

1 Separation of Variables

$y' = 3y^2(1+y) \rightarrow \frac{dy}{y^2} = 3y^2(1+y)$

$$\frac{dy}{y^2} = 3y^2 \rightarrow \int \frac{dy}{y^2} = \int 3y^2$$

$$\ln|1+y| = t^3 + c \rightarrow |1+y| = e^{t^3+c}$$

$$y = ce^{t^3} - 1, k \neq 0$$

2 Approximation Methods

2.1 Euler's Method (Tangent Line Method) - 1768

With a given function $y' = f(t, y)$ and a given set point p_0 we can approximate the line point by point.

For the initial value problem $y' = f(t, y), y(t_0) = y_0$

Use the formulas $\begin{cases} t_{n+1} = t_n + h \\ y_{n+1} = y_n + hf(t_n, y_n) \end{cases}$ (1)

2.1.1 Example

Obtain Euler approximation on $[0, 0.4]$ with step size $h = 0.1$

$$y' = -2ty + 1 \text{ and } y(0) = 0$$

$$h = 0.1, \begin{cases} t_0 = 0 \\ y_0 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} t_1 = t_0 + h = 0.1 \\ y_1 = y_0 + hf(t_0, y_0) = -1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} t_2 = t_1 + h = 0.2 \\ y_2 = y_1 + hf(t_1, y_1) = -0.97 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} t_3 = t_2 + h = 0.3 \\ y_3 = y_2 + hf(t_2, y_2) = -0.9112 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} t_4 = t_3 + h = 0.4 \\ y_4 = y_3 + hf(t_3, y_3) = -0.826528 \end{cases}$$

2.2 Runge-Kutta Method of Approximation

If we have an IVP, we can calculate the next values with a process similar to (??)

$$\begin{cases} t_{n+1} = t_n + h \\ y_{n+1} = y_n + hk_{n2} \end{cases}$$

Where

$$k_{n2} = f\left(t_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{h}{2}k_{n1}\right)$$

For more precision, use the fourth order Runge-Kutta method. It is the most commonly used method both because of its speed as well as its relative precision.

$$\begin{cases} t_{n+1} = t_n + h \\ y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{h}{4}(k_{n1} + 2k_{n2} + 2k_{n3} + k_{n4}) \end{cases}$$

Where

$$k_{n1} = f(t_n, y_n)$$

$$k_{n2} = f\left(t_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{h}{2}k_{n1}\right)$$

$$k_{n3} = f\left(t_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{h}{2}k_{n2}\right)$$

$$k_{n4} = f(t_n + h, y_n + hk_{n3})$$

3 Picard's Theorem

Theorem 1 (Picard's), Suppose the function $f(t, y)$ is continuous on the region $R = \{(t, y) | a < t < b, c < y < d\}$ and $(t_0, y_0) \in R$. Then there exists a positive number h such that the IVP has a solution for t in the interval $(t_0 - h, t_0 + h)$. Furthermore, if $f_y(t, y)$ is also continuous on R , then that solution is unique.

4 Linearity and Nonlinearity

An equation $F(x, y, z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n) = c$ is linear if it is in the form $a_1z_1 + a_2z_2 + \dots + a_nz_n = c$ where a_i are constants. Furthermore, if $c = 0$, the equation is said to be homogeneous.

5 Matrices

5.1 Definitions

1. Nullifies and Equilibria

- Where $x' = 0$, slopes are vertical.
- Where $y' = 0$, slopes are horizontal.
- Where $y' = x'$, we have equilibria.

2. Left-Right Directions

- Where x' is positive, arrows point right.
- Where x' is negative, arrows point left.

3. Up-Down Directions

- Where y' is positive, arrows point up.
- Where y' is negative, arrows point down.

4. Check Uniqueness

Where phase plane trajectories do not cross, we have uniqueness.

7.3 Quick Sketching Outline for Phase Portraits

- Nullifies and Equilibria
- Left-Right Directions
- Up-Down Directions
- Check Uniqueness

7.4 Applications of Systems of Differential Equations

7.4.1 Predator-Prey Assumptions

In the absence of foxes, the rabbit population will grow with the Malthusian Growth Law: $\frac{dx}{dt} = a_0R, a_0 > 0$. In the absence of rabbits, the fox population will die off according to the law: $\frac{dy}{dt} = -a_1F, a_1 > 0$. When both foxes and rabbits are present, the number of interactions is α , the product of the population sizes, with inverse behavior. Thus we can get the Lotka-Volterra Equations for the predator prey model:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = a_0R - c_1RF \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = -a_1F + c_2RF \end{cases}$$

7.4.2 Matrix Form

$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}' = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 & -c_1 \\ -a_1 & c_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$ (10)

Each new element in the matrix is a result of the dot product between the corresponding row and column matrices.

9.2 Definitions

Every element of a $n \times n$ matrix has an associated minor and cofactor.

- Minor $\rightarrow A(n-1) \times (n-1)$ matrix obtained by deleting the i th row and j th column of A .
- Cofactor \rightarrow The scalar $C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j}|M_{ij}|$

9.3 Recursive Method of an $n \times n$ matrix A

We can now determine a recursive method for any $n \times n$ matrix.

