## Chapter 4. Systems of ODEs. Phase plane. Qualitative methods

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## Outline

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- Nonhomogeneous linear systems of ODEs


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## Systems of ODEs as models

## Mixing tanks



Solution:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& y_{1}^{\prime}=\text { inflow-outflow }=\frac{y_{2}}{100}\left[\frac{\mathrm{lb}}{\mathrm{gal}}\right] 2\left[\frac{\mathrm{gal}}{\mathrm{~min}}\right]-\frac{y_{1}}{100}\left[\frac{\mathrm{lb}}{\mathrm{gal}}\right] 2\left[\frac{\mathrm{gal}}{\mathrm{~min}}\right] \\
& y_{2}^{\prime}=\text { inflow-outflow }=\frac{y_{1}}{100}\left[\frac{\mathrm{lb}}{\mathrm{gal}}\right] 2\left[\frac{\mathrm{gal}}{\mathrm{~min}}\right]-\frac{y_{2}}{100}\left[\frac{\mathrm{lb}}{\mathrm{gal}}\right] 2\left[\frac{\mathrm{gal}}{\mathrm{~min}}\right] \\
&\left.\begin{array}{c}
y_{1}^{\prime}=-0.02 y_{1}+0.02 y_{2} \\
y_{2}^{\prime}=0.02 y_{1}-0.02 y_{2}
\end{array}\right\} \Rightarrow\binom{y_{1}^{\prime}}{y_{2}^{\prime}}=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
-0.02 & 0.02 \\
0.02 & -0.02
\end{array}\right)\binom{y_{1}}{y_{2}} \Rightarrow \mathbf{y}^{\prime}=A \mathbf{y}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Systems of ODEs as models

## Mixing tanks (continued)

We try a solution of the form

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{y} & =\mathbf{x} e^{\lambda t} \\
\mathbf{y}^{\prime} & =\lambda \mathbf{x} e^{\lambda t}
\end{aligned}
$$

Now we substitute into the ODE

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{y}^{\prime} & =A \mathbf{y} \\
\lambda \mathbf{x} e^{\lambda t} & =A \mathbf{x} e^{\lambda t} \\
\lambda \mathbf{x} & =A \mathbf{x}
\end{aligned}
$$

That is $\mathbf{y}=\mathbf{x} e^{\lambda t}$ can be a solution of the ODE if $\mathbf{x}$ is an eigenvector of the matrix $A$ and $\lambda$ its associated eigenvalue.

$$
A \Rightarrow\left\{\begin{array}{c}
\lambda_{1}=0, \mathbf{x}_{1}=(1,1)^{T} \\
\lambda_{2}=-0.04, \mathbf{x}_{2}=(1,-1)^{T}
\end{array}\right.
$$

## Systems of ODEs as models

## Mixing tanks (continued)

The general solution is

$$
\begin{gathered}
\mathbf{y}=c_{1} \mathbf{x}_{1} e^{\lambda_{1} t}+c_{2} \mathbf{x}_{2} e^{\lambda_{2} t} \\
\mathbf{y}=c_{1}\binom{1}{1}+c_{2}\binom{1}{-1} e^{-0.04 t}
\end{gathered}
$$

To determine the coefficients $c_{1}$ and $c_{2}$, we impose the initial conditions $y_{1}(0)=0, y_{2}(150)$

$$
c_{1}\binom{0}{150}=c_{1}\binom{1}{1}+c_{2}\binom{1}{-1} \Rightarrow c_{1}=75, c_{2}=-75
$$

The solution to the problem is

$$
\mathbf{y}=75\binom{1}{1}-75\binom{1}{-1} e^{-0.04 t} \Rightarrow\left\{\begin{array}{l}
y_{1}=75-75 e^{-0.04 t} \\
y_{2}=75+75 e^{-0.04 t}
\end{array}\right.
$$

## Systems of ODEs as models

## Mixing tanks (continued)

$$
\mathbf{y}=75\binom{1}{1}-75\binom{1}{-1} e^{-0.04 t} \Rightarrow\left\{\begin{array}{l}
y_{1}=75-75 e^{-0.04 t} \\
y_{2}=75+75 e^{-0.04 t}
\end{array}\right.
$$



## Systems of ODEs as models

## Electrical network



Solution:

$$
\begin{gathered}
L I_{1}^{\prime}+R_{1}\left(I_{1}-I_{2}\right)=E \Rightarrow I_{1}^{\prime}=-R_{1} I_{1}+R_{1} I_{2}+E \\
R_{1}\left(I_{2}-I_{1}\right)+\frac{1}{C} \int I_{2} d t+R_{2} I_{2}=0 \Rightarrow-R_{1} I_{1}^{\prime}+\left(R_{1}+R_{2}\right) I_{2}^{\prime}=-\frac{1}{C} I_{2}
\end{gathered}
$$

## Systems of ODEs as models

## Electrical network (continued)

$$
\begin{gathered}
I_{1}^{\prime}=-R_{1} I_{1}+R_{1} I_{2}+E \\
-R_{1} I_{1}^{\prime}+\left(R_{1}+R_{2}\right) I_{2}^{\prime}=-\frac{1}{C} I_{2} \\
\left.\begin{array}{l}
I_{1}^{\prime}=-4 I_{1}+4 I_{2}+12 \\
-4 I_{1}^{\prime}+10 I_{2}^{\prime}=-4 I_{2}
\end{array}\right\} \Rightarrow\left(\begin{array}{cc}
1 & 0 \\
-4 & 10
\end{array}\right)\binom{l_{1}^{\prime}}{l_{2}^{\prime}}=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
-4 & 4 \\
0 & -4
\end{array}\right)\binom{I_{1}}{I_{2}}+\binom{12}{0} \\
\binom{l_{1}^{\prime}}{I_{2}^{\prime}}=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
-4 & 4 \\
-1.6 & 1.2
\end{array}\right)\binom{l_{1}}{I_{2}}+\binom{12}{4.8}
\end{gathered}
$$

The eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix $A$ are

$$
A \Rightarrow\left\{\begin{array}{c}
\lambda_{1}=-2, \mathbf{x}_{1}=(2,1)^{T} \\
\lambda_{2}=-0.8, \mathbf{x}_{2}=(1,0.8)^{T}
\end{array}\right.
$$

## Systems of ODEs as models

## Electrical network (continued)

$$
A \Rightarrow\left\{\begin{array}{c}
\lambda_{1}=-2, \mathbf{x}_{1}=(2,1)^{T} \\
\lambda_{2}=-0.8, \mathbf{x}_{2}=(1,0.8)^{T}
\end{array}\right.
$$

The general solution of the H problem is

$$
\mathbf{I}=c_{1}\binom{2}{1} e^{-2 t}+c_{2}\binom{1}{0.8} e^{-0.8 t}
$$

For a particular solution of the NH problem we try a constant vector $\mathbf{I}=\mathbf{a}$

$$
\binom{0}{0}=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
-4 & 4 \\
-1.6 & 1.2
\end{array}\right)\binom{a_{1}}{a_{2}}+\binom{12}{4.8} \Rightarrow a_{1}=3, a_{2}=0
$$

So the general solution of the NH problem is

$$
\mathbf{I}=c_{1}\binom{2}{1} e^{-2 t}+c_{2}\binom{1}{0.8} e^{-0.8 t}+\binom{3}{0}
$$

## Systems of ODEs as models

Electrical network (continued)

$$
\mathbf{I}=c_{1}\binom{2}{1} e^{-2 t}+c_{2}\binom{1}{0.8} e^{-0.8 t}+\binom{3}{0}
$$

