

## Variation of parameters

$$y'' - 4y = \cosh(2t)$$

complementary:  $y'' - 4y = 0 \rightarrow y_c = C_1 e^{2t} + C_2 e^{-2t}$

$$y_1 = e^{2t} \quad y_2 = e^{-2t}$$

$$y = u_1 y_1 + u_2 y_2$$

solve  $u_1' y_1 + u_2' y_2 = 0$

$$u_1' y_1' + u_2' y_2' = f(t) \quad \leftarrow \text{right side of equation}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} & e^{-2t} & 0 \\ 2e^{2t} & -2e^{-2t} & \cosh(2t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} & e^{-2t} & 0 \\ 0 & -4e^{-2t} & \frac{1}{2}e^{2t} + \frac{1}{2}e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-4e^{-2t} u_2' = \frac{1}{2}e^{2t} + \frac{1}{2}e^{-2t}$$

$$u_2' = -\frac{1}{8}e^{4t} - \frac{1}{8}$$

$$u_2 = -\frac{1}{32}e^{4t} - \frac{1}{8}t + C_2$$

$$e^{2t} u_1' + e^{-2t} u_2' = 0$$

$$e^{2t} u_1' = -e^{-2t} u_2' = -e^{-2t} \left(-\frac{1}{8}e^{4t} - \frac{1}{8}\right) = \frac{1}{8}e^{2t} + \frac{1}{8}e^{-2t}$$

$$u_1' = \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8}e^{-4t}$$

$$u_1 = \frac{1}{8}t - \frac{1}{32}e^{-4t} + C_1$$

general solution

$$y = \left(\frac{1}{8}t - \frac{1}{32}e^{-4t} + C_1\right)e^{2t} + \left(-\frac{1}{32}e^{4t} - \frac{1}{8}t + C_2\right)e^{-2t}$$

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

eigenvalues  $\begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$

$$(1-\lambda)^2 = 0 \quad \lambda = 1, 1$$

eigenvectors:  $\lambda = 1 \quad (A - \lambda I)\vec{v} = \vec{0}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

two free variables

$$x_2 = r \quad x_1 = t$$

$$\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} t \\ r \end{bmatrix} = t \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}} + r \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}$$

two indep vectors  
that span the eigenspace  
for  $\lambda = 1$

two basis vectors

→ dimension two  
eigenspace

null space → space spanned by solution

$$\text{to } A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

↑ solve, then find basis vectors  
the number of basis vectors is  
called the nullity

example  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$

solve  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$   $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 8 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

... →  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$   $x_2 = 0, x_1 = 0$

solution is one point:  $x_1 = 0, x_2 = 0$

does NOT span more than one point

→ no basis vector → dimension (nullity) is zero

example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{solve } A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

one pivot, three variables  $\rightarrow$  two free

$$x_3 = r, \quad x_2 = t$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 0$$

$$x_1 = -2x_2 - 3x_3 = -2t - 3r$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2t - 3r \\ t \\ r \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + r \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{two basis vectors: } \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

dimension is 2

note:  $(\# \text{ variables}) - \underbrace{(\# \text{ pivots})}_{\text{"rank"}} = \text{dimension of nullspace}$