Using the definitions declared above, we use the recursive method that follows.

$$|A| = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}C_{ij}$$
 (17)

Find j and then finish with the rules for the 2×2 matrix defined above in (??).

9.4 Row Operations and Determinants

Let A be square.

- If two rows of A are exchanged to get B , then $|B| = -|A|$.
- If one row of A is multiplied by a constant c , then add to another row to get B , then $|A| = |B|$.
- If one row of A is multiplied by a constant c , then $|B| = c|A|$.
- If $|A| = 0$, A is called singular.

9.6 Cramer's Rule

For the $n \times n$ matrix A with $|A| \neq 0$, denote by A_i the matrix obtained from A by replacing its i th column with the column vector b . Then the i th component of the solution of the system is given by:

$$x_i = \frac{|A_i|}{|A|}$$

10 Vector Spaces and Subspaces

A vector space V is a non-empty collection of elements that we call vectors, for which we can define the operation of vector addition and scalar multiplication:

- Addition: $\vec{x} + \vec{y}$
- Scalars: $c\vec{x}$ where c is a constant.

that satisfy the following properties:

"A triangle matrix is one where either the lower or upper half is zero, e.g.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

4.2 Steps for Solving Nonhomogeneous Linear Equations

- Find all \vec{u}_k of $L(\vec{u}) = 0$.
- Find any \vec{u}_p of $L(\vec{u}) = f$.
- Add them, $\vec{u} = \vec{u}_k + \vec{u}_p$ to get all solutions of $L(\vec{u}) = f$.

5 Solving 1st Order Linear Differential Equations

5.1 Euler-Lagrange 2-Stage Method

To solve a linear differential equation in the form $y' + p(t)y = f(t)$ using this method:

- Solve $y' + p(t)y = 0$ by separation of variables to get $y_h = ce^{-\int p(t)dt}$
- Solve $y'(t) + p(t)y(t) = f(t)$ for $v(t)$ to get the particular solution $y_p = v(t)e^{-\int p(t)dt}$
- Combine to get
$$y(t) = y_h + y_p = ce^{-\int p(t)dt} + e^{-\int p(t)dt} \int f(t)e^{\int p(t)dt} dt$$
 (4)

4.1 Properties

A solution of the algebraic is any \vec{x} that satisfies the definition of linear algebraic equations, while a solution of the differential is for any \vec{y} that satisfies the definition of linear differential equations.

For homogeneous linear equations:

- A constant multiple of a solution is also a solution.
- The sum of two solutions is also a solution.

Linear Operator Properties:

- $L(k\vec{u}) = kL(\vec{u}), k \in \mathbb{R}$.
- $L(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = L(\vec{u}) + L(\vec{v})$.

4.1.1 Superposition Principle

$L(\vec{u}_1)$ and $L(\vec{u}_2)$ be any solutions of the homogeneous linear equation $L(\vec{u}) = 0$. Their sum \vec{u} is also a solution. A constant multiple is a solution for any constant k .

4.1.2 Nonhomogeneous Principle

Let \vec{u}_1 be any solution to a linear nonhomogeneous equation $L(\vec{u}) = c$ (algebraic) or $L(\vec{u}) = f(t)$ (differential), then if \vec{u}_k or \vec{u}_p is also a solution, where if c is a solution to the associated homogeneous equation $L(\vec{u}) = 0$.

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4.4 Integrating Factor Method

- Find the integrating factor $\mu(t) = e^{\int p(t)dt}$ (Note, $\int p(t)dt$ can be any antiderivative. In other words, don't bother with the addition of a constant.)
- Multiply each side by the integrating factor to get $\mu(t)(y' + p(t)y) = \mu(t)f(t)$ Which will always reduce to $\frac{d}{dt}(e^{\int p(t)dt}y) = f(t)e^{\int p(t)dt}$
- Take the antiderivative of both sides $e^{\int p(t)dt}y(t) = \int f(t)e^{\int p(t)dt} dt + c$
- Solve for y
$$y(t) = e^{-\int p(t)dt} \left(\int f(t)e^{\int p(t)dt} dt + ce^{-\int p(t)dt} \right)$$
 (5)

4.5 Matrix Transposition

We can flip a matrix diagonally so that its columns become rows and its rows become columns. We call this the transpose of the matrix, written A^T .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & \dots & A_{1n} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & \dots & A_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{m1} & A_{m2} & \dots & A_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} & \dots & B_{1p} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} & \dots & B_{2p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ B_{m1} & B_{m2} & \dots & B_{mp} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11}B_{11} & A_{11}B_{12} & \dots & A_{11}B_{1p} \\ A_{21}B_{11} & A_{21}B_{12} & \dots & A_{21}B_{1p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{m1}B_{11} & A_{m1}B_{12} & \dots & A_{m1}B_{1p} \end{bmatrix}$$

4.6 Elementary Row Operations

- Interchange row i and j $R_i \leftrightarrow R_j, R_i^* = R_j$
- Multiply row i by a constant. $R_i^* = cR_i$
- Leaving i untouched, add to i a constant times j . $R_i^* = R_i + cR_j$

These are handy when dealing with matrices and trying to obtain Reduced Row Echelon Form (??).

