
Differential equations, Sample test 2

Topics: Higher order linear nonhomogeneous equations, Laplace transform, power series method, linear systems.

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Find the solution of the differential equation $y''(x) - 3y'(x) - 4y(x) = 16x + e^{-x}$.

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$y'(x) = (x^4 - 1)y(x) + xy^2(x)$, $y(0) = 2$. Find the third degree Taylor polynomial of the solution to the differential equation.

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Solve the following initial value problem by the Laplace transform.

$$y''(t) - 8y'(t) + 7y(t) = 0, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = -4$$

4. (5+5 points)

Solve the following initial value problems using the eigenvectors and eigenvalues of the coefficient matrix.

Optional for 4 points: solve exercise b) by the Laplace transform.

a) $x'(t) = 4x(t) + 3y(t)$, $y'(t) = x(t) + 2y(t)$, $x(0) = 4$, $y(0) = 2$

b) $x'(t) = 5x(t) - 2y(t)$, $y'(t) = x(t) + 3y(t)$, $x(0) = 1$, $y(0) = -2$

Differential equations, Sample test 2, solutions

1. (5 points)

Find the solution of the differential equation $y''(x) - 3y'(x) - 4y(x) = 16x + e^{-x}$.

Solution: $\lambda^2 - 3\lambda - 4 = (\lambda - 4)(\lambda + 1) = 0 \implies \lambda_1 = 4, \lambda_2 = -1$

The general solution of the homogeneous equation is: $y_h(x) = c_1 e^{4x} + c_2 e^{-x}$

The particular solution of the nonhomogeneous equation:

$$-4 \cdot | y_p(x) = (Ax + B) + Cx e^{-x} \leftarrow \text{outer resonance}$$

$$-3 \cdot | y_p'(x) = A + C e^{-x} - Cx e^{-x}$$

$$1 \cdot | y_p''(x) = -C e^{-x} - C e^{-x} + Cx e^{-x}$$

Substituting into the nonhomogeneous equation:

$$x e^{-x}(-4C + 3C + C) + e^{-x}(-3C - 2C) + x \cdot (-4A) + (-4B - 3A) = 16x + e^{-x}$$

$$-3C - 2C = 1 \implies C = -\frac{1}{5}$$

$$-4A = 16 \quad A = -4$$

$$-4B - 3A = 0 \quad B = 3$$

The general solution of the nonhomogeneous equation is:

$$y(x) = y_h(x) + y_p(x) = c_1 e^{4x} + c_2 e^{-x} + (-4x + 3) - \frac{1}{5} x e^{-x}$$

2. (4 points)

$y'(x) = (x^4 - 1)y(x) + x y^2(x)$, $y(0) = 2$. Find the third degree Taylor polynomial of the solution to the differential equation.

Solution:

$$\implies y'(0) = (0^4 - 1)y(0) + 0 \cdot y^2(0) = -2$$

$$y''(x) = 4x^3 y(x) + (x^4 - 1)y'(x) + y^2(x) + x \cdot 2y(x)y'(x)$$

$$\implies y''(0) = 4 \cdot 0 \cdot 2 + (0 - 1)(-2) + 2^2 + 0 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot (-2) = 6$$

$$y'''(x) = 12x^2 y(x) + 4x^3 y'(x) + 4x^3 y'(x) + (x^4 - 1)y''(x) + 2y(x)y'(x)$$

$$+ 2y(x)y'(x) + 2xy'(x)y'(x) + 2xy(x)y''(x)$$

$$\implies y'''(0) = 0 + 0 + 0 + (0 - 1) \cdot 6 + 2 \cdot 2 \cdot (-2) + 2 \cdot 2 \cdot (-2) + 0 + 0 = -22$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 y(x) &\approx T_3(x) = y(0) + y'(0)x + \frac{y''(0)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{y'''(0)}{3!}x^3 = \\
 &= 2 - 2x + \frac{6}{2!}x^2 + \frac{-22}{3!}x^3 = 2 - 2x + 3x^2 - \frac{11}{3}x^3
 \end{aligned}$$

3. (4 points)

Solve the following initial value problem by the Laplace transform.

$$y''(t) - 8y'(t) + 7y(t) = 0, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = -4$$

Solution:

$$\text{Let } \mathcal{L}\{y(t)\}(s) = Y(s) \implies \mathcal{L}\{y'(t)\}(s) = sY(s) - y(0), \quad \mathcal{L}\{y''(t)\}(s) = s^2Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0)$$

