

7.8 Repeated eigenvalues

We begin with an example

$$\dot{x} = Ax = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} x$$

If we solve for the eigenvalues and eigenvectors.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & -1 \\ 1 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 4 = 0 \quad \lambda = 2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$v_1 - v_2 = 2v_1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad v_1 = -v_2 \quad \therefore \quad v = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \text{ one solution is } \begin{pmatrix} e^{2t} \\ -e^{2t} \end{pmatrix}$$



We seek for the second solution of the form

$$x(t) = \xi t e^{2t} + \eta e^{2t} \quad (*)$$

(If we only assume the first one, we find that $\xi = 0$.)

If we play $(*)$ into the ODE system, we obtain

$$\dot{x} = \xi e^{2t} + 2\xi t e^{2t} + 2\eta e^{2t} = Ax = A\xi t e^{2t} + A\eta e^{2t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} \xi + 2\eta &= A\eta \Rightarrow (A - 2I)\eta = 0 \\ A\xi &= 2\xi \Rightarrow (A - 2I)\xi = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \xi$ is the eigenvector $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ associated

with the eigenvalue 2.

η is called the generalized eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 2.



To solve η from the equation

$$(A - 2I)\eta = \xi \quad (A - 2I)\eta =$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1-2 & -1 \\ 1 & 3-2 \end{pmatrix} \eta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \eta_1 \\ \eta_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore -\eta_1 - \eta_2 = 1 \Rightarrow \eta_2 = -1, \eta_1 = 0$$

So the second solution can be written as

$$x_2(t) = \xi t e^{2t} + \eta e^{2t} = \begin{pmatrix} t e^{2t} \\ -t e^{2t} - e^{2t} \end{pmatrix}$$

\therefore The general solution is

$$x(t) = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} e^{2t} \\ -e^{2t} \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} t e^{2t} \\ -t e^{2t} - e^{2t} \end{pmatrix}$$



Q : What is the fundamental matrix in this case ?

$$\psi(t) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{2t} & te^{2t} \\ -e^{2t} & -te^{2t} - e^{2t} \end{pmatrix}$$

* Another way to find $\psi(t)$:

If we look at the Jordan form of $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = A$

Recall that we found $\xi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ $A\xi = 2\xi$

$$\eta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad A\eta = 2\eta$$

$$\therefore A \begin{bmatrix} \xi_1 & \eta_1 \\ \xi_2 & \eta_2 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \xi_1 & \eta_1 \\ \xi_2 & \eta_2 \end{bmatrix}}_T \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}}_J \quad \therefore A = TJT^{-1}$$

J is the A's Jordan form.



$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = TJT^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \text{ By letting } T^{-1}x = y \quad \Rightarrow \quad \dot{x} = Ax = TJT^{-1}x$$

$$\Rightarrow T^{-1}\dot{x} = JT^{-1}x \quad \Rightarrow \quad \dot{y} = Jy$$

$$\therefore \begin{bmatrix} \dot{y}_1 \\ \dot{y}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{cases} \dot{y}_1 = 2y_1 + y_2 \\ \dot{y}_2 = 2y_2 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_2 = c_2 e^{2t}, \quad \dot{y}_1 = 2y_1 + c_2 e^{2t} \Rightarrow \dot{y}_1 - 2y_1 - c_2 e^{2t} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{y}_1 e^{-2t} - 2y_1 e^{-2t} - c_2 = 0 \quad \therefore (y_1 e^{-2t})' = c_2$$

$$\therefore y_1 e^{-2t} = c_2 t + d \quad \Rightarrow y_1 = c_2 t e^{2t} + d e^{2t}$$

$$\therefore y_1 = c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 t e^{2t}$$

$$\dot{y}_1 = 2c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 e^{2t} + 2c_2 t e^{2t} = 2y_1 + c_2 e^{2t}$$



$$\therefore \dot{y} = Jy \text{ has solution } \begin{pmatrix} c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 t e^{2t} \\ c_2 e^{2t} \end{pmatrix} = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} e^{2t} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} t e^{2t} \\ e^{2t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \begin{pmatrix} e^{2t} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{pmatrix} t e^{2t} \\ e^{2t} \end{pmatrix} \text{ are two fundamental solutions.}$$

To find fundamental solutions for $\dot{x} = Ax$, we recall the transformation $y = T^{-1}x \Rightarrow x = Ty$

$$\therefore x^{(1)}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e^{2t} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{2t} \\ -e^{2t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{(2)}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} t e^{2t} \\ e^{2t} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} t e^{2t} \\ -t e^{2t} - e^{2t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \psi(t) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{2t} & t e^{2t} \\ -e^{2t} & -t e^{2t} - e^{2t} \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\text{ex : } \dot{x} = Ax = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} x$$

To compute $\Phi(t)$ satisfying $\begin{cases} \dot{\Phi}(t) = A\Phi \\ \Phi(0) = I \end{cases}$, we have three methods.