4.7 Reduced Row Echelon Form

$|A| = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & b_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & b_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b_4 \end{bmatrix}$ (15)

- 0 rows are at the bottom.
- Leftmost non-zero entry is 1, also called the pivot (or leading 1).
- Each pivot is further to the right than the one above.
- Each pivot is the only non-zero entry in its column.

A less complete process gives us row echelon form, all \vec{u} for nonzero entries are allowed above the pivot.

4.8 Gauss Jordan Reduction

- Form a system $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$
- Form augmented matrix $[A|\vec{b}]$
- Transform to RREF (??) using elementary row operations.
- The linear matrix formed by this process has the same solutions as the initial system, however it is much easier to solve.

9 Matrices and Systems of Linear Equations

9.1 Augmented Matrix

An augmented matrix is where two different matrices are combined to form a new matrix.

$$|A|\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & \dots & A_{1n} & b_1 \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & \dots & A_{2n} & b_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ A_{m1} & A_{m2} & \dots & A_{mn} & b_m \end{bmatrix}$$
 (14)

9.2.2 Prominent Vector Function Spaces

- $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow$ The space of all ordered pairs.
- $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow$ The space of all ordered triples.
- $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow$ The space of all ordered n -tuples.
- $\mathbb{P} \rightarrow$ The space of all polynomials.
- $\mathbb{P}_n \rightarrow$ The space of all polynomials with degree $\leq n$.
- $M_{mn} \rightarrow$ The space of all $m \times n$ matrices.
- $C(I) \rightarrow$ The space of all continuous functions on the interval I (open, closed, finite, and infinite).
- $C^n(I) \rightarrow$ Same as above, except with n continuous derivatives.
- $\mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow$ The space of all ordered n -tuples of complex numbers.

10.1 Properties

We have the properties from before, as well as new ones.

- $\vec{x} + \vec{y} \in V \leftarrow$ Addition
- $c\vec{x} \in V \leftarrow$ Scalar Multiplication
- $\vec{x} + \vec{0} = \vec{x} \leftarrow$ Zero Element
- $\vec{x} + (-\vec{x}) = (-\vec{x}) + \vec{x} = \vec{0} \leftarrow$ Additive Inverse
- $(\vec{x} + \vec{y}) + \vec{z} = \vec{x} + (\vec{y} + \vec{z}) \leftarrow$ Associative Property
- $\vec{x} + \vec{y} = \vec{y} + \vec{x} \leftarrow$ Commutativity
- $1 \cdot \vec{x} = \vec{x} \leftarrow$ Identity
- $c(\vec{x} + \vec{y}) = c\vec{x} + c\vec{y} \leftarrow$ Distributive Property
- $(c+d)\vec{x} = c\vec{x} + d\vec{x} \leftarrow$ Distributive Property
- $c(d\vec{x}) = (cd)\vec{x} \leftarrow$ Associativity

10.2 Vector Function Space

A vector function space is just a unique vector space where the elements of the space are functions.

Note, the solutions to linear and homogeneous differential equations form vector spaces.

10.3 Vector Subspaces

Theorem: A non-empty subset W of a vector space V is a subspace of V if it is closed under addition and scalar multiplication:

- If $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in W$, then $\vec{u} + \vec{v} \in W$.
- If $\vec{u} \in W$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}$, then $c\vec{u} \in W$.

We can rewrite this to be more efficient:

$$\text{If } \vec{u}, \vec{v} \in W \text{ and } a, b \in \mathbb{R}, \text{ then } a\vec{u} + b\vec{v} \in W. \quad (20)$$

Note, vector space does not imply subspace. All subspaces are vector spaces, but not all vector spaces are subspaces.

To determine if it is a subspace, we check for closure with the above theorem.

Note, the solutions to linear and homogeneous differential equations form vector spaces.

- The zero subspace $\{(0, 0)\}$.
- Lines passing through the origin.
- \mathbb{R}^2 itself.

10.2.1 Closure under Linear Combination

$c\vec{x} + d\vec{y} \in V$ whenever $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in V$ and $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ (19)

5.2.1 Example

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = y = t$$

$$\mu(t) = e^{-\int 1 dt} = e^{-t}$$

$$e^{-t}y' = \int te^{-t} dt \rightarrow e^{-t}(y-t+1) + c$$

$$y(t) = ce^t - t + 1$$

If $x(t)$ is the amount of dissolved substance, then $\frac{dx}{dt} = \text{Rate In} - \text{Rate Out}$ (8)

Where $\begin{cases} \text{Rate In} = \text{Concentration in} \cdot \text{Flow Rate In} \\ \text{Rate Out} = \text{Concentration in} \cdot \text{Flow Rate Out} \end{cases}$

We can also use these for cooling problems. Newton's law of cooling is as follows.