To determine the unknown coefficients we impose the initial condition $\mathbf{I}(0)=\mathbf{0}$

$$
\mathbf{0}=c_{1}\binom{2}{1} e^{-2 t}+c_{2}\binom{1}{0.8} e^{-0.8 t}+\binom{3}{0} \Rightarrow c_{1}=-4, c_{2}=5
$$

The solution to the problem is
$\mathbf{I}=-4\binom{2}{1} e^{-2 t}+5\binom{1}{0.8} e^{-0.8 t}+\binom{3}{0}$


## Systems of ODEs as models

## Electrical network (continued)





## Conversion of an $n$-th order ODE to a system

## Conversion of an ODE

An $n$-th order ODE

$$
y^{(n)}=F\left(t, y, y^{\prime}, \ldots, y^{(n-1)}\right)
$$

can be converted to a system of $n$ first-order ODEs by setting $y_{1}=y$ and

$$
\begin{gathered}
y_{1}^{\prime}=y_{2} \\
y_{2}^{\prime}=y_{3} \\
\cdots \\
y_{n-1}^{\prime}=y_{n} \\
y_{n}^{\prime}=F\left(t, y_{1}, y_{2}, \ldots, y_{n}\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

## Conversion of an $n$-th order ODE to a system

## Example

$$
m y^{\prime \prime}+c y^{\prime}+k y=0
$$

Solution:

$$
y^{\prime \prime}=-\frac{c}{m} y^{\prime}-\frac{k}{m} y
$$

Now we write it as

$$
\begin{gathered}
y_{1}^{\prime}=y_{2} \\
y_{2}^{\prime}=-\frac{k}{m} y_{1}-\frac{c}{m} y_{2} \\
\binom{y_{1}^{\prime}}{y_{2}^{\prime}}=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
0 & 1 \\
-\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{c}{m}
\end{array}\right)\binom{y_{1}}{y_{2}}
\end{gathered}
$$

Its characteristic polynomial is

$$
\left|\begin{array}{cc}
-\lambda & 1 \\
-\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{c}{m}-\lambda
\end{array}\right|=\lambda^{2}+\frac{c}{m} \lambda+\frac{k}{m}=0
$$

## Conversion of an $n$-th order ODE to a system

## Example (continued)

$$
\lambda^{2}+\frac{c}{m} \lambda+\frac{k}{m}=0
$$

Let us now give values, $m=1, c=2, k=0.75$

$$
\lambda^{2}+2 \lambda+0.75=0 \Rightarrow \lambda_{1}=-0.5, \lambda_{2}=-1.5
$$

With eigenvectors

$$
\mathbf{v}_{1}=(2,-1)^{T}, \mathbf{v}_{2}=(1,-1.5)^{T}
$$

So, the general solution is

$$
\mathbf{y}=c_{1}\binom{2}{-1} e^{-0.5 t}+c_{2}\binom{1}{-1.5} e^{-1.5 t}
$$

The first component is

$$
y_{1}=y=2 c_{1} e^{-0.5 t}+c_{2} e^{-1.5 t}
$$

The second combonent is its derivative.

## Exercises

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From Kreyszig (10th ed.), Chapter 4, Section 1:

- 4.1.1
- 4.1.12


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## Basic theory

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In general, an ODE system is of the form

$$
\begin{aligned}
& y_{1}^{\prime}=f_{1}\left(t, y_{1}, \ldots, y_{n}\right) \\
& y_{2}^{\prime}=f_{2}\left(t, y_{1}, \ldots, y_{n}\right) \\
& \quad \ldots \\
& y_{n}^{\prime}=f_{n}\left(t, y_{1}, \ldots, y_{n}\right)
\end{aligned} \Rightarrow \mathbf{y}^{\prime}=\mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{y})
$$

An Initial Value Problem needs $n$ initial conditions

$$
y_{1}\left(t_{0}\right)=K_{1}, y_{2}\left(t_{0}\right)=K_{2}, \ldots, y_{n}\left(t_{0}\right)=K_{n} \Rightarrow \mathbf{y}\left(t_{0}\right)=\mathbf{K}
$$

## Existence and uniqueness

Let $f_{1}, f_{2}, \ldots, f_{n}$ be continuous functions with continuous partial derivatives $\frac{\partial f_{1}}{\partial y_{1}}$, $\frac{\partial f_{1}}{\partial y_{2}}, \ldots, \frac{\partial f_{n}}{\partial y_{n}}$ in some domain $R$ of the $t y_{1} y_{2} \ldots y_{n}$-space containing the point $\left(t_{0}, K_{1}, \ldots, K_{n}\right)$. Then the ODE system has a solution on some interval $t_{0}-\alpha<t<t_{0}+\alpha$ satisfying the initial conditions, and this solution is unique.

## Basic theory

## Linear systems

$$
\begin{array}{r}
y_{1}^{\prime}=a_{11}(t) y_{1}+a_{12}(t) y_{2}+\ldots+a_{1 n}(t) y_{n}+g_{1}(t) \\
y_{2}^{\prime}=a_{21}(t) y_{1}+a_{22}(t) y_{2}+\ldots+a_{2 n}(t) y_{n}+g_{2}(t) \\
\ldots \\
y_{n}^{\prime}=a_{n 1}(t) y_{1}+a_{n 2}(t) y_{2}+\ldots+a_{n n}(t) y_{n}+g_{n}(t)
\end{array} \Rightarrow \mathbf{y}^{\prime}=A \mathbf{y}+\mathbf{g}
$$

with

$$
A=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{11} & a_{12} & \ldots & a_{1 n} \\
a_{21} & a_{22} & \ldots & a_{2 n} \\
\ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots \\
a_{n 1} & a_{n 2} & \ldots & a_{n n}
\end{array}\right)
$$

If $\mathbf{g}=\mathbf{0}$, the system is homogeneous.

## Existence and uniqueness

Let the $a_{i j}$ 's and $g_{i}$ 's functions be continuous functions of $t$ in an open interval $/$ containing $t_{0}$, then there exists a solution satisfying the initial conditions, and this solution is unique.

## Basic theory

## Superposition principle

The linear combination of any two solutions, $\mathbf{y}_{1}$ and $\mathbf{y}_{2}$, of the H problem is also a solution of the H problem.
Proof:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{y} & =c_{1} \mathbf{y}_{1}+c_{2} \mathbf{y}_{2} \\
\mathbf{y}^{\prime} & =c_{1} \mathbf{y}_{1}^{\prime}+c_{2} \mathbf{y}_{2}^{\prime} \\
& =c_{1}\left(A \mathbf{y}_{1}\right)+c_{2}\left(A \mathbf{y}_{2}\right) \\
& =A\left(c_{1} \mathbf{y}_{1}+c_{2} \mathbf{y}_{2}\right) \\
& =A \mathbf{y}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Basic theory

## General solution. Wronskian

If the $a_{i j}$ 's functions are continuous, then the general solution of the H problem can be written as

$$
\mathbf{y}=c_{1} \mathbf{y}_{1}+c_{2} \mathbf{y}_{2}+\ldots+c_{n} \mathbf{y}_{n}
$$

where $\mathbf{y}_{1}, \mathbf{y}_{2}, \ldots, \mathbf{y}_{n}$ constitute a basis or fundamental system of solutions, and there is no singular solution. We can write the $n$ basis functions as the columns of a matrix $Y$

$$
Y=\left(\begin{array}{llll}
\mathbf{y}_{1} & \mathbf{y}_{2} & \ldots & \mathbf{y}_{n}
\end{array}\right)
$$

and write the general solution as

$$
\mathbf{y}=Y_{\mathbf{c}}
$$

The Wronskian is the determinant of $Y$

$$
W=|Y|
$$

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## Constant coefficients systems

