

MATH 27300 (Basic Theory of Ordinary Differential Equations)  
Notes

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# Week 1

## Introduction to ODEs

### 1.1 Definitions and Scope

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- Questions:
  - When will the PDFs be made available?
- Office: Eckhart 309.
  - Office hours: MWF 3:00-4:00.
- Reader: Walker Lewis. His contact info is in the syllabus.
- Final grade is based on...
  - 2 midterms (15 pts. each; weeks 4 and 8).
  - Final exam (35 pts.).
  - HW (35 pts.).
  - Bonus problems (15 pts).
- Total points for the quarter is 115. The bonus problems usually arise from advanced math and incorporate more advanced knowledge, and we are encouraged to seek out all relevant resources as long as we write up our own solutions.
- **Ordinary differential equation:** An equation that involves an unknown function of a single variable; an equation that takes the form  $F(t, y, y', \dots, y^{(n)}) = 0$ . *Also known as ODE.*
  - $F$  is a known function.
  - $t$  is an argument (time).  $x$  is also used (when space is involved).
  - $y = y(t)$  is an unknown function.
- **Order  $n$  (ODE):** An ODE for which the  $n^{\text{th}}$  derivative of  $y$  is the highest-order derivative involved (and is involved).
- ODEs are of the form  $y' = f(t, y)$  or, more generally,  $y^{(n)} = F(t, y, y', \dots, y^{(n-1)})$ .
  - We can transform this second form into the first form via

$$Y = \begin{pmatrix} y \\ y' \\ \vdots \\ y^{(n-1)} \end{pmatrix} \qquad f(t, y) = \begin{pmatrix} Y^2 \\ Y^3 \\ \vdots \\ F(t, Y^1, Y^2, \dots, Y^{n-1}) \end{pmatrix}$$

This makes  $Y' = f(t, Y)$  equal to the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}(Y^1)' &= Y^2 \\ (Y^2)' &= Y^3 \\ &\vdots \\ (Y^{n-1})' &= F(t, Y^1, Y^2, \dots, Y^{n-1})\end{aligned}$$

■ Think about this conversion more.

- Thus, we mainly focus on equations of the form  $y' = f(t, y)$  (where  $y$  may be a scalar or vector function), because that's general enough.

- **Linear** (ODE): Any ODE that can be written in the form

$$y' = A(t)y + f(t)$$

- Because of the above, this naturally includes equations of the form

$$y^{(n)} + a_{n-1}(t)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_0(t)y = b(t)$$

- Indeed, if we define  $Y = (y, y', \dots, y^{n-1})$ , then we may express this equation in the form

$$\begin{aligned}\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} Y^1 \\ Y^2 \\ \vdots \\ Y^n \end{pmatrix}}_{Y'} &= \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} Y^2 \\ Y^3 \\ \vdots \\ b(t) - a_0(t)Y^1 - \dots - a_{n-1}(t)Y^{n-1} \end{pmatrix}}_{g(t,y)} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} Y^2 \\ Y^3 \\ \vdots \\ -a_0(t)Y^1 - \dots - a_{n-1}(t)Y^{n-1} \end{pmatrix} + \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ b(t) \end{pmatrix}}_{f(t)} \\ &= \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \\ -a_0(t) & -a_1(t) & -a_2(t) & \dots & -a_{n-1}(t) \end{pmatrix}}_{A(t)} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} Y^1 \\ Y^2 \\ \vdots \\ Y^n \end{pmatrix}}_Y + \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ b(t) \end{pmatrix}}_{f(t)}\end{aligned}$$

- This conversion and its implications is covered in more depth in Lecture 4.1.

- **Nonlinear** (ODE): An ODE that is not linear.
- **Autonomous** (ODE): An ODE that can be written in the form

$$y' = f(y)$$

- Remember that  $y$  can be a scalar or a vector function.
- Solutions to autonomous ODEs can start at *any* time  $t$  and still be valid.
  - For example, take the scalar ODE  $y' = y$ . It's general solution is  $y(t) = ae^{t-t_0}$  for some  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $t_0$  being the start time. Importantly, notice that we can make  $t_0$  take any value we want and  $y(t)$  will still solve  $y' = y$ .

- **Nonautonomous** (ODE): An ODE that is not autonomous.
  - We will not investigate these in this course.
- **Initial value problem**: A problem of the form, “find  $y(t)$  such that the following holds.”

$$\begin{cases} y' = f(t, y) \\ y(t_0) = y_0 \end{cases}$$

Also known as **IVP**, **Cauchy problem**.

- Locally well-posed (LWP) conditions:
  1. Existence (local in time).
  2. Uniqueness (you cannot have multiple solutions).
  3. Local stability (if you perturb your initial value or equation a little bit, you do not expect your solution to vary crazily [esp. locally]).
- Example of a nonunique ODE:
  - $y' = \sqrt{y}$ ,  $y(0) = 0$  has solutions  $y_1(t) = 0$  ( $t \geq 0$ ) and  $y_2(t) = t^2/4$  ( $t \geq 0$ ).
  - We will investigate the reason later.
- Preview of the reason: **Cauchy-Lipschitz Theorem** or **Picard-Lindelöf Theorem**.
  - As long as the ODE is **Lipschitz continuous**, it's locally stable.
- **Lipschitz continuous** (function): A function  $f$  such that

$$|f(t, y_1) - f(t, y_2)| \leq L|y_1 - y_2|$$

- But in the counterexample above, the slope of the chord from 0 to  $y(t)$  approaches infinity as  $t \rightarrow 0$ .
- **Peano Existence Theorem**: Under certain conditions, there exists a solution to a given IVP.
- **Dynamical system**: A law under which a particle evolves over time.  $y' = f(t, y)$ , IVP is LWP.
- If the IVP  $y' = f(t, y)$ ,  $y(t_0) = y_0$  is locally well-posed, then the map  $\Phi(t, x)$  which solves

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt}\Phi(t, x) = f(t, \Phi(t, x)) \\ \Phi(0, x) = x \end{cases}$$

is well-defined and satisfies the property

$$\Phi(t_2, \Phi(t_1, x)) = \Phi(t_1 + t_2, x)$$

- $\Phi$  is very related to  $y$ , though how exactly is still a bit of a mystery?? Perhaps it's

$$\Phi(t, x) = y(t)$$

where  $y$  is the solution to the IVP  $y' = f(t, y)$ ,  $y(0) = x$ .

- It appears that  $\Phi(t, x)$  is related to  $f_t(x)$  from *Differential Forms*, i.e., we are picking a point  $x$  and traveling along its integral curve for time  $t$ .
- Think about  $y(t) = ae^{t-t_0}$  as an integral curve of the one-dimensional vector field  $X(x) = x$ .
- The final property appears to express the notion that if you have a system and evolve it by time  $t_1$  and then time  $t_2$ , that's equivalent to evolving it by time  $t_1 + t_2$ .

- **Steady flow:** A vector field on a manifold contained in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  or  $\mathbb{R}^3$  that does not vary with time.
- Let  $X$  be a vector field.
  - Trajectory of a particle: At  $x \in \Omega$ , the velocity of the particle should coincide with  $X(x)$ .
  - The differential equation  $\dot{x} = X(x)$  is what we're interested in.
  - A solid shape gets shifted and deformed (imagine a chunk of water falling out of the end of a pipe). This is the **local group of transformation**.
  - Differential geometry is the purview of such things.
- Newton's law of motion  $F = m \cdot a$  applied to  $n$  particles is nothing but the system of equations

$$m_i x_i'' = F_i(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

- Many well-known examples.
- The best known one perhaps is that of uniform acceleration of a single particle. In this case,

$$m_0 x'' = f_0$$

- The solution is

$$x(t) = \frac{f_0}{2m_0} t^2 + v_0 t + x_0$$

where  $x_0 = x(0)$  and  $v_0 = x'(0)$  are the initial conditions.

- A simple example is downwards motion due to gravity. Then

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} t^2 + v_0 t + x_0$$

- The trajectory in general is a parabola.
- Another example: The mathematical pendulum.
  - The radial directions balance ( $mg \cos \theta$ ).
  - The tangential directions do not ( $mg \sin \theta$ ). Thus, our ODE is

$$l \frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2} = g \sin \theta$$

- One last set of examples from ecology:
  - Imagine an petri dish of infinite nutrition. The population growth of the bacteria will obey the exponential growth law

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = ky$$

- Suppose we have a system capacity  $M$ . Then we obey the logistic growth law

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = k(M - y)$$

- Lotka-Volterra prey-predator model: Wolf population ( $W$ ) and rabbit population ( $R$ ). We have

$$\begin{aligned} R' &= k_1 R - aWR \\ W' &= -k_2 W + bWR \end{aligned}$$

- We can also introduce more species and capacities and et cetera, et cetera.
- Conclusion: Dynamical systems are everywhere, especially in physics, chemistry, and ecology.
- We can also consider long-term behavior.
  - We can have chaos, but chaos can be reasoned with using oscillation, systems that converge to oscillation, etc. We will mostly be focusing on the regular aspect of the long-term behavior.

## 1.2 Origin of ODEs: Boundary Value Problems

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- Textbook PDFs will be posted today.
- Note: Equations of order  $n$  generally require  $n$  parameters to solve.
- Today, we will consider boundary value problems, which are separate from dynamical systems but not entirely unrelated.
- **Boundary Value Problem:** A problem in which we are solving for a  $y$  that has fixed values at the boundaries  $x = a, b$ . Also known as **BVP**.
- The **Brachistochrone problem** is an example of a BVP.
- **Brachistochrone problem:** Suppose you have a frictionless track from  $(0, 0)$  to  $(a, y_0)$  and release a particle from  $(0, 0)$ . Which path allows the particle to get to  $(a, y_0)$  in the shortest amount of time?  
*Etymology* brákhistos “shortest” + khrónos “time.”

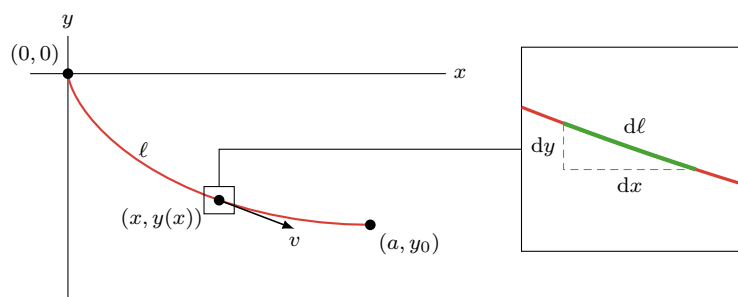


Figure 1.1: Brachistochrone problem.

- Throughout this derivation, we will make several assumptions. We will do our best to note these assumptions as we go in footnotes. Note that while all of these assumptions are justified in the case of solving this problem, they may not be justified in every related variational problem. Let's begin.
- Since the track is frictionless, the mechanical energy should be conserved.
- At a given point along the curve, the particle has a velocity  $v$  and is vertical distance  $y$  from where it started. We know from physics that

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{2}mv^2 &= mgy \\ v &= \sqrt{2gy}\end{aligned}$$

- Since  $v = d\ell/dt$ , the time  $dt$  it takes for the particle to traverse an infinitesimal section of track of arc length  $d\ell$  is  $dt = d\ell/v$ .
- The track should be given by  $y = y(x)$ <sup>[1]</sup>.
- Let  $\ell$  denote the arc length of the whole track. Then

$$d\ell = \sqrt{1 + (y'(x))^2} dx$$

- Thus, the total time for the particle to traverse the curve is

$$t(y) = \int_0^t d\tau = \int_0^a \frac{d\ell}{v} = \int_0^a \frac{\sqrt{1 + (y'(x))^2}}{\sqrt{2gy(x)}} dx$$

<sup>1</sup>There are paths that connect  $(0, 0)$  and  $(a, y_0)$  that are not functions of  $x$ . We are taking those out of consideration.