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = k(M - T)$$

Where $\begin{cases} T \rightarrow \text{Temperature of the Object} \\ M \rightarrow \text{Temperature of the Surroundings} \end{cases}$ (9)

6 Applications of 1st Order Linear Differential Equations

6.1 Growth and Decay

The function $\frac{dy}{dt} = ky$ can be called the growth or decay equation depending on the sign of k . We can explicitly find the solution to these equations:

For each k , the solution of the IVP $\frac{dy}{dt} = ky, y(0) = y_0$ is given by
$$\frac{dy}{dt} = ky, y(0) = y_0$$
 is given by
$$y(t) = y_0e^{kt}$$
 (6)

7 Systems of Differential Equations

If one or more functions are dependent on other functions, then we call them coupled. Otherwise we call them decoupled.

Coupled $\begin{cases} x' = xy \\ y' = yz \end{cases}$

Decoupled $\begin{cases} y' = yf \\ x' = g \end{cases}$

7.1 Autonomous First Order System

Autonomous systems are not dependent on t , so we can treat them a little differently. For these equations we can use a phase plane, vector field, and the trajectory of the solution.

The functions $x(t)$ and $y(t)$ can give us a parametric curve. This means that at any given point on the curve, we also have a tangent vector given by $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and $\frac{dx}{dt}$.

Every solution of a system we call a state of the system, and the collection of all the trajectories and states is called a phase portrait.

An equilibrium point for this two dimensional system is an (x, y) point where $\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{dy}{dt} = 0$

6.2 Mixing and Cooling

We can also use these models for mixing and cooling problems. A mixing problem consists of some amount of substance goes into a receptacle at a certain rate, and some amount of mixed substance comes out. We can model it as such.

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = rA, A(0) = A_0$$

$$A(t) = A_0e^{rt}$$
 (7)

7.2 Graphical Methods for Solving

Sketching is a pain in the ass. Therefore there are a couple tricks that we can use to make our lives easier.

9.5 Existence and Uniqueness

If the RREF has a row that looks like $[0, 0, \dots, 0]k$ where k is a non-zero constant, then the system has no solutions. We call this inconsistent. If the system has one or more solutions, we call it consistent. In order to be unique, the system needs to be consistent.

- If every column is a pivot, then there is only one solution (unique solution).
- Else if most columns are pivots, there are multiple solutions (possibly infinite).
- Else the system is inconsistent.

9.6 Superposition, Nonhomogeneous Principle, and RREF

For any nonhomogeneous linear system $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$, we can write the solutions as $\vec{x} = \vec{x}_k + \vec{x}_p$. Where \vec{x}_k represents vectors in the set of homogeneous solutions, and \vec{x}_p is a particular solution to the original equation.

We can use RREF to find \vec{x}_p , and then, using the same RREF with \vec{b} replaced by $\vec{0}$, find \vec{x}_k .

The rank of a matrix \vec{x}_p equals the number of pivot columns in the RREF. If it equals the number of variables, there is a unique solution. Otherwise if there is less, then it is not unique.

9.7 Inverse of a Matrix

When given a system of equations like: $\begin{cases} x+y=1 \\ 4x+5y=6 \end{cases}$ we can rewrite it in the form: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$

For this sort of matrix, we can find the inverse which is defined as the matrix that, when multiplied with the original, equals an Identity Matrix. In other words: $A^{-1}A = AA^{-1} = I$

9.8 Invertibility and Solutions

The matrix vector equation $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ where A is an $n \times n$ matrix has:

- A unique solution $\vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{b}$ if and only if A is invertible.
- Either no solutions or infinitely many solutions if A is not invertible.

For the homogeneous equation $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$, there is always one solution, $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ called the trivial solution.

Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix. The following statements apply.

- A is an invertible matrix.
- A^T is an invertible matrix.
- A is row equivalent to I_n .
- A has n pivot columns.
- The equation $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ has only the trivial solution, $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$.
- The equation $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ has a unique solution for every \vec{b} in \mathbb{R}^n .

9.9 Determinants and Cramer's Rule

9.9.1 2×2 Matrix

To find the determinant of a 2×2 matrix, the determinant is the diagonal products subtracted. This process is demonstrated below.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|A| = a_{11} \cdot a_{22} - a_{12} \cdot a_{21}$$
 (16)

9.9.2 3×3 Matrix

We can call the row and the set V themselves trivial subspaces, calling the 6 subspace of lines passing through the origin the only non-trivial subspace in \mathbb{R}^3 .

We can classify \mathbb{R}^3 similarly:

- Trivial: $\begin{cases} - \text{Zero subspace} \\ - \mathbb{R}^3 \end{cases}$
- Non-Trivial: $\begin{cases} - \text{Lines that contain the origin.} \\ - \text{Planes that contain the origin.} \end{cases}$

10.3.1 Examples

- The set of all even functions.
- The set of all solutions to $y'' - y' + y = 0$.
- $\{P \in \mathbb{P}; P(2) = P(3)\}$

11 Span, Basis and Dimension

11.1 Span

The span of a set $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$ of vectors in a vector space V , denoted by $\text{Span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$ is the set of all linear combinations of the vectors.

