



## **Solution of Homogeneous and Inhomogeneous Linear differential Equations Systems Using Matrices.**

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### **Abstract:**

The study addressed the solution of homogeneous and inhomogeneous linear differential equation systems using matrices. The systems of linear ordinary differential equations have important applications, possess powerful tools in study and solve various problems in natural sciences, technology and social sciences. The matrices technique has been used in solving homogeneous and inhomogeneous linear differential equation systems by generating, eigenvalues and eigenvectors of coefficient matrices along with many theories, definitions have been introduced in order to accelerate the process.

It has been successfully implemented and found that, the method gives a typical results comparing with other analytical methods. However, the drawback of the scheme is the generating of eigenvalues, eigenvector and calculating matrices inverse are tedious and sophisticated when the order of coefficients matrices more than  $3 \times 3$ .

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### **1.0 Introduction**

The systems of linear ordinary differential equations have important applications, possess powerful tools in study and solve various problems in natural sciences, technology; these are extensively employed in mechanics, astronomy, physics, chemistry and biology problems. The reason for this is the fact that objective laws governing certain phenomena (processes) can be written as ordinary differential equations, so that the equations themselves are a quantitative expression of these laws. For instance, Newton's laws of mechanics make it possible to reduce the description of the motion of mass points or solid bodies to solving ordinary differential equations. The computation of radiotechnical circuits or satellite trajectories, studies of the stability of a plane in flight, and explaining the course of chemical reactions are all carried out by studying and solving ordinary differential equations.

The principal tasks of the theories of ordinary differential equations of linear systems concern the study of solutions of such equations. However, the meanings of such a study of solutions have been understood in various ways at different times. The original trend is to carry out the integration of equations in quadratic to obtain a closed formula yielding (in explicit, implicit or parametric form). The linear systems of ordinary differential equations (ODEs) arise in many contexts of mathematics, sciences to describe the change or the rate of change in many dynamics phenomena. Often, quantities are defined as the rate of change of other quantities (for example, derivatives of displacement with respect to time), or gradients of quantities, which is how they enter differential equations.

It's worth mentioning, there are many approaches and techniques to solve ODEs of linear systems which describe several phenomena in our daily life, and one of these methods is the solution of systems of linear differential equations for homogenous and inhomogeneous form and different order. Many of the applications involve the use of eigenvalues and eigenvectors in the process of transforming a given matrix into a diagonal matrix.

Firstly, the study implemented the matrices solution idea using eigenvalues and eigenvectors transforming. However the study shows how these processes are invaluable in solving coupled differential equations of both first order and second order in homogenous form. Secondly the idea extended to solve inhomogeneous systems for linear differential equations form.

### 1.1 Definition, Theorems and Properties of Eigen values and Eigenvectors

The Eigen values and eigenvectors are invaluable tools in solving the linear systems of differential equations which well describes many phenomena in natural and social sciences and gives good deep insight into sophisticate mathematical problems in all branches of sciences, so in this section we introduced, definitions, theorems and properties of eigenvalues and eigenvector in order to simplify the techniques and posses the scientists with good background.

**Definition (1.1):** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. If there is a number  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  and an  $n$ -vector  $x \neq 0$  such that  $Ax = \lambda x$ , then we say that  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue for  $A$ , and  $x$  is called an eigenvector for  $A$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .

**Definition (1.2):** The set of all eigenvectors of  $A$  for a given eigenvalue  $\lambda$  is called an eigenspace, and it is written  $E\lambda(A)$ .

**Definition (1.3):** let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. A scalar  $\lambda$  is called an eigenvalue of  $A$  if there is an a non zero vector  $v \neq 0$ , called an eigenvector, such that

$$Av = \lambda v \quad (1.1)$$

In the other words, the matrix  $A$  stretches the eigenvector,  $v$  by an amount specified by the eigenvalue. The requirement that the eigenvector  $v$  be nonzero is important, since  $v = 0$  is a trivial solution to the eigen equation (1.1) for any, scalar  $\lambda$ . Moreover, as far as solving linear ordinary differential equations goes, the zero vector  $v = 0$  gives  $u(t) = 0$ , which is certainly a solution.

The Eigen value equation (1.1) is a system of linear equations for the entries of the eigenvector  $v$  – provided that the Eigen value.

$$\text{Let } (A - \lambda I)v = 0 \quad (1.2)$$

Where  $I$  is the identity matrix of the correct size, for the given  $\lambda$ , equation (1.2) lead us to homogenous linear system for  $v$ .