- We also have  $y(0) = 0$  and  $y(a) = y_0$ .
- We want to find  $y$  such that the above integral is minimized. Thus, we define the following **functional**, which is used to solve general fixed-endpoint variational problems (the Brachistochrone problem is a problem of this type).
- Let  $J[y] = \int_a^b F(x, y(x), y'(x)) dx$ .
- The space of functions we're considering is  $C^1$  (the set of all continuously differentiable functions)<sup>[2]</sup>.
- Take a function  $h$ , vanishing at  $a, b$ .
- Let  $f(t) = J[y + th]$ . Then

$$f(t) = \int_a^b F(x, \underbrace{y(x) + th(x)}_{z(x,t)}, \underbrace{y'(x) + th'(x)}_{w(x,t)}) dx$$

- We know that<sup>[3]</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \int_a^b F dx &= \int_a^b \frac{dF}{dt} dx \\ &= \int_a^b \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dt} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial w} \frac{dw}{dt} \right) dx \\ &= \int_a^b \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \cdot 0 + \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \cdot h(x) + \frac{\partial F}{\partial w} \cdot h'(x) \right) dx \\ &= \int_a^b \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \cdot h(x) + \frac{\partial F}{\partial w} \cdot h'(x) \right) dx \end{aligned}$$

- The last term in the above equation may be integrated by parts as follows. Note that we make use of the hypothesis  $h(a) = h(b) = 0$  in eliminating the  $[uv]_a^b$  term.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b \frac{\partial F}{\partial w} h'(x) dx &= \left[ \frac{\partial F}{\partial w} h(x) \right]_{x=a}^b - \int_a^b h(x) \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial w} \right) dx \\ &= \left[ \frac{\partial F}{\partial w} \right]_b \cdot 0 - \left[ \frac{\partial F}{\partial w} \right]_a \cdot 0 - \int_a^b \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial w} \right) h(x) dx \\ &= - \int_a^b \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial w} \right) h(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

- Substituting back into the original equation, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \int_a^b F dx &= \int_a^b \left[ \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \cdot h(x) - \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial w} \right) h(x) \right] dx \\ &= \int_a^b \left[ \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} - \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial w} \right) \right] h(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

- Therefore,

$$f'(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \int_a^b F dx = \int_a^b \left\{ \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} - \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{\partial F}{\partial w} \right] \right\} h(x) dx$$

- Thus,

$$f'(0) = \int_a^b \left\{ \frac{\partial F}{\partial z}(x, y(x), y'(x)) - \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{\partial F}{\partial w}(x, y(x), y'(x)) \right] \right\} h(x) dx = 0$$

for all  $h$ .

<sup>2</sup>This also eliminates some possible paths from consideration.

<sup>3</sup>We must assume sufficient regularity of  $F$  here. In particular, we must assume that the derivative of the integral of  $F$  is equal to the integral of the derivative of  $F$ .

- Now suppose  $y$  is the solution. Then  $y$  minimizes  $J[y]$ . But if this is true, then any variation  $th$  will cause  $J[y + th] > J[y]$ . It follows that for every  $h$ ,  $f(t)$  has a minimum at  $t = 0$ . But if  $f$  has a minimum at 0 for all  $h$ , then  $f'(0) = 0$  for all  $h$ .
- Lemma: Let  $\phi$  be continuous on  $(a, b)$ . If for every  $h \in C^1([a, b])$  vanishing on  $a, b$  we have that

$$\int_a^b \phi(x)h(x) dx = 0$$

then  $\phi(x) = 0$ .

*Proof.* Suppose for the sake of contradiction that (WLOG)  $\phi(x_0) > 0$ . Then within some neighborhood  $N_\delta(x)$  of  $x_0$ ,  $\phi(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in N_\delta(x)$ . Now choose  $h$  to be a bump function on that interval. Then  $\int_a^b \phi(x)h(x) dx > 0$ , a contradiction.  $\square$

- It follows that

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}(x, y(x), y'(x)) - \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{\partial F}{\partial w}(x, y(x), y'(x)) \right] = 0$$

- This is a second-order differential equation, specifically the **Euler-Lagrange equation**.
- It is a necessary condition for  $y$  to be an extrema.
- Euler-Lagrange equations are not easy to solve in general. However, we're lucky here.
- In our example,

$$F(x, z, w) = \sqrt{\frac{1 + w^2}{2gz}}$$

- What's nice here is that  $F(x, z, w) = F(z, w)$ , i.e., there is no dependence on  $x$ . This is crucial.
- With this observation in mind, notice that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dF}{dx} &= \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dx} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial w} \frac{dw}{dx} \\ &= \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial w} \frac{dy'}{dx} \\ &= \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial w} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \end{aligned}$$

- We now rearrange the E-L equation and multiply through by  $dy/dx$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} - \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial w} \right) &= 0 \\ \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial w} \right) \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \frac{dy}{dx} \end{aligned}$$

- Subtracting the last two results yields

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dF}{dx} - \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{dF}{dw} \right) \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{\partial F}{\partial w} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \\ \frac{dF}{dx} &= \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{dF}{dw} \right) \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial w} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \\ &= \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{dF}{dw} \frac{dy}{dx} \right) \\ \frac{d}{dx} \left( F - \frac{dF}{dw} \frac{dy}{dx} \right) &= 0 \\ F - \frac{dF}{dw} \frac{dy}{dx} &= A \end{aligned}$$

where  $A \in \mathbb{R}$  depends on the initial conditions.

- From the definition of  $F$ , we can calculate

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial w} = \frac{w}{\sqrt{1+w^2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2gz}} = \frac{y'}{\sqrt{1+(y')^2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2gy}}$$

- It follows that our solution function  $y$  satisfies the separable differential equation

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{\frac{1+(y')^2}{2gy}} - \frac{y'}{\sqrt{1+(y')^2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2gy}} \cdot y' &= A \\ \frac{1+(y')^2}{\sqrt{1+(y')^2}\sqrt{2gy}} - \frac{(y')^2}{\sqrt{1+(y')^2}\sqrt{2gy}} &= A \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2gy(1+(y')^2)}} &= A \\ (y')^2 &= \frac{1/2A^2g - y}{y} \end{aligned}$$

- The solution, as we can determine using methods from Calculus I-II, is the **cycloid**

$$\begin{cases} x = a(\theta - \sin \theta) \\ y = a(1 - \cos \theta) \end{cases}$$

where the specific parameters come from the boundary values.

- **Functional:** A map from a function space to a set of numbers.
- **Sturm-Liouville problems:** Boundary value problems concerning the integral

$$\int_a^b [p(x)(y'(x))^2 + q(x)(y(x))^2] dx$$

- The most basic BVP is a vibrating string. In finding the eigenmode of the vibration, you need to solve the above differential equation.
- Very important in physics.
- If time permits at the end of the course, Shao will return to the following topic in detail.
- Next several weeks: *Solvable* differential equations.

## Week 2

# Solving Simple ODEs

### 2.1 Separable ODEs

10/3: • Do not sit on the left side of the classroom: The sun sucks!

- **Separable** (ODE): An ODE of the form

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f(t)g(y)$$

where  $y$  is a real<sup>[1]</sup>, unknown, scalar function of  $t$ .

- Solving separable ODEs: Formally, evaluate

$$\int \frac{dy}{g(y)} = \int f(t) dt$$

- Rearrange the initial separable ODE to  $dy/dt \cdot 1/g = f$  and invoke the law of composite differentiation to get

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[ \int_{y_0}^{y(t)} \frac{dw}{g(w)} - \int_{t_0}^t f(\tau) d\tau \right] = 0$$

- It follows that

$$\int_{y_0}^{y(t)} \frac{dw}{g(w)} = \int_{t_0}^t f(\tau) d\tau$$

- Examples:

1. Exponential growth.

- We have that

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = ky$$

for  $k > 0$  and  $y(0) = y_0 > 0$ .

- The solution is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} &= k \\ \log y(t) - \log y_0 &= kt \\ y(t) &= y_0 e^{kt} \end{aligned}$$

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<sup>1</sup>We'll deal with complex functions later.

## 2. Logistic growth.

- We have that

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = ky \left(1 - \frac{y}{M}\right)$$

for  $k, M > 0$  and  $y(0) = y_0 > 0$ .

- The solution is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{M dy}{y(M-y)} &= k dt \\ \log \frac{y}{M-y} - \log \frac{y_0}{M-y_0} &= kt \\ \frac{y(M-y_0)}{y_0(M-y)} &= e^{kt} \\ y \cdot \frac{M-y_0}{y_0} &= (M-y)e^{kt} \\ y \cdot \frac{M-y_0}{y_0} + ye^{kt} &= Me^{kt} \\ y \left( \frac{M-y_0}{y_0} + e^{kt} \right) &= Me^{kt} \\ y \left( \frac{M-y_0+y_0e^{kt}}{y_0} \right) &= Me^{kt} \\ y \left( \frac{M+y_0(e^{kt}-1)}{y_0} \right) &= Me^{kt} \\ y(t) &= \frac{My_0e^{kt}}{M+y_0(e^{kt}-1)} \end{aligned}$$

- Sketches the graph of logistic growth and discusses the turning point (for which there is a formula; zero of the second derivative) as well as general trends.
- If  $y_0 < 0$ , the solution is not physically meaningful, but it is mathematically insightful.
  - When we integrate, the arguments of our logarithms now have absolute values.

$$\log \left| \frac{y}{M-y} \right| - \log \left| \frac{y_0}{M-y_0} \right| = kt$$

- We need to make sure that the denominator of the final logistic form is never equal to zero, but now that  $y_0$  is negative, as  $t$  increases, the denominator will approach zero exponentially. It reaches zero when

$$\begin{aligned} M + y_0(e^{kt} - 1) &= 0 \\ e^{kt} &= -\frac{M}{y_0} + 1 \end{aligned}$$

In other words,  $t_{\max} = (1/k) \log(1 - M/y_0)$  because when  $t = t_{\max}$ , the equation blows up.

- This is an example of **finite lifespan**.

- If  $y_0 > M$ , then you will exponentially decrease to  $M$ .

## 3. Lotka-Volterra predator-prey model.

- We have that

$$r' = k_1 r - a w r \qquad w' = -k_2 w + b w r$$

where  $r$  is rabbits and  $w$  is wolves.

- We can rename the variables to

$$\begin{cases} x' = Ax - Bxy \\ y' = -Cy + Dxy \end{cases}$$

- Dividing, we get

$$\frac{x'}{y'} = \frac{Ax - Bxy}{-Cy + Dxy}$$

$$\frac{By - A}{y}y' + \frac{Dx - C}{x}x' = 0$$

- Use the fact that  $x, y$  are independent variables, so both terms in the above equation are equal to zero??
- Invoke the law of composite differentiation twice and, from the above, know that  $0 + 0 = 0$ , so we can add the two solutions:

$$\frac{d}{dt}(By(t) - A \log y(t)) + \frac{d}{dt}(Dx(t) - C \log x(t)) = 0$$

$$By(t) - A \log y(t) + Dx(t) - C \log x(t) = E$$

- Sketches some of the trajectories (they're all closed curves in the  $xy$ -plane).

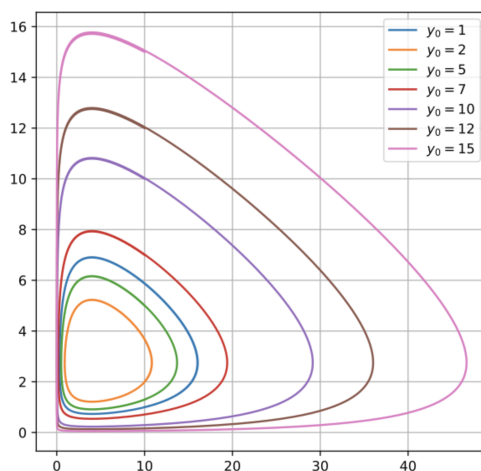


Figure 2.1: Lotka-Volterra solution curves.