Method 1 : Solving linear equations.

We have already found a fundamental matrix $\psi(t)$,

$$\text{where } \psi(t) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} & te^{2t} \\ -e^{2t} & -te^{2t} - e^{2t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{2t} \\ -e^{2t} \end{pmatrix}, \quad x^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} te^{2t} \\ -te^{2t} - e^{2t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{ Let } \Phi(t) &= \begin{bmatrix} c_1 x^{(1)} + c_2 x^{(2)} & c_3 x^{(1)} + c_4 x^{(2)} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 t e^{2t} & c_3 e^{2t} + c_4 t e^{2t} \\ -c_1 e^{2t} - c_2 t e^{2t} - c_2 e^{2t} & -c_3 e^{2t} - c_4 t e^{2t} - c_4 e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$



From the initial condition $\Phi(0) = I$.

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & c_3 \\ -c_1 - c_2 & -c_3 - c_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore c_1 = 1, \quad c_2 = -1, \quad c_3 = 0, \quad c_4 = -1$$

$$\therefore \Phi(t) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} - te^{2t} & -te^{2t} \\ -e^{2t} + te^{2t} + e^{2t} & te^{2t} + e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} - te^{2t} & -te^{2t} \\ te^{2t} & te^{2t} + e^{2t} \end{bmatrix}$$

Method 2 : From the formula $\Phi(t) = \psi(t)\psi(0)^{-1}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} & te^{2t} \\ -e^{2t} & -te^{2t} - e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} & te^{2t} \\ -e^{2t} & -te^{2t} - e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} - te^{2t} & -te^{2t} \\ te^{2t} & te^{2t} + e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$



Method 3 :

Now we try to find e^{At} from the formula itself

$$e^{At} = I + At + \frac{(At)^2}{2!} + \frac{(At)^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{(At)^n}{n!} + \dots, \text{ where } A = TJT^{-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore e^{At} &= I + TJT^{-1}t + \frac{TJ^2T^{-1}}{2!}t^2 + \dots + \frac{TJ^nT^{-1}}{n!}t^n + \dots \\ &= T(I + Jt + \frac{(Jt)^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{(Jt)^n}{n!} + \dots)T^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

\therefore we need to compute $(Jt)^n$.

$$Jt = \begin{bmatrix} 2t & t \\ 0 & 2t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(Jt)^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2t & t \\ 0 & 2t \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2t & t \\ 0 & 2t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4t^2 & 2t^2 + 2t^2 \\ 0 & 4t^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4t^2 & 4t^2 \\ 0 & 4t^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(Jt)^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 4t^2 & 4t^2 \\ 0 & 4t^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2t & t \\ 0 & 2t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8t^3 & 12t^3 \\ 0 & 8t^3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(Jt)^4 = \begin{bmatrix} 8t^3 & 12t^3 \\ 0 & 8t^3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2t & t \\ 0 & 2t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 16t^4 & 32t^4 \\ 0 & 16t^4 \end{bmatrix}$$



The pattern for the diagonal component is clear.

We need to find the one on top.

$$0 + t + \frac{1}{2!} 4t^2 + \frac{1}{3!} 12t^3 + \frac{1}{4!} 32t^4 + \dots$$

$$= t(1 + 2t + \frac{1}{2!} (2t)^2 + \frac{1}{3!} (2t)^3 + \dots) = te^{2t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore e^{At} &= T \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} & te^{2t} \\ 0 & e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} T^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} & te^{2t} \\ 0 & e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} & te^{2t} \\ -e^{2t} & -te^{2t} - e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} - te^{2t} & -te^{2t} \\ te^{2t} & te^{2t} + e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} = \Phi(t) \end{aligned}$$

Lemma : Let $J = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow J^n = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda^n & n\lambda^{n-1} \\ 0 & \lambda^n \end{bmatrix}$

(By induction)



7.9 Non-homogeneous linear system

$$\dot{x} = p(t)x + g(t)$$

To solve the nonhomogeneous problem, we have three ways :

- 1) undetermined coefficients
- 2) Diagonalization
- 3) Variation of parameters
- 4) Laplace transform

Before, we talked about (3) by using the fundamental matrix.
Now we will begin with (1).