The homogenous linear system has a non zero solution  $v \neq 0$  if and only if its coefficient matrix

$$(A - \lambda I) = 0 \text{ is singular.}$$

**Definition (1.4):** Let  $A$  and  $B$  are square matrices of the same order. Then,  $A$  is said to be similar to  $B$  if there exists an invertible matrix  $P$  such that  $P^{-1}AP = B$ . The matrix  $P$  is called a similarity transformation matrix. Note that if  $A$  is similar to  $B$ , then  $B$  is similar to  $A$  and the two matrices are called similar matrices.

**Definition (1.5)** The matrix  $A$  is diagonalizable if it is similar to a diagonal matrix, that is, there is an invertible matrix  $P$  and diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $P^{-1}AP = D$ . In this case we say that  $P$  is a diagonalizing matrix for  $A$  or that  $P$  diagonalizes  $A$ . We can be more specific about when a matrix is diagonalizable. As a first step, notice that the calculations that we began can easily be written in terms of an  $n \times n$  matrix instead of a  $3 \times 3$  matrix. What these calculations prove is the following basic fact.

**Proposition (1.1):** A scalar  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of the matrix  $A$  if and only if  $\lambda$  is a solution to the characteristic equation.

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0 \quad (1.3)$$

**Proposition (1.2):** If  $A$  is a real matrix with a complex eigenvalue  $\lambda = u + iv$  and corresponding complex eigenvector  $v = x + iy$ , then the complex conjugate  $\lambda^- = u - iv$  is also an eigenvalue with complex conjugate eigenvector  $v^- = x - iy$

**Proof:**

Let the complex conjugate of the eigenvalue equation (1.1).

$$\overline{A\bar{v}} = \overline{A\bar{v}} = \overline{\lambda\bar{v}} = \bar{\lambda}\bar{v}$$

Using the fact that a real matrix is unaffected by conjugate, so  $\bar{A} = A$ , we conclude  $\bar{\lambda}\bar{v} = A\bar{v}$ , which is the equation for the eigenvalue  $\bar{\lambda}$  and eigenvector  $\bar{v}$ . As a sequence, when dealing with real matrices, we only need to compute the eigenvector for one of each complex conjugate pair of eigenvalues.

**Proposition (1.3):** A matrix  $A$  is singular if and only if  $0$  is an eigenvalue.

**Proof:**

By definition,  $0$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  if and only if there is a nonzero solution to the eigenvector equation  $Av = 0v$ . Thus,  $0$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  if and only if it has a nonzero vector in its kernel,  $\ker A \neq \{0\}$ , and hence  $A$  is necessarily singular

**Properties (1.4):** If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix, then the characteristic polynomial is

$$P_A(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I) = c_n \lambda^n + c_{n-1} \lambda^{n-1} + c_{n-2} \lambda^{n-2} \dots \dots \dots c_0 \lambda + c_0 \tag{1.4}$$

The value  $P_A(\lambda)$  is a polynomial of degree  $n$  is a sequence of the general determinant formula and every term is prescribed by a permutation  $\pi$  of the rows of the matrix and equal plus or minus a product of  $n$  distinct matrix entries including one from each row and one of each column. The term corresponding to the identity permutation is obtained by multiplying the diagonal entries together, which, in this case, is

$$(a_{11} - \lambda)(a_{22} - \lambda) \dots (a_{nn} - \lambda) = (-1)^n \lambda^n + (-1)^{n-1} (a_{11} + a_{22} + \dots + a_{nn}) \lambda^{n-1} + \dots \tag{1.5}$$

All of the other terms have at most  $n - 2$  diagonal factors  $a_{ii} - \lambda$ , and so are polynomials of degree  $\leq n - 2$  in  $\lambda$ . Thus the equation (1.5) is the only summand containing the monomials  $\lambda^n$  and  $\lambda^{n-1}$ , and so their respective coefficients are

$$c_n = (-1)^n, c_{n-1} = (-1)^{n-1} (a_{11} + a_{22} + \dots + a_{nn}) = (-1)^{n-1} \text{tr}A \tag{1.6}$$

Where  $\text{tr}A$ , the sum of its diagonal entries, is called the *trace* of the matrix  $A$ . The other coefficients  $c_{n-2} \dots c_1, c_0$  in equation (1.5) are more complicated combinations of the entries of  $A$ . However, put  $\lambda = 0$ , implies that  $P_A(0) = \det(A) = c_0$ , so that the constant term in the characteristic polynomial equals the determinant of the matrix. In particular, if  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix, its characteristic polynomial has the explicit form

$$P_A(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I) = \det \begin{pmatrix} a - \lambda & b \\ c & d - \lambda \end{pmatrix} = \lambda^2 - (a + d)\lambda + (ad - bc) = \lambda^2 - (\text{tr}A)\lambda + (\det A) \tag{1.7}$$