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$$
\mathbf{y}^{\prime}=A \mathbf{y}
$$

We try a function of the form

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{y} & =\mathbf{x} e^{\lambda t} \\
\mathbf{y}^{\prime} & =\lambda \mathbf{x} e^{\lambda t}
\end{aligned}
$$

And substitute it in the ODE

$$
\begin{aligned}
\lambda \mathbf{x} e^{\lambda t} & =A \mathbf{x} e^{\lambda t} \\
\lambda \mathbf{x} & =A \mathbf{x}
\end{aligned}
$$

That is $\mathbf{y}$ is a solution if $\mathbf{x}$ is an eigenvector of $A$. If $A$ has $n$ distinct eigenvalues, then the general solution is

$$
\mathbf{y}=c_{1} \mathbf{x}_{1} e^{\lambda_{1} t}+\ldots+c_{n} \mathbf{x}_{n} e^{\lambda_{n} t}
$$

## Constant coefficients systems

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The Wronskian of the basis of solutions is

$$
\begin{aligned}
& W=\left|\begin{array}{lll}
\mathbf{x}_{1} e^{\lambda_{1} t} & \ldots & \mathbf{x}_{n} e^{\lambda_{n} t}
\end{array}\right| \\
& =e^{\lambda_{1} t+\ldots+\lambda_{n} t}\left|\begin{array}{lll}
\mathbf{x}_{1} & \ldots & \mathbf{x}_{n}
\end{array}\right|
\end{aligned}
$$

The exponential term cannot be 0 , and the determinant of the matrix of eigenvectors cannot be 0 because they are linearly independent vectors since they correspond to distinct eigenvalues. This proves that there is no singular solution if
all eigenvalues are distinct.

## Phase-plane trajectories

## Example

$$
\mathbf{y}^{\prime}=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
-3 & 1 \\
1 & -3
\end{array}\right) \mathbf{y}
$$

Solution:

$$
\begin{gathered}
A \Rightarrow\left\{\begin{array}{c}
\lambda_{1}=-2, \mathbf{x}_{1}=(1,1)^{T} \\
\lambda_{2}=-4, \mathbf{x}_{2}=(1,-1)^{T}
\end{array}\right. \\
\mathbf{y}=c_{1} \mathbf{x}_{1} e^{\lambda_{1} t}+c_{2} \mathbf{x}_{2} e^{\lambda_{2} t}=c_{1}\binom{1}{1} e^{-2 t}+c_{2}\binom{1}{-1} e^{-4 t}
\end{gathered}
$$

## Phase-plane trajectories

## Example (continued)

$$
\mathbf{y}=c_{1} \mathbf{x}_{1} e^{\lambda_{1} t}+c_{2} \mathbf{x}_{2} e^{\lambda_{2} t}=c_{1}\binom{1}{1} e^{-2 t}+c_{2}\binom{1}{-1} e^{-4 t}
$$



## Phase-plane trajectories

## Critical points

A critical point is a point at which $\mathbf{y}^{\prime}=\mathbf{0}$, they are also called equilibrium solutions. Let us analyze the system

$$
\mathbf{y}^{\prime}=A \mathbf{y}
$$

and the slope of trajectories in the phase plane at a given point $\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right)$

$$
\frac{d y_{2}}{d y_{1}}=\frac{y_{2}^{\prime} d t}{y_{1}^{\prime} d t}=\frac{y_{2}^{\prime}}{y_{1}^{\prime}}
$$

At critical points, this ratio becomes undefined $\left(\frac{0}{0}\right)$. There are five types of critical points: improper nodes, proper nodes, saddle points, centers, and spiral points.

## Phase-plane trajectories

## Example (continued): Improper node

An improper node is a critical point at which all trajectories, except two of them, have the same limiting direction of the tangent. The two exceptional directions also have a limiting direction of the tangent which, however, is different.


## Phase-plane trajectories

## Example: Proper node

$$
\mathbf{y}^{\prime}=\left(\begin{array}{ll}
1 & 0 \\
0 & 1
\end{array}\right) \mathbf{y} \Rightarrow \mathbf{y}=c_{1}\binom{1}{0} e^{t}+c_{2}\binom{0}{1} e^{t}
$$

A proper node is a critical point at which every trajectory has a definite limiting direction and for any givend irection $\mathbf{d}$, there is a trajectory having $\mathbf{d}$ as its limiting direction.


## Phase-plane trajectories

## Example: Saddle point

$$
\mathbf{y}^{\prime}=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
1 & 0 \\
0 & -1
\end{array}\right) \mathbf{y} \Rightarrow \mathbf{y}=c_{1}\binom{1}{0} e^{t}+c_{2}\binom{0}{1} e^{-t}
$$

A saddle point is a critical point at which there are two incoming trajectories, two outgoing trajectories, and all the other trajectories in a neighborhood of the critical point bypass it.


## Phase-plane trajectories

## Example: Center

$$
\mathbf{y}^{\prime}=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
0 & 1 \\
-4 & 0
\end{array}\right) \mathbf{y} \Rightarrow \mathbf{y}=c_{1}\binom{1}{2 i} e^{i 2 t}+c_{2}\binom{1}{-2 i} e^{-i 2 t}
$$

A center is a critical point that is enclosed by infinitely many closed trajectories.


## Phase-plane trajectories

## Example: Spiral point

$$
\mathbf{y}^{\prime}=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
-1 & 1 \\
-1 & -1
\end{array}\right) \mathbf{y} \Rightarrow \mathbf{y}=c_{1}\binom{1}{i} e^{(-1+i) t}+c_{2}\binom{1}{-i} e^{(-1-i) t}
$$

A spiral point is a critical point about which trajectories spiral, approaching the critical point or going away from it, as $t \rightarrow \infty$.


## Phase-plane trajectories

## Example: Degenerate node

$$
\mathbf{y}^{\prime}=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
4 & 1 \\
-1 & 2
\end{array}\right) \mathbf{y}
$$

The problem is that $A$ is not diagonalizable because it has a double eigenvalue at $\lambda=3$ but only one associated eigenvector $\mathbf{x}_{1}=(1,-1)^{T}$. One of the solutions is of the form:

$$
\mathbf{y}_{1}=\mathbf{x}_{1} e^{\lambda_{1} t}
$$

For the second solution we look for solution of the type

$$
\mathbf{y}_{2}=t \mathbf{x}_{1} e^{\lambda_{1} t}+\mathbf{u} e^{\lambda_{1} t}
$$

with a constant $\mathbf{u}$ vector.

$$
\mathbf{y}_{2}^{\prime}=\mathbf{x}_{1} e^{\lambda_{1} t}+t \lambda_{1} \mathbf{x}_{1} e^{\lambda_{1} t}+\lambda_{1} \mathbf{u} e^{\lambda_{1} t}
$$