- Properties of the curves:

■ The implicit relation which determines them: By the implicit function theorem, the  $y$  derivative of the LHS is  $B - A/y$  and the  $x$ -derivative of the LHS is  $D - C/x$ . When the partial derivatives are equal to zero,  $(C/D, A/B)$  becomes interesting. Turning points happen when the  $y$ -coordinate is  $A/B$  or the  $x$ -coordinate is  $C/D$ .

- **Finite lifespan:** Even if the RHS of  $dy/dt = f(t, y)$  is very regular, the solution can still blow up at some finite time.
- Consider the final ODE from the Brachistochrone problem.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \sqrt{\frac{B-y}{y}}$$

- Finding the **primitives**.

■ What are these “primitives” Shao keeps talking about??

– We should have

$$\int \sqrt{\frac{y}{B-y}} dy = x$$

– Change of variables:  $y = B \sin^2 \phi$  and  $dy = 2B \cos \phi \sin \phi d\phi$ . Thus,

$$\int \sqrt{\frac{y}{B-y}} dy = \int \frac{\sin \phi}{\cos \phi} \cdot 2B \cos \phi \sin \phi d\phi = 2B \int \sin^2 \phi d\phi$$

– The solution is

$$\begin{cases} x = B\phi - \frac{B}{2} \sin(2\phi) + C \\ y = B \sin^2 \phi \end{cases}$$

■ This is a parameterization of a cycloid.

- Later in the week, we will do the SHM, the pendulum, the Kepler 2-body problem, and the Michaelis-Menten equation.
- Separable ODEs are a subset of ODEs of **exact form**.
- ODEs of exact form are of the form

$$g(x, y) \frac{dy}{dx} + f(x, y) = 0$$

where for some  $F(x, y)$ ,  $g = \partial F / \partial y$ ,  $f = \partial F / \partial x$ , and partials commute. Equivalently,

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$$

is our necessary and sufficient condition.

- By the law of composite differentiation,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} [F(x, y(x))] &= \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \cdot y'(x) \\ &= f(x, y(x)) + g(x, y(x))y'(x) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

– We solve these with an integrating factor  $\mu \neq 0$  such that  $(\mu g, \mu f)$  satisfy the constraint.

## 2.2 Office Hours (Shao)

- **Primitive:** An antiderivative.
- **Law of composite differentiation:** The chain rule.
- Went over how Shao has been applying the law of composite differentiation with respect to separable ODEs:
  - Rearrange the initial separable ODE as follows.

$$\frac{1}{g(y)} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} = f(t)$$

- Define  $dH/dy = 1/g(y)$ . Then, continuing from the above, we have by the law of composite differentiation that

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dH}{dy} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} &= f(t) \\ \frac{dH}{dt} &= f(t)\end{aligned}$$

- From the definition of  $H$ , we know that  $H(y) = \int_{y_0}^y dw/g(w)$ . We also have from the FTC that  $f(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \int_{t_0}^t f(\tau) d\tau$ . Thus, continuing from the above, we have that

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt}(H) &= f(t) \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \int_{y_0}^y \frac{dw}{g(w)} \right] &= \frac{d}{dt} \int_{t_0}^t f(\tau) d\tau \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \int_{y_0}^{y(t)} \frac{dw}{g(w)} - \int_{t_0}^t f(\tau) d\tau \right] &= 0\end{aligned}$$

as desired.

- It follows since  $y(t_0) = y_0$  that  $C = H(y_0) = 0$ , so we can take the above to

$$\int_{y_0}^{y(t)} \frac{dw}{g(w)} = \int_{t_0}^t f(\tau) d\tau$$

knowing that our constant of integration is zero.

- Take away from Brachistochrone problem: Just an example of a BDE; we won't have to answer questions on it.

## 2.3 ODEs of Exact Form

10/5:

- Last time, we discussed separable ODEs.
- Today, we will study **exact form** equations, as discussed last class.
- **Exact form** (ODE): An ODE of the form

$$g(x, y) \frac{dy}{dx} + f(x, y) = 0$$

where

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$$

- For equations of this form, there exists  $F(x, y)$  such that

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = f \qquad \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = g \qquad F(x, y(x)) = C$$

for some  $C \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- To solve equations of this form, we need an **integrating factor**.
- **Integrating factor**: A number or function  $\mu$  such that

$$\mu g \frac{dy}{dx} + \mu f = 0 \qquad \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\mu g) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\mu f)$$



- The solution to linear homogeneous equations of the form  $dy/dt = p(t)y$  is

$$y(t) = y_0 \exp \left[ \int_{t_0}^t p(\tau) d\tau \right]$$

- Recall that  $e^{a+ib} = e^a(\cos b + i \sin b)$ , so

$$e^{ix} = \cos x + i \sin x \qquad \cos x = \frac{1}{2}(e^{ix} + e^{-ix}) \qquad \sin x = \frac{1}{2i}(e^{ix} - e^{-ix})$$

- Example: If  $y' = ky$ , then  $y' = -\lambda y$ .
- If we have an inhomogeneous linear equation  $dy/dt = p(t)y + f(t)$ , then

$$\frac{dy}{dt} - py - f = 0$$

but

$$0 = \frac{d}{dt}(1) \neq \frac{d}{dy}(-p(t)y - f(t))$$

- We wish to find an integrating factor  $\mu(t, y)$  such that

$$\mu(t, y) \frac{dy}{dt} - \mu(t, y)p(t)y - \mu(t, y)f(t) = 0$$

and

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\mu) = \frac{d}{dy}(-\mu py - \mu f)$$

- Solution: Take  $\mu$  to be a function of  $t$ , alone. Then

$$\mu'(t) = \frac{d}{dy}(-\mu py - \mu f) = -\mu(t)p(t)$$

and we now have a homogeneous linear equation with solution

$$\mu(t) = \exp \left[ - \int_{t_0}^t p(\tau) d\tau \right]$$

- If we let  $P(t) = \int_{t_0}^t p(\tau) d\tau$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-P(t)} y'(t) - p(t)y(t)e^{-P(t)} &= e^{-P(t)} f(t) \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left( e^{-P(t)} y(t) \right) &= e^{-P(t)} f(t) \\ e^{-P(t)} y(t) &= \int_{t_0}^t e^{-P(\tau)} f(\tau) d\tau \end{aligned}$$

- Thus, we finally have the solution to the inhomogeneous problem as follows: The IVP  $y' = py + f$ ,  $y(t_0) = y_0$  has solution

$$y(t) = y_0 e^{P(t)-P(t_0)} + e^{P(t)} \int_0^t e^{-P(\tau)} f(\tau) d\tau$$

where  $P$  is any anti-derivative of  $p$ .

- In particular, when  $p(t) = a$ , we get the **Duhamel formula** (which we should memorize).

- **Duhamel formula:** The following equation, which is the solution to an inhomogeneous linear equation with  $p(t) = a$ .

$$y(t) = y_0 e^{a(t-t_0)} + \int_{t_0}^t e^{a(t-\tau)} f(\tau) d\tau$$

- Important for computing forced oscillation.
- Inspecting the inhomogeneous solution.
  - The first term is the solution to the homogeneous form. The second term deals with the initial value.
- Given an inhomogeneous equation, you can always write its solution as the combination of the solution to the homogeneous problem plus a particular solution, i.e.,

$$y = y_h + y_p$$

- “The general solution equals the homogeneous solution plus a particular solution.”
- This is related to linear algebra, where the solution to  $Ax = b$  is a particular solution  $x_p$  plus any vector  $x \in \ker A$ .
- Thus, this idea will reappear in the theory of systems of linear ODEs.
- We now look at systems of linear ODEs.
- Consider the harmonic oscillator: A particle of mass  $m$  connected to an ideal spring (obeys Hooke’s law) with no friction or gravity.
  - Newton’s second law: The acceleration is proportional to the restoring force.
  - Hooke’s law: The restoring force is of magnitude  $kx$  in the opposite direction to the displacement.
  - Thus, the ODE is of the form

$$x'' = -\frac{k}{m}x$$

- However, if there is damping (which will be proportional to the velocity), then the ODE is of the form
- $$x'' + \frac{b}{m}x' + \frac{k}{m}x = 0$$
- Consider an ODE of the form

$$y'' + ay' + by = 0$$

for  $a, b \in \mathbb{C}$ .

- Aim: Find  $\mu, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  such that

$$(y' - \mu y)' - \lambda(y' - \mu y) = 0$$

- To find the parameters, we expand the above to

$$y'' - (\mu + \lambda)y' + \mu\lambda y = 0$$

- Comparing with the original form, we have that  $a = -(\mu + \lambda)$  and  $b = \mu\lambda$ .
- It follows that  $\mu, \lambda$  are the roots of  $x^2 + ax + b = 0$ , which we will call the **characteristic polynomial** of the ODE.
- Substitute  $x = y' - \mu y$ . Then we can solve

$$x' - \lambda x = 0$$

to determine that  $x = Ae^{\lambda t}$ .

- Returning the substitution, we have that

$$y' - \mu y = Ae^{\lambda t}$$

- Since the above is of the form  $y' = ay + f$ , we can apply the Duhamel formula. It follows that a particular solution is

$$A \int_0^t e^{\mu(t-\tau)} e^{\lambda \tau} d\tau$$

- Thus, general solutions are of the form

$$y(t) = Be^{\mu t} + Ce^{\mu t} \int_0^t e^{(\lambda-\mu)\tau} d\tau$$

- Evaluating the integral, we get

$$y(t) = Be^{\mu t} + Ce^{\mu t} \frac{e^{(\lambda-\mu)t} - 1}{\lambda - \mu}$$

which simplifies (by incorporating constants, etc.) to

$$y(t) = A_1 e^{\mu t} + B_1 e^{\lambda t}$$

for  $\mu \neq \lambda$ , or

$$y(t) = A_1 e^{\mu t} + B_1 t e^{\mu t}$$

for  $\mu = \lambda$ .

- These linearly independent solutions form a basis of the space of solutions; all solutions can be expressed as a linear combination of these two functions.
- If our equation is of the form  $y'' + ay' + by = f(t)$ , then we just need to apply the Duhamel formula twice.
- Returning to the simple harmonic oscillator problem, we substitute  $\omega = \sqrt{k/m}$  to get

$$x'' = -\omega^2 x$$

- The characteristic polynomial is

$$0 = x^2 + \omega^2 = (x + i\omega)(x - i\omega)$$

- Thus, solutions are of the form

$$x = A_1 e^{i\omega t} + B_1 e^{-i\omega t}$$

- It follows that the period is  $T = 2\pi/\omega$ .
- To get a real (usable) solution, apply Euler's formula to get

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= A_1(\cos \omega t + i \sin \omega t) + B_1(\cos \omega t - i \sin \omega t) \\ &= A \cos \omega t + B \sin \omega t \end{aligned}$$

where  $A = A_1 + B_1$ ,  $B = iA_1 - iB_1$ .