**Theorem (1.5):** A scalar  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of the  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  if and only if the matrix  $A - \lambda I$  is singular, i.e. of rank  $< n$ . The corresponding eigenvectors are non zero solutions to the eigenvalue equation  $(A - \lambda I)v = 0$

**Theorem (1.6):** Let  $D = \text{diag}\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n\}$  be a diagonal matrix. Then  $D^k = \text{diag}\{\lambda_1^k, \lambda_2^k, \lambda_3^k, \dots, \lambda_n^k\}$ , where  $k$  is positive integer. Let's now consider a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$ . If we could find three linearly independent eigenvectors  $v_1, v_2$  and  $v_3$  corresponding to the eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  and  $\lambda_3$ , we would have  $Av_1 = \lambda_1 v_1, Av_2 = \lambda_2 v_2$ , and  $Av_3 = \lambda_3 v_3$

In matrix form, we have  $[v_1, v_2, v_3] = [v_1, v_2, v_3] \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{bmatrix} = [v_1, v_2, v_3] \text{diag}[\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3]$

Now, set  $P = [v_1, v_2, v_3]$  and  $D = \text{diag}[\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3]$ . Then  $P$  is invertible since the columns of  $P$  are linearly independent. Multiplying both sides of  $AP = PD$  by  $P^{-1}$  to the left, we get  $P^{-1}AP = D$ . This is a beautiful equation, because it makes the powers of  $A$  simple to understand. The procedure we just went through is reversible as well. In other words, if  $P$  is an invertible matrix such that  $P^{-1}AP = D$ , then we deduce that  $AP = PD$  and conclude that the columns of  $P$  are linearly independent eigenvectors of  $A$ . We make the following definition and follow it with a simple but key theorem relating similar matrices.

**Theorem (1.7):** Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k$  be a set of eigenvectors of the matrix  $A$  such that corresponding eigenvalues are all distinct. Then, the set of vectors  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$  is linearly independent.

**Proof:** Suppose the set is linearly dependent. Discard redundant vectors until we have a smallest linearly dependent subset such as  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m$  with  $v_i$  belonging to  $\lambda_i$ . All the vectors have nonzero coefficients in a linear combination that sums to zero, for we could discard the ones that have zero coefficient in the linear combination and still have a linearly dependent set. So there is some linear combination of the form

$$c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_m v_m = 0 \quad (i)$$

with each  $c_j \neq 0$  and  $v_j$  belonging to the eigenvalue  $\lambda_j$ . Multiply equation (i) by  $\lambda_1$  to obtain the equation

$$c_1 \lambda_1 v_1 + c_2 \lambda_1 v_2 + \dots + c_m \lambda_1 v_m = 0 \quad (ii)$$

Next, multiply equation (1) on the left by  $A$  to obtain

$$0 = A(c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_m v_m) = c_1 A v_1 + c_2 A v_2 + \dots + c_m A v_m$$

That is  $c_1 \lambda_1 v_1 + c_2 \lambda_2 v_2 + \dots + c_m \lambda_m v_m = 0$  (iii)

Now subtract equation (3) from equation (2) to obtain

$$0 v_1 + c_2 (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) v_2 + \dots + c_k (\lambda_1 - \lambda_m) v_m = 0$$

This is a new nontrivial linear combination (since  $c_2 (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) \neq 0$ ) of fewer terms, that contradicts our choice of  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k$ . It follows that the original set of vectors must be linearly independent.

**Theorem (1.8):** If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix, then the following properties are true.

- 1-  $A$  is diagonalizable.
2. All eigenvalues of  $A$  are real.
3. If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  with algebraic multiplicity  $k$ , then  $\lambda$  has  $k$  linearly independent eigenvectors. That is, the eigenspace of  $\lambda$  has dimension  $k$ .

**Theorem (1.9):** If the coefficient matrix  $A$  is complete, then the general solution to the linear iterative systems  $x^{(k+1)} = Ax^{(k)}$  is given by

$$x^{(k)} = c_1 \lambda_1^k v_1 + c_2 \lambda_2^k v_2 + \dots + c_n \lambda_n^k v_n$$

## 2. SOLVING SYSTEMS OF FIRST ORDER DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

Systems of first order linear ordinary differential equations arise in many areas of mathematics and engineering, for example in control theory and in the analysis of electrical circuits. In each case the basic unknowns are each a function of the time variable  $t$ . A number of techniques have been developed to solve such systems of equations; for example the Laplace transform. Here we shall use eigenvalues and eigenvectors to obtain the solution. Our first step will be to recast the system of ordinary differential equations in the matrix form  $X' = AX$  where  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  coefficient matrix of constants,  $X$  is the  $n \times 1$  column vector of unknown functions and  $X'$  is the  $n \times 1$  column vector containing the derivatives of the unknowns. The main step will be to use the modal matrix of  $A$  to diagonalise the system of differential equations. This process will transform  $X' = AX$  into the form  $Y' = DY$  where  $D$  is a diagonal matrix. We shall find that this new diagonal system of differential equations can be easily solved. This special solution will allow us to obtain the solution of the original system.

