

## 7.1 First-order systems of Diff. Eqs

system of eqs.

system of two 1st-order:  $x'(t) = f(x, y, t)$   
 $y'(t) = g(x, y, t)$

$x, y$ : dependent variable

$t$ : indep variable

for example,  $x' = y$   
 $y' = -x$

notice to solve for  $x$ , we need to know  $y$   
(and vice versa)

→ these eqs. are coupled

they need to be solved simultaneously

if the eqs are simple like these, we can solve the system by converting a system of two 1st-order into one 2nd-order eq.

$$\begin{cases} x' = y \\ y' = -x \end{cases}$$

differentiate :  $x'' = y'$

$$x'' = -x \rightarrow \boxed{x'' + x = 0}$$

we can solve it :  $r^2 + 1 = 0$

$$r = \pm i$$

$$\boxed{x(t) = C_1 \cos(t) + C_2 \sin(t)}$$

from  $x' = y$ , we get  $\boxed{y(t) = -C_1 \sin(t) + C_2 \cos(t)}$

we can actually go the other way: one 2nd-order  $\rightarrow$  sys of two 1st-order

System of  $n$  1st-order  $\leftrightarrow$  one  $n^{\text{th}}$ -order

$n^{\text{th}}$ -order  $\rightarrow$  system of  $n$  1st-order is important in solving eqs. numerically (e.g. w/ Matlab)

example 2nd-order  $\rightarrow$  system of 1st-order

$$x'' + 3x' + 7x = t^2$$

define two variables to represent

$x$  and  $x'$

define new variables for derivatives of  $x$  below the highest one

$$\text{let } z_1 = x$$

$$z_2 = x'$$

notice

$$\boxed{z_1' = z_2}$$

1st eq. in the system  
(consequence of definition)

the second eq. is the original one using new variables

$$x'' + 3x' + 7x = t^2$$

$$z_1 = x$$

$$z_2 = x'$$

$$\underbrace{x''}_{z_2'} = -3\underbrace{x'}_{z_2} - 7\underbrace{x}_{z_1} + t^2$$

$$\boxed{z_2' = -3z_2 - 7z_1 + t^2}$$

2nd eq. in  
the system

example

$$x^{(4)} + 6x''' - 3x'' + x' + 10x = \cos(3t)$$

define variables to represent derivs. of  $x$   
below the highest one:  $x''''$ ,  $x'''$ ,  $x''$ ,  $x'$ ,  $x$

$$z_1 = x$$

$$z_2 = x'$$

$$z_3 = x''$$

$$z_4 = x'''$$

$$\begin{cases} z_1' = z_2 \\ z_2' = z_3 \\ z_3' = z_4 \end{cases}$$

consequence of definition of  $z_n$

last one: original eq. in new variables

$$x^{(4)} + 6x''' - 3x'' + x' + 10x = \cos(3t)$$

$$x^{(4)} = -6x''' + 3x'' - x' - 10x + \cos(3t)$$

$$z_4' = -6z_4 + 3z_3 - z_2 - 10z_1 + \cos(3t)$$

$n^{\text{th}}$ -order  $\rightarrow$   $n$  1st-order

sys. of two 2nd-order  $\rightarrow$  sys. of four 1st-order

Example

$$x'' - 5x' - 4x + 6y = 0$$

$$y'' + 6y' + 5x + 5y = 0$$

define variables to represent:  $x, x', y, y''$

$$z_1 = x$$

$$z_2 = x'$$

$$z_3 = y$$

$$z_4 = y'$$

$$x'' = 5x' + 4x - 6y$$

$$z_1' = z_2$$

$$z_2' = 5z_2 + 4z_1 - 6z_3$$

$$z_3' = z_4$$

$$z_4' = -6z_4 - 5z_1 - 5z_3$$

rewrite as matrix equation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} z_1' \\ z_2' \\ z_3' \\ z_4' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 & -6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -5 & 0 & -9 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \\ z_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

this is a matrix eq. in the form of

$$\vec{x}' = A \vec{x} \quad \text{where } \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \\ z_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

