

# Differential Equations I

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**Proposition:** (Holonomic Solution)

Let  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  be a fundamental system on  $]a, b[$  of

$$y' = A(x)y.$$

Then any solution  $y$  on  $]a, b[$  can be written in the form

$$y = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i y_i, \quad \text{const. } \equiv c_i \in \mathbb{R} \text{ or } \mathbb{C}.$$

This above  $y$  is called **holonomic solution** of the homogeneous system of differential equations.

**Remark:** The linear combinations are solutions of  $y' = A(x)y$ , since  $y = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i y_i$  yields:

$$y' = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i y_i' = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i A(x) y_i = A(x) \sum_{i=1}^n c_i y_i = A(x) y.$$

## Observations:

- Solutions of the lin. syst. of ODEs  $\vec{y}' = A(x)\vec{y}$  form a vector space over the space of  $c_i$
- Since we have  $n$  lin. independent solutions (fundamental system)  
 $\Rightarrow$  vector space has dimension  $n$ .

Special case:  $n=1$  or only one ODE  $y' = p(x)y$

$\Rightarrow$  solution  $y = Cy_1 = C \cdot e^{-\int p(x)}$  is general solution

Question: How to find fundamental system?

Only solvable if  $A(x)$  has only constant entries  
otherwise we may find solutions for special cases  
or by chance  
or numerically

Aim: Find solutions if  $A(x)$  has entries  $a_{ij} \equiv \text{constants}$ .

Then: Let  $\vec{v}$  Eigenvector (EVC) of the Eigenvalue (EVA)  $\lambda$

$$\text{then } \vec{y}' = \lambda e^{\lambda x} \vec{v} = \lambda \vec{y} = A \vec{y}$$

So, with  $\lambda$  EVA and  $\vec{v}$  an EVC we can construct a solution to  $\vec{y}' = A \vec{y}$ .

Example:  $\begin{pmatrix} y_1' \\ y_2' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

One finds  $\lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 3$  are EVA with EVc

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

With the construction idea we obtain

$$\vec{\gamma}_1 = e^{\lambda_1 x} \vec{v}_1, \quad \vec{\gamma}_2 = e^{\lambda_2 x} \vec{v}_2$$

Show  $[\gamma_1, \gamma_2]$  form a fundamental system  $\rightarrow$  Wronski-Test

$$W(x) = \det \begin{pmatrix} e^x & e^{3x} \\ e^x & -e^{3x} \end{pmatrix} = -e^x e^{3x} - e^x e^{3x} = -2e^{4x} \neq 0$$

$\Rightarrow \gamma_1, \gamma_2$  form a fundamental system.

$\Rightarrow \vec{y} = c_1 \vec{\gamma}_1 + c_2 \vec{\gamma}_2 = c_1 e^x \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{3x} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$   
is the general solution.

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**Proposition:** (Solution of system of ODEs with constant coefficients)

Let  $A = (a_{ij})$  a constant  $n \times n$ -matrix with  $a_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\lambda$  an eigen value (Eva) of  $A$  with corresponding eigen vector (EVc)  $\mathbf{v}$ .

Then

$$\mathbf{y} = e^{\lambda x} \mathbf{v}$$

is a solution of the homogeneous system of ODEs of 1<sup>st</sup> order  $\mathbf{y}' = A\mathbf{y}$ .

If  $A$  has  $n$  pairwise different Eva  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  with corresponding EVc  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$ , the solutions

$$\mathbf{y}_i = e^{\lambda_i x} \mathbf{v}_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

form a fundamental system. By linear combination

$$\mathbf{y} = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i e^{\lambda_i x} \mathbf{v}_i$$

all solutions of the homogeneous system of ODEs are given.

**Remarks:** (Application of Linear Algebra)

- Matrices not always have pairwise different Eva, multiplicity  $> 1$  is possible. Therefore, construction of a fundamental system is only possible, if algebraic and geometric multiplicity correspond.
- If the algebraic multiplicity  $\sigma_k < n$  corresponding to Eva  $\lambda_k$  equals the geometric multiplicity, then there exists  $\sigma_k$  linearly independent EVc  $\mathbf{v}_{k_1}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{k_{\sigma_k}}$ , and thus  $\sigma_k$  linearly independent solutions

$$\mathbf{y}_{k_1} = e^{\lambda_k x} \mathbf{v}_{k_1}, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{k_{\sigma_k}} = e^{\lambda_k x} \mathbf{v}_{k_{\sigma_k}}.$$

- In this case for  $m$  different Eva  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m$  with multiplicities  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_m$  there are  $n$  linearly independent solutions (fundamental system)

$$\mathbf{y}_{k_1} = e^{\lambda_k x} \mathbf{v}_{k_1}, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{k_{\sigma_k}} = e^{\lambda_k x} \mathbf{v}_{k_{\sigma_k}}, \quad (k = 1, \dots, m),$$

since  $\sum_{k=1}^m \sigma_k = n$ .