Consider a system of ordinary first order differential equations of the form

$$\begin{aligned} x_1' &= a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n + b_1 \\ x_2' &= a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + a_{23}x_3 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n + b_2 \\ x_3' &= a_{31}x_1 + a_{32}x_2 + a_{33}x_3 + \dots + a_{3n}x_n + b_3 \\ &\dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \\ &\dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \\ x_n' &= a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + a_{n3}x_3 + \dots + a_{nn}x_n + b_n \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

Where,  $a_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}$ .

If  $b_1 = b_2 = \dots = b_n = 0$ , the systems are called homogeneous and if not the systems are called inhomogeneous we can form equation (1-1) as  $X' = A(t)X + B(t)$

Where  $A(t): I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $B(t): I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $I$  being an Open interval in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

If  $A(t)$  and  $B(t)$  are continuous in  $t$  then for any  $t_0 \in I$  and  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then IVP

$$\begin{cases} x' = A(t)x + B(t) \\ x(t_0) = x_0 \end{cases} \quad (3.2)$$

The systems (3.1) and (3.2) has a unique solution defined on the interval  $I$

### 3.1 Space of Solutions of homogeneous systems

A linear ODE is called homogeneous if  $B(t) \equiv 0$  and inhomogeneous otherwise. If  $x' = A(t)x$  be a homogeneous equation the  $\mathcal{A}$  the set of all solution of ODE in (1-2), this idea produce from the following theorem

**Theorem (3.1):**  $\mathcal{A}$  is a linear space of  $\dim \mathcal{A} = n$ . Consequently if  $x_1, x_2, \dots, \dots, x_n$  are  $n$  linearly independent solution to  $x' = A(t)x$ , then the general solution has the form

$$x(t) = c_1 x_1(t) + c_2 x_2(t) + \dots + c_n x_n(t)$$

Where  $c_1, c_2, \dots, \dots, \dots, c_n$  are arbitrary constant

### 3.1.1 The Method Implementations

(i) Consider the following first order linear differential equations system.

$$y' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} y$$

Find the general solution for the above system

**Solution:**

To find the eigenvalues  $\det(A - \lambda I) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \lambda & -1 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 - \lambda & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \lambda^3 - 2\lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 6$

$$\lambda = 1, 3, -2$$

When  $\lambda = 1$ , we will get  $A - \lambda I \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$

Therefore  $-v_2 + v_3 = 0, 3v_1 + v_2 - v_3 = 0, 2v_1 + v_2 - 2v_3 = 0,$

Thus  $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

When  $\lambda = 3$ , then an eigenvector can be form as  $v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Also when  $\lambda = -2$  then an eigenvector can be form as,  $v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Since  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  are eigenvectors corresponding to distinct eigenvalues, therefore they are linearly independent, and hence the general solution to the problem can be written as

$$y(t) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^t + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{3t} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t}$$

(ii) Find the analytical solution for System of First Order Linear Differential Equations

Let the first order linear differential equations of the form

$$\begin{aligned} x_1' &= 3x_1 \\ x_2' &= 5x_2 \\ x_3' &= -2x_3 \end{aligned}$$

**Solution:**

From the principle of the general form of the solution is

$x' = kx$  is  $x = c_i e^{kt}$ , therefore the solutions of the system is

$$x_1 = c_1 e^{3t}$$

$$x_2 = c_2 e^{5t}$$

$$x_3 = c_3 e^{-2t}$$

The matrix form of the system of linear differential equations for above example is

$X' = AX$ , where A is square matrix such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1' \\ x_2' \\ x_3' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ thus A is diagonal matrix, then the solutions of the system } X' = AX \text{ can be obtained as}$$

above solutions

If A is not diagonal matrix, so this need more procedures, first we try to find the matrix P that diagonalizes A such the change of variables arise

$X = PH$  and  $X' = PH'$  produces

$$PH' = X' = AX = APH \Rightarrow H' = P^{-1}APH$$

Where  $P^{-1}AP$  is a diagonal matrix.