## Phase-plane trajectories

## Example: Degenerate node (continued)

We now substitute in the ODE

$$
\begin{gathered}
\mathbf{y}_{2}^{\prime}=A \mathbf{y}_{2} \\
\mathbf{x}_{1} e^{\lambda_{1} t}+t \lambda_{1} \mathbf{x}_{1} e^{\lambda_{1} t}+\lambda_{1} \mathbf{u} e^{\lambda_{1} t}=t A \mathbf{x}_{1} e^{\lambda_{1} t}+A \mathbf{u} e^{\lambda t} \\
\mathbf{x}_{1} e^{\lambda_{1} t}+t \lambda_{1} \mathbf{x}_{1} e^{\lambda_{1} t}+\lambda_{1} \mathbf{u} e^{\lambda_{1} t}=t \lambda_{1} \mathbf{x}_{1} e^{\lambda_{1} t}+A \mathbf{u} e^{\lambda_{1} t} \\
\mathbf{x}_{1} e^{\lambda_{1} t}+\lambda_{1} \mathbf{u} e^{\lambda_{1} t}=A \mathbf{u} e^{\lambda_{1} t} \\
\mathbf{x}_{1}+\lambda_{1} \mathbf{u}=A \mathbf{u} \\
\left(A-\lambda_{1} I\right) \mathbf{u}=\mathbf{x}_{1} \Rightarrow \mathbf{u}=(0,1)^{T}
\end{gathered}
$$

So the general solution is

$$
\mathbf{y}=c_{1}\binom{1}{-1} e^{3 t}+c_{2}\left(t\binom{1}{-1} e^{3 t}+\binom{0}{1} e^{3 t}\right)
$$

## Phase-plane trajectories

Example: Degenerate node (continued)

$$
\mathbf{y}=c_{1}\binom{1}{-1} e^{3 t}+c_{2}\left(t\binom{1}{-1} e^{3 t}+\binom{0}{1} e^{3 t}\right)
$$



## Constant coefficients systems

## Degenerate solutions

When the matrix $A$ is not diagonalizable, then we may complete the fundamental system with solutions of the form

$$
\begin{gathered}
\mathbf{y}_{2}=\left(t \mathbf{x}_{1}+\mathbf{v}_{1}\right) e^{\lambda_{1} t} \\
\mathbf{y}_{3}=\left(\frac{1}{2} t^{2} \mathbf{x}_{1}+t \mathbf{v}_{1}+\mathbf{v}_{2}\right) e^{\lambda_{1} t} \\
\mathbf{y}_{4}=\left(\frac{1}{3} t^{3} \mathbf{x}_{1}+\frac{1}{2} t^{2} \mathbf{v}_{1}+t \mathbf{v}_{2}+\mathbf{v}_{3}\right) e^{\lambda_{1} t}
\end{gathered}
$$

## System ODEs

## MATLAB

$$
\mathbf{y}^{\prime}=\binom{y_{2}}{-\sin \left(y_{1}\right)}
$$

$f=@(t, y)[y(2) ;-\sin (y(1))]$
vectfield(f,-2: .5:8,-2.5:.25:2.5)
hold on
for $\mathrm{y} 20=0: 0.3: 2.7$
[ts,ys] = ode45(f,[0,10],[0;y20]);
plot(ys(:,1),ys(:,2))
end
hold off


## Exercises

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From Kreyszig (10th ed.), Chapter 4, Section 3:

- 4.3.6
- 4.3.7
- 4.3.18


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## Criteria for critical points

## Critical point classification

$$
\mathbf{y}^{\prime}=A \mathbf{y}=\left(\begin{array}{ll}
a_{11} & a_{12} \\
a_{21} & a_{22}
\end{array}\right) \mathbf{y}
$$

Let's analyze the characteristic polynomial and eigenvalues of $A$

$$
\operatorname{det}\{A-\lambda /\}=\lambda^{2}-\operatorname{Tr}\{A\} \lambda+\operatorname{det}\{A\}=0
$$

Let us define

$$
\Delta=\left(\operatorname{Tr}\{A\}-4(\operatorname{det}\{A\})^{2}\right)
$$

The eigenvalues are

$$
\lambda_{1,2}=\frac{\operatorname{Tr}\{A\} \pm \sqrt{\Delta}}{2}
$$

## Criteria for critical points

## Critical point classification (continued)

$$
\lambda_{1,2}=\frac{\operatorname{Tr}\{A\} \pm \sqrt{\Delta}}{2}
$$

| Type | $\operatorname{Tr}\{A\}=$ <br> $\lambda_{1}+\lambda_{2}$ | $\operatorname{det}\{A\}=$ <br> $\lambda_{1} \lambda_{2}$ | $\Delta=$ <br> $\left(\lambda_{1}-\lambda_{2}\right)^{2}$ | Comments |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- |
| Node |  | $>0$ | $\geq 0$ | Real, same sign |
| Saddle point |  | $<0$ |  | Real, opposite signs |
| Center | $=0$ |  | $<0$ | Pure imaginary |
| Spiral point | $\neq 0$ |  | $<0$ | Complex |

## Criteria for critical points

## Stable critical point

A critical point $P_{0}$ is stable if all trajectories of the ODE that at some instant are close to $P_{0}$ remain close to $P_{0}$ at all future times; precisely: if for every disk $D_{\epsilon}$ of radius $\epsilon$ with center $P_{0}$ there is a disk $D_{\delta}$ of radius $\delta$ with center $P_{0}$ such that every trajectory of the ODE that has a point $P_{1}$ (corresponding to $t=t_{1}$, say) in $D_{\delta}$ has all its points corresponding to $t \geq t_{1}$ in $D_{\epsilon}$. If a critical point is not stable, it is unstable.


Fig. 90. Stable critical point $P_{0}$ of (1)
(The trajectory initiating at $P_{1}$ stays
in the disk of radius $\epsilon$.)

## Criteria for critical points

## Asymptotically stable critical point

A critical point $P_{0}$ is asymptotically stable (stable and attractive) if $P_{0}$ is stable and every trajectory that has a point in $D_{\delta}$ approaches $P_{0}$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$.


Fig. 91. Stable and attractive critical point $P_{0}$ of (1)

## Criteria for critical points

## Critical point classification (continued)

$$
\begin{gathered}
\operatorname{det}\{A-\lambda /\}=\lambda^{2}-\operatorname{Tr}\{A\} \lambda+\operatorname{det}\{A\}=\lambda^{2}-p \lambda+q=0 \\
\lambda_{1,2}=\frac{\operatorname{Tr}\{A\} \pm \sqrt{\Delta}}{2}
\end{gathered}
$$

| Type | $p=\operatorname{Tr}\{A\}=$ <br> $\lambda_{1}+\lambda_{2}$ | $q=\operatorname{det}\{A\}=$ <br> $\lambda_{1} \lambda_{2}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Asymptotically stable | $<0$ | 0 |
| Stable | $\leq 0$ | $>0$ |
| Unstable | $>0$ | or $<0$ |

## Criteria for critical points

## Critical point classification (continued)



Fig. 92. Stability chart of the system (1) with $p, q, \Delta$ defined in (5).
Stable and attractive: The second quadrant without the $q$-axis.
Stability also on the positive $q$-axis (which corresponds to centers).
Unstable: Dark blue region

## Criteria for critical points

## Critical point classification (continued)

| eigenvalues |  |  | linear system |  | nonlinear system |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| real | both pos. | equal | proper or improper node | unstable | similar to node or spiral point | unstable |
|  |  | different | node | unstable | same |  |
|  | both neg. | equal | proper or improper node | as. stable | similar to node or spiral point | as. stable |
|  |  | different | node | as. stable | same |  |
|  | pos. and neg. |  | saddle point | unstable | same |  |
| complex not real | real part pos. |  | spiral point | unstable | same |  |
|  | real part neg. |  | spiral point | as. stable | same |  |
|  | real part zero |  | center | stable | similar to center or spiral point | ? |