1) undetermined coefficients

Consider $\dot{x} = Ax + g(t)$

This method is used only if A is a constant matrix, and if the components of g are polynomial, exponential, or trigonometric functions or sums or products of these.

$$\text{Ex : } \dot{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} x + \begin{pmatrix} 2e^{-t} \\ 3t \end{pmatrix}$$

Before we already solved the homogeneous problem :
the eigenvalues are -3 and -1, and the corresponding

$$\text{eigenvectors } \xi^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \xi^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

\therefore The general solution of the homogeneous system is

$$x = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-3t} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-t}.$$



Q : How do we guess the solution of the nonhomogeneous system ?

To guess a special solution, we look at the nonhomogeneous term $\begin{pmatrix} 2e^{-t} \\ 3t \end{pmatrix}$.

Notice that -1 is an eigenvalue of the matrix A,
∴ like the scalar equation we studied before, we guess the special solution is of the form $ate^{-t} + be^{-t} + ct + d = x(t)$ where a, b, c, d are vectors.



Now we need to determine a, b, c, d from the system

$$\dot{x}(t) = ae^{-t} - ate^{-t} - be^{-t} + c = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} x(t) + \begin{pmatrix} 2e^{-t} \\ 3t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$a = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad c = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a_1 e^{-t} - a_1 t e^{-t} - b_1 e^{-t} + c_1 \\ a_2 e^{-t} - a_2 t e^{-t} - b_2 e^{-t} + c_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 t e^{-t} + b_1 e^{-t} + c_1 t + d_1 \\ a_2 t e^{-t} + b_2 e^{-t} + c_2 t + d_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2e^{-t} \\ 3t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -2a_1 t e^{-t} - 2b_1 e^{-t} - 2c_1 t - 2d_1 + a_2 t e^{-t} + b_2 e^{-t} + c_2 t + d_2 \\ a_1 t e^{-t} + b_1 e^{-t} + c_1 t + d_1 - 2a_2 t e^{-t} - 2b_2 e^{-t} - 2c_2 t - 2d_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2e^{-t} \\ 3t \end{pmatrix}$$

To match the coefficients, we have

$$(te^{-t}) : -a_1 = -2a_1 + a_2 \Rightarrow a_1 = a_2$$

$$(e^{-t}) : a_1 - b_1 = -2b_1 + b_2 + 2 \Rightarrow a_1 + b_1 - b_2 = 2$$

$$a_2 - b_2 = b_1 - 2b_2 \Rightarrow a_2 - b_1 + b_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 + a_2 = 2 \quad \therefore a_1 = a_2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2b_1 - 2b_2 = 2 \Rightarrow b_1 - b_2 = 1 \quad \therefore b_1 = b_2 + 1$$

$$(t) : -2c_1 + c_2 = 0 \Rightarrow c_2 = 2c_1$$

$$c_1 - 2c_2 + 3 = 0 \quad \therefore c_1 = 1, \quad c_2 = 2$$

$$(\text{constant}) : c_1 = -2d_1 + d_2 \Rightarrow 1 = -2d_1 + d_2$$

$$c_2 = d_1 - 2d_2 \Rightarrow 2 = d_1 - 2d_2$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 = -3d_2 \quad \therefore d_2 = -\frac{5}{3}, \quad d_1 = -\frac{4}{3}$$



$$\therefore a = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} k+1 \\ k \end{pmatrix}, \quad c = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad d = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{4}{3} \\ \frac{5}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \text{The special solution we found is } \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} t e^{-t} + \begin{pmatrix} k+1 \\ k \end{pmatrix} e^{-t} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} t + \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{4}{3} \\ -\frac{5}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

\therefore We can choose $k = 0$ and get the special solution as

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} t e^{-t} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{-t} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} t + \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{4}{3} \\ -\frac{5}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

Then the general solution of nonhomogeneous system is the sum of homogeneous solution and the particular solution we have just found.



2) Diagonalization

To use the method of diagonalization, we proceed as follows :

$$\dot{x} = Ax + g(t)$$

And A is diagonalizable with the Jordan form $A = TDT^{-1}$.

Then we have $\dot{x} = TDT^{-1}x + g(t)$.

If we apply T^{-1} on both sides of the above equation and obtain $(T^{-1}x)' = DT^{-1}x + T^{-1}g(t) \equiv Dy + h(t)$.

