

26. § 7.3 Systems of ODE Ordinary Differential Equations

Recall:  $f = f(t)$  satisfies  $f' = af \Leftrightarrow f = Ce^{at}$   
 $f(0) = C$

Q. If  $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ x_n(t) \end{bmatrix}$  satisfies  $x'(t) = Ax(t)$  with  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,

$$\text{so } \begin{aligned} x_1'(t) &= a_{11}x_1(t) + a_{12}x_2(t) + \dots + a_{1n}x_n(t) \\ &\vdots \\ x_n'(t) &= a_{n1}x_1(t) + a_{n2}x_2(t) + \dots + a_{nn}x_n(t) \end{aligned}$$

in what sense is "the" solution  $Ce^{tA}$ ?

Recall:  $e^a = 1 + a + \frac{a^2}{2!} + \frac{a^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{a^k}{k!} + \dots$

Def:  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \Rightarrow e^A = I + A + \frac{A^2}{2!} + \frac{A^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{A^k}{k!} + \dots$

$$e^{tA} = I + tA + t^2 \frac{A^2}{2!} + \dots + t^k \frac{A^k}{k!} + \dots$$

convergence issues: sequences in  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

E.g. 1.  $\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow e^\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & e^{\lambda_n} \end{bmatrix}$  and  $e^{t\Lambda} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{t\lambda_1} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & e^{t\lambda_n} \end{bmatrix}$

2.  $P^{-1}AP = \Lambda \Rightarrow A = P\Lambda P^{-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow A^k = P\Lambda^k P^{-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow e^A = Pe^\Lambda P^{-1}$   
 $e^{tA} = Pe^{t\Lambda} P^{-1}$

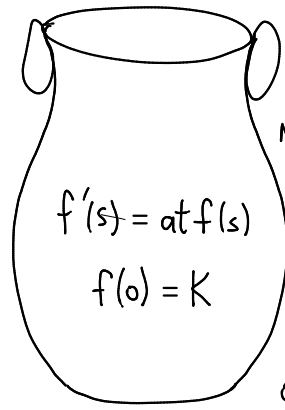
3.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & \\ & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \Rightarrow e^{tA} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} & \\ & e^{-t} \end{bmatrix}$   
 $\Rightarrow e^{tA} = Pe^{t\Lambda}P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} & 0 \\ e^{2t} - e^{-t} & e^{-t} \end{bmatrix}$

General:  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n \Rightarrow$  entries of  $e^{tA}v$  are functions of  $t$

$C(e^{tA}) =$  analogue of  $Ce^{at}$ : *typographical pun!*

vectors  $e^{tA}v$  are solutions of  $x'(t) = Ax(t)$ .

Thm 3.3: For  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , solutions set of  $x'(t) = Ax(t)$  is the vector space  $C(e^{tA})$  of dim  $n$ .



Riddle: what is this?  
 Note: the solution is a hint.

$$\Rightarrow f(s) = Ke^{ats}$$

Answer:  
 ODE on a Grecian urn!

E.g.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $x' = Ax \Rightarrow x = e^{tA} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$

$= v_1 \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} \\ e^{2t} - e^{-t} \end{bmatrix} + v_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ e^{-t} \end{bmatrix}$  *eigenvalues of A*

$= v_1 e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + (v_2 - v_1) e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  *eigenvectors of A*

Lemma:  $(e^{tA})' = (I + tA + t^2 \frac{A^2}{2!} + \dots + t^k \frac{A^k}{k!} + \dots)'$   
 $= 0 + A + tA^2 + t^2 \frac{A^3}{2!} + \dots + t^k \frac{A^{k+1}}{k!} + \dots$   
 $= A (I + tA + t^2 \frac{A^2}{2!} + \dots + t^k \frac{A^k}{k!} + \dots)$   
 $= Ae^{tA} = e^{tA}A. \quad \square$

Pf of Thm:  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n \Rightarrow (e^{tA}v)' = (e^{tA})'v$  because  $\frac{d}{dt}$  is linear  
 $= (Ae^{tA})v$  by Lemma  
 $= A(e^{tA}v). \quad \checkmark$

Need: every sol is  $e^{tA}v$  for some  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Assume  $x'(t) = Ax(t)$ . Set  $y(t) = e^{-tA}x(t)$ .

*Amazing: same proof as sols ( $f' = f$ ) = span( $e^{at}$ ):  
Divide purported sol by  $e^{at}$  and conclude  
by given equation that quotient is constant.*

Then  $y'(t) = (e^{-tA}x(t))'$   
 $= (e^{-tA})'x(t) + e^{-tA}x'(t)$   
 $= -Ae^{-tA}x(t) + e^{-tA}Ax(t)$  by Lemma + hypothesis  
 $= (-Ae^{-tA} + \underbrace{e^{-tA}A})x(t)$   
 $= 0$   *$Ae^{-tA}$  by Lemma*

$\Rightarrow y_1'(t) = 0 \Rightarrow y(t) = v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is constant  
 $\vdots$   
 $y_n'(t) = 0$

$\Rightarrow x(t) = e^{tA}y(t)$   
 $= e^{tA}v. \quad \checkmark$

dim C(e^{tA}) = n:

entries of e^{tA} are functions, not scalars, so can't ask e^{tA} to be invertible.

Check that cols of e^{tA} are indep.

Need e^{tA} v = 0 \Rightarrow v = 0.

But e^{tA} v = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = (e^{tA} v)|\_{t=0} = e^{0A} v = I v = v. \square

cols of e^{tA}|\_{t=0} are indep.

Cor 3.4: Solution set of general order n ODE

(\*) f^{(n)}(t) + a\_{n-1} f^{(n-1)}(t) + \dots + a\_2 f''(t) + a\_1 f'(t) + a\_0 f(t) = 0

with constant coeffs a\_{n-1}, \dots, a\_0 is an n-dim subspace of C^\infty(\mathbb{R}).

E.g. n = 2: f'' + f = 0

\Rightarrow all sols are linear combinations of sin and cos.

Pf: Set x(t) = [f(t), f'(t), \dots, f^{(n-1)}(t)]^T and A = [0 1 0 \dots 0, 0 0 1 \dots 0, \dots, 0 \dots 0 -a\_{n-1}]

Then x'(t) = Ax(t) \Leftrightarrow (\*)

Sols of (\*) are the top entries of sols of x' = Ax.

e.g. e^{tA} has top row [f\_1(t) \dots f\_n(t)]

with f\_j(t) a sol of (\*) \forall j.

Moreover, c\_1 f\_1 + \dots + c\_n f\_n = 0 \Rightarrow c\_1 [f\_1, f\_1', \dots, f\_1^{(n-1)}]^T + \dots + c\_n [f\_n, f\_n', \dots, f\_n^{(n-1)}]^T = 0

cols of e^{tA} indep. \Rightarrow c\_1 = \dots = c\_n = 0,

so f\_1, \dots, f\_n are independent in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}). \square