The Laplace transform of the differential equation is

$$\begin{aligned}
 (s^2 Y(s) - s \cdot 1 - (-4)) - 8(s Y(s) - 1) + 7 Y(s) &= 0 \\
 Y(s)(s^2 - 8s + 7) - s + 4 + 8 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{s - 12}{s^2 - 8s + 7} = \frac{s - 12}{(s - 1)(s - 7)} = \frac{A}{s - 1} + \frac{B}{s - 7}$$

$$\implies s - 12 = A(s - 7) + B(s - 1)$$

$$\text{if } s = 7 \text{ then } -5 = 0 + B \cdot 6 \implies B = -\frac{5}{6}$$

$$\text{if } s = 1 \text{ then } -11 = A \cdot (-6) + 0 \implies A = \frac{11}{6}$$

$$\implies Y(s) = \frac{11}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{s - 1} - \frac{5}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{s - 7}$$

The solution of the initial value problem is the inverse Laplace transform of $Y(s)$:

$$y(t) = \frac{11}{6} e^t - \frac{5}{6} e^{7t}$$

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b) $x'(t) = 5x(t) - 2y(t), \quad y'(t) = x(t) + 3y(t), \quad x(0) = 1, \quad y(0) = -2$

Solution. a)

$$\begin{aligned}x_1' &= 4x_1 + 3x_2 & x_1(0) &= 4 \implies \text{the coefficient matrix is } A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\x_2' &= x_1 + 2x_2 & x_2(0) &= 2\end{aligned}$$

The eigenvalues of A :

$$\det(A - \lambda I_2) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 4 - \lambda & 3 \\ 1 & 2 - \lambda \end{pmatrix} = (4 - \lambda)(2 - \lambda) - 3 = \lambda^2 - 6\lambda + 5 = (\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 5) = 0 \implies \lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 5$$

The eigenvectors of A :

$$\text{Case 1) If } \lambda_1 = 1 \text{ and } \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ then } A\mathbf{u} = \lambda_1 \mathbf{u} \iff \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} \iff$$

$$\begin{aligned}4u_1 + 3u_2 &= u_1 \iff u_1 = -u_2 \implies u_2 = 1, u_1 = -1 \implies \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\u_1 + 2u_2 &= u_2\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Case 2) If } \lambda_2 = 5 \text{ and } \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ then } A\mathbf{v} = \lambda_2 \mathbf{v} \iff \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = 5 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} \iff$$

$$\begin{aligned}4v_1 + 3v_2 &= 5v_1 \iff v_1 = 3v_2 \implies v_2 = 1, v_1 = 3 \implies \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\v_1 + 2v_2 &= 5v_2\end{aligned}$$

The general solution of the differential equation system is:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}(t) &= \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{pmatrix} = P e^{\mathbf{B}t} \mathbf{c} = \\&= \begin{pmatrix} u_1 & v_1 \\ u_2 & v_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\lambda_2 t} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e^t & 0 \\ 0 & e^{5t} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 e^t \\ c_2 e^{5t} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -c_1 e^t + 3c_2 e^{5t} \\ c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{5t} \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

or:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}(t) &= \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{pmatrix} = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \mathbf{u} + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \mathbf{v} = \\&= c_1 \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} e^{\lambda_2 t} = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^t + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{5t} = \begin{pmatrix} -c_1 e^t + 3c_2 e^{5t} \\ c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{5t} \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{The general solution: } x_1(t) &= -c_1 e^t + 3c_2 e^{5t} \\x_2(t) &= c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{5t}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{From the initial conditions: } x_1(0) &= 4 \implies -c_1 + 3c_2 = 4 \implies c_1 = \frac{1}{2}, c_2 = \frac{3}{2} \\x_2(0) &= 2 \implies c_1 + c_2 = 2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{The solution of the initial value problem: } x_1(t) &= -\frac{1}{2} e^t + \frac{9}{2} e^{5t} \\x_2(t) &= \frac{1}{2} e^t + \frac{3}{2} e^{5t}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{b) } x_1' = 5x_1 - 2x_2 \quad x_1(0) = 1 \implies \text{the coefficient matrix is } A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x_2' = x_1 + 3x_2 \quad x_2(0) = -2$$

