

MATH 307

CHAPTER 6

SECTION 6.4: NONHOMOGENEOUS ~~LINEAR~~ SYSTEMS

of ODEs.

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WHAT'S THE TRICK?

Consider a nonhomogeneous system of ODEs

$$Y' = AY + G.$$

$$Y = MC$$

\downarrow
 $V(x)$

The trick is to use a method called **variation of parameter**.

Let M be the fundamental matrix of $Y' = AY$. We suppose we have the matrix M at hand.

Goal: Determine a vector function V such that $Y_P = MV$ is a particular solution to $Y' = AY + G$.

1) Take the derivative of Y_P .

$$Y_P' = M'V + MV'$$

2) Replace in $Y' = AY + G$

$$M'V + MV' = A(MV) + G$$

$$\Rightarrow M'V - AMV + MV' = G$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{(M' - AM)}_{=0} V + MV' = G$$

because M is the
fundamental Matrix
of $Y' = AY \Leftrightarrow Y' - AY = 0$

$$\text{So, } 0V + MV' = G \Rightarrow MV' = G.$$

Because $\det(M) = \omega(Y_1(x), \dots, Y_n(x)) \neq 0$, M is invertible

$$\Rightarrow V' = M^{-1}G$$

\Rightarrow
integrate

$$V = \int M^{-1}G \, dx.$$

Ex. 3. $y' = ay + g(x)$
 $y_P(x) = e^{ax} \int e^{-ax} g \, dx$

Therefore,

$$Y_P(x) = M(x)V(x) = M(x) \int M^{-1}G \, dx.$$

EXAMPLE 1. Find the general solution to the system of ODEs

$$Y' = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}}_A Y + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ x \end{bmatrix}}_G$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1' \\ y_2' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 + 2y_2 + 2 \\ y_1 + 4y_2 + x \end{bmatrix}$$

1) Solve $Y' = AY$.

1.1) Solve diagonal system.

A is diagonalizable $\rightarrow D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ & $P = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

$Y' = AY$ becomes $Z' = DZ$ ($Z = P^{-1}Y$).

$$\rightarrow Z(x) = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 e^{2x} \\ c_2 e^{3x} \end{bmatrix}$$

1.2) Find Y .

$$\text{So } Y_H = PZ = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 e^{2x} \\ c_2 e^{3x} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{3x} \\ c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{3x} \end{bmatrix}$$

2) Find Y_P .

$$Y_P = H \int H^{-1} G dx$$

$$\text{with } G(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ x \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\& H = \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{2x} & e^{3x} \\ e^{2x} & e^{3x} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2e^{2x} & e^{3x} \\ e^{2x} & e^{3x} \end{bmatrix}}_H \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{we have } H^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{\det(H)} \begin{bmatrix} e^{3x} & -e^{2x} \\ -e^{3x} & 2e^{2x} \end{bmatrix}^T = \frac{1}{e^{5x}} \begin{bmatrix} e^{3x} & -e^{3x} \\ -e^{2x} & 2e^{2x} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow H^{-1}(x) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-2x} & -e^{-2x} \\ -e^{-3x} & 2e^{-3x} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Y_p &= M \int M^{-1} G dx = \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{2x} & e^{3x} \\ e^{2x} & e^{3x} \end{bmatrix} \int \begin{bmatrix} e^{-2x} & -e^{-2x} \\ -e^{-3x} & 2e^{-3x} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ x \end{bmatrix} dx \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{2x} & e^{3x} \\ e^{2x} & e^{3x} \end{bmatrix} \int \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{-2x} - xe^{-2x} \\ 2e^{-3x} + 2xe^{-3x} \end{bmatrix} dx \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{2x} & e^{3x} \\ e^{2x} & e^{3x} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \int 2e^{-2x} - xe^{-2x} dx \\ \int 2e^{-3x} + 2xe^{-3x} dx \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{2x} & e^{3x} \\ e^{2x} & e^{3x} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{e^{-2x}}{4} (2x-3) \\ \frac{e^{-3x}}{9} (3x+7) \end{bmatrix} \\
\Rightarrow Y_p &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4x}{3} - \frac{13}{18} \\ \frac{5x}{6} + \frac{1}{36} \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

3) state the result.

$$Y = Y_H + Y_p = \begin{bmatrix} 2c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{3x} + \frac{x}{3} - \frac{19}{18} \\ c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 e^{3x} - \frac{x}{6} - \frac{11}{36} \end{bmatrix}. \quad \square$$