## Criteria for critical points

## Example

$$
m y^{\prime \prime}+c y^{\prime}+k y=0
$$

Solution:

$$
y^{\prime \prime}=-\frac{k}{m} y-\frac{c}{m} y^{\prime}
$$

We convert it to a system ODE with

$$
\begin{gathered}
y_{1}=y, y_{1}^{\prime}=y_{2} \\
\mathbf{y}^{\prime}=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
0 & 1 \\
-\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{c}{m}
\end{array}\right) \mathbf{y} \\
\operatorname{det}(A-\lambda I)=\lambda^{2}+\frac{c}{m} \lambda+\frac{k}{m}
\end{gathered}
$$

From where

$$
p=-\frac{c}{m}, q=\frac{k}{m}, \Delta=\left(\frac{c}{m}\right)^{2}-4 \frac{k}{m}
$$

## Criteria for critical points

## Example (continued)

$$
p=-\frac{c}{m}, q=\frac{k}{m}, \Delta=\left(\frac{c}{m}\right)^{2}-4 \frac{k}{m}
$$

No damping. $c=0, p=0, q>0$, a center. Underdamping. $c^{2}<4 m k, p<0, q>0, \Delta<0$, a stable and attractive spiral point. Critical damping. $c^{2}=4 m k, p<0, q>0, \Delta=0$, a stable and attractive node. Overdamping. $c^{2}>4 m k, p<0, q>0, \Delta>0$, a stable and attractive node.

## Exercises

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From Kreyszig (10th ed.), Chapter 4, Section 4:

- 4.4.3
- 4.4.14
- 4.4.17


## Outline

(1) Systems of ODEs. Phase plane. Qualitative methods

- Systems of ODEs as models
- Basic theory of systems of ODEs. Wronskian
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- Criteria for critical points. Stability
- Qualitative methods for nonlinear systems
- Nonhomogeneous linear systems of ODEs


## Autonomous nonlinear systems

## Autonomous nonlinear systems

Qualitative methods allow analyzing a system without actually solving it. For autonomous nonlinear systems

$$
\mathbf{y}^{\prime}=\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y})
$$

with a critical point $\mathbf{y}_{0}$ we may shift the origin so that the $\mathbf{y}_{0}$ is centered

$$
\begin{gathered}
\tilde{\mathbf{y}}=\mathbf{y}-\mathbf{y}_{0} \\
\tilde{\mathbf{y}^{\prime}}=\mathbf{f}\left(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}+\mathbf{y}_{0}\right) \\
\tilde{\mathbf{y}^{\prime}}=\tilde{\mathbf{f}}(\tilde{\mathbf{y}})
\end{gathered}
$$

and study the local behaviour of the system ODE around $\mathbf{0}$ as we have already done. For doing so, we may need to linearize the ODE.

## Autonomous nonlinear systems

## Linearization of autonomous nonlinear systems

$$
\tilde{\mathbf{y}^{\prime}}=\tilde{\mathbf{f}}(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}) \approx A \tilde{y}
$$

where $A$ is the Jacobian of the function $\mathbf{f}$ evaluated at the origin $\mathbf{0}$ :

$$
A=\left.\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
\frac{\partial \tilde{f}_{1}}{\partial \tilde{y}_{1}} & \frac{\partial \tilde{f}_{1}}{\partial \tilde{y}_{2}} & \ldots & \frac{\partial \tilde{f}_{1}}{\partial \tilde{y}_{n}} \\
\frac{\partial \tilde{f}_{2}}{\partial \tilde{y}_{1}} & \frac{\partial \tilde{f}_{2}}{\partial \tilde{y}_{2}} & \ldots & \frac{\partial \tilde{f}_{2}}{\partial \tilde{y}_{n}} \\
\cdots & \cdots & \ldots & \cdots \\
\frac{\partial \tilde{f}_{n}}{\partial \tilde{y}_{1}} & \frac{\partial \tilde{f}_{n}}{\partial \tilde{y}_{2}} & \ldots & \frac{\partial \tilde{f}_{n}}{\partial \tilde{y}_{n}}
\end{array}\right)\right|_{\tilde{\mathbf{y}}=\mathbf{0}}
$$

## Theorem

If $\tilde{\boldsymbol{f}}$ has continuous components and continuous partial derivatives in a neighbourhood of the critical point $\mathbf{0}$ and $\operatorname{det}\{A\} \neq 0$, then the kind and stability of the critical point of the nonlinear system ODE is the same as those of the linearized system. Exceptions occur if $A$ has equal or pure imaginary eigenvalues, then the nonlinear problem may have the same kind of critical point as the linearized system or a spiral point.

## Autonomous nonlinear systems

## Example: Free undamped pendulum

Gravity compensates the acceleration of the bob

$$
\begin{gathered}
m L \theta^{\prime \prime}+m g \sin (\theta)=0 \\
\theta^{\prime \prime}+k \sin (\theta)=0 \quad k=\frac{g}{L}
\end{gathered}
$$

To find the critical points we convert the equation into a system ODE

$$
\begin{gathered}
y_{1}=\theta \\
y_{2}=y_{1}^{\prime} \\
y_{2}^{\prime}+k \sin \left(y_{1}\right)=0
\end{gathered}
$$

Equivalently

$$
\mathbf{y}^{\prime}=\binom{y_{2}}{-k \sin \left(y_{1}\right)}
$$

## Autonomous nonlinear systems

## Example (continued)

$$
\mathbf{y}^{\prime}=\binom{y_{2}}{-k \sin \left(y_{1}\right)}
$$

The critical points are at $\mathbf{y}=(\pi n, 0)^{T}(n \in \mathbb{Z})$. Let's analyze the one at $(0,0)$. Let's calculate the Jacobian of $\mathbf{f}$ at $(0,0)$

$$
A=\left.\left(\begin{array}{cc}
\frac{\partial f_{1}}{\partial y_{1}} & \frac{\partial f_{1}}{\partial y_{2}} \\
\frac{\partial f_{2}}{\partial y_{1}} & \frac{\partial f_{2}}{\partial y_{2}}
\end{array}\right)\right|_{\mathbf{y}=\mathbf{0}}=\left.\left(\begin{array}{cc}
0 & 1 \\
-k \cos \left(y_{1}\right) & 0
\end{array}\right)\right|_{\mathbf{y}=\mathbf{0}}=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
0 & 1 \\
-k & 0
\end{array}\right)
$$

To classify this critical point we note that

$$
\operatorname{Tr}\{A\}=0 \quad \operatorname{det}\{A\}=k>0
$$

So we conclude that $\mathbf{y}=\mathbf{0}$ is a center (always stable). The same happens to all points $(0,2 \pi n)$ since the sin function is periodic with period $2 \pi$.

