2 e^{-3t} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

where

$$x_1(t) = -4 e^{-3t} + 4 e^{3t}, \text{ and}$$

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

6) We're given  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$

1. Eigenvalues, vectors and general complex solution.

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> Eigenvectors(A, output=list);
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$$\left[ \left[ 1, 1, \begin{bmatrix} 2+i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right], \left[ -1, 1, \begin{bmatrix} 2-i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right] \right]$$

We have  $\lambda_1 = i$  with  $\underline{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2+i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\lambda_2 = -i$  with  $\underline{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2-i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$E_i = \text{span} \{ \underline{v}_1 \} \text{ and } E_{-i} = \text{span} \{ \underline{v}_2 \}.$$

By proposition 17.2 the complex solution is

$$\underline{x}(t) = c_1 e^{it} \begin{bmatrix} 2+i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^{-it} \begin{bmatrix} 2-i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R},$$

where  $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{C}$  are constants.

2. State the general real solution.

We'll use 17.5. For this we select  $\lambda = i$  and  $\underline{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2+i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + i \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$\underline{u}_1(t) = \cos(t) \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \sin(t) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\underline{u}_2(t) = \sin(t) \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \cos(t) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Now the solution is given by

$$\underline{x}(t) = k_1 \underline{u}_1(t) + k_2 \underline{u}_2(t), \quad t \in \mathbb{R},$$

for constants  $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

3. Find the solution for which  $x_1(0) = 0$  and  $x_2(0) = 3$ .

After plugging in we have

$$k_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + k_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow k_1 = 3 \wedge k_2 = -6.$$

This leaves

$$\underline{x}(t) = 3 \left( \cos(t) \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \sin(t) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) - 6 \left( \sin(t) \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \cos(t) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

so that

$$x_1(t) = -15 \sin(t) \quad \text{and} \quad x_2(t) = 3 \cos(t) - 6 \sin(t).$$

Complex and real solutions agree for real initial conditions.

c) Repeat for  $\underline{x}'(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \underline{x}(t)$ .

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`> Eigenvectors(A,output=List);`

$$\left[ \left[ 0, 2, \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \right] \right]$$

We have  $\lambda = 0$  and  $\underline{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $\alpha_m(\lambda) = 2 > g_m(\lambda) = 1$ .

$$E_0 = \text{span}\{\underline{v}\}.$$

Proceed with 17.7.

$$(\underline{A} - 0 \cdot \underline{I}) \underline{b} = \underline{v} \Leftrightarrow \underline{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + t \cdot \underline{v}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\underline{u}_1(t) = e^{0 \cdot t} \underline{v} \quad \text{and} \quad \underline{u}_2(t) = t e^{0 \cdot t} \underline{v} + e^{0 \cdot t} \underline{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{x}(t) = c_1 \underline{u}_1(t) + c_2 \underline{u}_2(t)$$

$$= c_1 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \left( t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -c_1 - c_2 t \\ 2c_1 + c_2(2t - 1) \end{bmatrix}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

2. Find the solution with  $x_1(0) = 0$  and  $x_2(0) = 3$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} -c_1 \\ 2c_1 - c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow c_1 = 0 \wedge c_2 = -3.$$

So we have

$$x_1(t) = 3t \quad \text{and} \quad x_2(t) = -6t + 3.$$

Ex 2. We're given the following

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> A:=<<1,1,3>|<1,3,1>|<3,1,1>>;
                                     A :=  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 
> Eigenvectors(A,output=list);
 $\left[ \left[ 2, 1, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right], \left[ 5, 1, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right], \left[ -2, 1, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right] \right]$ 
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a) How do the three diff. eq. look in normal form?

$$x_1'(t) = x_1(t) + x_2(t) + 3x_3(t)$$

$$x_2'(t) = x_1(t) + 3x_2(t) + x_3(t)$$

$$x_3'(t) = 3x_1(t) + x_2(t) + x_3(t)$$

b) State the general solution both on matrix form and ordinary.

$$\underline{x}(t) = c_1 e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^{5t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 e^{-2t} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R},$$

for constants  $c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$x_1(t) = c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 e^{5t} - c_3 e^{-2t},$$

$$x_2(t) = -2c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 e^{5t},$$

$$x_3(t) = c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 e^{5t} + c_3 e^{-2t}.$$

Ex 3. Let  $f: (C^\infty(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}))^2 \rightarrow (C^\infty(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}))^2$  be given by

$$f(\underline{x}(t)) = \underline{x}'(t) - \underline{A} \underline{x}(t), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

a) Show that  $f$  is linear.