- To match the initial condition  $x(0) = x_0$ ,  $x'(0) = v_0$ , we use

$$x(t) = x_0 \cos \omega t + \frac{v_0}{\omega} \sin \omega t$$

- In other words,

$$\begin{cases} A = x_0 \\ \omega B = v_0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} A_1 + B_1 = x_0 \\ i\omega A_1 - i\omega B_1 = v_0 \end{cases}$$

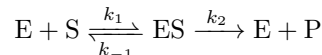
so

$$\begin{cases} A = x_0 \\ B = \frac{v_0}{\omega} \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} A_1 = \frac{1}{2} \left[ x_0 - \frac{iv_0}{\omega} \right] \\ B_1 = \frac{1}{2} \left[ x_0 + \frac{iv_0}{\omega} \right] \end{cases}$$

## 2.4 ODE Examples

10/7:

- Today, we will investigate a variety of examples of ODEs arising in real life.
- Michaelis-Menten kinetics: If E is an enzyme, S is its substrate, and P is the product, then the mechanism is



- The concentrations that we are concerned with are  $[E], [S], [ES], [P]$ .
- From the above mechanism, we can write the four rate laws

$$\frac{d}{dt}[S] = -k_1[E][S] + k_{-1}[ES] \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}[E] = -k_1[E][S] + (k_{-1} + k_2)[ES] \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}[ES] = k_1[E][S] - (k_{-1} + k_2)[ES] \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}[P] = k_2[ES] \quad (4)$$

- The initial conditions are  $[S] = [S]_0$  and  $[E] = [E]_0$ .
- We can reduce these rate laws to the 2D system

$$\frac{d}{dt}[S] = -k_1([E]_0 - [ES])[S] + k_{-1}[ES] \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}[ES] = k_1([E]_0 - [ES])[S] - (k_{-1} + k_2)[ES] \quad (6)$$

- Note that to do so, we have used two conservation laws: The conservation of the enzyme plus enzyme-substrate complex, and the conservation of the substrate plus enzyme-substrate complex plus products.
- QSSA: Quasi steady-state assumption.
  - Assume that  $[E]_0/[S]_0 \ll 1$ .
  - It follows that  $d[ES]/dt \approx 0$  due to saturation of the enzyme and  $[S] \approx [S]_0$  due to ever-more substrate being available.
- Then

$$[ES] = \frac{[E]_0[S]}{K_M + [S]}$$

where  $k_M = (k_{-1} + k_2)/k_1$  is the **Michaelis-Menten constant**, a usual indication of enzyme activity.

- Substitute the above into Equation 5:

$$\frac{d}{dt}[S] = -\frac{v_{\max}[S]}{k_M + [S]}$$

- Note that  $v_{\max} = k_2[E]_0$ .
- The above is now a differential equation of separable form; it's solution is

$$\int_{[S]_0}^{[S]} -\frac{(k_M + z) dz}{zv_{\max}} = \int_0^t dt$$

$$-\frac{k_M}{v_{\max}} \log \frac{[S]}{[S]_0} - \frac{1}{v_{\max}}([S] - [S]_0) = t$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\log \frac{[S]}{[S]_0} + \frac{[S]}{k_M} &= \frac{[S]_0 - v_{\max} t}{k_M} \\
\frac{[S]}{[S]_0} e^{[S]/k_M} &= \exp\left(\frac{[S]_0 - v_{\max} t}{k_M}\right) \\
\frac{[S]}{k_M} e^{[S]/k_M} &= \frac{[S]_0}{k_M} \exp\left(\frac{[S]_0 - v_{\max} t}{k_M}\right) \\
\frac{[S]}{k_M} &= W \left[ \frac{[S]_0}{k_M} \exp\left(\frac{[S]_0 - v_{\max} t}{k_M}\right) \right] \\
[S] &= k_M W \left[ \frac{[S]_0}{k_M} \exp\left(\frac{[S]_0 - v_{\max} t}{k_M}\right) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

- Getting from line 5-6 (i.e., the introduction of  $W$ ): Suppose we have an equation of the form  $ye^y = x$ . We cannot express  $x$  in terms of  $y$  using elementary functions, so we must define  $W$  such that  $y = W(x)$ . Explicitly,  $W$  is the unique function of  $x$  that satisfies  $W(x)e^{W(x)} = x$ .

- Harmonic oscillator.
- Recall that

$$x'' + \frac{k}{m}x = 0$$

- Substituting  $\omega = \sqrt{k/m}$ , we can solve the above for

$$x(t) = x(0) \cos(\omega t) + \frac{x'(0)}{\omega} \sin(\omega t)$$

- This is an integrable system with  $n$  degrees of freedom and  $n - 1$  scalar conservation laws??
- Conservation of mechanical energy:

$$E = \frac{1}{2}m|x'|^2 + \frac{1}{2}kx^2$$

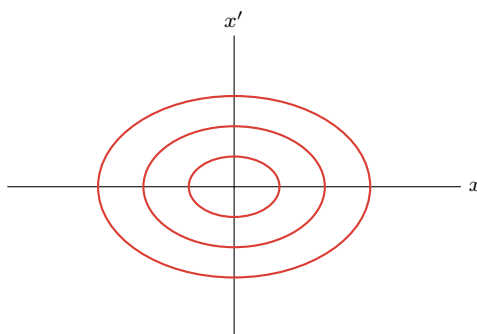


Figure 2.2: Conservation of mechanical energy in the harmonic oscillator.

- Differentiating wrt.  $x$  yields

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= mx'x'' + kxx' \\
&= \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{2}m(x')^2 \right) + \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{2}kx^2 \right)
\end{aligned}$$

- This means that the solution is an ellipse in the  $xx'$ -plane, where each ellipse corresponds to an initial displacement and velocity.

- Mathematical pendulum.
- Equation of motion:

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= \ell \theta'' + g \sin \theta \\
 &= \ell \theta'' \theta' + g \sin \theta \cdot \theta' \\
 &= \frac{d}{dt} \left( \underbrace{\frac{\ell}{2} |\theta'|^2 - g \cos \theta}_E \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

- Initial values:

$$\theta(0) = \theta_0 \qquad \theta'(0) = 0$$

- It follows from the above that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\ell}{2} |\theta'|^2 - g \cos \theta &= -g \cos \theta \\
 \frac{d\theta}{dt} &= \sqrt{\frac{2g}{\ell} (\cos \theta_0 - \cos \theta)} \\
 \int_{\theta_0}^{\theta} \sqrt{\frac{\ell}{2g(\cos \theta_0 - \cos \phi)}} d\phi &= t
 \end{aligned}$$

– This is an elliptical integral (and thus cannot be expressed in terms of the elementary functions).

- Suppose  $\theta_0$  is small. Then  $\theta$  is small, and we can invoke the small angle approximation  $\sin \theta \approx \theta$ .
  - This yields an approximate equation of motion:

$$\ell \theta'' + g \theta = 0$$

– From here, we can determine that  $\theta(t) \approx \theta_0 \cos \sqrt{g/\ell} \cdot t$  and  $T = 2\pi \sqrt{\ell/g}$ .

- Kepler problem.
- Two bodies of mass  $m_1, m_2$  are located at positions  $x_1, x_2$  pulling on each other gravitationally.
  - The force of attraction is a conservative central force.
  - The potential between the two masses is a function of their distance, i.e.,  $U(|x_1 - x_2|)$ .
- From Newton's second and third law, we get

$$m_1 x_1'' = U'(|x_1 - x_2|) \frac{x_2 - x_1}{|x_2 - x_1|} \qquad m_2 x_2'' = U'(|x_1 - x_2|) \frac{x_1 - x_2}{|x_1 - x_2|}$$

- The derivative of potential is force.
- The vector term provides direction.

- Conservation of momentum:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2)'' &= 0 \\
 m_1 x_1' + m_2 x_2' &= C
 \end{aligned}$$

– Let  $M = m_1 + m_2$ . Then the center of mass

$$\frac{m_1}{M} x_1 + \frac{m_2}{M} x_2$$

moves inertially (i.e., does not accelerate or decelerate; is a stable reference frame) — we'll define it to be the origin.

- Conservation of angular momentum:

$$[m(x_1 - x_2)' \times (x_1 - x_2)]' = 0$$

- $m = m_1 m_2 / (m_1 + m_2)$ .
- $\times$  indicates the cross product.
- $L = m(x_1 - x_2)' \times (x_1 - x_2)$ .

- It follows that  $x_1 - x_2$  is always in a fixed plane, which we may call the **horizon plane**.
- Conservation of mechanical energy:

$$mq'' + U'(|q|) \frac{q}{|q|} = 0$$

$$\frac{m}{2} |q'|^2 + U(|q|) = E$$

- $q = x_1 - x_2$ .

- Introduce polar coordinates  $(r, \phi)$ .

- Then  $r^2 \phi' = \ell_0$ ,  $r = r(\phi)$ , and  $dr/d\phi = r'(t)/\phi'(t)$ .
- It follows that

$$\frac{m}{2} (|r'|^2 + |\phi'|^2) + U(r) = E$$

- Since  $U(r) = -Gm_1 m_2 / r$  for Newtonian gravity,

$$\left(\frac{dr}{d\phi}\right)^2 + r^2 = \frac{2GM r^3}{\ell_0^2} + \frac{2Er^4}{m\ell_0^2}$$

- The substitution  $\mu = 1/r$  yields

$$\left(\frac{d\mu}{d\phi}\right)^2 + \mu^2 = \frac{2GM}{\ell_0^2} \mu + \frac{2E}{m\ell_0^2}$$

- Differentiating again gives

$$2 \frac{d\mu}{d\phi} \frac{d^2\mu}{d\phi^2} + 2\mu \frac{d\mu}{d\phi} = \frac{2GM}{\ell_0^2} \frac{d\mu}{d\phi}$$

- Substituting  $\mu = \cos(t)$  gives

$$\frac{d^2\mu}{d\phi^2} + \mu - \frac{GM}{\ell_0^2} = 0$$

or

$$r = \frac{1}{GM/\ell_0^2 + \varepsilon \cos(\phi - \phi_0)}$$

■ This is a conic section!

- Thus, for example, we can calculate the precession of Mercury.
- Note that while we have determined the trajectory of our 2 bodies in terms of elementary functions, the  $n$ -body problem cannot be solved analytically.

## Week 3

# Linear Algebra Review

### 3.1 Elements of Linear Algebra

10/10:

- Today: Review of linear algebra.
- Start with a **vector space** over  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$  or, more generally, any field  $K$ .
- **Vector space** (over  $K$ ): A set equipped with addition and scalar multiplication such that the following axioms are satisfied.
  1. Commutativity and associativity of addition.
  2. Additive identity and inverse.
  3. Compatibility of scalar multiplication and addition (distributive laws).
  4. The additive identity times any vector is zero.
- In  $\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{C}^n$ , addition is component-wise and scalar multiplication is scaling of the element.
- For a homogeneous equation

$$y' = A(t)y = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}(t)y^1 + a_{12}(t)y^2 + \cdots \\ \vdots \\ y^n \end{pmatrix}$$

- If  $y_1, y_2$  are solutions, any linear combination of them is a solution. This is called the **solution space** of the equation.
- **Linearly independent** (set of vectors): A set of vectors  $x_1, \dots, x_m \in V$  for which the only coefficients  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m$  such that

$$\lambda_1 x_1 + \cdots + \lambda_m x_m = 0$$

is  $\lambda_1 = \cdots = \lambda_m = 0$ .

- $\lambda_m \neq 0$  implies

$$x_m = -\frac{1}{\lambda_m}(\lambda_1 x_1 + \cdots + \lambda_{m-1} x_{m-1})$$

- **Maximal linear independence group**: A subset  $X \subset V$  such that for any  $y \in V$ ,  $\{y\} \cup X$  is not linearly independent. *Also known as basis.*
- Theorem: Any basis in  $V$  has the same cardinality.
- **Dimension** (of  $V$ ): The cardinality given by the above theorem. *Denoted by  $\dim V$ .*



- We usually denoted a basis as an ordered  $n$ -tuple since the order often matters (for orientation?).
- Notational conventions.
  - For  $\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{C}^n$ , we will always use column vectors.
  - $x_1, x_2, \dots$  denotes vectors.
  - $x^1, x^2, \dots$  denotes the components of a column vector.
  - A vector component squared may be denoted  $(x^1)^2$ .

- **Standard basis** (for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ): The set of  $n$  vectors of length  $n$  which have a 1 as one entry and a zero in all the others and are all distinct.

