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Plan:

- * General properties of $n \times n$ linear diff. eqs.
- * The existence of fundamental sols. to homog. systems
- * The Wronskian of sets of n solutions.

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* Review: $n \times n$ linear diff. eqs.

Def: An $n \times n$ linear differential system is the following: Given an $n \times n$ matrix-valued function A and an n -vector-valued function b , find an n -vector-valued function x sol. of

$$\underline{x}'(t) = A(t) \underline{x}(t) + \underline{b}(t) \quad (1)$$

The system (1) is called homogeneous iff $\underline{b} = \underline{0}$

* Example :

Express the differential syst.
given by

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \underline{b} = \begin{bmatrix} e^t \\ 2e^{3t} \end{bmatrix}$$

as a set of scalar eqs.

Sol :

Let $\underline{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix}$, then

$$\underline{x}'(t) = A \underline{x}(t) + \underline{b}(t)$$

means

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1'(t) \\ x_2'(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} e^t \\ 2e^{3t} \end{bmatrix}$$

that is

$$x_1'(t) = x_1(t) + 3x_2(t) + e^t$$

$$x_2'(t) = 3x_1(t) + x_2(t) + 2e^{3t}$$

* Remark : - $\underline{x}'(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1'(t) \\ \vdots \\ x_n'(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1'(t) \\ \vdots \\ x_n'(t) \end{bmatrix}$

- $A'(t) = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}(t) \dots a_{1n}(t) \\ \vdots \\ a_{n1}(t) \dots a_{nn}(t) \end{bmatrix}'$

= $\begin{bmatrix} a_{11}'(t) \dots a_{1n}'(t) \\ \vdots \\ a_{n1}'(t) \dots a_{nn}'(t) \end{bmatrix}$

Example : If $\underline{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} \\ \sin(t) \\ \cos(t) \end{bmatrix}$,

then $\underline{x}'(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{2t} \\ \cos(t) \\ -\sin(t) \end{bmatrix}$

Def. : An $n \times n$ matrix-valued function with values $A(t) = [a_{ij}(t)]$ is called **continuous** iff every coefficient a_{ij} is a continuous function.

* The main result (without proof)

Thrm:
(7.1.2)

If the $n \times n$ matrix-valued function A and the n -vector-valued function b are continuous on $[t_0, t_1] \subset \mathbb{R}$, then for every n -vector \underline{x}_0 there exists a unique solution $\underline{x}(t)$ for $t \in [t_0, t_1]$ to the IVP

$$\underline{x}'(t) = A(t)\underline{x}(t) + b(t) \quad (1)$$

$$\underline{x}(t_0) = \underline{x}_0 \quad (2)$$

Remark : - The eq (2) contains n initial conditions

- We will learn how to obtain such solutions

- We start studying homogeneous systems.

* Fundamental solutions to homogeneous diff. sys.

Def:

A linearly independent (l.i.) set

$$\{ x^{(1)}(t), \dots, x^{(n)}(t) \}$$

of solutions to an $n \times n$ homog. syst.

$$x'(t) = A(t)x(t)$$

(3)

is called a fundamental set of solutions.

And the $n \times n$ matrix

$$X(t) = [x^{(1)}(t), \dots, x^{(n)}(t)]$$

is called a fundamental matrix of system (3).

Def:

The Wronskian of a set of n n -vectors $\{ x^{(1)}(t), \dots, x^{(n)}(t) \}$ is given by

$$W(t) = \det (X(t))$$

where $X(t) = [x^{(1)}(t), \dots, x^{(n)}(t)]$.

Propos.

The solution set of n n -vectors $\{ \underline{x}^{(1)}(t), \dots, \underline{x}^{(n)}(t) \}$ to an homog. diff. syst. is a fundamental set on the interval $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ iff

$$W(t) = \det(X(t)) \neq 0$$

for all $t \in I$.