**(iii) Solve the following the system of linear differential equations**

$$x_1' = 3x_1 + 2x_2, x_2' = 6x_1 - x_2$$

**Solution:**

To find the matrix H that diagonalizes  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 6 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ , the eigenvalues of A are  $\lambda_1 = -3, \lambda_2 = 5$  and the corresponding eigenvector  $h_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $h_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  respectively, then  $H = [h_1, h_2] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$H^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 4 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Therefore to diagonalizes A as } H^{-1}AH = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 4 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 6 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{The system } X' = P^{-1}APX \text{ follow the form } \begin{bmatrix} x_1' \\ x_2' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow x_1' = -3x_1, x_2' = 5x_2$$

The solution of this system of equations is

$$x_1 = c_1 e^{-3t} \text{ and } x_2 = c_2 e^{5t}$$

To return to the original variables  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  use the substitution

$$X_1 = x_1 + x_2 = c_1 e^{-3t} + c_2 e^{5t} \text{ and } X_2 = -3x_1 + x_2 = -3c_1 e^{-3t} + c_2 e^{5t}$$

If A has eigenvalues with multiplicity greater than 1 or if A has complex eigenvalues, then the technique for solving the system must be modified.

**(iv) Solution of linear systems of the form  $x^{(k+1)} = Ax^{(k)}$  containing complex roots.**

Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 1 & 6 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  be the coefficient matrix for three dimensional iterative systems  $x^{(k+1)} = Ax^{(k)}$ .

If the eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors are:  $\lambda_1 = -2, \lambda_2 = -1 + i, \lambda_3 = -1 - i$

$$v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2-i \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ and } v_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 2+i \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore, according to theorem (1.9) the general complex solution to the iterative differential equations of linear systems is

$$x^{(k)} = b_1(-2)^k \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + b_2(-1+i)^k \begin{pmatrix} 2-i \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + b_3(-1-i)^k \begin{pmatrix} 2+i \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Where  $b_1, b_2, b_3$  are arbitrary complex scalars

We notice that the solution has real and imaginary parts, so in the case of systems of differential equations, we break up any complex solution into its real and imaginary parts, each of which constitutes a real solution. by writing,

$$\lambda_2 = -1 + i = \sqrt{2} e^{\frac{3\pi i}{4}} \text{ and hence}$$

$$(-1+i)^k \begin{pmatrix} 2-i \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 2^{k/2} e^{3k\pi i/4} = 2^{k/2} \left( \cos \frac{3}{4}k\pi + i \sin \frac{3}{4}k\pi \right)$$

Hence the complex of complex solution

$$(-1+i)^k \begin{pmatrix} 2-i \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 2^{k/2} \begin{pmatrix} 2\cos \frac{3}{4}k\pi + \sin \frac{3}{4}k\pi \\ -\cos \frac{3}{4}k\pi \\ \cos \frac{3}{4}k\pi \end{pmatrix} + i2^{k/2} \begin{pmatrix} 2\sin \frac{3}{4}k\pi - \cos \frac{3}{4}k\pi \\ -\sin \frac{3}{4}k\pi \\ \sin \frac{3}{4}k\pi \end{pmatrix}$$

Which is indicating that, the solution is a combination of two real solutions? Also the complex conjugate eigenvalue  $\lambda_3 = -1 - i$  leads to complex conjugate solution, The general real solution  $x^{(k)}$  to the system can be written as a linear combination of the three independent real solutions

$$x^{(k)} = c_1(-2)^k \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 2^{k/2} \begin{pmatrix} 2\cos \frac{3}{4}k\pi + \sin \frac{3}{4}k\pi \\ -\cos \frac{3}{4}k\pi \\ \cos \frac{3}{4}k\pi \end{pmatrix} + c_3 2^{k/2} \begin{pmatrix} 2\sin \frac{3}{4}k\pi - \cos \frac{3}{4}k\pi \\ -\sin \frac{3}{4}k\pi \\ \sin \frac{3}{4}k\pi \end{pmatrix}$$

Where  $c_1, c_2, c_3$  are arbitrary real scalars and  $x^{(k)}$  is the solutions of  $x^{(k+1)} = Ax^{(k)}$ .