- **Linear transformation** (of  $V$  to  $V$ ): A mapping  $\phi : V \rightarrow V$  satisfying

$$\phi(\lambda x + \mu y) = \lambda \phi(x) + \mu \phi(y)$$

- A mapping is completely determined by its action on the basis vectors:

$$\phi\left(\sum_{k=1}^n x^k e_k\right) = \sum_{k=1}^n x^k \phi(e_k)$$

- **Matrix** (of a linear transformation wrt. the standard basis): The  $n \times n$  array

$$(\phi(e_1) \quad \cdots \quad \phi(e_n))$$

- If  $\phi, \psi : V \rightarrow V$  are linear,  $\phi \circ \psi$  is also linear.
  - Composition of linear transformations corresponds to matrix multiplication.
- Matrix multiplication: If

$$B = (b_1 \quad \cdots \quad b_n)$$

then

$$AB = (Ab_1 \quad \cdots \quad Ab_n)$$

where

$$Ax = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}x^1 + \cdots + a_{1n}x^n \\ \vdots \\ a_{n1}x^1 + \cdots + a_{nn}x^n \end{pmatrix}$$

- We can talk about matrix inverses: If it exists, it is unique, and

$$AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I_n$$

- Matrix multiplication is not commutative in general. Shao gives a counterexample.
- $A$  is invertible iff the columns of  $A$  are a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (resp.  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ).
- **Determinant** (of  $A$ ): Not explicitly defined.
- Properties of the determinant.

- Multilinear.

$$\det(a_1 \quad \cdots \quad \lambda a_k + \mu \tilde{a}_k \quad \cdots \quad a_n) = \lambda \det(a_1 \quad \cdots \quad a_k \quad \cdots \quad a_n) + \mu \det(a_1 \quad \cdots \quad \tilde{a}_k \quad \cdots \quad a_n)$$

- Skew-symmetric.

$$\det(a_1 \quad \cdots \quad a_i \quad \cdots \quad a_j \quad \cdots \quad a_n) = -\det(a_1 \quad \cdots \quad a_j \quad \cdots \quad a_i \quad \cdots \quad a_n)$$

- Theorem: The determinant is uniquely characterized by these two axioms.
- $\det I_n = 1$ .
- Shao goes over computing the determinant via minors.
- Special cases:
  - If the matrix is upper- or lower-triangular, the determinant is equal to the product of the diagonal entries.
  - If the matrix is blocked upper- or lower-triangular, e.g.,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & * \\ 0 & A_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

then  $\det A = \det A_1 \cdot \det A_2$ .

- $\det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B)$ .
- $\det A \neq 0$  iff  $A$  is invertible.
- Direct formula to compute the inverse.

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} (a_{\ell k} (-1)^{k+\ell} \det A_{k\ell})$$

- Tedious for higher-dimensional cases, but quite sufficient for  $n = 2, 3$ .
- Let  $A$  be  $n \times n$ , and let  $Ax = b$ .
  - If  $A$  is invertible, then  $x = A^{-1}b$ .
  - If  $A$  is not invertible and  $b \in \text{span}(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ , then  $x = x_h + x_p$  where  $Ax_h = 0$  and  $Ax_p = b$ .
- **Kernel** (of  $A$ ): The set of all vectors  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  (resp.  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ) such that  $Ay = 0$ .
- **Range** (of  $A$ ): The set of all linear combinations of  $a_1, \dots, a_n$ .
- Suppose  $\phi: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  has matrix  $A$  under  $(e_1, \dots, e_n)$ . Let  $(q_1, \dots, q_n)$  be another basis.
  - There exists a matrix  $Q$  such that  $q_k = Qe_k$ .  $Q$  is called the **connecting matrix** between  $(e_1, \dots, e_n)$  and  $(q_1, \dots, q_n)$ .
  - Claim: Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  have representation  $x = (x^1, \dots, x^n)$  under the standard basis. Then under the  $Q$  basis,  $x$  has representation  $x' = Q^{-1}(x^1, \dots, x^n)$ . Similarly,  $x = Qx'$ .
  - Claim:  $\phi$  has matrix  $B = Q^{-1}AQ$  with respect to the  $Q$  basis.
- Matrix similarity:  $A \sim B$  iff there exists  $Q$  invertible such that  $B = Q^{-1}AQ$ .
  - Implies that  $A$  and  $B$  describe the same matrix under different bases.
  - Matrix product under the old and new bases are related.

$$Q^{-1}ABQ = (Q^{-1}AQ)(Q^{-1}BQ)$$

- Similarity preserves the determinant:

$$\det(Q^{-1}AQ) = \det(Q^{-1}) \det(A) \det(Q) = \det(A) \det(Q^{-1}) \det(Q) = \det(A)$$

- There is an extra example in Shao's notes (of a linear transformation in two bases).

## 3.2 Diagonalization and Jordan Normal Form

10/12:

- Similar matrices and Jordan Normal Form (JNF).
- Suppose  $A : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$  is linear. We can express  $A$  in a different basis with the help of the connecting matrix  $Q$ .
- In this lecture, we seek to find the most convenient basis in which to discuss our linear transformation.
- Today we will work in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  (but all results hold for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , too).
- **Invariant subspace** (of  $A$ ): A subspace  $K \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  such that  $A(K) = K$ .
- Suppose you have  $m$  invariant subspaces  $K_1, \dots, K_m \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  whose pairwise intersection is  $\{0\}$ .
- **Direct sum** (of  $K_1, \dots, K_m$ ): The collection of all vectors which can be represented as sums from each of the subspaces. *Denoted by  $K_1 \oplus \dots \oplus K_m$ . Given by*

$$K_1 \oplus \dots \oplus K_m = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid x = \sum_{j=1}^m x_j, x_j \in K_j \right\}$$

- Suppose  $K_1, K_2 \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  are invariant subspaces of  $A$  of dimension  $n_1, n_2$ , respectively, such that  $K_1 \oplus K_2 = \mathbb{C}^n$ . Then choosing a basis for  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ , the matrix  $A$  takes the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} B_1 & 0 \\ 0 & B_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $B_1$  is an  $n_1 \times n_1$  block and  $B_2$  is an  $n_2 \times n_2$  block.

- **Eigenvalue** (of  $A$ ): A complex number  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $A - \lambda I$  is not invertible. *Denoted by  $\lambda$ .*
  - Equivalently,  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$ .
- **Characteristic polynomial**: The polynomial in  $z$  defined as follows. *Denoted by  $\chi_A(z)$ . Given by*

$$\chi_A(z) = \det(A - zI)$$

- Similar matrices have the same characteristic polynomials.
- **Spectrum** (of  $A$ ): The set of all eigenvalues of  $A$ .
- **Eigenvector** (of  $A$ ): A vector  $v \in \mathbb{C}^n$  corresponding to an eigenvalue  $\lambda$  via

$$Av = \lambda v$$

- Claim: The set of all eigenvectors corresponding to  $\lambda$  form an invariant subspace.

*Proof.*

$$A(v_1 + v_2) = \lambda v_1 + \lambda v_2 = \lambda(v_1 + v_2)$$

□

- **Eigenspace** (of  $\lambda$ ): The vector subspace of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  equal to the span of the eigenvectors of  $\lambda$ . *Denoted by  $V_\lambda$ .*
- **Algebraic multiplicity** (of  $\lambda$ ): The degree of the  $(z - \lambda)$  term in the factorization of the characteristic polynomial. *Denoted by  $\alpha_\lambda$ .*
- **Geometric multiplicity** (of  $\lambda$ ): The dimension of the eigenspace of  $\lambda$ . *Denoted by  $\gamma_\lambda$ .*

- $\gamma_\lambda \leq \alpha_\lambda$ .
- If  $\alpha_\lambda = \gamma_\lambda$  for each  $\lambda$ , then each eigenspace  $V_\lambda$  has a basis such that  $\oplus_\lambda V_\lambda = \mathbb{C}^n$ .
  - Under this basis, the matrix of  $A$  is diagonal with all  $\lambda$ 's (along the diagonal) repeated according to their algebraic multiplicity.
- **Superdiagonal:** The set of entries in a matrix which are directly above a diagonal entry.
- **Jordan block:** A  $d \times d$  matrix corresponding to an eigenvalue  $\lambda$  that has  $\lambda$  as every diagonal entry, 1 as every superdiagonal entry, and zeroes everywhere else. Denoted by  $J_d(\lambda)$ .
  - A Jordan block is an example of a matrix with algebraic multiplicity  $d$  and geometric multiplicity 1.
  - The geometric multiplicity  $\gamma_j$  is the number of Jordan blocks with eigenvalue  $\lambda_j$ . Of course, when  $\gamma_j = \alpha_j$  (in particular, if  $\alpha_j = 1$ ), there is no Jordan block corresponding to  $\lambda_j$  at all.
- For any linear transformation, we can find a basis such that the matrix is the diagonalized Jordan blocks.
- Theorem: Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  complex matrix. Then there is a **Jordan basis**  $Q$  under which

$$Q^{-1}AQ = \begin{pmatrix} J_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & J_k \end{pmatrix}$$

i.e., under which the matrix of  $Q^{-1}AQ$  is block-diagonalized Jordan blocks.

- The proof will not be tested — it is very hard. Shao will sketch it, though.
- The proof is constructive: It will tell you how to convert a matrix into the Jordan normal form.
- Proof procedure:
  1. Determine the eigenvalues as well as their algebraic and geometric multiplicities.
    - (a) Compute  $\chi_A(z)$ .
    - (b) Find  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m$  (factor  $\chi_A(z)$ ).
    - (c) Find  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m$  (combine like terms in the factorization of  $\chi_A(z)$ ).
    - (d) Find  $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_m$  ( $\gamma_i = n - \text{rank}(A - \lambda_i I)$ ).
  2. Find the **generalized eigenspaces** of each  $\lambda_i$ . This will allow us to block-diagonalize  $A$ .
    - (a) For each  $\lambda_i$ , compute the  $\ker(A - \lambda_i I) \subset \ker(A - \lambda_i I)^2 \subset \ker(A - \lambda_i I)^3 \subset \dots$ .
    - (b) The sequence will stop at some  $d_i \in \mathbb{N}$ . In particular, it will stop when  $\dim \ker(A - \lambda_i I)^{d_i} = \alpha_i$ .
      - Claim:  $\mathbb{C}^n = K_1 \oplus \dots \oplus K_m$ .
    - (c) Since each  $K_i$  is an invariant subspace of  $A$ , we know that there is a matrix of the linear transformation corresponding to  $A$  of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} B_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & B_m \end{pmatrix}$$

We now just need to choose the *best* basis of each  $K_i$ , i.e., the one that makes each  $B_i$  into a (direct sum of) Jordan block(s).

3. Find the best basis for each  $K_i$ .

- (a) Recall that each  $\lambda_i$  corresponds to  $\gamma = \gamma_i$  linearly independent eigenvectors, which we will denote  $v_{i,1}, \dots, v_{i,\gamma}$ . We will block-diagonalize  $B_i$  into  $\gamma$  Jordan blocks, each of which corresponds to a  $v_{i,j}$  as follows.

Every Jordan block is of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda_i & 1 & & 0 \\ & \lambda_i & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ 0 & & & \lambda_i \end{pmatrix}$$

Let the above block be of dimension  $k_{i,j} = d$ . It follows that this block will be responsible for linearly transforming  $d$  vectors in the Jordan basis. Let  $v_{i,j,1} = v_{i,j}$  be the first of these  $d$  vectors. Then the submatrix of  $v_{i,j,1}$  in the Jordan basis corresponding to this Jordan block is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

which should make sense since we want  $Av_{i,j} = \lambda_i v_{i,j}$  and under this definition,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda_i & 1 & & 0 \\ & \lambda_i & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ 0 & & & \lambda_i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \lambda_i \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now let  $v_{i,j,2}$  be the second of the  $d$  vectors. Naturally, its submatrix in the Jordan basis should be

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

But this implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_i & 1 & & 0 \\ & \lambda_i & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ 0 & & & \lambda_i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \lambda_i \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_i \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$Jv_{i,j,2} = v_{i,j,1} + \lambda_i v_{i,j,2}$$

$$(J - \lambda_i I)v_{i,j,2} = v_{i,j,1}$$

Naturally, this process will generalize to show that  $(J - \lambda_i I)v_{i,j,k} = v_{i,j,k-1}$ , i.e., we can recursively determine the  $v_{i,j,1}, \dots, v_{i,j,k_{i,j}}$ .