Proof : From linear algebra we know that a set of vectors

$\{ \underline{x}^{(1)}(t), \dots, \underline{x}^{(n)}(t) \}$ for fixed $t \in I$,
is l.i. iff.

$$\det([\underline{x}^{(1)}(t), \dots, \underline{x}^{(n)}(t)]) \neq 0$$

iff

$$W(t) \neq 0.$$

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Example: Show that the vector-valued functions

$$\underline{x}^{(1)}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{3t} \\ 2e^{3t} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \underline{x}^{(2)}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t} \\ -2e^{-t} \end{bmatrix}$$

form a l.i. set for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

Sol:

compute their Wronskian.

$$W(t) = \det(X(t)) = \det([\underline{x}^{(1)}(t), \underline{x}^{(2)}(t)])$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} e^{3t} & e^{-t} \\ 2e^{3t} & -2e^{-t} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -2e^{-t}e^{3t} - 2e^{3t}e^{-t}$$

$$= -2e^{2t} - 2e^{2t}$$

$$W(t) = -4e^{2t}$$

$$W(t) \neq 0 \quad \text{for all } t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Example : Show that the set

$$\left\{ \underline{x}^{(1)}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{2t}, \quad \underline{x}^{(2)}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t} \right\}$$

is a fundamental set on \mathbb{R} for the system

$$\underline{x}' = A \underline{x}, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Sol :

(1) Verify that $\underline{x}^{(1)}$ and $\underline{x}^{(2)}$ are sol's.

For $\underline{x}^{(1)}$:

$$\underline{x}^{(1)'}(t) = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{2t}$$

Since $\underline{x}^{(1)}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 e^{2t} \\ e^{2t} \end{bmatrix}$, then

$$\underline{x}^{(1)'}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 e^{2t} \\ 2 e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{2t}$$

And :

$$A \underline{x}^{(1)}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{2t}$$

$$A \underline{x}^{(1)}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 \\ 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} e^{2t}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} e^{2t}$$

$$\boxed{A \underline{x}^{(1)}(t) = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{2t}}$$

Therefore:

$$\boxed{\underline{x}^{(1)'}(t) = A \underline{x}^{(1)}(t)}$$

For $\underline{x}^{(2)}(t)$:

$$\boxed{\underline{x}^{(2)}(t) = - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t}}$$

$$A \underline{x}^{(2)}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t}$$

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

$$\boxed{A \underline{x}^{(2)}(t) = - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\underline{x}^{(2)'} = A \underline{x}^{(2)}}$$

(2) Show that $\{ \underline{x}^{(1)}, \underline{x}^{(2)} \}$ is l.i.

compute the Wronskian:

$$W(t) = \det(X(t)) = \det([\underline{x}^{(1)}, \underline{x}^{(2)}])$$

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

$$= 4e^{2t}e^{-t} - e^{2t}e^{-t}$$

$$= 4e^t - e^t$$

$$\boxed{W(t) = 3e^t}$$

$$\boxed{W(t) \neq 0 \quad \text{for } t \in \mathbb{R}.}$$

* A fundamental set determines all solutions

Propos.

If $\{x^{(1)}(t), \dots, x^{(n)}(t)\}$ is a fundamental set on the interval $[t_0, t_1] \subset \mathbb{R}$ to the homogeneous system

$$\underline{x}'(t) = A(t) \underline{x}(t), \quad (3)$$

then any other solution $\underline{y}(t)$ to eq. (3) on the interval $[t_0, t_1]$ is given by

$$\underline{y}(t) = c_1 \underline{x}^{(1)}(t) + \dots + c_n \underline{x}^{(n)}(t),$$

for a unique set of constants $\{c_1, \dots, c_n\}$.

Proof. (see textbook.)

Notation.

If $\underline{c} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix}$ and

and $\underline{X}(t) = [\underline{x}^{(1)}(t), \dots, \underline{x}^{(n)}(t)]$ then

$$\underline{y}(t) = \underline{X}(t) \underline{c}$$

* The previous result justifies the following definition:

Def: Given a fundamental set $\{x^{(1)}(t), \dots, x^{(n)}(t)\}$ of solutions to

$$x'(t) = A(t)x(t), \quad (3)$$

the set of all vectors of the form

$$x(t) = c_1 x^{(1)}(t) + \dots + c_n x^{(n)}(t)$$

for $c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{R}$, is called the **general solution** of (3).

