

derivative notation

$$x = f(t)$$

differentiation

$$dx = f'(t) dt$$

$$dx = \frac{dx}{dt} dt$$

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$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f'(t)$$

Background Example

Find the general solution to the differential equation $\frac{dx}{dt} = kx$ and use that solution to help solve the

system $\frac{d\vec{y}}{dt} = A\vec{y}$ given that $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\vec{y}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = kx \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} \frac{dx}{dt} = k \Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{x} \frac{dx}{dt} dt = \int k dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{x} dx = \int k dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln(x) = kt + C$$

$$\Rightarrow x = e^{kt+C} = e^{kt} e^C$$

$$\therefore \boxed{x = C_1 e^{kt}} \text{ general solution}$$

$$\frac{d\vec{y}}{dt} = A\vec{y} \Rightarrow \vec{y}' = A\vec{y}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} y_1' \\ y_2' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} y_1' = 2y_1 \\ y_2' = 3y_2 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} y_1 = C_1 e^{2t} \\ y_2 = C_2 e^{3t} \end{cases} \text{ (general solution)}$$

$$\vec{y}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} -4 = C_1 e^0 \\ -2 = C_2 e^0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} C_1 = -4 \\ C_2 = -2 \end{cases}$$

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$$\therefore \text{The specific solution is } \vec{y}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} -4 e^{2t} \\ -2 e^{3t} \end{bmatrix}$$

Example 2

Solve the system $\begin{cases} y_1' = y_1 + 2y_2 \\ y_2' = -y_1 + 4y_2 \end{cases}$ given that $y_1(0) = -5$ and $y_2(0) = 0$. Begin by writing the system in the form $\vec{y}' = A\vec{y}$ and "decoupling" the system by diagonalizing A and making substitutions based upon $\vec{y} = P\vec{w}$ and $\vec{y}' = P\vec{w}'$.

$$\begin{cases} y_1' = y_1 + 2y_2 \\ y_2' = -y_1 + 4y_2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \vec{y}' = A\vec{y} \quad \text{where } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

We need to diagonalize A .

$$\text{Characteristic equation: } \det(A - \lambda I) = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 2 \\ -1 & 4-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-\lambda)(4-\lambda) + 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda - 3)(\lambda - 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 3 \text{ or } \lambda = 2$$

3 - eigen space

$$(A - 3I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad x_1 = x_2$$

$$\text{Basis: } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

2 - eigen space

$$(A - 2I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad x_1 = 2x_2$$

$$\text{Basis: } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\therefore A = PDP^{-1} \quad \text{where}$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad P^{-1} = \frac{1}{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Back to diff. eq. ...

... Define $\vec{w} = P^{-1}\vec{y}$. It follows that $\vec{y} = P\vec{w}$ and $\vec{y}' = P\vec{w}'$

So ...

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{y}' &= A\vec{y} \Rightarrow P\vec{w}' = AP\vec{w} \\ &\Rightarrow P^{-1}(P\vec{w}') = P^{-1}(AP\vec{w}) \\ &\Rightarrow (P^{-1}P)\vec{w}' = (P^{-1}AP)\vec{w} \\ &\Rightarrow \vec{w}' = D\vec{w} \quad \text{Decoupling has been achieved.} \end{aligned}$$

Recall: $A = PDP^{-1}$
So $P^{-1}AP = P^{-1}PDP^{-1}P = D$

go to in
the future

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} w_1' \\ w_2' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} w_1' = 3w_1 \\ w_2' = 2w_2 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} w_1 = c_1 e^{3t} \\ w_2 = c_2 e^{2t} \end{cases}$$

$$\vec{y} = P\vec{w} \Rightarrow \vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 e^{3t} \\ c_2 e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 e^{3t} + 2c_2 e^{2t} \\ c_1 e^{3t} + c_2 e^{2t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{y}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 + 2c_2 = -5 \\ c_1 + c_2 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 = 5 \\ c_2 = -5 \end{cases}$$

\therefore The specific solution to the given system of differential equations is:

$$\vec{y}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 5e^{3t} - 10e^{2t} \\ 5e^{3t} - 5e^{2t} \end{bmatrix}$$