## Autonomous nonlinear systems

## Example (continued)

$$
\mathbf{y}^{\prime}=\binom{y_{2}}{-k \sin \left(y_{1}\right)}
$$

Let's analyze the critical point at $(\pi, 0)$. We center the critical point by doing

$$
\tilde{\mathbf{y}}=\mathbf{y}-\binom{\pi}{0}
$$

The system ODE becomes

$$
\tilde{\mathbf{y}}^{\prime}=\binom{\tilde{y}_{2}}{-k \sin \left(\tilde{y}_{1}+\pi\right)}
$$

Let's calculate the Jacobian of $\tilde{\mathbf{f}}$ at $(0,0)$

$$
A=\left.\left(\begin{array}{ll}
\frac{\partial \tilde{f}_{1}}{\partial y_{1}} & \frac{\partial \tilde{f}_{1}}{\partial y_{2}} \\
\frac{\partial \tilde{F}_{2}}{\partial y_{1}} & \frac{\partial \tilde{f}_{2}}{\partial y_{2}}
\end{array}\right)\right|_{\tilde{y}=\mathbf{0}}=\left.\left(\begin{array}{cc}
0 & 1 \\
-k \cos \left(\tilde{y}_{1}+\pi\right) & 0
\end{array}\right)\right|_{\mathbf{y}=\mathbf{0}}=\left(\begin{array}{ll}
0 & 1 \\
k & 0
\end{array}\right)
$$

## Autonomous nonlinear systems

## Example (continued)

To classify this critical point we note that

$$
\operatorname{Tr}\{A\}=0 \quad \operatorname{det}\{A\}=-k<0
$$

So we conclude that $\mathbf{y}=(\pi, 0)^{T}$ is a saddle point (unstable). The same happens to all points $(0, \pi+2 \pi n)$ since the sin function is periodic with period $2 \pi$.

(b) Solution curves $y_{2}\left(y_{1}\right)$ of (4) in the phase plane

Example 1 ( $C$ will be explained in Example 4.)

## Autonomous nonlinear systems

## Example: Damped pendulum

$$
\theta^{\prime \prime}+c \theta^{\prime}+k \sin (\theta)=0
$$

To find the critical points we convert the equation into a system ODE

$$
\begin{gathered}
y_{1}=\theta \\
y_{2}=y_{1}^{\prime} \\
y_{2}^{\prime}+c y_{2}+k \sin \left(y_{1}\right)=0
\end{gathered}
$$

Equivalently

$$
\mathbf{y}^{\prime}=\binom{y_{2}}{-k \sin \left(y_{1}\right)-c y_{2}}
$$

## Autonomous nonlinear systems

## Example (continued)

$$
\mathbf{y}^{\prime}=\binom{y_{2}}{-k \sin \left(y_{1}\right)-c y_{2}}
$$

Critical points are at the same location as in the free undamped pendulum $\mathbf{y}=(\pi n, 0)$. Let's study the critical point at $(0,0)$.

$$
\begin{gathered}
A=\left.\left(\begin{array}{ll}
\frac{\partial f_{1}}{\partial y_{1}} & \frac{\partial f_{1}}{\partial y_{2}} \\
\frac{\partial f_{2}}{\partial y_{1}} & \frac{\partial f_{2}}{\partial y_{2}}
\end{array}\right)\right|_{\mathbf{y}=\mathbf{0}}=\left.\left(\begin{array}{cc}
0 & 1 \\
-k \cos \left(y_{1}\right) & -c
\end{array}\right)\right|_{\mathbf{y}=\mathbf{0}}=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
0 & 1 \\
-k & -c
\end{array}\right) \\
\operatorname{Tr}\{A\}=-c<0 \quad \operatorname{det}\{A\}=k>0 \quad \Delta=-c+4 k^{2}
\end{gathered}
$$

If $\Delta<0$, then we have a stable and attractive spiral point. If $\Delta>0$, then it is a stable and attractive node.

## Autonomous nonlinear systems

## Example (continued)

$$
\mathbf{y}^{\prime}=\binom{y_{2}}{-k \sin \left(y_{1}\right)-c y_{2}}
$$

Let's analyze the critical point at ( $\pi, 0$ ). We center the critical point by doing

$$
\tilde{\mathbf{y}}=\mathbf{y}-\binom{\pi}{0}
$$

The system ODE becomes

$$
\tilde{\mathbf{y}}^{\prime}=\binom{\tilde{y}_{2}}{-k \sin \left(\tilde{y}_{1}+\pi\right)-c y_{2}}
$$

Let's calculate the Jacobian of $\tilde{\mathbf{f}}$ at $(0,0)$

$$
A=\left.\left(\begin{array}{cc}
\frac{\partial \tilde{f}_{1}}{\partial \tilde{y}_{1}} & \frac{\partial \tilde{f}_{1}}{\partial \tilde{y}_{2}} \\
\frac{\partial \tilde{F}_{2}}{\partial \tilde{y}_{1}} & \frac{\partial \tilde{F}_{2}}{\partial \tilde{y}_{2}}
\end{array}\right)\right|_{\tilde{\mathbf{y}}=0}=\left.\left(\begin{array}{cc}
0 & 1 \\
-k \cos \left(\tilde{y}_{1}+\pi\right) & -c
\end{array}\right)\right|_{\mathbf{y}=0}=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
0 & 1 \\
k & -c
\end{array}\right)
$$

## Autonomous nonlinear systems

## Example (continued)

To classify this critical point we note that

$$
\operatorname{Tr}\{A\}=-c \quad \operatorname{det}\{A\}=-k<0
$$

So we conclude that $\mathbf{y}=(\pi, 0)^{T}$ is a saddle point (unstable). The same happens to all points $(0, \pi+2 \pi n)$ since the sin function is periodic with period $2 \pi$.


## Autonomous nonlinear systems

## Example: Lotka-Volterra population model

1. Rabbits have unlimited food supply. Hence, if there were no foxes, their number $y_{1}(t)$ would grow exponentially, $y_{1}^{\prime}=a y_{1}$.
2. Actually, $y_{1}$ is decreased because of the kill by foxes, say, at a rate proportional to $y_{1} y_{2}$, where $y_{2}(t)$ is the number of foxes. Hence $y_{1}^{\prime}=a y_{1}-b y_{1} y_{2}$, where $a>0$ and $b>0$.
3. If there were no rabbits, then $y_{2}(t)$ would exponentially decrease to zero, $y_{2}^{\prime}=-l y_{2}$. However, $y_{2}$ is increased by a rate proportional to the number of encounters between predator and prey; together we have $y_{2}^{\prime}=-l y_{2}+k y_{1} y_{2}$, where $k>0$ and $l>0$.

## Solution:

$$
\begin{aligned}
y_{1}^{\prime} & =a y_{1}-b y_{1} y_{2} \\
y_{2}^{\prime} & =k y_{1} y_{2}-l y_{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Autonomous nonlinear systems

## Example: Lotka-Volterra population model (continued)

Critical points are the solutions of:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 0=y_{1}^{\prime}=y_{1}\left(a-b y_{2}\right) \\
& 0=y_{2}^{\prime}=\left(k y_{1}-l\right) y_{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

That is $(0,0)$ or $\left(\frac{1}{k} \frac{a}{b}\right)$. Let's analyze $(0,0)$

$$
A=\left.\left(\begin{array}{cc}
\frac{\partial f_{1}}{\partial y_{1}} & \frac{\partial f_{1}}{\partial y_{2}} \\
\frac{\partial f_{2}}{\partial y_{1}} & \frac{\partial f_{2}}{\partial y_{2}}
\end{array}\right)\right|_{\mathbf{y}=0}=\left.\left(\begin{array}{cc}
a & -b y_{1} \\
k y_{2} & -1
\end{array}\right)\right|_{\mathbf{y}=0}=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
a & 0 \\
0 & -1
\end{array}\right)
$$

Eigenvalues are $\lambda_{1}=a, \lambda_{2}=-l$. They have different signs, so we have a saddle point.