11.1.1 Example

For example, if $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

Then we can write their span as
$$a\vec{u} + b\vec{v} = a \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3a \\ 2a + 2b \\ 2b \end{bmatrix}$$

11.1.2 Testing for Linear Independence

A set $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$ of vectors in vector space V is linearly independent if no vector of the set can be written as a linear combination of the others. Otherwise it is linearly dependent.

This notion of linear independence also carries over to function spaces. A set of vector functions $\{c_1\vec{v}_1, \dots, c_n\vec{v}_n\}$ in a vector space V is linearly independent on an interval I if for all t in I the only solution of $c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_n\vec{v}_n = \vec{0}$ for $(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{R})$ is $c_i = 0$ for all i .

If for any value t_0 of t there is any solution with $c_i \neq 0$, the vector functions are linearly dependent.

11.1.3 Analyze Matrix:

The column vectors of A are linearly independent if and only if the solution $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ is unique, which means $c_i = 0$ for all i . Any of the following also satisfy this condition for a unique solution:

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- A is invertible.
- A has n pivot columns.
- $|A| \neq 0$

2. Suppose we have a set of vectors $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $\dim(\vec{v}) = n$. Then the set \vec{v} is linearly dependent if $n > m$ where n is the number of elements in \vec{v} . Note, this cannot prove the opposite. It only goes one way.

$$\text{weg} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$
 is dependent

3. Columns of A are linearly independent if and only if $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ has the trivial solutions of n .

11.5.2 Linear Independence of Functions

One way to check a set of functions is to consider them as one dimensional vector. $\vec{v}_i(t) = f_i(t)$. Another method is the Wronskian:

To find the Wronskian of functions f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n on I :

$$W[f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n] = \begin{vmatrix} f_1 & f_2 & \dots & f_n \\ f_1' & f_2' & \dots & f_n' \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ f_1^{(n-1)} & f_2^{(n-1)} & \dots & f_n^{(n-1)} \end{vmatrix} \quad (21)$$

If $W \neq 0$ for all t on the interval I , where f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n are defined, then the function space is a linearly independent set of functions on I .

11.6 Basis of a Vector Space

The set $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$ is a basis for vector space V provided that

- $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$ is linearly independent.
- $\text{Span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\} = V$

Case One $\Delta < 0$	Real Unequal Roots $r_1, r_2 = \frac{-a \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$	Overdamped Motion $y(t) = c_1 e^{r_1 t} + c_2 e^{r_2 t}$
Case Two $\Delta = 0$	Real Repeated Root $r = -\frac{a}{2b}$	Critically Damped Motion $y(t) = c_1 e^{rt} + c_2 t e^{rt}$
Case Three $\Delta < 0$	Complex Conjugate Roots $r_{1,2} = \alpha \pm i\beta$ $\alpha = -\frac{a}{2b}, \beta = \frac{\sqrt{4ac - b^2}}{2b}$	Underdamped Motion $y(t) = e^{\alpha t} (c_1 \cos(\beta t) + c_2 \sin(\beta t))$

Table 1: Roots for Second Order Differential Equations in Characteristic Equation Form

12.4 Linear Independence

The Solution Space Theorem (???) provides us with the number of solutions in a basis for an n th order homogeneous differential equation (n).

- Starting with n solutions for the n th order case, if $m > n$ the solutions can not be independent.
- If $m = n$, we must test using the concepts from before.
- If $m < n$, the set does not span the space.

12.4.1 Wronskian

The Wronskian also tells us about the linear independence of a set of functions. This Wronskian is identical to the Wronskian previously defined (??).

Suppose $\{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$ is a set of solutions of an n th order homogeneous differential equation.

$$L(y) = a_n(t)y^{(n)} + a_{n-1}(t)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_1(t)y' + a_0(t)y = 0$$

- If $W[y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n] \neq 0$ at any point on (a, b) , then the set is linearly independent.
- If $W[y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n] = 0$ at every point on (a, b) , then the set is linearly dependent.

12.5 Underdetermined Coefficients

Let's assume $L(y) = a_n(t)y^{(n)} + a_{n-1}(t)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_1(t)y' + a_0(t)y = 0$ where $t \in$ some interval I .

- Equilibrium arrives at origin (Symmetric)
- Speed is determined by magnitude of the eigenvalues.

14.2 Linear Systems with Real Eigenvalues

To solve a system in the form

$$\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$$

- Find eigenvalues of A .
 - Find associated eigenvectors.
 - Solution is in the form (for a 2×2 matrix at least) our solution is in the form: $\vec{x}(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{v}_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \vec{v}_2$
- If there are insufficient eigenvalues (repeated eigenvalues), follow the method below.
- Find the one eigenvalue.
 - Find its eigenvector.
 - Find \vec{v} such that $(A - \lambda I)\vec{v} = \vec{0}$.
 - Solution: $\vec{x}(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda t} \vec{v} + c_2 e^{\lambda t} (t\vec{v} + \vec{u})$.

