

Mon Mar 27: Use last Friday's notes to discuss matrix exponentials

Wed Mar 29: 5.6-5.7 Matrix exponentials, linear systems, and variation of parameters for inhomogeneous systems.

Recall: For the first order system

$$\mathbf{x}'(t) = A \mathbf{x}$$

• $\Phi(t)$ is a fundamental matrix (FM) if its n columns are a basis for the solution space to the first order system above (i.e. $\Phi(t)$ is the Wronskian matrix for a basis to the solution space).

• $\Phi(t)$ is an FM if and only if $\Phi'(t) = A \Phi$ and $\Phi(0)$ is invertible.

• e^{tA} is the unique matrix solution to

$$\begin{aligned} X'(t) &= A X \\ X(0) &= I \end{aligned}$$

and may be computed either of two ways:

$$e^{tA} = \Phi(t)\Phi(0)^{-1}$$

where $\Phi(t)$ is any other FM, or via the infinite series

$$e^{tA} = I + tA + \frac{t^2}{2!}A^2 + \frac{t^3}{3!}A^3 + \dots + \frac{t^k}{k!}A^k + \dots$$

Example 1: We showed that if

$$\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

then

$$e^{t\Lambda} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + t\lambda_1 + \frac{t^2}{2!}\lambda_1^2 + \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 + t\lambda_2 + \frac{t^2}{2!}\lambda_2^2 + \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 + t\lambda_n + \frac{t^2}{2!}\lambda_n^2 + \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

=

$$\begin{bmatrix} e^{t\lambda_1} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & e^{t\lambda_2} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & e^{t\lambda_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

Example 2) If A is diagonalizable we showed that we got the same answer for e^{tA} using

$$A = S\Lambda S^{-1}$$

and the Taylor series method, as we did we did using the $\Phi(t)\Phi(0)^{-1}$ method. In fact, $\Phi(t) = S e^{t\Lambda}$ and $\Phi(0)^{-1} = S^{-1}$, so this makes sense.

How to compute e^{At} when A is not diagonalizable. This method depends on the fundamental fact about how the generalized eigenspaces of a matrix fit together.

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 "Recall" (this is really linear algebra material, but most of you haven't seen it.)

For $A_{n \times n}$ let the characteristic polynomial $p(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I)$ factor as

$$p(\lambda) = (-1)^n (\lambda - \lambda_1)^{k_1} (\lambda - \lambda_2)^{k_2} \dots (\lambda - \lambda_m)^{k_m}$$

Any eigenspace of A for which $\dim(E_{\lambda_j}) < k_j$ is called defective. If A has any defective eigenspaces then

it is not diagonalizable. (If none of the eigenspaces are defective, then my amalgamating bases for each eigenspace one obtains a basis for \mathbb{R}^n (or \mathbb{C}^n , in the case of complex eigendata). However, the larger generalized eigenspaces G_{λ_j} defined by

$$E_{\lambda_j} \subseteq G_{\lambda_j} := \text{nullspace}\left((A - \lambda_j I)^{k_j}\right)$$

do always have dimension k_j . If bases for each G_{λ_j} are amalgamated they will form a basis for \mathbb{R}^n or \mathbb{C}^n .

For each basis vector \mathbf{y} of G_{λ_j} one can construct a basis solution $\mathbf{x}(t)$ to $\mathbf{x}' = A\mathbf{x}$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}(t) &= e^{At} \mathbf{y} = e^{\lambda_j I t} e^{(A - \lambda_j I)t} \mathbf{y} \\ &= e^{\lambda_j I t} \left(I + t(A - \lambda_j I) + \frac{t^2}{2!} (A - \lambda_j I)^2 + \dots \right) \mathbf{y} \\ &= e^{\lambda_j I t} \left(\mathbf{y} + t(A - \lambda_j I)\mathbf{y} + \frac{t^2}{2!} (A - \lambda_j I)^2 \mathbf{y} + \dots \right) \\ &= e^{\lambda_j I t} \left(\mathbf{y} + t(A - \lambda_j I)\mathbf{y} + \frac{t^2}{2!} (A - \lambda_j I)^2 \mathbf{y} + \frac{t^{k_j-1}}{(k_j-1)!} (A - \lambda_j I)^{k_j-1} \mathbf{y} + 0 + 0 + \dots \right) \\ \mathbf{x}(t) &= e^{\lambda_j I t} \left(\mathbf{y} + t(A - \lambda_j I)\mathbf{y} + \frac{t^2}{2!} (A - \lambda_j I)^2 \mathbf{y} + \frac{t^{k_j-1}}{(k_j-1)!} (A - \lambda_j I)^{k_j-1} \mathbf{y} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Notes: The final sum is a finite sum because $\mathbf{y} \in \text{nullspace}\left((A - \lambda_j I)^{k_j}\right)$! If \mathbf{y} was an eigenvector, you've just reconstructed

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = e^{\lambda_j t} \mathbf{y}$$

Use the n independent solutions found this way to construct a $\Phi(t)$, and compute $e^{At} = \Phi(t)\Phi(0)^{-1}$.