### 3.2 Space of Solutions of inhomogeneous systems

Consider the inhomogeneous linear ODE

$$x' = A(t)x + B(t) \quad (3.3)$$

Where  $A(t): I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $B(t): I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  are continuous mapping on open interval  $I \subset \mathcal{R}$

**Theorem (3.2):** If  $x_0(t)$  is a particular solution of equation (3.3) and  $x_1(t), x_2(t), \dots, x_n(t)$  is a sequence of  $n$  linearly independent solutions of equations of homogeneous ODE(3.3). Then the general solution of the equation (3.3) is given by

$$X(t) = x_0(t) + c_1 x_1(t) + c_2 x_2(t) + \dots + c_n x_n(t) \quad (3.4)$$

**Proof:** If  $x(t)$  is also a solution of equation(3.3), then the function  $y(t) = x(t) - x_0(t)$  solves  $y'(t) = A(t)y$

Hence by the above theorem

$$y = c_1 x_1(t) + c_2 x_2(t) + \dots + c_n x_n(t) \quad (3.5)$$

Then  $X(t)$  satisfies (2-2). Conversely, for all  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$ , the function (2-3) solves  $y'(t) = A(t)y$  whence its follow that the function  $X(t) = x_0(t) + y(t)$  solves (3.3).

**Theorem(3.3):** The general solution to the system

$$x' = A(t)x + B(t) \quad (i)$$

is given by  $x = X(t)x \int X^{-1}(t) B(t) dt$  (ii)

Where  $X$  is the fundamental matrix of the system  $x' = A(t)x$

Such that  $\int X^{-1}(t) B(t)$  is a time dependent  $n$ -dimensional vector, which can be integrated in  $t$  component wise

**Proof:** let the matrix  $X$  satisfies the following ODE  $X' = AX$ ,

By differentiating the equation (ii)

$$\begin{aligned} x'(t) &= X'(t) \int X^{-1}B(t)dt + X(t)(X^{-1}B(t)) \\ &= AX \int X^{-1}B(t)dt + B(t) \\ &= Ax + B(t) \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $x(t)$  solves equation (i)

let us show that the equation (ii) gives all the solutions, we have observe the integral in equation (ii) is indefinite so that it can be presented in the form

$$\int X^{-1}B(t)dt = V(t) + C$$

Where  $V(t)$  is a vector function and  $C = c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$  is an arbitrary constant vectors

Therefore equation (i) gives

$$x(t) = X(t)V(t) + X(t)C = x_0(t) + c_1 x_1(t) + c_2 x_2(t) + \dots + c_n x_n(t)$$

Where  $x_0(t) = X(t)V(t)$  is a solution of equation (ii)

Hence  $x(t)$  is the general solution of the system

**Proposition(3.1):**

The set  $S$  of solutions to system  $y' = Ay$ , such that  $A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n} \in M_n$  with the initial condition  $y(t_0) = y^0 \in R^n$  is a vector space.

**Proof:** Let  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  belong to  $S$ , the set of solutions to (i). This set is nonempty since  $0 \in S$ . For any constants  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in R$  considering  $y = \alpha_1 y_1 + \alpha_2 y_2$  We need to show that  $y \in S$ . This follows from the fact that  $(\alpha_1 y_1 + \alpha_2 y_2)' = A(\alpha_1 y_1 + \alpha_2 y_2) \Leftrightarrow \alpha_1 y_1' + \alpha_2 y_2' = A\alpha_1 y_1 + A\alpha_2 y_2$  from vector space axioms

**Proposition (3.2).**

If  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  are distinct eigenvalues of  $A \in M_n$  with the corresponding eigenvectors  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m$  then  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$  is linearly independent set.

**Proof.** Let me prove this proposition by induction. Check this for  $m = 1$ .  $v_1$  is linearly independent because it is by definition non-zero. Now assume it is true for  $m = j$ , i.e., we assume that any set of  $j$  eigenvectors corresponding to distinct eigenvalues is linearly independent. Now I would like to prove that it is also true for  $j + 1$  eigenvectors. Consider the linear combination

$$\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_j v_j + \alpha_{j+1} v_{j+1} = 0$$

Multiply both sides of it by  $A$  from the left and use the fact that  $v_i$  are eigenvectors:

$$\alpha_1 \lambda_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 \lambda_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_j \lambda_j v_j + \alpha_{j+1} \lambda_{j+1} v_{j+1} = 0$$

Now multiply the first equality by  $-1$  and subtract from the second one:

$$\alpha_2(\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)v_2 + \dots + \alpha_{j+1}(\lambda_{j+1} - \lambda_1)v_{j+1} = 0$$

Which a linear combination of  $j$  eigenvectors, which form linearly independent set by assumptions. This means that

$$\alpha_i(\lambda_i - \lambda_1) = 0, i = 2, \dots, j + 1$$

and since all  $\lambda$  are distinct

$$\alpha_i = 0, i = 2, \dots, j + 1$$

This leaves us with

$$\alpha_1 v_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_1 = 0$$

Thus  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$ , is independent

**Theorem (3.4):** Given a system  $x' = Ax$  where  $A$  is a real matrix. If  $x = x_1 + ix_2$  is a complex solution, then its real and imaginary parts  $x_1, x_2$  are also solutions to the system.