Check

$$\begin{cases} y_1 = 5e^{3t} - 10e^{2t} \\ y_2 = 5e^{3t} - 5e^{2t} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} y_1' = 15e^{3t} - 20e^{2t} \\ y_2' = 15e^{3t} - 10e^{2t} \end{cases}$$

Supposedly (from the given problem)

$$\begin{cases} y_1' = y_1 + 2y_2 \\ y_2' = -y_1 + 4y_2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} y_1 + 2y_2 \\ -y_1 + 4y_2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} (5e^{3t} - 10e^{2t}) + 2(5e^{3t} - 5e^{2t}) \\ -(5e^{3t} - 10e^{2t}) + 4(5e^{3t} - 5e^{2t}) \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} 15e^{3t} - 20e^{2t} \\ 15e^{3t} - 10e^{2t} \end{cases} \quad \checkmark \quad \checkmark \quad \text{woohoo!}$$

Example 3

Solve the system $\begin{cases} y_1' = y_1 + 2y_2 \\ y_2' = 2y_1 + 4y_2 \end{cases}$ given that $y_1(0)=1$ and $y_2(0)=-1$. Begin by writing the system in the form $\vec{y}' = A \vec{y}$ and "decoupling" the system by diagonalizing A and making substitutions based upon $\vec{y} = P \vec{w}$ and $\vec{y}' = P \vec{w}'$.

$$\vec{y}' = A \vec{y} \text{ where } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 2 \\ 2 & 4-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-\lambda)(4-\lambda) - 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 - 5\lambda = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda(\lambda - 5) = 0$$

Eigenvalues: 0 and 5

0-eigenspace

$$(A - 0I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 = -2x_2 \text{ Basis } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

5-eigenspace

$$(A - 5I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -4 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{2}x_2$$

$$\text{Basis: } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$A = PDP^{-1}$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, P^{-1} = -\frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let $\vec{y} = P\vec{w}$, then

$$\vec{w}' = D\vec{w} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} w_1' \\ w_2' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} w_1' = 0 \\ w_2' = 5w_2 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} w_1 = c_1 \\ w_2 = c_2 e^{5t} \end{cases}$$

$$\vec{y} = P\vec{w} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 e^{5t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2c_1 + c_2 e^{5t} \\ c_1 + 2c_2 e^{5t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{y}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} -2c_1 + c_2 = 1 \\ c_1 + 2c_2 = -1 \end{cases}$$

$$P \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = P^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ general} \\ = \begin{bmatrix} -3/5 \\ -1/5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \text{The specific solution is } \begin{cases} y_1 = \frac{6}{5} - \frac{1}{5}e^{5t} \\ y_2 = -\frac{2}{5} - \frac{2}{5}e^{5t} \end{cases}$$

Check $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -i \\ -i \end{pmatrix}$

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

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$$\begin{aligned} y_1' &= y_2 = 0 \cdot y_1 + 1 \cdot y_2 \\ y_2' &= -y_1 = -1 \cdot y_1 + 0 \cdot y_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Example 4

Solve the system $\begin{cases} y_1' = y_2 \\ y_2' = -y_1 \end{cases}$ given that $y_1(0) = 3$ and $y_2(0) = 3$. Begin by writing the system in the

form $\vec{y}' = A \vec{y}$ and "decoupling" the system by diagonalizing A and making substitutions based upon $\vec{y} = P \vec{w}$ and $\vec{y}' = P \vec{w}'$.

$$\begin{cases} y_1' = y_2 \\ y_2' = -y_1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \vec{y}' = A \vec{y} \text{ where } A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Characteristic equation: $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$

$$\begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ -1 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda^2 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda^2 = -1 \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm i$$

i - eigen space

$$(A - iI) \vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} -i & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -i & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{iR_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} -i & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$-i x_1 + x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = i x_1$$

$$\text{Basis: } \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} i \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$-i$ - eigen space

$$(A + iI) \vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} i & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & i & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-iR_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} i & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad \begin{aligned} i x_1 + x_2 &= 0 \\ x_2 &= -i x_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Basis: } \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} i \\ i \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\therefore A = P D P^{-1} \text{ where } D = \begin{bmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{bmatrix}, P = \begin{bmatrix} i & i \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