Exercise 1 Find e^{At} for the matrix in the system:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1' \\ x_2' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

tech check:

> with (LinearAlgebra) :

$$A := \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix};$$

factor (Determinant (A - λ · IdentityMatrix(2))) ;

$$A := \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(\lambda - 2)^2$$

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So the only eigenvalue is $\lambda = 2$.

> B := A - 2 · IdentityMatrix(2);

NullSpace(B);

$$B := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

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but $E_{\lambda=2}$ is only one-dimensional. However, the generalized eigenspace $G_{\lambda=2} = \text{nullspace}(A - 2I)^2$ will be two dimensional:

> NullSpace(B^2);

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

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Use this generalized nullspace basis to construct a basis of solutions to $x' = Ax$ and use the resulting $\Phi(t)$ to construct the matrix exponential...

> x1 := t → e^{2·t} · (IdentityMatrix(2) + t · B) · $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$;

x1(t);

x2 := t → e^{2·t} · $\left(\text{IdentityMatrix}(2) + t \cdot B + \frac{t^2}{2} \cdot B^2 \right) \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$;

x2(t);

Φ := t → ⟨x1(t)|x2(t)⟩ :

Φ(t);

Φ(t) · Φ(0)⁻¹;

MatrixExponential(t · A); #these last two should be the same!! In fact, the last three in this case

$$\begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} (1 + t) \\ t e^{2t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \begin{bmatrix} -t e^{2t} \\ (1-t) e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} \\
 & \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} (1+t) & -t e^{2t} \\ t e^{2t} & (1-t) e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} \\
 & \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} (1+t) & -t e^{2t} \\ t e^{2t} & (1-t) e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} \\
 & \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} (1+t) & -t e^{2t} \\ t e^{2t} & -e^{2t} (-1+t) \end{bmatrix}
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Variation of parameters: This is what fundamental matrices and matrix exponentials are especially good for....they let you solve non-homogeneous systems without guessing. Consider the non-homogeneous first order system

$$\underline{x}'(t) = P(t)\underline{x} + \underline{f}(t) \quad *$$

Let $\Phi(t)$ be an FM for the homogeneous system

$$\underline{x}'(t) = P(t)\underline{x}.$$

Since $\Phi(t)$ is invertible for all t we may do a change of functions for the non-homogeneous system:

$$\underline{x}(t) = \Phi(t)\underline{u}(t)$$

plug into the non-homogeneous system (*):

$$\Phi'(t)\underline{u}(t) + \Phi(t)\underline{u}'(t) = P(t)\Phi(t)\underline{u}(t) + \underline{f}(t).$$

Since $\Phi' = P\Phi$ the first terms on each side cancel each other and we are left with

$$\Phi(t)\underline{u}'(t) = \underline{f}(t)$$

$$\underline{u}' = \Phi^{-1}\underline{f}$$

which we can integrate to find a $\underline{u}(t)$, hence an $\underline{x}(t) = \Phi(t)\underline{u}(t)$.

Remark: This is where the (mysterious at the time) formula for variation of parameters in n^{th} order linear DE's came from....

"Recall" (February 24 notes):

Variation of Parameters: The advantage of this method is that it always provides a particular solution, even for non-homogeneous problems in which the right-hand side doesn't fit into a nice finite dimensional subspace preserved by L , and even if the linear operator L is not constant-coefficient. The formula for the particular solutions can be somewhat messy to work with, however, once you start computing.

Here's the formula: Let $y_1(x), y_2(x), \dots, y_n(x)$ be a basis of solutions to the homogeneous DE

$$L(y) := y^{(n)} + p_{n-1}(x)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + p_1(x)y' + p_0(x)y = 0.$$

Then $y_p(x) = u_1(x)y_1(x) + u_2(x)y_2(x) + \dots + u_n(x)y_n(x)$ is a particular solution to

$$L(y) = f$$

provided the coefficient functions (aka "varying parameters") $u_1(x), u_2(x), \dots, u_n(x)$ have derivatives satisfying the Wronskian matrix equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 & y_2 & \dots & y_n \\ y_1' & y_2' & \dots & y_n' \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ y_1^{(n-1)} & y_2^{(n-1)} & \dots & y_n^{(n-1)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1' \\ u_2' \\ \vdots \\ u_n' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ f \end{bmatrix}$$

But if we convert the n^{th} order DE into a first order system for $x_1 = y, x_2 = y'$ etc. we have

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 & (= y) \\x_1' &= x_2 \quad (= y') \\x_2' &= x_3 \quad (= y'') \\x_{n-1}' &= x_n \quad (= y^{(n-1)}) \\x_n' & (= y^{(n)}) = -p_0(x)y_1 - p_1(x)y_2 - \dots - p_{n-1}(x)y_{n-1} + f.\end{aligned}$$

And each basis solution $y(t)$ for $L(y) = 0$ gives a solution $[y, y', y'', \dots, y^{(n-1)}]^T$ to the homogeneous system