## Autonomous nonlinear systems

## Example: Lotka-Volterra population model (continued)

For the critical point $\left(\frac{l}{k}, \frac{a}{b}\right)$ we make the change of variables

$$
\tilde{\mathbf{y}}=\mathbf{y}-\binom{\frac{l}{k}}{\frac{d}{b}}
$$

The system ODE becomes

$$
\tilde{\mathbf{y}}^{\prime}=\binom{\left(\tilde{y}_{1}+\frac{l}{k}\right)\left(a-b\left(\tilde{y}_{2}+\frac{a}{b}\right)\right)}{\left(k\left(\tilde{y}_{1}+\frac{l}{k}\right)-l\right)\left(\tilde{y}_{2}+\frac{a}{b}\right)}=\binom{\left(\tilde{y}_{1}+\frac{l}{k}\right)\left(-b \tilde{y}_{2}\right)}{k \tilde{y}_{1}\left(\tilde{y}_{2}+\frac{a}{b}\right)}
$$

Let's calculate the Jacobian of $\tilde{\mathbf{f}}$ at $(0,0)$

$$
A=\left.\left(\begin{array}{cc}
\frac{\partial \tilde{f}_{1}}{\partial y_{1}} & \frac{\partial \tilde{f}_{1}}{\partial \partial_{2}} \\
\frac{\partial \tilde{F}_{2}}{\partial y_{1}} & \frac{\partial \tilde{F}_{2}}{\partial y_{2}}
\end{array}\right)\right|_{\tilde{\mathbf{y}}=0}=\left.\left(\begin{array}{cc}
-b \tilde{y}_{2} & \left(\tilde{y}_{1}+\frac{l}{k}\right) b \\
k\left(\tilde{y}_{2}+\frac{a}{b}\right) & k \tilde{y}_{1}
\end{array}\right)\right|_{\mathbf{y}=\mathbf{0}}=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
0 & -\frac{1}{k} b \\
k \frac{a}{b} & 0
\end{array}\right)
$$

## Autonomous nonlinear systems

Example: Lotka-Volterra population model (continued)

$$
A=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
0 & -\frac{1}{k} b \\
k_{\frac{a}{b}} & 0
\end{array}\right)
$$

We observe that

$$
\operatorname{Tr}\{A\}=0 \quad \operatorname{det}\{A\}=a l>0
$$

So the critical point is a stable center. Let's solve the equation around this critical point

$$
\begin{aligned}
y_{1}^{\prime} & =-\frac{l}{k} b \tilde{y}_{2} \\
y_{2}^{\prime} & =k \frac{a}{b} \tilde{y}_{1}
\end{aligned}
$$

We rewrite the equation system as

$$
\begin{gathered}
y_{1}^{\prime}=-\frac{l}{k} b \tilde{y}_{2} \\
k \frac{a}{b} \tilde{y}_{1}=y_{2}^{\prime}
\end{gathered}
$$

## Autonomous nonlinear systems

Example: Lotka-Volterra population model (continued)

$$
\begin{gathered}
y_{1}^{\prime}=-\frac{l}{k} b \tilde{y}_{2} \\
k \frac{a}{b} \tilde{y}_{1}=y_{2}^{\prime}
\end{gathered}
$$

and multiply both equations

$$
k \frac{a}{b} \tilde{y}_{1} y_{1}^{\prime}=-\frac{l}{k} b \tilde{y}_{2} y_{2}^{\prime}
$$

Integrating

$$
\begin{gathered}
k \frac{a}{2 b} \tilde{y}_{1}^{2}=-\frac{l}{2 k} b \tilde{y}_{2}^{2}+C \\
\frac{a k}{b} \tilde{y}_{1}^{2}+\frac{b l}{k} \tilde{y}_{2}^{2}=C
\end{gathered}
$$

## Autonomous nonlinear systems

Example: Lotka-Volterra population model (continued)

$$
\frac{a k}{b} \tilde{y}_{1}^{2}+\frac{b l}{k} \tilde{y}_{2}^{2}=C \Rightarrow \frac{a k}{b}\left(y_{1}-\frac{l}{k}\right)^{2}+\frac{b l}{k}\left(y_{2}-\frac{a}{b}\right)^{2}=C
$$



## Transformation to a first-order equation in the phase plane

Transformation to a first-order equation in the phase plane
Consider a second-order autonomous ODE

$$
F\left(y, y^{\prime}, y^{\prime \prime}\right)
$$

We make the change of variables

$$
\begin{aligned}
& y_{1}=y \\
& y_{2}=y_{1}^{\prime}
\end{aligned}
$$

And find $y^{\prime \prime}$ using the chain rule

$$
y^{\prime \prime}=y_{2}^{\prime}=\frac{d y_{2}}{d t}=\frac{d y_{2}}{d y_{1}} \frac{d y_{1}}{d t}=\frac{d y_{2}}{d y_{1}} y_{2}
$$

The ODE becomes

$$
F\left(y_{1}, y_{2}, \frac{d y_{2}}{d y_{1}} y_{2}\right)=0
$$

## Transformation to a first-order equation in the phase plane

## Example: Free undamped pendulum

$$
\theta^{\prime \prime}+k \sin (\theta)=0
$$

Making the substitutions suggested by the method we get

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \frac{d y_{2}}{d y_{1}} y_{2}+k \sin \left(y_{1}\right)=0 \\
& y_{2} d y_{2}=-k \sin \left(y_{1}\right) d y_{1} \\
& \frac{1}{2} y_{2}^{2}=k \cos \left(y_{1}\right)+C
\end{aligned}
$$



## Exercises

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From Kreyszig (10th ed.), Chapter 4, Section 5:

- 4.5.5


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## Nonhomogeneous linear systems of ODEs

## Nonhomogeneous linear systems of ODEs

$$
\mathbf{y}^{\prime}=A(t) \mathbf{y}+\mathbf{g}(t)
$$

If the entries of the $A$ matrix and $\mathbf{g}$ vector are continuous, then the general solution can be expressed as

$$
\mathbf{y}=\mathbf{y}_{h}+\mathbf{y}_{p}
$$

## Method of undetermined coefficients

Valid for constant matrix $A$ and $\mathbf{g}$ that is a sum of constant, powers, exponentials or sine/cosine functions.

## Method of undetermined coefficients

## Example

$$
\mathbf{y}^{\prime}=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
-3 & 1 \\
1 & -3
\end{array}\right) \mathbf{y}+\binom{-6}{2} e^{-2 t}
$$

Solution:
The general solution of the H problem is

$$
\mathbf{y}_{h}=c_{1}\binom{1}{1} e^{-2 t}+c_{2}\binom{1}{-1} e^{-4 t}
$$

Since the excitation signal $e^{-2 t}$ is also a solution of the H problem we try a particular solution of the form

$$
\begin{gathered}
\mathbf{y}_{p}=(t \mathbf{u}+\mathbf{v}) e^{-2 t} \\
\mathbf{y}_{p}^{\prime}=(-2 t \mathbf{u}+\mathbf{u}-2 \mathbf{v}) e^{-2 t}
\end{gathered}
$$

## Method of undetermined coefficients

## Example (continued)

Substituting in the ODE

$$
\begin{gathered}
(-2 t \mathbf{u}+\mathbf{u}-2 \mathbf{v}) e^{-2 t}=A(t \mathbf{u}+\mathbf{v}) e^{-2 t}+\binom{-6}{2} e^{-2 t} \\
-2 t \mathbf{u}+\mathbf{u}-2 \mathbf{v}=t A \mathbf{u}+A \mathbf{v}+\binom{-6}{2}
\end{gathered}
$$