14.3 Non-Real Eigenvalues

If we have a matrix A with non-real eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = \alpha \pm i\beta$, the corresponding eigenvectors are also complex conjugate pairs in the form:

$$\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 = \vec{\beta} \pm i\vec{q}$$

- For the first eigenvalue, find its eigenvector. The second eigenvector is a pair of the first.
- Construct the real and non-real parts:

$$\begin{cases} \vec{x}_1 = e^{\alpha t} (\cos(\beta t)\vec{\beta} - \sin(\beta t)\vec{q}) \\ \vec{x}_2 = e^{\alpha t} (\sin(\beta t)\vec{\beta} + \cos(\beta t)\vec{q}) \end{cases}$$
- The general solution is defined as $\vec{x}(t) = c_1 \vec{x}_1(t) + c_2 \vec{x}_2(t)$

11.6.1 Standard Basis for \mathbb{R}^n

$$\{\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \dots, \vec{e}_n\}$$

$$\vec{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \dots, \vec{e}_n = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (22)$$

are the column vectors of the identity matrix I_n .

11.6.2 Example

A vector space can have different bases.

The standard basis for \mathbb{R}^n is: $\{\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2\}$ for $\vec{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\vec{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ giving $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$. But another basis for \mathbb{R}^2 is given by: $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

11.7 Dimension of the Column Space of a Matrix

Essentially, the number of vectors in a basis.

- The pivot columns of a matrix A form a basis for Column A .
- The dimension of the column space, called the rank of A , is the number of pivot columns in A . $\text{rank } A = \dim(\text{Col}(A))$.

11.7.2 Invertible Matrix Characterizations

Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix. The following are true:

- A is invertible.
- The column vector of A is linearly independent.
- Every column of A is a pivot column.
- The column vectors of A form a basis for $\text{Col}(A)$.
- $\text{Rank } A = n$

10 If $y_1(t)$ is a solution of $L(y) = f(t)$, then $y(t) = c_1 y_1(t) + c_2 y_2(t) + \dots + c_n y_n(t)$ is a solution of $L(y) = c_1 f_1(t) + c_2 f_2(t) + \dots + c_n f_n(t)$. In order to apply this, we need the non-homogeneous principle.

Theorem 5 (Non-Homogeneous Principle). $y(t) = y_h(t) + y_p(t)$

What this basically boils down to is making educated guesses in order to identify the form of the particular solution, as well as eventually the particular solution itself. Once the particular and homogeneous solutions are identified, add them to determine the solution. The following table may help identify common forms and solution types.

$f(t)$	$y_p(t)$
1	A_0
t^k	$A_0 t^k$
$P_n(t)$	$A_0 \cos(\omega t) + B_0 \sin(\omega t)$
$C e^{at}$	$A_0 e^{at}$
$C \cos(\omega t) + D \sin(\omega t)$	$A_0(t) \cos(\omega t) + B_0(t) \sin(\omega t)$
$P_n(t) e^{at}$	$A_0(t) e^{at}$
$C_1(t) \cos(\omega t) + Q_2(t) \sin(\omega t)$	$A_0(t) \cos(\omega t) + B_0(t) \sin(\omega t)$
$C_1(t) e^{at} + C_2(t) e^{bt}$	$A_0 e^{at} \cos(\omega t) + B_0 e^{at} \sin(\omega t)$
$P_n(t) e^{at} \cos(\omega t) + Q_n(t) e^{at} \sin(\omega t)$	$A_n(t) e^{at} \cos(\omega t) + B_n(t) e^{at} \sin(\omega t)$

Table 2: Guesses for Particular Solutions

- $P_n(t), Q_n(t), A_n(t), B_n(t) \in \mathbb{P}$
- $A_0, B_0 \in \mathbb{P}_n \subseteq \mathbb{R}$
- $a, \omega, C, D \in \mathbb{R}$
- In $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$ both terms must be in \mathbb{P}_n , even if only one term is present in \mathbb{P}_n .

If any term or terms of y_p is found in y_h , multiply the term by t or t^2 to eliminate the duplication.

12.6 Variation of Parameters

We've already used variation of parameters to find the solutions of $y' + p(t)y = f(t)$. This same strategy can be applied to second order equations in the form: $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = f(t)$

To apply this method, follow these steps.

13.1.4.3 Interpreting Non-Real Eigenvalues

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{x}' \\ \vec{y}' \end{bmatrix} = e^{\alpha t} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\beta t) - \sin(\beta t) \\ \sin(\beta t) + \cos(\beta t) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{\beta} \\ \vec{q} \end{bmatrix}$$

- The first variable defines the expansion.
 - If $\alpha > 0$ \rightarrow Growth without bound.
 - If $\alpha < 0$ \rightarrow Decay to 0.
 - If $\alpha = 0$ \rightarrow Periodic solutions.
- The second defines rotation.
 - Counterclockwise for $\beta > 0$
 - Clockwise for $\beta < 0$
- The third defines tilt and shape.

14.4 Stability and Linear Classification

A constant solution $\vec{x} = \vec{c}$ is called an equilibrium solution. An equilibrium solution in the phase plane is a fixed point.