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1' \\ x_2' \\ x_3' \\ \vdots \\ x_n' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ -p_0 & -p_1 & -p_2 & \dots & -p_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ f \end{bmatrix}.$$

So the original Wronskian matrix for the n^{th} order linear homogeneous DE is a FM for the system above, so the formula we learned in Chapter 3 is a special case of the easier to understand one for first order systems that we just derived, namely

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi(t)\underline{u}'(t) &= \underline{f}(t) \\ \underline{u}' &= \Phi^{-1}\underline{f}\end{aligned}$$

Returning to first order systems, if we want to solve an IVP for a first order system rather than find the complete general solution, then the following two ways are appropriate:

1) If you want to solve the IVP

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}'(t) &= P(t)\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{f}(t) \\ \mathbf{x}(0) &= \mathbf{x}_0\end{aligned}$$

The the solution will be of the form $\mathbf{x} = \Phi \mathbf{u}$ (where $\mathbf{u}' = \Phi^{-1} \mathbf{f}$ as above). Thus

$$\mathbf{x}_0 = \Phi(0)\mathbf{u}_0$$

so

$$\mathbf{u}_0 = \Phi(0)^{-1} \mathbf{x}_0.$$

Thus

$$\mathbf{u}(t) = \mathbf{u}_0 + \int_0^t \mathbf{u}'(s) \, ds$$

$$\mathbf{u}(t) = \mathbf{u}_0 + \int_0^t \Phi^{-1}(s) \mathbf{f}(s) \, ds.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}(t) &= \Phi(t)\mathbf{u}(t) \\ \mathbf{x}(t) &= \Phi(t) \left(\mathbf{u}_0 + \int_0^t \Phi^{-1}(s) \mathbf{f}(s) \, ds \right).\end{aligned}$$

2) If you want to solve the special case IVP

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}'(t) &= A \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{f}(t) \\ \mathbf{x}(0) &= \mathbf{x}_0\end{aligned}$$

where A is a constant matrix, you may derive a special case of the solution formula above just as we did in Chapter 1. This is sort of amazing!

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}'(t) &= A \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{f}(t) \\ \mathbf{x}'(t) - A \mathbf{x} &= \mathbf{f}(t) \\ e^{-tA}(\mathbf{x}'(t) - A \mathbf{x}) &= e^{-tA} \mathbf{f}(t) \\ \frac{d}{dt}(e^{-tA} \mathbf{x}(t)) &= e^{-tA} \mathbf{f}(t).\end{aligned}$$

Integrate from 0 to t :

$$e^{-tA} \mathbf{x}(t) - \mathbf{x}_0 = \int_0^t e^{-sA} \mathbf{f}(s) \, ds$$

Move the \mathbf{x}_0 over and multiply both sides by e^{tA} :

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = e^{tA} \left(\mathbf{x}_0 + \int_0^t e^{-sA} \mathbf{f}(s) \, ds \right).$$

Exercise 2 Consider the non-homogeneous problem related to the homogeneous system in Exercise 1:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1' \\ x_2' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1(0) \\ x_2(0) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Solve this system using the formula

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = e^{tA} \left(\mathbf{x}_0 + \int_0^t e^{-sA} \mathbf{f}(s) \, ds \right)$$

(One could also try undetermined coefficients, but variation of parameters requires no "guessing.")

Tech check: (The commands are sort of strange, but might help in your homework.)

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> with(LinearAlgebra):
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> A :=  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ :
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MatrixExponential(t·A);
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f := t →  $\begin{bmatrix} t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ :
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x0 :=  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ :
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$$\begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} (1+t) & -t e^{2t} \\ t e^{2t} & -e^{2t} (-1+t) \end{bmatrix}$$

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> integrand := s → simplify(MatrixExponential(-s·A)·f(s)): #integrand in formula above
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> integrand(t); #checking
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$$\begin{bmatrix} -e^{-2t} (-1+t) t \\ -t^2 e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

> *integrated := unapply(map(int, integrand(s), s=0..t), t) : # "map" applies a function to each entry of an array...*
 # "unapply" makes a function out of output

> *integrated(t); #checking*

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} t^2 e^{-2t} \\ -\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} e^{-2t} + \frac{1}{2} t e^{-2t} + \frac{1}{2} t^2 e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

> *x := unapply(simplify(MatrixExponential(t·A).(x0 + integrated(t))), t) :*
x(t); #checking answer

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} t (e^{2t} - 1) \\ \frac{1}{4} e^{2t} (-1+t) + \frac{1}{4} t + \frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix} \quad (8)$$

> *with(DEtools) :*
dsolve({x1'(t)=3·x1(t)-x2(t)+t, x2'(t)=x1(t)+x2(t), x1(0)=0, x2(0)=0});

$$\left\{ x1(t) = \frac{1}{4} t e^{2t} - \frac{1}{4} t, x2(t) = -\frac{1}{4} e^{2t} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} t + \frac{1}{4} t e^{2t} \right\} \quad (9)$$

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