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$$\frac{1}{i} = \frac{1}{i} \cdot \frac{i}{i} = \frac{i}{-1} = -i$$

$$P^{-1} = \frac{1}{2i} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -i \\ i & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -i & -1 \\ -i & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, D = \begin{bmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{bmatrix}, P = \begin{bmatrix} i & i \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, P^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -i & -1 \\ -1 & i \end{bmatrix}$$

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Define $\vec{w} = P^{-1} \vec{y}$ so that $\vec{y} = P \vec{w}$ and $\vec{y}' = P \vec{w}'$.

$$\vec{y}' = A \vec{y} \Rightarrow \vec{w}' = D \vec{w}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} w_1' = i w_1 \\ w_2' = -i w_2 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} w_1 = C_1 e^{it} \\ w_2 = C_2 e^{-it} \end{cases}$$

2x1

$$\vec{y} = P \vec{w} \Rightarrow \vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} i & i \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C_1 e^{it} \\ C_2 e^{-it} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} y_1 = i C_1 e^{it} + i C_2 e^{-it} \\ y_2 = -C_1 e^{it} + C_2 e^{-it} \end{cases} \text{ (general solution)}$$

$$\vec{y}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{cases} i C_1 + i C_2 = 3 \\ -C_1 + C_2 = 3 \end{cases}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} i & i & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-i R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} i & i & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 3-3i \end{array} \right]$$

$$2 C_2 = 3 - 3i \Rightarrow C_2 = 1.5 - 1.5i$$

$$i C_1 + i C_2 = 3 \Rightarrow i C_1 + i(1.5 - 1.5i) = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow i C_1 + 1.5i + 1.5 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow C_1 = \frac{1.5 - 1.5i}{i} \cdot \frac{-i}{-i} = -1.5 - 1.5i$$

$$\text{Check: } \begin{bmatrix} i & i \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1.5 - 1.5i \\ 1.5 - 1.5i \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{?}{=} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \checkmark$$

$$\therefore \text{The specific solution is } \begin{cases} y_1 = (1.5 - 1.5i) e^{it} + (1.5 + 1.5i) e^{-it} \\ y_2 = (1.5 + 1.5i) e^{it} + (1.5 - 1.5i) e^{-it} \end{cases}$$

Euler's Formula: $e^{ti} = \cos(t) + i \sin(t)$

We can rewrite our specific solution thus:

$$\begin{cases} y_1 = (1.5 - 1.5i)(\cos(t) + i \sin(t)) + (1.5 + 1.5i)(\cos(-t) + i \sin(-t)) \\ y_2 = (1.5 + 1.5i)(\cos(t) + i \sin(t)) + (1.5 - 1.5i)(\cos(-t) + i \sin(-t)) \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} y_1 = (1.5 - 1.5i)(\cos(t) + i \sin(t)) + (1.5 + 1.5i)(\cos(t) - i \sin(t)) \\ y_2 = (1.5 + 1.5i)(\cos(t) + i \sin(t)) + (1.5 - 1.5i)(\cos(t) - i \sin(t)) \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} y_1 = 1.5 \cos(t) + \cancel{1.5 i \sin(t)} - \cancel{1.5 i \cos(t)} + 1.5 \sin(t) \\ \quad + 1.5 \cos(t) - \cancel{1.5 i \sin(t)} + \cancel{1.5 i \cos(t)} + 1.5 \sin(t) \\ y_2 = 1.5 \cos(t) + \cancel{1.5 i \sin(t)} + \cancel{1.5 i \cos(t)} - 1.5 \sin(t) \\ \quad + 1.5 \cos(t) - \cancel{1.5 i \sin(t)} - \cancel{1.5 i \cos(t)} - 1.5 \sin(t) \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} y_1 = 3 \cos(t) + 3 \sin(t) \\ y_2 = 3 \cos(t) - 3 \sin(t) \end{cases}$$

check $\begin{cases} y_1' = y_2 \\ y_2' = -y_1 \end{cases}$ Wow!!!

$$\begin{cases} y_1' = -3 \sin(t) + 3 \cos(t) = y_2 \\ y_2' = -3 \sin(t) - 3 \cos(t) = -y_1 \end{cases}$$