Proof: since  $x_1 + ix_2$  is a solution then we have  $(x_1 + ix_2)' = A(x_1 + ix_2)$

By equating real and imaginary parts of this equation,  $x_1' = Ax_1$  and  $x_2' = Ax_2$

Therefore this shows that  $x_1$ , and  $x_2$  are solutions of the system  $x' = Ax$

**Theorem (3.5):** Vector space  $S$  of the solutions to system (i) is  $n$ -dimensional.

**Proof:** We will prove this theorem by presenting a basis for  $S$  that has exactly  $n$  elements.

Consider  $n$  initial value problems for (i), where  $y(t_0) = e_i; i = 1; \dots; n;$

and  $e_i$  are standard unit vectors in  $R^n$  (i.e., vectors with one at the  $i$ -th position and zeros everywhere else). Due to Theorem 1, we have  $n$  unique solutions, which I denote as  $y_i(t); i = 1; \dots; n$

Firstly let  $\{y_1(t), y_2(t), \dots, y_n(t)\}$  span  $S$  indeed, assume that  $x(t) \in S$  is a solution of the system (i)

along with the initial condition  $x(t_0) = x^0$ . Consider also  $y(t) = x_1^0 y_1(t) + \dots + x_n^0 y_n(t)$

Therefore  $y(t)$  is a solution of (i) as a linear combination of solutions, and at the point  $t_0, y(t_0) = x(t_0)$ ,

Hence, by Theorem 1,  $x(t) \equiv y(t)$

This means that any solution to (i), (ii) can be represented as a linear combination of  $\{y_1(t), \dots, y_n(t)\}$ .

Secondly, let  $\{y_1(t), \dots, y_n(t)\}$  is a linearly independent set. Let  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n \in R$  such that

$$\beta_1 y_1(t) + \beta_2 y_2(t) + \dots + \beta_n y_n(t)$$

For any  $t$  (this is the definition of linear independence). Rewrite the last equality as a system in the matrix form:

$$\Phi(t)\beta = 0$$

Where  $\Phi(t)$  is the matrix having  $y_i(t)$  as its  $i$ -th column, and  $\beta^T = (\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n)$

Since the last equality has to be true for any  $t$  then it is true for  $t_0$ , but for  $t_0 = t$  and  $\Phi(t_0) = I$  and the only solution to  $I\beta = 0$ ,

is a trivial one,  $\beta^T = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$ , Therefore,  $\{y_1(t), \dots, y_n(t)\}$  is a linearly independent set.

Since  $\{y_1(t), \dots, y_n(t)\}$  span  $S$  and is linearly independent, then it is a basis for  $S$ .

### 3.2.1 The Implementation of The Method In Solving Inhomogeneous Linear ODEs Systems.

#### (i) First order linear differential systems.

Consider the first order of linear differential equations

$$x_1' = -x_2, x_2' = x_1$$

Find the solution of the systems above.

**Solution:**

We can reform the linear system as  $x' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} x$  so the system has two independent solutions, such that

$$x_1(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos t \\ \sin t \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } x_2(t) = \begin{pmatrix} -\sin t \\ \cos t \end{pmatrix}$$

Then the corresponding fundamental matrix is

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & -\sin t \\ \sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } X^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & \sin t \\ -\sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix}$$

Consider the ODE  $x' = A(t)x + B(t)$ , where  $B(t) = \begin{pmatrix} b_1(t) \\ b_2(t) \end{pmatrix}$ , so by equation (1) we get the general solution as

$$x(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & -\sin t \\ \sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix} \int \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & \sin t \\ -\sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b_1(t) \\ b_2(t) \end{pmatrix} dt = \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & -\sin t \\ \sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix} \int \begin{pmatrix} b_1(t)\cos t + b_2(t)\sin t \\ -b_1(t)\sin t + b_2(t)\cos t \end{pmatrix} dt$$

Let a particular example  $B(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ , then the integral is

$$\int \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & -t\sin t \\ -\sin t & -t\cos t \end{pmatrix} dt = \begin{pmatrix} t\cos t + C_1 \\ -t\sin t + C_2 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\text{Whence } x(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & -\sin t \\ \sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} t \cos t + C_1 \\ -t \sin t + C_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} C_1 \cos t - C_2 \sin t \\ C_1 \sin t + C_2 \cos t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x(t) = \begin{pmatrix} t \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + C_1 \begin{pmatrix} \cos t \\ \sin t \end{pmatrix} + C_2 \begin{pmatrix} -\sin t \\ \cos t \end{pmatrix}$$

