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4.1 Introduction to systems of differential equations

• Chapters 4–6 systems of differential eqns

Announcements:

- I pointed out on next HW when we'll talk about related examples

- Quiz today on § 3.6 : Forced oscillations
three important physical phenomena

- beating
- resonance (pure)
- practical resonance

$$m x'' + c x' + k x = F_0 \cos \omega t$$

Warm-up Exercise: !! Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors (eigenspace bases) for

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 2 \\ 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = 0, -6$$

$$E_{\lambda=0} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

✓ check $A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 2 \\ 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$
($A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$)

$$E_{\lambda=-6} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

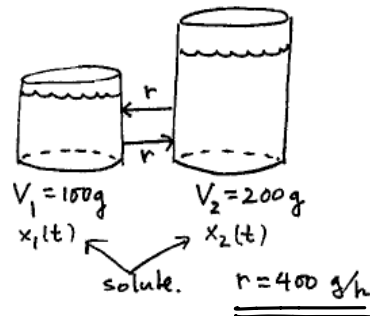
✓ check $\begin{bmatrix} -4 & 2 \\ 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = -6 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

4.1 Systems of differential equations - to model multi-component systems via compartmental analysis

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multi-compartment_model

and to understand higher order differential equations.

Here's a relatively simple 2-tank problem to illustrate the ideas:



Exercise 1) Find differential equations for solute amounts $x_1(t)$, $x_2(t)$ above, using input-output modeling.

Assume solute concentration is uniform in each tank. If $x_1(0) = b_1$, $x_2(0) = b_2$, write down the initial value problem that you expect would have a unique solution.

$$x_1'(t) = r_i c_i - r_o c_o \quad r_i = r_o = 400$$

$$x_1'(t) = 400 \frac{x_2}{200} - 400 \frac{x_1}{100} = -4x_1 + 2x_2$$

$\frac{gal}{hour}$ $\frac{lb}{gal}$

$$x_2'(t) = r_i c_i - r_o c_o$$

$$= 400 \frac{x_1}{100} - 400 \frac{x_2}{200}$$

$$x_2'(t) = 4x_1 - 2x_2$$

A in warmup.

answer (in matrix-vector form):

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1'(t) \\ x_2'(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 2 \\ 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1(0) \\ x_2(0) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} x_1'(t) &= -4x_1 + 2x_2 \\ x_2'(t) &= 4x_1 - 2x_2 \end{aligned}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1(0) &= b_1 \\ x_2(0) &= b_2 \end{aligned}$$

The example on page 1 is a special case of the general initial value problem for a first order system of differential equations:

$$\text{IVP} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{x}'(t) = \mathbf{F}(t, \mathbf{x}(t)) \\ \mathbf{x}(t_0) = \mathbf{x}_0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\vec{x}(t): \vec{x}: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

Chapter 1

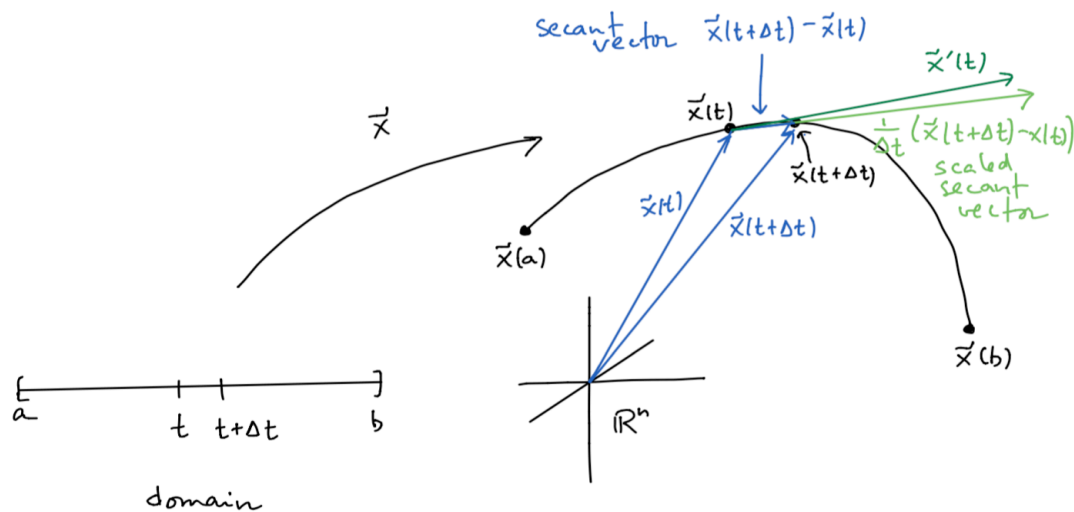
$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{x}'(t) = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{x}) \\ \mathbf{x}(t_0) = \mathbf{x}_0 \end{cases}$$

