

CHAPTER 3: We want to solve the linear system

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = ax + by \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = cx + dy \end{cases} \quad \text{for all choices of constants } a, b, c, d$$

We write the system as $\frac{d\vec{Y}}{dt} = A\vec{Y}$, where $\vec{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{bmatrix}$, $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$

If we solve the system above, then we can also solve

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + p \frac{dy}{dt} + q y = 0$$

(1)

TRIVIAL SOLUTION:

$\vec{Y}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is a solution to $\frac{d\vec{Y}}{dt} = A\vec{Y}$ for all 2×2 matrices A .
 equilibrium

1. OTHER EQUILIBRIUM SOLUTIONS?

If $\vec{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} r \\ s \end{bmatrix}$ solves $\frac{d\vec{Y}}{dt} = A\vec{Y}$, then

$$\frac{d\vec{Y}}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r \\ s \end{bmatrix}$$

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This only happens if
 $\det(A) = 0$.

If $\det(A) \neq 0$, then $\frac{d\vec{Y}}{dt} = A\vec{Y}$ has only one equilibrium solution, $\vec{Y}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

If $\det(A) = 0$, then $\frac{dY}{dt} = A\vec{Y}$ has nontrivial equilibrium solutions.

2. For which matrices A does $\frac{d\vec{y}}{dt} = A\vec{y}$ have a nontrivial equilibrium solution?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) = 1 - 4 = -3$$

No.

$$\det(A) = \boxed{0}$$

Yes. \rightarrow
Nontrivial eq. $\xrightarrow{\text{Solve}}$ Yes.

= 0

$$\det(A) = 4$$

No.

3. If $\vec{Y}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{bmatrix}$ is a solution of $\frac{d\vec{Y}}{dt} = A\vec{Y}$, then $k\vec{Y}$ is also a solution for any constant k .

We know: $\frac{d\vec{Y}}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{dx}{dt} \\ \frac{dy}{dt} \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{bmatrix}$

$$\frac{d\vec{Y}}{dt} = A\vec{Y}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(k\vec{Y}) = k \frac{d\vec{Y}}{dt} = k(A\vec{Y}) = A(k\vec{Y})$$

Thus: $\frac{d}{dt}(k\vec{Y}) = A(k\vec{Y})$

Conclude: $k\vec{Y}$ is a solution.

4. If \vec{Y}_1 and \vec{Y}_2 are solutions, then so is $\vec{Y}_1 + \vec{Y}_2$.

We know: $\frac{d\vec{Y}_1}{dt} = A\vec{Y}_1$ and $\frac{d\vec{Y}_2}{dt} = A\vec{Y}_2$.

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\vec{Y}_1 + \vec{Y}_2) = \frac{d\vec{Y}_1}{dt} + \frac{d\vec{Y}_2}{dt} = A\vec{Y}_1 + A\vec{Y}_2 = A(\vec{Y}_1 + \vec{Y}_2)$$

Thus: $\frac{d}{dt}(\vec{Y}_1 + \vec{Y}_2) = A(\vec{Y}_1 + \vec{Y}_2)$

So $\vec{Y}_1 + \vec{Y}_2$ is a solution.

5. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\vec{Y}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t} \\ -2e^{-t} \end{bmatrix}$, $\vec{Y}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} e^{3t} \\ 2e^{3t} \end{bmatrix}$

(a) Verify that \vec{Y}_1 and \vec{Y}_2 solve $\frac{d\vec{Y}}{dt} = A\vec{Y}$

Given: $\frac{d\vec{Y}_1}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} -e^{-t} \\ 2e^{-t} \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{?}{=} A\vec{Y}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t} \\ -2e^{-t} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t} - 2e^{-t} \\ 4e^{-t} - 2e^{-t} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -e^{-t} \\ 2e^{-t} \end{bmatrix}$

$$\frac{d\vec{Y}_2}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} 3e^{3t} \\ 6e^{3t} \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{?}{=} A\vec{Y}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{3t} \\ 2e^{3t} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{3t} + 2e^{3t} \\ 4e^{3t} + 2e^{3t} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3e^{3t} \\ 6e^{3t} \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) Find a solution to $\frac{d\vec{Y}}{dt} = A\vec{Y}$ with initial condition $\vec{Y}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\vec{Y}_1(0) = \begin{bmatrix} e^0 \\ -2e^0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{Y}_2(0) = \begin{bmatrix} e^0 \\ 2e^0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find k_1 and k_2 such that $k_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} + k_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Solve: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Row reduce: $\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{4} \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{4} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{4} \end{array} \right]$ So: $k_1 = -\frac{1}{4}$, $k_2 = \frac{1}{4}$

Thus: $\vec{Y} = -\frac{1}{4}\vec{Y}_1 + \frac{1}{4}\vec{Y}_2$ is the solution to $\frac{d\vec{Y}}{dt} = A\vec{Y}$ with $\vec{Y}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\vec{Y}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{4}e^{-t} + \frac{1}{4}e^{3t} \\ \frac{1}{2}e^{-t} + \frac{1}{2}e^{3t} \end{bmatrix}$$