A scalar ODE of n-th order

**3.3 Solution of Inhomogeneous Linear Differential Equations Systems of Order n**

$$x^{(n)} + a_1(t)x^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_n(t)x = f(t) \quad (3.6)$$

Where  $a_k(t)$  and  $f(t)$  are continuous function on some interval I. it can be reduce to the vector ODE as

$$x' = A(t)x + B(t)$$

$$X(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ x'(t) \\ \dots \\ x^{(n-1)}(t) \end{pmatrix}, A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 1 \\ -a_n & -a_{n-1} & -a_1 & \dots & \dots & \dots \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dots \\ f \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.7)$$

If  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are linearly independent solutions to the homogeneous ODE

$$x^{(n)} + a_1(t)x^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_n(t)x = 0$$

Then denoting by  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  the corresponding vector solution, we obtain the fundamental matrix

$$X = (x_1 | x_2 | \dots | x_n) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & \dots & x_n \\ x_1' & x_2' & \dots & x_n' \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ x_1^{(n-1)} & x_2^{(n-1)} & \dots & x_n^{(n-1)} \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.8)$$

By multiplying  $X^{-1}$  by B, where  $y_{ik}$  the element of  $X^{-1}$  at position  $i, k$  so that  $i$  is the row index and  $k$  is the column index. Denote also by  $y_k$  the  $k$ -th column of  $X^{-1}$ , that is,

$$y_k = \begin{pmatrix} y_{1k} \\ \dots \\ y_{nk} \end{pmatrix}, \text{ then } X^{-1}B = \begin{pmatrix} y_{11}y_{1n} & \dots & y_{1n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ y_{n1}y_{n2} & \dots & y_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \dots \\ f \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_{1n}f \\ \dots \\ y_{nn}f \end{pmatrix} = f y_n \quad (3.9)$$

and the general vector solution is

$$x = X(t) \int f(t) y_n(t) dt \quad (3.10)$$

To find the function  $x(t)$  which is the first component of  $x$  by taking the first row of  $X$  to multiply by the column vector  $\int f(t) y_n(t) dt$ , where

$$x(t) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} x_j(t) \int f(t) y_{jn}(t) dt \quad (3.11)$$

Corollary: Let  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  be  $n$  linearly independent solution to  $x^{(n)} + a_1(t)x^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_n(t)x = 0$

and  $X$  be the corresponding fundamental matrix. Then, for any continuous function  $f(t)$ , the general solution to the ODE

$$x^{(n)} + a_1(t)x^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_n(t)x = f(t)$$

is given by

$$x(t) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} x_j(t) \int f(t) y_{jn}(t) dt \quad (3.12)$$

Where  $y_{jk}$  are the entries of the matrix  $X^{-1}$ .

**(I) IMPLEMENTATION OF THE METHOD**

Solve the inhomogeneous linear differential equation below

$$x'' = \sin(t) - x \quad (i)$$

Solution:

Rewrite the equation (i) as equation (3.6)

$$x'' + x = \sin(t) \quad (ii)$$

The independent solutions for homogeneous linear differential equation are

$$\text{Hence } x_1(t) = \cos t, x_2(t) = \sin t$$

$$\text{Where } X = \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & \sin t \\ -\sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } X^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & -\sin t \\ \sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix}$$

So the particular solution for equation(ii) using the equation (3.12)

$$x(t) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} x_j(t) \int f(t) y_{jn}(t) dt = x_1(t) \int f(t) y_{12}(t) dt + x_2(t) \int f(t) y_{22}(t) dt$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) &= \cos t \int \sin t(-\sin t)dt + \sin t \int \sin t(\cos t)dt \\
 &= -\cos t \int \sin^2 t dt + \frac{1}{2} \sin t \int \sin t(2t)dt \\
 &= -\cos t \left( \frac{1}{2}t - \frac{1}{4}\sin 2t + c_1 \right) + \frac{1}{4} \sin t (-\cos 2t + c_2) \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2}t \cos t + \frac{1}{4}(\sin 2t + \cos t - \sin t \cos 2t) + c_3 \cos t + c_4 \sin t \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2}t \cos t + c_3 \cos t + c_5 \sin t
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $x(t)$  is the solution of system of linear differential equations

#### 4. Discussion:

The study introduced the solution of linear differential equations systems in homogeneous and inhomogeneous form using coefficient matrices techniques which by generating eigenvalues, eigenvectors of the matrices. Its powerful method, and gives typical results comparing with other analytical techniques. The major drawback of this method, is extracting the inverse of coefficients matrices, the process is so tedious and sophisticate to generate for higher order matrices.

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