- (b) However, there is slightly more subtlety than we might guess at first glance. Indeed, of our  $\gamma$  eigenvectors corresponding to  $\lambda_i$ , pick the first  $\gamma'$  to be elements of  $\ker(A - \lambda_i I) \cap \text{im}(A - \lambda_i I)$ . This is a necessary condition for the existence of  $v_{i,j,2}$  such that  $(A - \lambda_i I)v_{i,j,2} = v_{i,j,1}$  for  $j = 1, \dots, \gamma'$ .

- (c) Thus, using the above process, we will find  $k_{i,j}$  elements of the Jordan basis for each  $v_{i,j}$ . The full, ordered set of these vectors, listed as follows, constitutes the Jordan basis.

$$\begin{array}{cccc} v_{i,1,1}, & v_{i,1,2}, & \cdots, & v_{i,1,k_{i,1}} \\ v_{i,2,1}, & v_{i,2,2}, & \cdots, & v_{i,2,k_{i,2}} \\ \cdots & & & \\ v_{i,\gamma',1}, & v_{i,\gamma',2}, & \cdots, & v_{i,\gamma',k_{i,\gamma'}} \\ v_{i,\gamma'+1}, & v_{i,\gamma'+2}, & \cdots, & v_{i,\gamma} \end{array}$$

- (d) Note that each of these vectors is naturally an element of the generalized eigenspace  $K_i$  since for each  $k = 1, \dots, k_{i,j}$ , the formula  $(A - \lambda_i I)v_{i,j,k} = v_{i,j,k-1}$  implies that

$$(A - \lambda_i I)^k v_{i,j,k} = 0$$

Also note that each  $k_{i,j} \leq d_i$  and  $k_{i,1} + \cdots + k_{i,\gamma'} + \gamma - \gamma' = \alpha_i$ .

- (e) Under this basis, the Jordan normal form of  $A$  on the generalized eigenspace  $K_i$  will be

$$\begin{pmatrix} J_{k_{i,1}}(\lambda) & & & & \\ & J_{k_{i,2}}(\lambda) & & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & J_{k_{i,\gamma'}}(\lambda) & \\ & & & & \lambda I_{\gamma-\gamma'} \end{pmatrix}$$

- **Generalized eigenspace** (of  $\lambda$ ): The kernel of  $(A - \lambda I)^{d_\lambda}$ . Denoted by  $\mathbf{K}_\lambda$ . Given by

$$K_\lambda = \ker(A - \lambda I)^{d_\lambda}$$

- $d_\lambda$ : The power of  $A - \lambda I$  for which the kernel stabilizes.
- The JNF computation can be really heavy; we'll only ever compute  $2 \times 2$  or  $3 \times 3$  versions.
- Example<sup>[1]</sup>:

- Consider

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 2 & 1 \\ -7 & 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Then

$$\chi_A(z) = z(z-1)^2$$

- (1) It follows that

$$\lambda_1 = 0$$

$$\lambda_2 = 1$$

- (2) We have that

$$\ker(A - 0I) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \quad \ker(A - 1I) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

■ We call the left vector above  $q_1$  and the right vector above  $q_2$ .

- Thus,

$$A \sim \left( \begin{array}{c|cc} 0 & & \\ \hline & 1 & x \\ \hline & & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

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<sup>1</sup>Largely ignore this misguided relic of class that day.

- We find that

$$(A - I)^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 10 & -5 & -3 \\ -20 & 10 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

so

$$\ker(A - I)^2 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

- Clearly,

$$\ker(A - I) \subsetneq \ker(A - I)^2$$

so we can stop here because the dimension of the kernel has reached the algebraic multiplicity.

- Since  $q_2 \in K_1$ ,  $q_3$  solves the equation  $(A - I)q_3 = q_2$ .
- We know that

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} e_1 = \lambda e_1 \qquad \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} e_2 = e_1 + \lambda e_2$$

- It follows that

$$q_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

and hence

$$Q = (q_1 \quad q_2 \quad q_3) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$Q^{-1}AQ = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Simple cases.

- The  $2 \times 2$  case.

- $A \in \mathcal{M}^2(\mathbb{C})$  can only have nontrivial Jordan form if it has a single eigenvalue  $\lambda$  with  $\alpha_\lambda = 2$  and  $\gamma_\lambda = 1$ . If both equal 2, then  $A = \lambda I_2$ . If it has two eigenvalues, then it is regularly diagonalizable.
- In this particular case, calculate  $\lambda$  from  $\chi_Z(z) = (z - \lambda)^2$ , find one eigenvector  $v$ , and find the other generalized eigenvector  $u$ ;  $u$  will satisfy  $(A - \lambda I)u = v$ . The connecting matrix will be  $Q = (v|u)^{[2]}$  and the JNF is

$$Q^{-1}AQ = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

- The  $3 \times 3$  case.

- We divide into three nontrivial cases:  $\chi_A(z) = (z - \lambda)^3$  with  $\gamma_\lambda = 2$ ,  $\chi_A(z) = (z - \lambda)^3$  with  $\gamma_\lambda = 1$ , and  $\chi_A(z) = (z - \lambda)^2(z - \mu)$  with  $\gamma_\lambda = 1$ .
- In the first case, we have two eigenvectors  $v_1, v_2$  (make sure to pick  $v_1$  such that it is also in the column space of  $A - \lambda I$ ). We can find the third (generalized) eigenvector by solving  $(A - \lambda I)u = v_1$ . Then  $Q = (v_1|u|v_2)$  and the JNF is

$$Q^{-1}AQ = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

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<sup>2</sup>Order matters! We need the eigenvector, specifically, to get scaled by  $\lambda$  only.

- In the second case, we have one eigenvector  $v$ . We can find the second and third generalized eigenvectors by solving  $(A - \lambda I)u_1 = v$  and  $(A - \lambda I)u_2 = u_1$ . Then  $Q = (v|u_1|u_2)$  and

$$Q^{-1}AQ = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

- In the third case, we have two eigenvectors  $v_\lambda, v_\mu$ . We can find the third (generalized) eigenvector by solving  $(A - \lambda I)u = v_\lambda$ . Then  $Q = (v_\lambda|u|v_\mu)$  and

$$Q^{-1}AQ = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mu \end{pmatrix}$$

### 3.3 Matrix Calculus

10/14:

- Today: Matrix calculus.
- We introduced the Jordan normal form because it is an easy form on which to do matrix calculus.
- **Matrix norm:** A function for  $n \times n$  complex matrices such that

1.  $\|A\| \geq 0$ ,  $\|A\| = 0$  iff  $A = 0$ .
2.  $\|A + B\| \leq \|A\| + \|B\|$ .
3.  $\|\lambda A\| = |\lambda| \|A\|$ .
4.  $\|AB\| \leq \|A\| \|B\|$ .

Denoted by  $\|\cdot\|$ .

- The first three axioms above are the normal norm axioms; the last one is unique to matrix norms.

- **Operator norm:** The norm defined by

$$\|Ax\| = \sup_{|x|=1} |Ax|$$

- **??:** The norm defined by

$$\|A\| = \sum_{i,j=1}^n |a_{i,j}|$$

- Theorem: Any two matrix norms are equivalent.
- **Convergent** (sequence of matrices): A sequence of matrices  $A_n$  for which there exists  $A$  such that  $\|A_n - A\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Denoted by  $A_n \rightarrow A$ .

- Note that  $\|A_n - A\| \rightarrow 0$  iff the entries of  $A_n$  converge to the entries of  $A$ .

- Suppose  $A(t) = (a_{ij}(t))_{i,j=1}^n$  is a matrix function. Then

$$A'(t) = (a'_{ij}(t))_{i,j=1}^n \qquad \int_{t_0}^t A(t) dt = \left( \int_{t_0}^t a_{ij}(\tau) d\tau \right)_{i,j=1}^n$$

- The product rule holds:

$$\frac{d}{dt}[A(t)B(t)] = A'(t)B(t) + A(t)B'(t)$$



- However, matrix multiplication is not commutative. This can get us into trouble in the following situation: We might think that

$$\frac{d}{dt}[A(t)^2] = 2A'(t)A(t)$$

but, in fact,

$$\frac{d}{dt}[A(t)^2] = A'(t)A(t) + A(t)A'(t)$$

- For example, let

$$A(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ t & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Then

$$A'(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- It follows that

$$\frac{d}{dt}[A'(t)^2] = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{A'(t)A(t)} + \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{A(t)A'(t)}$$

- Notice that  $A'(t)A(t) \neq A(t)A'(t)$ .

- Suppose we have a matrix  $A$  and we want to compute  $A^{100}$ .
- If  $A$  is diagonalizable, then  $A^n = Q\Lambda^n Q^{-1}$ .
- What if  $A$  is not diagonalizable?
  - Then we convert to  $A$  to Jordan normal form  $A = QBQ^{-1}$ . Thus, we just need to compute the powers of the Jordan blocks.
  - Suppose

$$J_d(\lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 & & 0 \\ & \lambda & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ 0 & & & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

■ In a given Jordan block, all entries above the diagonal are 1.

- Decompose

$$J_d(\lambda) = \lambda I_d + N_d$$

- Note that  $N_d$  is nilpotent — every successive power to which you raise it shifts the 1s up one row until it becomes the zero matrix.
- In computing  $[J_d(\lambda)]^m$ , invoke the binomial expansion. When  $m < d$  invoke the full expansion. When  $m \geq d$ , neglect all zero terms (terms with  $N_d^i$  for  $i \geq m$ ):

$$[J_d(\lambda)]^m = \binom{m}{0} \lambda^m I_d + \binom{m}{1} \lambda^{m-1} N_d + \cdots + \binom{m}{d-1} \lambda^{m-d+1} N_d^{d-1}$$

- Example: When  $d = 3$ , then

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ & \lambda & 1 \\ & & \lambda \end{pmatrix}^m = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^m & m\lambda^{m-1} & m(m-1)\lambda^{m-2} \\ & \lambda^m & m\lambda^{m-1} \\ & & \lambda^m \end{pmatrix}$$

- We will only compute JNF for  $2 \times 2$  and  $3 \times 3$ ; Shao reviews these cases from last class.

- We now have a formula to compute the powers of matrices with ease, so we can move onto more complicated functions of matrices now.
- Consider the power series

$$f(z) = c_0 + c_1 z + c_2 z^2 + \dots$$

– The  $c_i$  are complex coefficients.