Let  $\underline{x}$  and  $\underline{y}$  be smooth complex-valued vector functions, and  $\alpha$  a scalar. Then

$$\begin{aligned} f(\alpha \underline{x} + \underline{y}) &= (\alpha \underline{x} + \underline{y})' - \underline{A}(\alpha \underline{x} + \underline{y}) \\ &= \alpha \underline{x}' + \underline{y}' - \alpha \underline{A} \underline{x} - \underline{A} \underline{y} \\ &= \alpha (\underline{x}' - \underline{A} \underline{x}) + \underline{y}' - \underline{A} \underline{y} \\ &= \alpha f(\underline{x}) + f(\underline{y}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $f$  is linear. We used linearity of the derivative and  $\underline{A}$  along the way.

b) Explain that a system as in Ex1. can be viewed as a homogeneous vector equation of the type

$$f(\underline{x}(t)) = \underline{0}.$$

If we denote the coefficient matrix as  $\underline{A}$ , then each is of the type

$$\underline{x}'(t) = \underline{A} \underline{x}(t) \Leftrightarrow \underline{x}'(t) - \underline{A} \underline{x}(t) = \underline{0} \Leftrightarrow f(\underline{x}(t)) = \underline{0},$$

for some  $\underline{A}$ .

c) How can the structural theorem be applied to  $f(\underline{x}(t)) = \underline{g}(t)$ ?

There is one particular inhomogeneous solution, so  $L_{inhom} = \underline{x}_p(t) + L_{hom}$ .

Ex 4. a) Find a general solution to

$$\underline{x}'(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \underline{x}(t), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

We have

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{> Eigenvectors(A,output=list);} \\ \left[ \left[ -2, 1, \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \right], \left[ 1, 1, \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \right] \right] \end{array} \right]$$

so it follows that

$$\underline{x}(t) = c_1 e^{-2t} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R},$$

for constants  $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

b) Guess a solution to  $\underline{x}'(t) = \underline{A} \underline{x}(t) + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2t \end{bmatrix}$ .

Let's try  $x_2(t) = at + b$ .

$$a = -2(at + b) - 2t \Leftrightarrow a = (-2a - 2)t - 2b$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a = -1 \wedge b = \frac{1}{2}$$

This leaves  $x_2(t) = -t + \frac{1}{2}$ . We use this and guess  $x_1(t) = at + b$ .

$$a = (at + b) + (-t + \frac{1}{2}) + 0 \Leftrightarrow a = (a - 1)t + (b + \frac{1}{2})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a = 1 \wedge b = \frac{1}{2}$$

So  $\underline{x}_0(t) = \begin{bmatrix} t + \frac{1}{2} \\ -t + \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$  and the general solution is

$$\underline{x}(t) = c_1 e^{-2t} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} t + \frac{1}{2} \\ -t + \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R},$$

for  $(c_1, c_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

Ex 5. A linear system is given by

$$\frac{d}{dt} x_1(t) = \frac{1}{2} x_1(t) - x_2(t) + \cos(4t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} x_2(t) = \frac{3}{2} x_1(t) - 2x_2(t) - 1$$

a) Write on matrix form and get eigenvalues/vectors.

$$\underline{x}'(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -1 \\ \frac{3}{2} & -2 \end{bmatrix} \underline{x}(t) + \begin{bmatrix} \cos(4t) \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

> Eigenvectors(A,output=list);

$$\left[ \begin{bmatrix} -1, 1, \left[ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right], \left[ -\frac{1}{2}, 1, \left[ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right] \right] \right]$$

We have  $\lambda_1 = -1$  with  $\underline{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\lambda_2 = -\frac{1}{2}$  with  $\underline{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

b) Find the solution with dsolve.

> deq:=diff(x\_1(t),t)=1/2\*x\_1(t)-x\_2(t)+cos(4\*t),diff(x\_2(t),t)=3/2\*x\_1(t)-2\*x\_2(t)-1;

$$deq := \frac{d}{dt} x_1(t) = \frac{x_1(t)}{2} - x_2(t) + \cos(4t), \frac{d}{dt} x_2(t) = \frac{3x_1(t)}{2} - 2x_2(t) - 1$$

> dsolve([deq]);

$$\left[ x_1(t) = -\frac{4e^{-t}c_1}{3} + \frac{296\sin(4t)}{1105} - \frac{28\cos(4t)}{1105} + e^{-\frac{1}{2}t}c_2 + 2, x_2(t) = -2e^{-t}c_1 + 1 - \frac{93\cos(4t)}{1105} + \frac{36\sin(4t)}{1105} + e^{-\frac{1}{2}t}c_2 \right]$$

Here the homogeneous solution is given in eigenvalues and vectors

$$x_1(t) = -\frac{4}{3}c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 e^{-\frac{1}{2}t},$$

$$x_2(t) = -2c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 e^{-\frac{1}{2}t},$$

and the inhomogeneous part has the solution

$$\underline{x}_o(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{296}{1105} \sin(4t) - \frac{28}{1105} \cos(4t) \\ \frac{36}{1105} \sin(4t) - \frac{93}{1105} \cos(4t) + 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix}.$$