Now let $T^{-1}x = y$, then the equation for y can be written as

$$\dot{y} = Dy + h(t) \quad , \quad \text{where} \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 & & & 0 \\ & d_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & d_n \end{pmatrix} , \quad h = \begin{pmatrix} h_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ h_n(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore y_j(t)' = d_j y_j(t) + h_j(t) \Rightarrow y_j(t)' - d_j y_j(t) = h_j(t)$$

$$\therefore e^{-d_j t} y_j(t)' - d_j e^{-d_j t} y_j(t) = e^{-d_j t} h_j(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} [e^{-d_j t} y_j(t)] = e^{-d_j t} h_j(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{-d_j t} y_j(t) = e^{-d_j t_0} y_j(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t e^{-d_j s} h_j(s) ds$$

$$\Rightarrow y_j(t) = y_j(t_0) + e^{d_j t} \int_{t_0}^t e^{-d_j s} h_j(s) ds, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

From $x = Ty$, we know the solution x .

$$\text{Ex : } \dot{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} x + \begin{pmatrix} 2e^{-t} \\ 3t \end{pmatrix} = Ax + g(t)$$

eigenvalues : -3, -1

eigenvectors : $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$



The general solution of the homogeneous system is

$$x(t) = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-3t} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-t}.$$

$$A = TDT^{-1} \Rightarrow T = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad T^{-1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\dot{x} = TDT^{-1}x + g(t)$$

$$\text{Let } T^{-1}x = y \Rightarrow (T^{-1}x)' = DT^{-1}x + T^{-1}g(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{y} = Dy + T^{-1}g(t) = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} y + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2e^{-t} \\ 3t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \dot{y}_1 + 3y_1 = \sqrt{2}e^{-t} - \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}t \\ \dot{y}_2 + y_2 = \sqrt{2}e^{-t} + \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}t \end{cases} \rightarrow \text{decoupled system}$$



∴ These two equations can be solved by the method of integrating factors.

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} y_1 = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} e^{-t} - \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\left(\frac{t}{3} \right) - \frac{1}{9} \right] + c_1 e^{-3t} \\ y_2 = \sqrt{2} t e^{-t} + \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} (t-1) + c_2 e^{-t} \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore x = Ty = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \left(\frac{c_1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) e^{-3t} + \left[\frac{c_2}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{2} \right] e^{-t} + t - \frac{4}{3} + t e^{-t} \\ - \left(\frac{c_1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) e^{-3t} + \left[\frac{c_2}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{2} \right] e^{-t} + 2t - \frac{5}{3} + t e^{-t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= k_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-3t} + k_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-t} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-t} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} t e^{-t} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} t - \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$



3) Variation of parameters

Recall from before, $ay'' + by' + cy = g(t)$

We let $y(t) = u_1(t)y_1(t) + u_2(t)y_2(t)$ here $y_1(t)$ & $y_2(t)$ are fundamental solutions of $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$.

Now for a system : $\dot{x} = p(t)x + g(t)$,

let $\psi(t)$ be a fundamental matrix for $\dot{x} = p(t)x$.

To find a solution for the nonhomogeneous system, we suppose $x(t) = \psi(t)u(t)$, and we'd like to determine $u(t)$.

Since $x(t)$ satisfies the ODE

$$\therefore \dot{x} = \dot{\psi}(t)u(t) + \psi(t)\dot{u}(t) = p(t)\psi(t)u(t) + g(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \psi(t)\dot{u}(t) = g(t) \Rightarrow \dot{u}(t) = \psi^{-1}(t)g(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow u(t) = \int_{t_0}^t \psi^{-1}(s)g(s)ds + C \quad C : \text{constant vector}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \psi(t)u(t) = \psi(t)C + \psi(t)\int_{t_0}^t \psi^{-1}(s)g(s)ds$$



If we have initial data $x(t_0) = x_0$,

$$\Rightarrow x_0 = \psi(t_0)C \Rightarrow C = \psi^{-1}(t_0)x_0$$

$$\therefore x = \psi(t)\psi^{-1}(t_0)x_0 + \psi(t)\int_{t_0}^t \psi^{-1}(s)g(s)ds$$

- If we use the special fundamental matrix $\Phi(t)$ satisfying $\Phi(t_0) = I$, then

$$x(t) = \Phi(t)x_0 + \Phi(t)\int_{t_0}^t \Phi^{-1}(s)g(s)ds.$$

- If we use $\Phi(t) = e^{At}$, $\Phi(0) = I$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = e^{At}x_0 + \int_0^t e^{A(t-s)}g(s)ds$$

$$(\dot{x} = Ax + g(t))$$



$$\text{Ex : } \dot{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} x + \begin{pmatrix} 2e^{-t} \\ 3t \end{pmatrix} = Ax + g(t)$$

$$\text{sol : } \text{ Since we already solved a fundamental matrix } \psi(t) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-3t} & e^{-t} \\ -e^{-3t} & e^{-t} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then the solution $x(t)$ is given by $x(t) = \psi(t)u(t)$, and we have