- **Analytic** (function): A function whose Taylor series (locally) converges and converges to the function in question.
- We can consider an analytic function of matrices:

$$f(A) = c_0 I + c_1 A + c_2 A^2 + \dots$$

- **Radius of convergence:** The number  $R$  such that the series converges absolutely for  $\|A\| < R$ .
  - We do not talk about the radius of convergence any more in this course.
- **von Neumann series:** The series  $I + A + A^2 + \dots$  converging to  $(I_n - A)^{-1}$  for any  $\|A\| < 1$ .
  - Example: We can check that the von Neumann series for  $N_d$  converges.
- Suppose  $A = QBQ^{-1}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} f(A) &= f(QBQ^{-1}) \\ &= c_0 I + c_1 (QBQ^{-1}) + c_2 (QBQ^{-1})^2 + \dots \\ &= Q(c_0 I + c_1 B + c_2 B^2 + \dots)Q^{-1} \\ &= Qf(B)Q^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

– Going even further,

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} B_1 & 0 \\ 0 & B_2 \end{pmatrix} \implies f(B) = \begin{pmatrix} f(B_1) & 0 \\ 0 & f(B_2) \end{pmatrix}$$

– In particular, if  $A$  is diagonalizable, then

$$f(A) = Q \begin{pmatrix} f(\lambda_1) & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & f(\lambda_n) \end{pmatrix} Q^{-1}$$

- Suppose  $A$  is not diagonalizable, and  $f$  is some analytic function.
  - Then in the vicinity of  $a$ ,  $f$  can be approximated by the Taylor series

$$f(z) = f(a) + f'(a)(z - a) + \frac{1}{2!}f^{(2)}(a)(z - a)^2 + \dots$$

– Similarly, we can approximate  $f[J_d(\lambda)]$  in the vicinity of  $\lambda I_d$  with the Taylor series

$$\begin{aligned} f[J_d(\lambda)] &= f(\lambda I_d + N_d) \\ &= f(\lambda I_d) + f'(\lambda I_d)[(\lambda I_d + N_d) - \lambda I_d] + \frac{1}{2!}f^{(2)}(\lambda I_d)[(\lambda I_d + N_d) - \lambda I_d]^2 + \dots \\ &= f(\lambda)I_d + f'(\lambda)N_d + \frac{1}{2!}f^{(2)}(\lambda)N_d^2 + \dots \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} f(\lambda) & f'(\lambda) & \dots & \frac{f^{(d-1)}(\lambda)}{(d-1)!} \\ & f(\lambda) & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & \ddots & f'(\lambda) \\ & & & f(\lambda) \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

- **Matrix exponential** (of  $A$ ): The matrix with identical dimensions to  $A$  defined by the following power series. Denoted by  $e^A$ . Given by

$$e^A = I_n + A + \frac{1}{2!}A^2 + \dots$$

- This power series is convergent for matrices with  $\|A\| < 1$  since  $\|A^m\| \leq \|A\|^m \rightarrow 0$ .
- Usual rules that you might expect the matrix exponential to obey based on the notation are obeyed.

$$e^{(t+\tau)A} = e^{tA}e^{\tau A}$$

$$e^{A+B} = e^A e^B$$

- An explicit formula for the  $e^{tA}$ .
  - We know that  $tA = tQBQ^{-1}$ , where we may take  $B$  be in JNF.
  - Consider  $e^{tJ_3(\lambda)}$ , for example.
  - Then from the above, we have that

$$e^{tJ_3(\lambda)} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{t\lambda} & te^{t\lambda} & \frac{t^2}{2}e^{t\lambda} \\ & e^{t\lambda} & te^{t\lambda} \\ & & e^{t\lambda} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Thus,

$$e^{tA} = Qe^{tB}Q^{-1}$$

- Next time: First order linear systems with constant coefficients; will make use of  $e^{tA}$ .
- Next Wednesday: Review; next Friday: Midterm.

## Week 4

# Linear Systems

### 4.1 Autonomous Linear Systems

10/17: • Today: General theory for autonomous linear systems.

• Review session Wednesday (no new material).

• First midterm Friday.

– Test problems will be slight variations of homework problems or examples given in class.

• **Linear autonomous system:** A system of  $n$  linear equations written in the following form. Denoted by  $\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y}$ . Given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} y^1 \\ \vdots \\ y^n \end{pmatrix}' = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y^1 \\ \vdots \\ y^n \end{pmatrix} \quad y(0) = 0$$

– Note that the  $a_{ij}$ 's are complex or real.

• The explicit solution is given by  $y(t) = e^{tA}y_0$ .

– Recall that  $d/dt (e^{tA}) = Ae^{tA}$ , as we can show via the power series expansion.

• **Picard iteration:** We take

$$\begin{aligned} y'(t) &= Ay(t) \\ \int_0^t y'(\tau) d\tau &= \int_0^t Ay(\tau) d\tau \\ y(t) &= y_0 + \int_0^t Ay(\tau_1) d\tau_1 \\ &= y_0 + \int_0^t A \left[ y_0 + \int_0^{\tau_1} Ay(\tau_2) d\tau_2 \right] d\tau_1 \\ &= y_0 + tAy_0 + \int_0^t \int_0^{\tau_1} A^2 y(\tau_2) d\tau_2 d\tau_1 \\ &= y_0 + tAy_0 + \int_0^t \int_0^{\tau_1} A^2 \left[ y_0 + \int_0^{\tau_2} Ay(\tau_3) d\tau_3 \right] d\tau_2 d\tau_1 \\ &= y_0 + tAy_0 + \frac{t^2 A^2}{2} + \int_0^t \int_0^{\tau_1} \int_0^{\tau_2} A^3 y(\tau_3) d\tau_3 d\tau_2 d\tau_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^m \frac{t^k A^k}{k!} y_0 + A^{m+1} \underbrace{\int_0^t \cdots \int_0^{\tau_m}}_{m+1} y(\tau_{m+1}) d\tau_{m+1} \cdots d\tau_1$$

- We get from the second to the third line by substituting  $y(t)$ , as defined into the second line, into where it appears in the integral.
- We want to show that the integral converges to zero.
  - The magnitude of the remainder is less than or equal to

$$\|A\|^{m+1} \left( \sup_{\tau \in [0, t]} |y(\tau)| \right) \frac{t^{m+1}}{(m+1)!}$$

- Justification of this term: Look at the rightmost term in the last line of the Picard iteration above. Imagine taking the norm of it. Splitting the “scalar” integral from the matrix allows us to take a matrix norm, and the property  $\|AB\| \leq \|A\| \|B\|$  tells us that  $\|A^{m+1}\| \leq \|A\|^{m+1}$ . Then with respect to the integral, if we evaluate it, we will get the next polynomial term in the sequence —  $t^{m+1}/(m+1)!$  — times at most the maximum value of  $y$  at every infinitesimal.
- We can visualize lower-dimensional integrals as the volume of the corresponding unit **simplex**.
  - For example, in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ,

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^{\tau_1} 1 d\tau_2 d\tau_1$$

can be visualized as the area of the unit triangle. This rationalizes why it evaluates to  $1/2$ , the area of said triangle.

- In  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^{\tau_1} \int_0^{\tau_2} 1 d\tau_3 d\tau_2 d\tau_1$$

can be visualized as the area of the unit simplex. This rationalizes why it evaluates to  $1/3! = 1/6$ , the volume of said simplex.

- Since  $(m+1)! \rightarrow \infty$  faster than any other term, the whole thing goes to zero.
- Thus, since the remainder goes to zero as we add more terms, we eventually reach the limit

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^k}{k!} A^k y_0 \\ &= e^{tA} y_0 \end{aligned}$$

- **Simplex:** A higher-dimensional generalization of a triangle.
- We now consider the following inhomogeneous equation. An appropriate integrating factor still helps.

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= Ay + f(t) \\ y' - Ay &= f(t) \\ e^{-tA} y' - A e^{-tA} y &= e^{-tA} f(t) \\ \frac{d}{dt} (e^{-tA} y(t)) &= e^{-tA} f(t) \\ e^{-tA} y(t) - y_0 &= \int_0^t e^{-\tau A} f(\tau) d\tau \\ y(t) &= e^{tA} y_0 + \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)A} f(\tau) d\tau \end{aligned}$$

- We also call this the Duhamel formula.

- Note that if your time scale starts from  $t_0$ , then

$$y(t) = e^{(t-t_0)A}y(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t e^{(t-\tau)A}f(\tau)d\tau$$

- The utility of JNF: If we want to understand  $e^{tA}y_0$ , we convert  $A = QBQ^{-1}$ , allowing us to evaluate  $e^{tA}$ .
  - Shao reviews some facts of JNF from previous lectures.
- From last lecture, we have that

$$e^{tA}y_0 = Qe^{tB}Q^{-1}y_0$$

- Example: Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 2 & 1 \\ -7 & 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- This is the same matrix from a previous lecture. As before, we have that

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Recall that the left two vectors are normal eigenvectors (the leftmost one corresponds to  $\lambda_1 = 0$  and the middle one corresponds to  $\lambda_2 = 1$ ) and the rightmost one is a generalized eigenvector.
- We can compute that

$$e^{tB} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{0t} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{1t} & 1te^{1t} \\ 0 & 0 & e^{1t} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^t & te^t \\ 0 & 0 & e^t \end{pmatrix}$$

- It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} e^{tA}y_0 &= Q \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^t & te^t \\ 0 & 0 & e^t \end{pmatrix} Q^{-1}y_0 \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -3te^t + e^t & 2te^t & te^t \\ 3te^t - 10e^t + 10 & -2te^t + 6e^t - 5 & -te^t + 3e^t - 3 \\ -15te^t + 20e^t - 20 & 10te^t - 10e^t + 10 & 5te^t - 5e^t + 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_0^1 \\ y_0^2 \\ y_0^3 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

- **Stable** (eigenvalue): An eigenvalue  $\lambda_j = \sigma_j + i\beta_j$  for which  $\sigma_j < 0$ .
- **Unstable** (eigenvalue): An eigenvalue  $\lambda_j = \sigma_j + i\beta_j$  for which  $\sigma_j > 0$ .
- **Stable** (subspace of the system): A generalized eigenspace corresponding a stable eigenvalue.
- **Unstable** (subspace of the system): A generalized eigenspace corresponding an unstable eigenvalue.
  - If  $\lambda_j$  is unstable, then the corresponding entries in  $e^{tB_j}$  are exponentially growing functions.
  - If  $\lambda_j$  is stable, then the corresponding entries in  $e^{tB_j}$  are exponentially decreasing functions.
  - If  $\sigma_j = 0$ , then the “stability” depends on the geometric multiplicity??
  - Along the stable subspaces, your points will be attracted to zero.
  - Along the unstable subspaces, your points will be repelled from zero.
  - If  $\sigma_h = 0$ , then we have rotation around a point, oscillation about zero, or oscillation whose magnitude grows to infinity. We do not talk about its stability.

- We do not include the eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda_1 = 0$  in the above basis of the stable subspace because the solution oscillates about  $y_1$ ??
- The stable subspace of our example is

$$\text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

- Recall that  $B_j$  acts on  $K_j$ .
  - ... in picture??
  - Recall that  $\mathbb{C}^n = K_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus K_m$ .
  - $P_j$  is not an *orthogonal* projection, but it is a projection of  $y_0$  onto  $K_j$ . It's also a polynomial??
- Consider the order  $n$  linear differential equation

$$x^{(n)} + a_{n-1}x^{(n-1)} + \cdots + a_1x' + a_0x = 0$$

- Then we can make a system out of it:

$$\begin{pmatrix} y^1 \\ \vdots \\ y^n \end{pmatrix}' = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & 0 & 1 \\ -a_0 & -a_1 & \cdots & -a_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}}_{F[p]} \begin{pmatrix} y^1 \\ \vdots \\ y^n \end{pmatrix}$$

- Recall how to do the transformation from Lecture 1.
- $F[p]$  is the **Frobenius matrix**.
- The transpose of this matrix is a very special matrix called the **companion matrix**  $C[p] = F[p]^T$ .
- Claim: Let  $p(z) = z^n + a_{n-1}z^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1z + a_0$ . Then  $\chi_{C[p]} = \chi_{F[p]} = p(z)$ .
- Proof.* Do the Laplace expansion with respect to the last column of  $A - zI$  (companion) or last row (Frobenius). □
- Roots of  $p(z)$  are the eigenvalues of  $F[p]$  and  $C[p]$ .
- Claim:  $C[p]$  has **minimal polynomial**  $p(z)$ .

*Proof.* We have that  $C[p]e_i = e_{i+1}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n-1$  and

$$C[p]e_n = -a_0e_1 - \cdots - a_{n-1}e_n$$

which implies that if  $r(z)/\deg r < n$  nullifies  $C[p]$ , then necessarily  $r(z) = p(z)$  since  $(z - \lambda_j)^{<\alpha_j}$ ?? □

- Claim:  $C[p], F[p]$  have the same Jordan normal form.