Existence and Uniqueness for solutions to IVP's: The IVP above is a vectorized version of the scalar first order DE IVP that we considered in Chapter 1. In Chapter 1 we understood why (with the right conditions on the right hand side), these IVP's have unique solutions. There is an analogous existence-uniqueness theorem for the vectorized version we study in Chapters 4-6, and it's believable for the same reasons the Chapter 1 theorem seemed reasonable. We just have to remember the geometric meaning of the *tangent* vector $\mathbf{x}'(t)$ to a parametric curve in \mathbb{R}^n (which is also called the *velocity* vector in physics, when you study particle motion):

Algebra:

$$\mathbf{x}'(t) := \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\Delta t} \left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1(t + \Delta t) \\ x_2(t + \Delta t) \\ \vdots \\ x_n(t + \Delta t) \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ \vdots \\ x_n(t) \end{bmatrix} \right) = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\Delta t} (x_1(t + \Delta t) - x_1(t)) \\ \frac{1}{\Delta t} (x_2(t + \Delta t) - x_2(t)) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{1}{\Delta t} (x_n(t + \Delta t) - x_n(t)) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1'(t) \\ x_2'(t) \\ \vdots \\ x_n'(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

Geometric interpretation in terms of displacement vectors along a parametric curve:



So the existence-uniqueness theorem for first order systems of DE's is true because if you know where you start at time t_0 , namely \mathbf{x}_0 ; and if you know your tangent vector $\mathbf{x}'(t)$ at every later time -in terms of your location $\mathbf{x}(t)$ and what time t it is, as specified by the vector function $\mathbf{F}(t, \mathbf{x}(t))$; then there should only be one way the parametric curve $\mathbf{x}(t)$ can develop. This is analogous to our reasoning in Chapter 1 that there should only be one way to follow a slope field, given the initial point one starts at.

Exercise 2) Return to the page 1 tank example

$$x_1'(t) = -4x_1 + 2x_2$$

$$x_2'(t) = 4x_1 - 2x_2$$

$$x_1(0) = 9 \quad \leftarrow \text{all solute starts in tank 1}$$

$$x_2(0) = 0$$

2a) Interpret the parametric solution curve $[x_1(t), x_2(t)]^T$ to this IVP, as indicated in the pplane screen shot below. ("pplane" is the sister program to "dfield", that we were using in Chapters 1-2.) Notice how it follows the "velocity" (tangent vector) vector field (which is time-independent in this example), and how the "particle motion" location $[x_1(t), x_2(t)]^T$ is actually the vector of solute amounts in each tank, at time t .

If your system involved ten coupled tanks rather than two, then this "particle" is moving around in \mathbb{R}^{10} .

2b) What are the apparent limiting solute amounts in each tank?

2c) How could your smart-alec younger sibling have told you the answer to 2b without considering any differential equations or "velocity vector fields" at all?

$$2b) \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

2c) because total salt is 9 lb
& eventually concentration should
be equal everywhere

& 2nd tank
is twice
as large

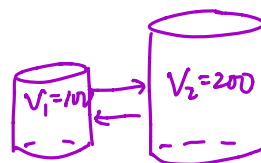
$$= (4x_1 - 2x_2) \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= 2(2x_1 - x_2) \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

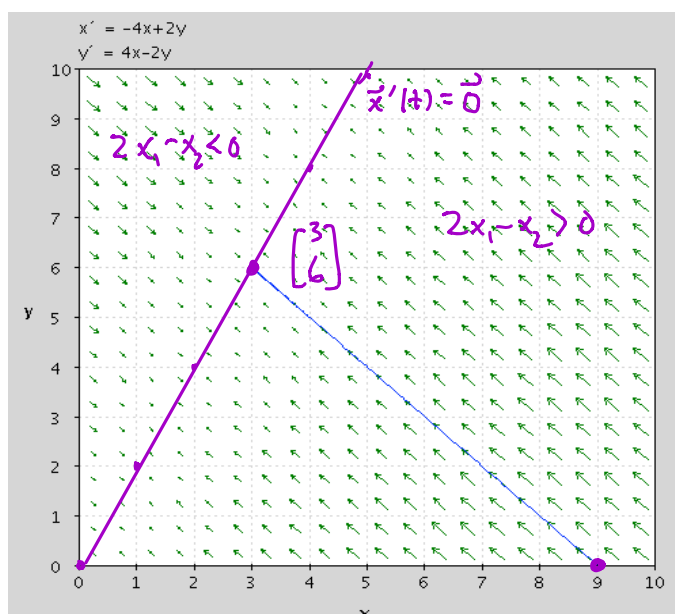
$$\vec{x}'(t) = \vec{0}$$

$$\text{when } 2x_1 - x_2 = 0$$

$$x_2 = 2x_1$$



pplane $\begin{bmatrix} x_1' \\ x_2' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4x_1 - 2x_2 \\ 4x_1 - 2x_2 \end{bmatrix}$