$$\psi(t) \dot{u}(t) = g(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} e^{-3t} & e^{-t} \\ -e^{-3t} & e^{-t} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \dot{u}_1 \\ \dot{u}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2e^{-t} \\ 3t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} \dot{u}_1 &= e^{2t} - \frac{3}{2}te^{3t} & \Rightarrow u_1(t) &= \frac{1}{2}e^{2t} - \frac{1}{2}te^{3t} + \frac{1}{6}e^{3t} + c_1 \\ \dot{u}_2 &= 1 + \frac{3}{2}te^t & \Rightarrow u_2(t) &= t + \frac{3}{2}te^t - \frac{3}{2}e^t + c_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = \psi(t)u(t)$$

$$= c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-3t} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-t} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} te^{-t} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-t} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} t - \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$



4) Laplace transform

Recall that $L\{x'(t)\} = s\bar{x}(s) - x(0)$ here $\bar{x}(s) = L\{x(t)\}$

$$\dot{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} x + \begin{pmatrix} 2e^{-t} \\ 3t \end{pmatrix} = Ax + g(t)$$

Applying Laplace transform on both sides, we get

$$s\bar{x}(s) - x(0) = A\bar{x}(s) + G(s) \quad \text{here} \quad G(s) = L\{g(t)\} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{s+1} \\ \frac{3}{s^2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Suppose the initial data is $x(0) = 0$, then $(sI - A)\bar{x}(s) = G(s)$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{x}(s) = (sI - A)^{-1} G(s)$$

$$\therefore sI - A = \begin{pmatrix} s+2 & -1 \\ -1 & s+2 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\therefore (s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1} = \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+3)} \begin{pmatrix} s+2 & 1 \\ 1 & s+2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\bar{x}}(s) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2(s+2)}{(s+1)^2(s+3)} + \frac{3}{s^2(s+1)(s+3)} \\ \frac{2}{(s+1)^2(s+3)} + \frac{3(s+2)}{s^2(s+1)(s+3)} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-t} - \frac{2}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-3t} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} t e^{-t} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} t - \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\text{Ex : } \begin{cases} y'' + y = g(t) \\ y(0) = 0 \\ y'(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Recall the solution is $y(t) = \int_0^t \sin(t-s)g(s)ds$

Let us try to use e^{At} to find the solution formula.

sol :

step1 : Write this equation as a 2×2 system.

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 = y & \quad \Rightarrow \quad \dot{x}_2 = \ddot{y} = -y + g(t) = -x_1 + g(t) \\ x_2 = \dot{y} & \quad \Rightarrow \quad \dot{x}_1 = x_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ g(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\dot{x} = Ax + l \quad \therefore x(t) = e^{At}x_0 + \int_0^t e^{A(t-s)}h(s)ds$$



step2 : What is e^{At} ?

Here we will not use the Jordan form to compute, instead, we solve the system

$$\begin{cases} \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = Ax \\ x_1(0) = x_{10} \\ x_2(0) = x_{20} \end{cases}$$

then the solution can be written as $e^{At} \begin{pmatrix} x_{10} \\ x_{20} \end{pmatrix}$.

On the other hand, we can solve the system easily.

$$\ddot{x}_1 + x_1 = 0 \quad \therefore x_1(t) = c_1 \sin t + c_2 \cos t$$

$$\Rightarrow x_2(t) = \dot{x}_1(t) = c_1 \cos t - c_2 \sin t$$

$$x_1(0) = c_2 = x_{10} \quad \therefore x_1(t) = x_{20} \sin t + x_{10} \cos t$$

$$x_2(0) = c_1 = x_{20} \quad \therefore x_2(t) = x_{20} \cos t - x_{10} \sin t$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & \sin t \\ -\sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{10} \\ x_{20} \end{pmatrix} = e^{At} \begin{pmatrix} x_{10} \\ x_{20} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore e^{At} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & \sin t \\ -\sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix}$$

\therefore For the nonhomogeneous problem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= e^{At} x_0 + \int_0^t e^{A(t-s)} h(s) ds \\ &= \int_0^t \begin{pmatrix} \cos(t-s) & \sin(t-s) \\ -\sin(t-s) & \cos(t-s) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ g(s) \end{pmatrix} ds \\ &= \int_0^t \begin{pmatrix} \sin(t-s) g(s) \\ \cos(t-s) g(s) \end{pmatrix} ds = \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Since we are interested in the first component,

$$\text{then } x_1(t) = y(t) = \int_0^t \sin(t-s) g(s) ds .$$