The eigenvalues of A :

$$\det(A - \lambda I_2) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 5 - \lambda & -2 \\ 1 & 3 - \lambda \end{pmatrix} = (5 - \lambda)(3 - \lambda) + 2 = \lambda^2 - 8\lambda + 17 = 0 \implies \lambda_{1,2} = 4 \pm i$$

Let $\mathbf{p} = \begin{pmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \end{pmatrix}$ be the complex eigenvector corresponding to $\lambda_1 = 4 + i$. Then

$$A\mathbf{p} = \lambda_1\mathbf{p} \iff \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \end{pmatrix} = (4 + i) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \end{pmatrix} \iff \begin{aligned} 5p_1 - 2p_2 &= (4 + i)p_1 &\iff p_1 - 2p_2 &= ip_1 &\iff \\ p_1 + 3p_2 &= (4 + i)p_2 &&&p_1 &= p_2 + ip_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$p_1(1 - i) = 2p_2$$

$$p_1 = (1 + i)p_2$$

$$\implies p_1 = 1 + i, p_2 = 1 \implies \mathbf{p} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + 1 \cdot i \\ 1 + 0 \cdot i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + i \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\implies \text{The real and imaginary parts of } \mathbf{p} \text{ are: } \mathbf{u} = \text{Re}(\mathbf{p}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{v} = \text{Im}(\mathbf{p}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The general solution of the differential equation system is ($\lambda_{1,2} = 4 \pm i = \alpha \pm \beta i$):

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{pmatrix} = P e^{\beta t} \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 & v_1 \\ u_2 & v_2 \end{pmatrix} e^{\alpha t} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \beta t & \sin \beta t \\ -\sin \beta t & \cos \beta t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{4t} \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & \sin t \\ -\sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$e^{4t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \cos t + c_2 \sin t \\ -c_1 \sin t + c_2 \cos t \end{pmatrix} = e^{4t} \begin{pmatrix} (c_1 \cos t + c_2 \sin t) + (-c_1 \sin t + c_2 \cos t) \\ c_1 \cos t + c_2 \sin t \end{pmatrix}$$

The general solution:

$$\implies x_1(t) = (c_1 + c_2) e^{4t} \cos t + (-c_1 + c_2) e^{4t} \sin t$$

$$x_2(t) = c_1 e^{4t} \cos t + c_2 e^{4t} \sin t$$

or:

The complex solution is (using that $e^{it} = \cos t + i \sin t$):

$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{complex}}(t) = e^{\lambda_1 t} \mathbf{p} = e^{(4+i)t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 + i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = e^{4t} (\cos t + i \sin t) \begin{pmatrix} 1 + i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$= e^{4t} \begin{pmatrix} (\cos t - \sin t) + i(\cos t + \sin t) \\ \cos t + i \sin t \end{pmatrix} = e^{4t} \begin{pmatrix} \cos t - \sin t \\ \cos t \end{pmatrix} + i \cdot e^{4t} \begin{pmatrix} \cos t + \sin t \\ \sin t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{It can be shown that } \text{Re}(\mathbf{x}_{\text{complex}}(t)) = e^{4t} \begin{pmatrix} \cos t - \sin t \\ \cos t \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \text{Im}(\mathbf{x}_{\text{complex}}(t)) = e^{4t} \begin{pmatrix} \cos t + \sin t \\ \sin t \end{pmatrix}$$

are also solutions and linearly independent. Since the dimension of the linear space generated by the solutions has dimension 2 then these two functions constitute a basis, so the general solution of the differential equation system is:

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{pmatrix} = c_1 e^{4t} \begin{pmatrix} \cos t - \sin t \\ \cos t \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{4t} \begin{pmatrix} \cos t + \sin t \\ \sin t \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow$$

$$x_1(t) = c_1 e^{4t}(\cos t - \sin t) + c_2 e^{4t}(\cos t + \sin t) = (c_1 + c_2) e^{4t} \cos t + (-c_1 + c_2) e^{4t} \sin t$$

$$x_2(t) = c_1 e^{4t} \cos t + c_2 e^{4t} \sin t$$

$$\text{From the initial conditions: } x_1(0) = 1 \Rightarrow (c_1 + c_2) + 0 = 1 \Rightarrow c_1 = -2, c_2 = 3$$

$$x_2(0) = -2 \quad c_1 + 0 = -2$$

$$\text{The solution of the initial value problem: } x_1(t) = e^{4t} \cos t + 5 e^{4t} \sin t$$

$$x_2(t) = -2 e^{4t} \cos t + 3 e^{4t} \sin t$$