- If solutions remain close and tend to \vec{c} as $t \rightarrow \infty$ we call this asymptotically stable.
- If solutions are neither attracted nor repelled, we call this neutrally stable.
- If other, it is unstable.

14.5 Parameter Plane

14.6 Possibilities in the Parameter Plane

We have to consider a couple different possibilities.

1. Real Distinct Eigenvalues ($\Delta > 0$)

When $\Delta = (\text{Tr}(A))^2 - 4|A| > 0$ we have real eigenvalues $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$ with corresponding linearly independent eigenvectors \vec{v}_1 and \vec{v}_2 with general solution $\vec{x} = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{v}_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \vec{v}_2$

12 Higher Order Linear Differential Equations

$$m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = f(t) \quad (23)$$

12.1 Harmonic Oscillators

12.1.1 The Mass-Spring System

Consider an object with mass m on a table that is attached to a spring attached to wall. When the object is moved by an external force, we can model its behavior using Newton's Second Law of Motion: $F = m\ddot{x}$ where F is the sum of the forces acting on the object.

- **Restoring Force:** The restoring force of a spring is $\propto x$ the amount of stretching/compression: $F_{\text{restoring}} = -kx$
- **Damping Force:** We also assume that friction exists, and therefore a damping force \propto the velocity of the object: $F_{\text{damping}} = -b\dot{x}$ Where damping constant $b > 0$ and small for slick surfaces.
- **External Force:** We also allow for an external force to drive the motion: $F_{\text{external}} = f(t)$

Thus we get our equation for a Simple Harmonic Oscillator:

- Constants $m > 0, k > 0, b > 0$
- When $b = 0$, the motion is called undamped. Otherwise it is damped.
- If $f(t) = 0$, the equation is homogeneous and the motion is called unforced, undriven, or free. Otherwise it is forced, or driven.

12.1.2 Solutions

When we say solution, we are referring to a solution that gives us x , in other words, the position of the mass at any given time t as a function of t . Due to the inherent nature of derivatives, this may or may not have undetermined constants (often denoted as c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n) as will be set by initial values given (similar to first order differential equations).

- Find two linearly independent solutions of the second order differential equation $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = f(t)$ using the general solution $y_h(t) = c_1 y_1(t) + c_2 y_2(t)$
- To find the particular solution, take $y_h(t) = c_1 y_1(t) + c_2 y_2(t)$ and swap constants to get $y_p(t) = m(t)y_1(t) + v(t)y_2(t)$ where v_1 and v_2 are unknown functions.
- We find v_1 and v_2 by substituting our new equation into our first. Differentiating by the product rule we get $y_p'(t) = v_1 y_1' + v_2 y_2' + v_1' y_1 + v_2' y_2$
- Before we calculate y_p'' we choose an auxiliary condition, that v_1 and v_2 satisfy $v_1 y_1' + v_2 y_2' = 0$ where we get $y_p'' = v_1 y_1'' + v_2 y_2''$
- Differentiating again we get $y_p''(t) = v_1 y_1'' + v_2 y_2'' + v_1' y_1' + v_2' y_2'$
- We wish to get $L(y) = y'' + p y' + q y = f$ Substituting for what we have solved for gives $v_1 y_1'' + v_2 y_2'' = 0$

7. We now have two equations for our two unknowns. $\begin{cases} y_1 v_1' + y_2 v_2' = 0 \\ y_1' v_1' + y_2' v_2' = f \end{cases}$

- Solve the system of equations and insert.

Another method to use is Cramer's Rule (??) where

$$v_1' = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix}}$$

The denominator in this case is the Wronskian. It will not be zero because both y_1 and y_2 are linearly independent. Integrate these to find v_1 and v_2 .

13 Linear Transformations

Vectors that aren't rotated by linear transformations, but are only scaled or flipped are called eigenvectors.

Theorem 6 (Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors). Let $T: V \rightarrow V$ be a linear transformation. λ and \vec{v} is an eigenvalue of T if there is a nonzero vector $\vec{v} \in V$ such that $T(\vec{v}) = \lambda \vec{v}$.

Such a nonzero vector \vec{v} is called an eigenvector of T corresponding to λ . In other words, if each eigenvalue has an associated eigenvector, then that set of eigenvectors is linearly independent.

• Note, the same exact steps are followed even if we have to be in terms of t . The only addition is that we are no longer in any \mathbb{R}^n space, and therefore there will be no real eigenvalue (See (??)).

- **Star Node:** If A has two linearly independent eigenvectors we call it an attracting or repelling star node. The sign of λ gives its stability.
- In both cases, the sign of λ gives its stability.
 - If $\lambda > 0$, trajectories go to infinity, parallel to \vec{v} .
 - If $\lambda < 0$, trajectories approach the origin parallel to \vec{v} .
 - If $\lambda = 0$, there exists a line of fixed points at the eigenvector.