Identifying the coefficients of $t$

$$
-2 \mathbf{u}=A \mathbf{u}
$$

That is $\mathbf{u}$ is an eigenvector of $A$ associated to $\lambda=-2$

$$
\mathbf{u}=a(1,1)^{T}
$$

## Method of undetermined coefficients

## Example (continued)

$$
-2 t \mathbf{u}+\mathbf{u}-2 \mathbf{v}=t A \mathbf{u}+A \mathbf{v}+\binom{-6}{2}
$$

Identifying the coefficients without $t$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{u}-2 \mathbf{v}=A \mathbf{v}+\binom{-6}{2} \\
& (A+2 I) \mathbf{v}=\mathbf{u}-\binom{-6}{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

We cannot solve as $(A+2 I)^{-1}(\ldots)$ because -2 is an eigenvalue of $A$ and $A+2 I$ is not invertible. Then

$$
\left(\left(\begin{array}{cc}
-3 & 1 \\
1 & -3
\end{array}\right)+\left(\begin{array}{ll}
2 & 0 \\
0 & 2
\end{array}\right)\right)\binom{v_{1}}{v_{2}}=\binom{a}{a}-\binom{-6}{2}
$$

## Method of undetermined coefficients

## Example (continued)

$$
\begin{gathered}
\left(\left(\begin{array}{cc}
-3 & 1 \\
1 & -3
\end{array}\right)+\left(\begin{array}{ll}
2 & 0 \\
0 & 2
\end{array}\right)\right)\binom{v_{1}}{v_{2}}=\binom{a}{a}-\binom{-6}{2} \\
\left(\begin{array}{cc}
-1 & 1 \\
1 & -1
\end{array}\right)\binom{v_{1}}{v_{2}}=\binom{a+6}{a-2} \\
\left(\begin{array}{cc}
-1 & 1 \\
0 & 0
\end{array}\right)\binom{v_{1}}{v_{2}}=\binom{a+6}{2 a+4}
\end{gathered}
$$

For this system being compatible we need

$$
2 a+4=0 \Rightarrow a=-2
$$

Then

$$
v_{2}=v_{1}+(-2+6)=v_{1}+4
$$

We may simply take $v_{1}=0$

$$
\mathbf{v}=\binom{0}{4}
$$

## Method of undetermined coefficients

## Example (continued)

Finally

$$
\begin{gathered}
\mathbf{y}_{p}=\left(\begin{array}{ll}
\left.t\left(\begin{array}{ll}
-2 & -2
\end{array}\right)+\left(\begin{array}{ll}
0 & 4
\end{array}\right)\right) e^{-2 t} \\
\mathbf{y}=\mathbf{y}_{h}+\mathbf{y}_{p}=c_{1}\binom{1}{1} e^{-2 t}+c_{2}\binom{1}{-1} e^{-4 t}+\left(t\binom{-2}{-2}+\binom{0}{4}\right) e^{-2 t} \\
\mathbf{y}=\binom{c_{1}-2 t}{c_{1}-2 t+4} e^{-2 t}+\binom{c_{2}}{-c_{2}} e^{-4 t}
\end{array}\right.
\end{gathered}
$$

## Method of variation of parameters

## Method of variation parameters

This is valid for non-constant $A$ and arbitrary $\mathbf{g}$

$$
\mathbf{y}^{\prime}=A(t) \mathbf{y}+\mathbf{g}(t)
$$

If the general solution of the H problem is of the form

$$
\mathbf{y}_{h}=\left(\begin{array}{llll}
\mathbf{y}_{1} & \mathbf{y}_{2} & \ldots & \mathbf{y}_{n}
\end{array}\right) \mathbf{c}=Y(t) \mathbf{c}
$$

Then we look for a solution of the form

$$
\begin{gathered}
\mathbf{y}_{p}=Y(t) \mathbf{u}(t) \\
\mathbf{y}_{p}^{\prime}=Y^{\prime} \mathbf{u}+Y \mathbf{u}^{\prime}
\end{gathered}
$$

And substitute in the ODE

$$
Y^{\prime} \mathbf{u}+Y \mathbf{u}^{\prime}=A Y \mathbf{u}+\mathbf{g}
$$

## Method of variation of parameters

Method of variation parameters (continued)

$$
Y^{\prime} \mathbf{u}+Y \mathbf{u}^{\prime}=A Y \mathbf{u}+\mathbf{g}
$$

Since the columns of $Y$ are solutions of the H problem we have

$$
Y^{\prime}=A Y
$$

Then

$$
\begin{gathered}
A Y \mathbf{u}+Y \mathbf{u}^{\prime}=A Y \mathbf{u}+\mathbf{g} \\
Y \mathbf{u}^{\prime}=\mathbf{g} \\
\mathbf{u}^{\prime}=Y^{-1} \mathbf{g}
\end{gathered}
$$

## Method of variation of parameters

Example (same as for undetermined coefficients)

$$
\mathbf{y}^{\prime}=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
-3 & 1 \\
1 & -3
\end{array}\right) \mathbf{y}+\binom{-6}{2} e^{-2 t}
$$

Solution:
The general solution of the H problem is

$$
\begin{gathered}
\mathbf{y}_{h}=c_{1}\binom{1}{1} e^{-2 t}+c_{2}\binom{1}{-1} e^{-4 t}=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
e^{-2 t} & e^{-4 t} \\
e^{-2 t} & -e^{-4 t}
\end{array}\right)\binom{c_{1}}{c_{2}}=Y \mathbf{c} \\
Y^{-1}=\frac{1}{-2 e^{-6 t}}\left(\begin{array}{cc}
-e^{-4 t} & -e^{-4 t} \\
-e^{-2 t} & e^{-2 t}
\end{array}\right)=\frac{1}{2}\left(\begin{array}{cc}
e^{2 t} & e^{2 t} \\
e^{4 t} & -e^{4 t}
\end{array}\right) \\
\mathbf{u}^{\prime}=Y^{-1} \mathbf{g}=\frac{1}{2}\left(\begin{array}{cc}
e^{2 t} & e^{2 t} \\
e^{4 t} & -e^{4 t}
\end{array}\right)\binom{-6 e^{-2 t}}{2 e^{-2 t}}=\binom{-2}{-4 e^{2 t}} \\
\mathbf{u}=\int\binom{-2}{-4 e^{2 t}} d t=\binom{-2 t}{-2 e^{2 t}}
\end{gathered}
$$

## Method of variation of parameters

## Example

$$
\begin{gathered}
\mathbf{y}_{p}=Y \mathbf{u}=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
e^{-2 t} & e^{-4 t} \\
e^{-2 t} & -e^{-4 t}
\end{array}\right)\binom{-2 t}{-2 e^{2 t}}=\binom{-2-2 t}{2-2 t} e^{-2 t} \\
\mathbf{y}=\mathbf{y}_{h}+\mathbf{y}_{p}=c_{1}\binom{1}{1} e^{-2 t}+c_{2}\binom{1}{-1} e^{-4 t}+\binom{-2-2 t}{2-2 t} e^{-2 t} \\
\mathbf{y}=\binom{c_{1}-2-2 t}{c_{1}+2-2 t} e^{-2 t}+\binom{c_{2}}{-c_{2}} e^{-4 t}
\end{gathered}
$$

We may compare to the previous solution

$$
\mathbf{y}=\binom{c_{1}-2 t}{c_{1}-2 t+4} e^{-2 t}+\binom{c_{2}}{-c_{2}} e^{-4 t}
$$

## Exercises

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