$$\begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1(0) \\ x_2(0) \end{bmatrix}$$

Definition: Any first order system of differential equations which can be written in the form

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

is called a *first order linear system of DE's*. (Here $\underline{\mathbf{x}}(t)$ and $\underline{\mathbf{f}}(t)$ are functions from an interval in \mathbb{R} , with range lying in \mathbb{R}^n , and $P(t)$ is an $n \times n$ matrix whose entries are functions of t . For us $P(t)$ will almost always be a constant matrix. If the system can be written in the form

$$\underline{\mathbf{x}}'(t) + P(t) \underline{\mathbf{x}} = \underline{\mathbf{0}}$$

we say that the linear system of differential equations is *homogeneous*. Otherwise it is *non-homogeneous* or *inhomogeneous*.

Notice that the operator on vector-valued functions $\underline{\mathbf{x}}(t)$ defined by

$$L(\underline{\mathbf{x}}(t)) := \underline{\mathbf{x}}'(t) + P(t) \underline{\mathbf{x}}(t)$$

is linear, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} L(\underline{\mathbf{x}}(t) + \underline{\mathbf{y}}(t)) &= L(\underline{\mathbf{x}}(t)) + L(\underline{\mathbf{y}}(t)) \\ L(c \underline{\mathbf{x}}(t)) &= c L(\underline{\mathbf{x}}(t)). \end{aligned}$$

SO! The space of solutions to the homogeneous first order system of differential equations

$$\underline{\mathbf{x}}'(t) + P(t) \underline{\mathbf{x}} = \underline{\mathbf{0}}$$

is a subspace. AND the general solution to the inhomogeneous system

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

will be of the form

$$\underline{\mathbf{x}} = \underline{\mathbf{x}}_p + \underline{\mathbf{x}}_H$$

where $\underline{\mathbf{x}}_p$ is any single particular solution and $\underline{\mathbf{x}}_H$ is the general homogeneous solution.

In the case that $P(t) = -A$ is a constant matrix (i.e. entries don't depend on t), we usually write the homogeneous system as

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

In the case that A is a diagonalizable matrix it turns out we can always find a basis for the homogeneous solution space made of vector-valued functions of the form

$$\underline{\mathbf{x}}(t) = e^{\lambda t} \underline{\mathbf{y}},$$

where $\underline{\mathbf{y}}$ an eigenvector of A and λ is its eigenvalue, i.e.

$$A \underline{\mathbf{y}} = \lambda \underline{\mathbf{y}}.$$

System of DE's:

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

Candidate solution:

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = e^{\lambda t} \mathbf{v},$$

where \mathbf{v} an eigenvector of A and λ is its eigenvalue, i.e.

$$A \mathbf{v} = \lambda \mathbf{v}.$$

We can verify that such an $\mathbf{x}(t) = e^{\lambda t} \mathbf{v}$ solves the homogeneous DE system above by showing we get a true identity when we substitute it in. We compute the left side of the differential equation:

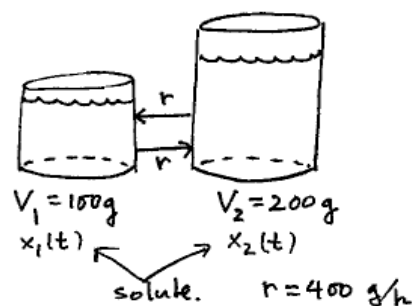
$$\mathbf{x}(t) = e^{\lambda t} \mathbf{v} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}'(t) = \lambda e^{\lambda t} \mathbf{v}.$$

And we compute the right side

$$A \mathbf{x}(t) = A e^{\lambda t} \mathbf{v} = e^{\lambda t} A \mathbf{v} = e^{\lambda t} \lambda \mathbf{v}.$$

Same!

Exercise 3) Use the eigendata of the matrix in our running example solve the initial value problem of Exercise 2!! Compare your solution $\underline{x}(t)$ to the parametric curve drawn by pplane.



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