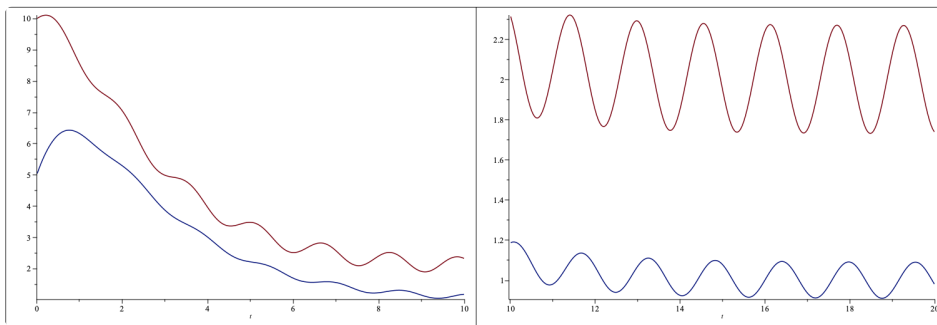


c) Plot the solution for which  $x_1(0) = 10$  and  $x_2(0) = 5$ , first for  $t \in [0, 10]$  and then  $t \in [10, 20]$ .

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} &> \text{dsolve}([\text{deq}, \text{ics}]); \\ &x_1(t) = -\frac{134 e^{-t}}{17} + \frac{296 \sin(4t)}{1105} - \frac{28 \cos(4t)}{1105} + \frac{1034 e^{-\frac{t}{2}}}{65} + 2, x_2(t) = -\frac{201 e^{-t}}{17} + 1 - \frac{93 \cos(4t)}{1105} + \frac{36 \sin(4t)}{1105} + \frac{1034 e^{-\frac{t}{2}}}{65} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

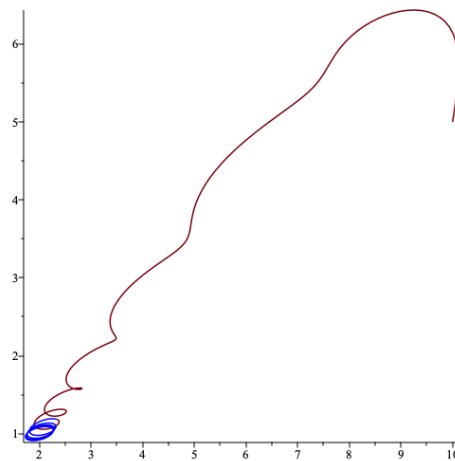
First separately

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> H:=plot([-(134*exp(-t))/17 + (296*sin(4*t))/1105 - (28*cos(4*t))/1105 + (1034*exp(-t/2))/65 + 2, -(201*exp(-t))/17 + 1 - (93*cos(4*t))/1105 + (36*sin(4*t))/1105 + (1034*exp(-t/2))/65], t=0..10):
K:=plot([-(134*exp(-t))/17 + (296*sin(4*t))/1105 - (28*cos(4*t))/1105 + (1034*exp(-t/2))/65 + 2, -(201*exp(-t))/17 + 1 - (93*cos(4*t))/1105 + (36*sin(4*t))/1105 + (1034*exp(-t/2))/65], t=10..20):
display(<H|K>);
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As a joint motion we have

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> H1:=plot([-(134*exp(-t))/17 + (296*sin(4*t))/1105 - (28*cos(4*t))/1105 + (1034*exp(-t/2))/65 + 2, -(201*exp(-t))/17 + 1 - (93*cos(4*t))/1105 + (36*sin(4*t))/1105 + (1034*exp(-t/2))/65], t=0..10):
K1:=plot([-(134*exp(-t))/17 + (296*sin(4*t))/1105 - (28*cos(4*t))/1105 + (1034*exp(-t/2))/65 + 2, -(201*exp(-t))/17 + 1 - (93*cos(4*t))/1105 + (36*sin(4*t))/1105 + (1034*exp(-t/2))/65], t=10..20, color=blue):
display(H1, K1);
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Ex 6. We're given the system

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1'(t) \\ x_2'(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 8 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

a) Explain that for initial conditions  $(t_0, a_0, b_0)$  there is exactly one solution  $(x_1(t), x_2(t))$  for which  $x_1(t_0) = a_0$  and  $x_2(t_0) = b_0$ .

By theorem 17.11 this is the case. Let's check. We found the general solution

$$\underline{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = c_1 e^{-3t} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

So we have the assumption that

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2c_1 e^{-3t_0} + 4c_2 e^{3t_0} \\ c_1 e^{-3t_0} + c_2 e^{3t_0} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ b_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -2e^{-3t_0} & 4e^{3t_0} \\ e^{-3t_0} & e^{3t_0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ b_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Here we have a regular matrix (easily reduced), and as such only one solution  $(c_1, c_2)$  exists for which the system yields  $(a_0, b_0)$ .

b) For arbitrary  $(t_0, a_0, b_0)$  consider whether a solution always exists.

This is indeed true if we follow the logic above in a), but in general it follows from theorem 17.11.