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Consider:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} y_1' &= -2y_1 - 8y_2 - 12y_3 \\ y_2' &= y_1 + 4y_2 + 4y_3 \\ y_3' &= \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Ⓢ}$$

Let:  $\vec{y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{y}' = \begin{pmatrix} y_1' \\ y_2' \\ y_3' \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -8 & -12 \\ 1 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow$  (\*) can be written  $\boxed{\vec{y}' = A\vec{y}}$ .

Eigenvalues: Characteristic Polynomial:  $\chi_A(\lambda) = (1-\lambda)(\lambda-2)\lambda$

$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 = 1, \lambda_3 = 2$

Eivectors: One finds  $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$   
lin. independent.

Eigenvector Matrix:  $B = [\vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2 \ \vec{v}_3]$  is regular and we have

$AB = BD$  where  $D = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  (since  $A\vec{v}_k = \lambda_k\vec{v}_k$ )

$\Rightarrow B^{-1}AB = D$

Auxiliary Vector: let  $\vec{z}$  such that  $\vec{y} = B\vec{z}$

$\Rightarrow \vec{y}' = A B \vec{z} \Rightarrow B^{-1} \vec{y}' = \vec{z}' = B^{-1} A B \vec{z}$

$\Rightarrow \vec{z}' = D \vec{z}$

$\approx \left. \begin{array}{l} z_1' = 0 \\ z_2' = z_2 \\ z_3' = 2z_3 \end{array} \right\} \text{decoupled system of ODEs}$

$\Rightarrow$  Solutions:  $\vec{z}_1 = c_1$ ,  $\vec{z}_2 = c_2 e^x$ ,  $z_3 = c_3 e^{2x}$



Bad substitution: we have  $\vec{y} = \vec{Bz}$ , so

$$\vec{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 4 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 e^x \\ c_3 e^{2x} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 4 + c_2 4e^x + c_3 2e^{2x} \\ -c_1 - c_3 e^{2x} \\ -c_2 e^x \end{pmatrix}$$

$c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{R}$   
general solution

Question: What if algebraic mult.  $\neq$  geom. mult. ?

Consider:  $\vec{y}' = A\vec{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \vec{y}$  (\*\*)

Find:  $\lambda = 3$  is double EVa of  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$   
EVe corresponding to  $\lambda$  have the form  $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} t \\ -t \end{pmatrix}$   
so  $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  is not lin indep.

Solution:  $\vec{y}_1 = e^{\lambda x} \vec{v}_1 = e^{3x} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  is one solution

Fundamental System: we need lin. independent other solution

We know, it does not exist in the form  $e^{\lambda x} \vec{v}$

Look for a more general solution of the form

$$\vec{y}_2 = x e^{3x} \vec{w} \quad \odot \quad \text{with } \vec{w} \text{ const.}$$

Fill in (\*\*) :

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \overbrace{3x e^{3x} \vec{w} + e^{3x} \vec{w}}^{\vec{y}'} - \overbrace{A x e^{3x} \vec{w}}^{A \vec{y}} \\ = x e^{3x} (3\vec{w} - A\vec{w}) + e^{3x} \vec{w} \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \end{aligned}$$

this holds only if  $\vec{w} = \vec{0}$

Next more general approach:

$$\vec{y}_2 = e^{3x} \vec{v} + x e^{3x} \vec{w} \quad \odot \quad \text{with } \vec{v} \text{ and } \vec{w} \text{ const.}$$

Fill in (\*\*) :

$$\begin{aligned} 3x e^{3x} \vec{w} + e^{3x} (\vec{w} + 3\vec{v}) &= A (x e^{3x} \vec{w} + e^{3x} \vec{v}) \\ \Rightarrow \vec{0} &= x e^{3x} (A - 3E) \vec{w} + e^{3x} [(A - 3E) \vec{v} + \vec{w}] \end{aligned}$$

comparing coefficients:

$$\Rightarrow (A - 3E) \vec{w} = \vec{0} \quad \text{and} \quad (A - 3E) \vec{v} = -\vec{w}$$

Now  $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  solves the first eq.

$\vec{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$  solves the second eq.

$\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{w}$  are lin. indep. solutions of  $(A - 3E)^2 \vec{v} = \vec{0}$

general solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{y}_2 &= e^{3x} \vec{v} + x e^{3x} \vec{w} \\ \Rightarrow \vec{y} &= c_1 \vec{y}_1 + c_2 \vec{y}_2 \quad , \quad c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$