

Lesson 2

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Plan:

- Linear systems
- Existence & uniqueness of sols
- Structure of sols
- linear independence.

Linear systems of ODE

$$\begin{cases} n \text{ ODES} \left\{ \begin{aligned} x_1'(t) &= p_{11}(t) x_1(t) + \dots + p_{1n}(t) x_n(t) + f_1(t) \\ x_2'(t) &= p_{21}(t) x_1(t) + \dots + p_{2n}(t) x_n(t) + f_2(t) \\ &\vdots \\ x_n'(t) &= p_{n1}(t) x_1(t) + \dots + p_{nn}(t) x_n(t) + f_n(t) \end{aligned} \right. \end{cases}$$

$p_{ij}, f_j \rightarrow$ known functions

x_1, \dots, x_n unknown functions we are looking for.

Ex:

$$\begin{cases} x_1'(t) = \sin(t) x_1(t) + e^t x_2(t) + \cos(t) \\ x_2'(t) = t^2 x_1(t) + 5 x_2(t) \end{cases}$$
$$\begin{aligned} p_{11} &= \sin(t) & p_{12} &= e^t & f_1 &= \cos(t) \\ p_{21} &= t^2 & p_{22} &= 5 & f_2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Non-ex:

$$\begin{cases} x_1'(t) = e^{x_1(t) + x_2(t)} \\ x_2'(t) = 2 x_2(t) \end{cases}$$

Rewrite linear system using matrix notation,

$$\underline{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ x_n(t) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \underline{p}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} p_{11}(t) & \dots & p_{1n}(t) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ p_{n1}(t) & \dots & p_{nn}(t) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \underline{f}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ f_n(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

Write:

$$\underline{\underline{x}}'(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}' = \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & \dots & p_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ p_{n1} & \dots & p_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ \vdots \\ f_n \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{non-homogeneous term}}$$

or: $\underline{\underline{x}}'(t) = \underline{\underline{P}}(t) \underline{\underline{x}}(t) + \underline{\underline{f}}(t)$

Ex: $\underline{\underline{P}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \sin(t) & e^t \\ t^2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ $\underline{\underline{f}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(t) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}' = \begin{bmatrix} \sin(t) & e^t \\ t^2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \cos(t) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q: Is there a solution for

$$\underline{\underline{x}}' = \underline{\underline{P}}(t) \underline{\underline{x}} + \underline{\underline{f}}$$

for given $\underline{\underline{P}}, \underline{\underline{f}}$?

If value $\underline{\underline{x}}(a)$ is specified for some a , is there a unique sol'n w/ this value?

Thm Existence & Uniqueness of solutions

→ Let $\underline{\underline{P}}, \underline{\underline{f}}$ have continuous entries on an interval I .

→ Let $a \in I$ (we will specify initial conditions at $t=a$)

→ Let $\underline{\underline{b}}$ be a column vector $(n \times 1)$ (this will be the condition at $t=a$).

Then: $\underline{\underline{x}}' = \underline{\underline{P}}(t) \underline{\underline{x}} + \underline{\underline{f}}(t)$ has exactly one solution satisfying $\underline{\underline{x}}(a) = \underline{\underline{b}}$ and this sol'n is defined on all of I .

↳ (specific to linear systems.)

Ex: $\begin{cases} x_1'(t) = \sin(t) x_1(t) + \ln(t+1) x_2(t) \\ x_2'(t) = x_1(t) + \cos(t) x_2(t) + e^t \end{cases}$

Looking for sol'n w/ $\begin{bmatrix} x_1(0) \\ x_2(0) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

Is there such a sol'n? How many? What is the largest interval on which a solution exists?

In example: $\underline{P}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \sin(t) & \ln(t+1) \\ 1 & \cos(t) \end{bmatrix}$, $\underline{f}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ e^t \end{bmatrix}$

$\underline{f}(t)$ cont. on $(-\infty, \infty)$

$\underline{P}(t)$ cont. on $(-1, \infty)$

So: by thm. there exists exactly one sol'n to the system $\textcircled{*}$ w/ $\underline{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$, defined on all of $I = (-1, \infty)$.

Q: What do sol's look like? What is their structure?

Observation: superposition principle.

If $\underline{x}_1, \dots, \underline{x}_n$ are sol's to the system

$$\underline{x}' = \underline{P}(t) \underline{x}$$

No non-homog. term! !

then $c_1 \underline{x}_1 + \dots + c_n \underline{x}_n$ is also a sol'n, if c_1, \dots, c_n are constant scalars.

So: If we know some sol's then we can produce more using linear combinations

Ex: (*) $\underline{x}' = \overbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}^A \underline{x}$

Given the sol's $\underline{x}_1(t) = e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\underline{x}_2(t) = e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$

(we'll see later how to find them).

Check: $\underline{x}_1'(t) = 3e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$

$A \underline{x}_1(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \left(e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} 4-1 \\ -2+1 \end{bmatrix} = e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$

indeed, $\underline{x}_1' = A \underline{x}_1 \Rightarrow \underline{x}_1$ is a sol'n.

By superposition: $c_1 e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ is a sol'n for any $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$.

Q: How can we know that a given family of sol's can produce any other solution via linear combinations?

How determine what sol's are good building blocks for the entire space of sol's of a system?

Ex: in Ex (*): $\underline{x}_1(t) = e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\tilde{\underline{x}}_1(t) = e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ are sol's of $\underline{x}' = A \underline{x}$ by superposition.

But

$\underline{x}_2 = e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ is also a solution

but it can't be written as $c_1 \underline{x}_1(t) + c_2 \tilde{\underline{x}}_1(t)$. So:

$\underline{x}_1(t)$, $\tilde{x}_1(t)$ are not good building blocks.

Linear Independence

Def'n: The vector valued functions $\underline{f}_1(t), \dots, \underline{f}_n(t)$ defined on an interval I are called linearly independent on I if the following holds:

$$c_1 \underline{f}_1(t) + \dots + c_n \underline{f}_n(t) = \underline{0} \text{ for all } t \in I \\ \Rightarrow c_1 = \dots = c_n = 0$$

"No non-trivial linear combination can be 0 everywhere on I ". Otherwise: linearly dependent.

Ex: $\underline{f}_1(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ t \end{bmatrix}$, $\underline{f}_2(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ t^2 \end{bmatrix}$

Want to show that $\underline{f}_1, \underline{f}_2$ lin. independent on \mathbb{R} .

Let $c_1 \underline{f}_1(t) + c_2 \underline{f}_2(t) = \underline{0}$ for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$

$$c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ t \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ t^2 \end{bmatrix} = \underline{0} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 + c_2 = 0 \\ c_1 t + c_2 t^2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

for all t .

take e.g. $t=2$: $\begin{cases} c_1 + c_2 = 0 \\ 2c_1 + 4c_2 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow c_1 = c_2 = 0$

so lin. independent.

[note: $\underline{f}_1(t) - \underline{f}_2(t)$ vanishes for $t=1, 0$ but
" $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ t \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ t^2 \end{bmatrix}$ not for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$ so
no contradiction]