2. Complex Conjugate Eigenvalues ($\Delta < 0$)

When $\Delta = (\text{Tr}(A))^2 - 4|A| < 0$ we get non-real eigenvalues. $\lambda_{1,2} = \alpha \pm i\beta$

$$\begin{cases} \vec{x}_1 = e^{\alpha t} (\cos(\beta t)\vec{\beta} - \sin(\beta t)\vec{q}) \\ \vec{x}_2 = e^{\alpha t} (\sin(\beta t)\vec{\beta} + \cos(\beta t)\vec{q}) \end{cases}$$

- Attracting Spiral ($\alpha < 0$)
- Repelling Spiral ($\alpha > 0$)
- Center ($\alpha = 0$)

3. **Borderline Case: Zero Eigenvalues ($|A| = 0$)** If one eigenvalue is zero we get a row of non-isolated fixed points in the eigenvalue associated with the eigenvalues, and the phase plane trajectories are all straight lines in direction of their eigenvector.

4. In this situation we have two cases to consider with.

- Borderline Case: Real Repeated Eigenvalues ($\Delta = 0$)**
- Degenerate Node:** If λ has one linearly independent eigenvector we call it degenerate. The sign of λ gives its stability.

the methods given ahead, be sure to come back and determine how these solutions were determined.

Given Equation: $m\ddot{x} + kx = 0$
 $x(t) = c_1 \cos(\omega_0 t) + c_2 \sin(\omega_0 t)$
 Where $\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$
 This gives us one form of the solution, however we can also find an alternate form:
 $x(t) = A \cos(\omega_0 t - \delta)$
 Where $\delta = \arctan\left(\frac{c_2}{c_1}\right)$

- Amplitude A and phase angle δ (radians) are arbitrary constants determined by initial conditions.
- The motion has circular frequency $\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$ (radians) per second, and a natural frequency $f_0 = \frac{\omega_0}{2\pi}$
- The period T (seconds) is $2\pi/\omega_0$
- The above solution is a horizontal shift of $A \cos(\omega_0 t)$ with phase shift $\frac{\delta}{\omega_0}$.

To convert between the two forms, apply the following formulas.
 $A = \sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2}$, $\delta = \arctan\left(\frac{c_2}{c_1}\right)$
 $\tan \delta = \frac{c_2}{c_1}$, $c_2 = A \sin \delta$
 To solve the Mass-Spring System with both damping and forcing as given by the following equation:
 $m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = F_0 \cos(\omega t)$
 we can apply the following formula. (Note, some concepts are explained later in the text, refer back if needed)

- $x_1(t)$ has three possible solutions. See (??).
- $x_2(t)$ can be assumed as $A \cos(\omega t) + B \sin(\omega t)$ See (??).
- $v_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$
- $A = \frac{m F_0 \cos(\omega t - \phi)}{m(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2) + b\omega}$
- $B = \frac{m F_0 \sin(\omega t - \phi)}{m(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2) + b\omega}$

As you can see, this is a pain. Values A and B in particular are tedious to calculate. Despite this, as you'll see later, these methods can be easier than solving by hand.

To compute these eigenvalues and eigenvectors, follow the following steps:

- Write the characteristic equation $|A - \lambda I| = 0$
 - Solve the characteristic equation for the eigenvalues.
 - For each eigenvalue, find the eigenvector by solving $(A - \lambda I)\vec{v} = 0$
- As you'll imagine, once the size of a matrix becomes larger than 2 or 3, these steps are tedious and long. Computers to the rescue!

13.1 Special Cases

Some special cases to watch out for:

- **Triangular Matrices:** The eigenvalues of a triangular matrix (upper or lower) appear on the main diagonal.
- **2×2 Matrices:** The eigenvalues can be determined with $\lambda^2 - (\text{Tr}(A))\lambda + |A| = 0$
- **3×3 Matrices:** Similarly, $\lambda^3 - \lambda^2 \text{Tr}(A) - \lambda |A| - \det(A) = 0$

13.2 Eigenspaces

The set of all eigenvectors belonging to an eigenvalue λ together with the zero vector form a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n called the eigenspace.

Theorem 7 (Eigenspaces). For each eigenvalue λ of a linear transformation $T: V \rightarrow V$, the eigenspace $E_\lambda = \{ \vec{v} \in V | T(\vec{v}) = \lambda \vec{v} \}$ is a subspace of V .

Theorem 8 (Distinct Eigenvalues). Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix. If $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_p$ are distinct eigenvalues with corresponding eigenvectors $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_p$, then $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$ is a set of linearly independent vectors. In other words, if each eigenvalue has an associated eigenvector, then that set of eigenvectors is linearly independent.

• Note, the same exact steps are followed even if we have to be in terms of t . The only addition is that we are no longer in any \mathbb{R}^n space, and therefore there will be no real eigenvalue (See (??)).

Where $\text{Tr}(A)$ is the Trace of a matrix, i.e. the sum of the main diagonal.

- If $\lambda > 0$, trajectories go to infinity, parallel to \vec{v} .
- If $\lambda < 0$, trajectories approach the origin parallel to \vec{v} .
- If $\lambda = 0$, there exists a line of fixed points at the eigenvector.

15 Non-Linear Systems

15.1 Properties of Phase Plane Trajectories in Non-Linear 2×2 Systems