■ More generally, transpose matrices are similar so they have the same JNF.

- **Monic polynomial:** A polynomial whose highest-degree coefficient equals 1.
- **Minimal polynomial** (of  $A$ ): The unique monic polynomial  $p$  of smallest degree such that  $p(A) = 0$ .
- Theorem: In the Jordan normal form  $F[p]$ , each  $\lambda_j$  corresponds to only one Jordan block.

– Thus,

$$F[p] \sim \begin{pmatrix} J_{\alpha_1}(\lambda_1) & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & J_{\alpha_m}(\lambda_m) \end{pmatrix}$$

The implication is that

$$J_d(\lambda) \neq \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & & \\ & \lambda & 1 \\ & & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

ever??

- Corollary: The solution  $y(t)$  is of the form

$$(\dots) + a_1 e^{t\lambda_j} + \dots + c_{\alpha_j-1} t^{\alpha_j-1} e^{t\lambda_j} + \dots$$

- Example: Solving a second-order ODE.

$$x'' + ax' + bx = 0 \iff \begin{pmatrix} y^1 \\ y^2 \end{pmatrix}' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -b & -a \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y^1 \\ y^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- The characteristic polynomial of the equation (and this matrix) is  $z^2 + az + b = 0$ .
- If  $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$ , then  $x(t) = Ae^{t\lambda_1} + Be^{t\lambda_2}$ . If  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda$ , then  $x(t) = Ae^{t\lambda} + Bte^{t\lambda}$ .

## 4.2 Midterm 1 Review

10/19:

- Notes on Friday's exam.
  - Three problems. All will be calculations for specific equations. They will all be standard examples that appeared in the lectures or homeworks.
  - The materials that you can bring to the exam are the notes on JNF (printed). You will be dealing with the JNF of  $2 \times 2$  or  $3 \times 3$  matrices.
- Review session today, no new content.
- Remind Zhao to post teaching notes from more recent weeks.
- **Ordinary differential equation:** An equation that involves an unknown function together with its derivatives. *Given by*

$$F(t, y, y', y'', \dots, y^{(n)}) = 0$$
- **Order** (of an ODE): The highest order derivative present in the ODE.
- Two types of ODE problems: IVPs and BVPs.
  - IVPs arise in dynamical systems.
  - BVPs arise in variational problems in physics.
- We are primarily interested in ODEs which can be explicitly solved for  $y \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  (resp.  $C^1(\mathbb{C}^n)$ ).
- Two types of equations:
  - A higher-order scalar equation.
  - The more general form of vector-valued systems of the form  $y' = f(t, y)$ .
- In order to determine  $y$ , the initial value  $y(t_0) = y_0$  is needed.
  - If a vector-valued system, you need  $y_0^1, \dots, y_0^n$  (all components).



- If a scalar system, you need  $y(t_0), y'(t_0), \dots, y^{(n-1)}(t_0)$ .
- The idea of well-posedness is not yet well-defined in the course; we will cover it after the midterm.
- **Well-posed (IVP)**: For every initial value, there is only one unique solution, and for a small change in the initial value, there is only a small change in the solution (continuous dependence on initial values).
- The theorem that we've been relying on but haven't proven yet: **Cauchy-Lipschitz / Picard-Lindelöf theorem**.
- **Cauchy-Lipschitz theorem**: If  $f(t, y)$  is Lipschitz continuous with respect to  $y$ , then the IVP is locally well-posed. *Also known as Picard-Lindelöf theorem*.
  - The term **locally well-posed** has not been rigorously defined either.
- Given any ODE, it is usually very easy to verify the Lipschitz condition for the RHS.
- Example of an IVP that is not locally well-posed.
  - $y = \sqrt{y}, y(0) = 0$ .
  - Note that if we start at any  $t_0 > 0$ , then this IVP *is* locally well-posed.
- No Cauchy-Lipschitz in the first midterm; just calculations. We will need the precise statement in the second midterm, though.
- We are not going to talk about solutions that require power series because that inevitably involves complex analysis.
- Explicitly solvable equations: Equations of separable form, i.e., the IVP  $y'(t) = f(y)g(t), y(t_0) = y_0$ .
- From C-L theorem: If  $f(y)$  is continuously differentiable in some neighborhood of  $y_0$ , then the solution is unique.
- If  $f(y_0) = 0$ , then  $y(t) = y_0$ .
  - Because then  $y'(t) = f(y_0)g(t) = 0$ , so  $y$  is a constant function.
- If  $f(y) \neq 0$  in some neighborhood of  $y_0$ , then the solution should satisfy the implicit equation

$$\int_{y_0}^y \frac{dw}{f(w)} = \int_{t_0}^t g(\tau) d\tau$$

- We use the chain rule to make separation of variables rigorous: We can differentiate the LHS above wrt.  $t$  and get  $y'(t)/f(y(t))$ .
- Relating the  $f(y_0) = 0$  and  $f(y) \neq 0$  cases and not making them overlap: We start integrating from the nonzero value.
- Examples:  $y'(t) = p(t)y(t)$  is homogeneous linear. It follows that

$$y(t) = \exp \left[ \int_{t_0}^t p(\tau) d\tau \right] y_0$$

- If  $p(t) = r \neq 0$ , then the solution is exponential growth or decay:

$$y(t) = y_0 e^{r(t-t_0)}$$

- Logistic growth:

$$y'(t) = ry \left( 1 - \frac{y}{M} \right) \iff y(t) = \frac{My_0 e^{rt}}{M + y_0(e^{rt} - 1)}$$

– Zhao gives the related implicit integral equation and logarithmic equation as well.

- There exist equations which cannot be solved by separation of variables. One case is equations of the form

$$g(x, y) \frac{dy}{dx} + f(x, y) = 0$$

where  $\partial_x g(x, y) = \partial_y f(x, y)$ .

- In this case, there exists  $F(x, y)$  such that  $\partial_x F = f$ ,  $\partial_y F = g$ , and  $F(x, y) = C$  is the relation satisfied by the solution.
- These are **exact form** equations.
- Not all equations satisfy this relation. However, it is often possible (though potentially quite hard) to find an **integrating factor** by which you can multiply your equation to put it in exact form.
- Special case where it is easy to find the integrating factor: Consider the inhomogeneous linear equation  $y'(t) = p(t)y(t) + f(t)$ . Then the integrating factor is

$$\mu = \exp \left[ - \int_{t_0}^t p(\tau) d\tau \right]$$

- Multiplying through, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \exp \left[ - \int_{t_0}^t p(\tau) d\tau \right] f(t) &= \exp \left[ - \int_{t_0}^t p(\tau) d\tau \right] y'(t) - \exp \left[ - \int_{t_0}^t p(\tau) d\tau \right] p(t)y(t) \\ &= \frac{d}{dt} \left\{ \exp \left[ - \int_{t_0}^t p(\tau) d\tau \right] y(t) \right\} \\ y(t) &= \exp \left[ \int_{t_0}^t p(\tau) d\tau \right] y_0 + \exp \left[ \int_{t_0}^t p(\tau) d\tau \right] \cdot \int_{t_0}^t \exp \left[ - \int_{t_0}^{\tau} p(\tau') d\tau' \right] f(t) d\tau \end{aligned}$$

- The above formula is complicated, though, so it is probably better to remember the method than to memorize the above.
- When  $p(t) = a$  for all  $t$ ,  $y'(t) = ay + f(t)$ . The solution is given by the **Duhamel formula**.
- **Duhamel formula:** The following equation, which solves ODEs of the form  $y'(t) = ay + f(t)$ . *Given by*

$$y(t) = e^{a(t-t_0)} y_0 + \int_{t_0}^t e^{a(t-\tau)} f(\tau) d\tau$$

- We should understand the derivation, but we can apply the Duhamel formula on PSets and exams without further justification.
- Other things (??) are related to this form by some smart transformation.
- Final example of explicitly solvable ODEs: Linear autonomous systems.
- **Linear autonomous system:** A system of equations of the form  $y' = Ay$  where  $A$  is a constant  $n \times n$  matrix and  $y$  takes its value in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (resp.  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ).

- The homogeneous solution is

$$y(t) = e^{tA} y_0$$

where  $e^{tA} = 1 + \frac{tA}{1!} + \frac{t^2 A^2}{2!} + \dots$ .

- In the inhomogeneous case  $y' = Ay + f(t)$ , our solution is

$$y(t) = e^{tA} y_0 + \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)A} f(\tau) d\tau$$

- We don't want to compute  $e^{tA}$  using an infinite power series. Thus, we introduce similarity.
- Let  $Q$  be the connecting matrix from the standard basis to the new basis. Then the matrix of  $Q$  is the set of new basis vectors  $q_1, q_2, q_3$ , i.e.,  $Q = (q_1 \ q_2 \ q_3)$ . Then  $B = Q^{-1}AQ$  or  $A = QBQ^{-1}$ .
- We want  $B$  to be in the most convenient basis possible. Thus, we take the basis to be the Jordan basis.
- We fortunately have  $e^{tA} = Qe^{tB}Q^{-1}$ .
- Consider  $\chi_A(z) = \det(zI_n - A)$  where  $n = 2, 3$ . If  $\chi_A$  has distinct roots, then the eigenvalues of  $A$  are distinct. At this point, we can find an eigenvector corresponding to each eigenvalue and diagonalize our matrix.
- Alternatively, if  $\chi_A$  has multiple roots...
  - $2 \times 2$  case,  $A$  is not diagonal. Then there is only one eigenvector  $v_\lambda$ . In this case, solve  $(A - \lambda I)u = v_\lambda$ . Here, we say that the algebraic multiplicity is 2 and the geometric multiplicity is 1. Then

$$Q = (v_\lambda \ u) \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} \quad e^{tA} = Q \begin{pmatrix} e^{t\lambda} & te^{t\lambda} \\ 0 & e^{t\lambda} \end{pmatrix} Q^{-1}$$

- $3 \times 3$  case: If we have  $\lambda$  of  $\alpha_\lambda = 2$  and  $\mu$  of  $\alpha_\mu = 1$ , or if we have  $\lambda$  with  $\alpha_\lambda = 3$ . First case: Check geometric multiplicity of  $\lambda$ , i.e., how many linearly independent  $v$  give  $(A - \lambda I)v = 0$ . If there is one, solve  $(A - \lambda I)u = v_\lambda$ . If there are more than one,  $A$  is diagonalizable. Second case: Check geometric multiplicity of  $\lambda$ . Divide into two subcases. If  $\gamma_\lambda = 1$ , then we need to solve  $(A - \lambda I)u_1 = v_\lambda$  and  $(A - \lambda I)u_2 = u_1$ , and we get

$$Q = (v_\lambda \ u_1 \ u_2) \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

If  $\gamma_\lambda = 2$ , then cleverly choose  $v_1$  such that  $v_1$  is in the column space of  $A - \lambda I$ . This will allow us to solve  $(A - \lambda I)u = v_1$ . Then

$$Q = (v_1 \ u \ v_2) \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

- For our linear autonomous system  $y' = Ay$ ,  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ . Write  $\lambda = \sigma + i\beta$ . If  $\lambda > 0$ , then  $\lambda$  is **unstable** and the corresponding generalized eigenspace is said to be an **unstable eigenspace**.
- For example, if the JNF is

$$A = \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & \\ \hline & 1 & \\ \hline & & -2 \end{array} \right)$$

then the eigenspace corresponding to the upper block is said to be unstable, and the other one is said to be stable.

- Consider the vector  $e^{tA}v$ . The entries consist of linear combinations of functions of the form  $t^k e^{t\lambda}$ . If the real part is greater than zero, the solution grows exponentially fast in the  $t$  direction (notice how  $t \rightarrow \infty$  implies  $t^k e^{t\lambda} \rightarrow \infty$ ). Otherwise, the solution decays exponentially fast (notice how  $t \rightarrow \infty$  implies  $t^k e^{t\lambda} \rightarrow 0$ ).