↳ coefficient matrix

## 7.2 Matrices and Linear Systems

► some basic properties of matrix differential e.g.

more general system:  $t^2 x'' + t x' + (t^2 - 1)x = e^t$

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

define  $z_1 = x$

$$z_2 = x'$$

$$z_1' = z_2$$

$$z_2' = -\frac{1}{t} z_2 - \frac{t^2 - 1}{t^2} z_1 + \frac{e^t}{t^2}$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} z_1' \\ z_2' \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{z}'} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{t^2 - 1}{t^2} & -\frac{1}{t} \end{bmatrix}}_{P(t)} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{z}} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{e^t}{t^2} \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{f}(t)}$$



in the form of  $\vec{x}' = P(t)\vec{x} + \vec{f}(t)$

if  $\vec{f}(t) = \vec{0}$ , the eq. is homogeneous ( $\vec{x}' = P(t)\vec{x}$ )

if  $\vec{f}(t) \neq \vec{0}$ , " " nonhomogeneous

the general solution of  $\vec{x}' = P\vec{x} + \vec{f}$  is

$$\vec{x}(t) = \vec{x}_c + \vec{x}_p$$

↙  
complementary  
solution  
(no  $\vec{f}$ )

↘ particular solution  
(caused by  $\vec{f}$ )

if  $P$  is  $n \times n$ , then there are  $n$  solutions

$$\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \dots, \vec{x}_n$$

(because  $n \times n \rightarrow n^{\text{th}}$ -order  $\rightarrow n$  solutions)

these  $n$  solutions are linearly independent

→ their Wronskian is not zero on some interval of  $t$

$$W(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \dots, \vec{x}_n) = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{x}_1 & \vec{x}_2 & \vec{x}_3 & \dots & \vec{x}_n \end{vmatrix}$$

each solution as columns

if  $W \neq 0$  on an interval, then the solutions are linearly indep on that interval

$$\vec{x}_c = C_1 \vec{x}_1 + C_2 \vec{x}_2 + C_3 \vec{x}_3 + \dots + C_n \vec{x}_n$$

example Verify  $\vec{x}_1 = e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\vec{x}_2 = e^{-2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$

are solutions of  $\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 5 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$

and show that they are linearly indep.

Solution: satisfies  $\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$

$$\vec{x}_1 = e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x}_1' = 2e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

} sub into

$$\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 5 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$$

$$2e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 5 & -3 \end{bmatrix} e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 5 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{match})$$

so,  $\vec{x}_1$  is a solution (easy to show  $\vec{x}_2$  is also)

indp?  $\vec{x}_1 = e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$   $\vec{x}_2 = e^{-2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} e^{2t} & e^{-2t} \\ e^{2t} & 5e^{-2t} \end{vmatrix} = 5e^{-2t}e^{2t} - e^{2t}e^{-2t}$$

$$= 4 \neq 0 \text{ on } -\infty < t < \infty$$

so,  $\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2$  are indp on

$$-\infty < t < \infty$$

Solution:  $\vec{x} = c_1 \vec{x}_1 + c_2 \vec{x}_2$

$$= c_1 e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^{-2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

where did those solutions come from?

$$\vec{x}' = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 5 & -3 \end{bmatrix}}_A \vec{x} \quad \vec{x}_1 = e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{x}_2 = e^{-2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

eigenvalue of  $A$ :  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & -1 \\ 5 & -3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(3-\lambda)(-3-\lambda) + 5 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 4 = 0 \quad \lambda = \boxed{2}, \boxed{-2}$$

eigenvector of  $\lambda = 2$ :  $(A - \lambda I)\vec{v} = \vec{0}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 5 & -5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} x_2 = r \\ x_1 = x_2 = r \end{array}$$

$$\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} r \\ r \end{bmatrix} = r \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{choose } r=1 \\ \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$