Notation:

$$x(t) = X(t) \underline{c}$$

$$= [x^{(1)}(t), \dots, x^{(n)}(t)] \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x(t) = c_1 x^{(1)}(t) + \dots + c_n x^{(n)}(t).$$

Example : Find the sol. to the IVP

$$x' = Ax, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Sol:

- We need to find a fundamental set of solutions

- From the previous example we know:

$$\left\{ \underline{x}^{(1)}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{2t}, \quad \underline{x}^{(2)}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t} \right\}$$

is a fundamental set.

- So, the general sol. is

$$\underline{x}(t) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{2t} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t}$$

$$\underline{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{2t} & e^{-t} \\ e^{2t} & 2e^{-t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{\underline{x(t) = X(t) c}}$$

- The initial condition is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = \underline{x(0)} = X(0) c$$

$$X(0) c = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad X(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{\underline{\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}}} \quad \text{Solve for } \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(1) $\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow$ find c

(2) Find $[X(0)]^{-1} = \frac{1}{4-1} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\text{So: } c = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2-5 \\ -1+10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{c} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{x}(t) = X(t) \underline{c} = [x^{(1)}(t), x^{(2)}(t)] \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{x}(t) = - \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{2t} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t}$$

Remarks : - Next class we learn how to obtain fundamental solutions to homogeneous diff. systems. $\underline{x}' = A \underline{x}$ for A : constant.

- Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors play a fundamental role to find such solutions:

Notice :

$$\underline{x}^{(1)}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{2t}, \quad \underline{x}^{(2)}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t}$$

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = (-1) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

* A property of the Wronskian.

Propos.

Given a continuous $n \times n$ matrix-valued function $A = [a_{ij}]$, the Wronskian of fundamental sols. to

$$\underline{x}'(t) = A(t) \underline{x}(t), \quad t \in [t_0, t_1]$$

is given by

$$W(t) = W(t_0) e^{\int_{t_0}^t \text{Tr}(A)(\bar{t}) d\bar{t}}$$

where $\text{Tr}(A)(t) = a_{11}(t) + \dots + a_{nn}(t)$.

Notation:

$\text{Tr}(A)$ is called the trace of A .

Remark:

If $W(t_2) \neq 0$ at a single

point $t_2 \in [t_0, t_1]$,

then $W(t) \neq 0$ for all

$t \in [t_0, t_1]$.

Proof for 2x2 systems

Denote: $\left\{ \begin{aligned} x^{(1)}(t) &= \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{(1)}(t) \\ x_2^{(1)}(t) \end{bmatrix}, & x^{(2)}(t) &= \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{(2)}(t) \\ x_2^{(2)}(t) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} \right\}$

a fundamental set for $x' = Ax$,
2x2, where

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1' \\ x_2' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}(t) & a_{12}(t) \\ a_{21}(t) & a_{22}(t) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore $x^{(1)}$ satisfies:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1^{(1)'} &= a_{11} x_1^{(1)} + a_{12} x_2^{(1)} \\ x_2^{(1)'} &= a_{21} x_1^{(1)} + a_{22} x_2^{(1)} \end{aligned}$$

and $x^{(2)}$ satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} x_1^{(2)'} &= a_{11} x_1^{(2)} + a_{12} x_2^{(2)} \\ x_2^{(2)'} &= a_{21} x_1^{(2)} + a_{22} x_2^{(2)} \end{aligned}$$

The Wronskian is:

$$W(x) = \det ([x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}])$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} x_1^{(1)} & x_1^{(2)} \\ x_2^{(1)} & x_2^{(2)} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$W(x) = x_1^{(1)} x_2^{(2)} - x_2^{(1)} x_1^{(2)}$$

So:

$$W'(x) = x_1^{(1)'} x_2^{(2)} + x_1^{(1)} x_2^{(2)'} - x_2^{(1)'} x_1^{(2)} - x_2^{(1)} x_1^{(2)'}$$

$$= (a_{11} x_1^{(1)} + a_{12} x_2^{(1)}) x_2^{(2)} + x_1^{(1)} (a_{21} x_1^{(2)} + a_{22} x_2^{(2)}) - (a_{21} x_1^{(1)} + a_{22} x_2^{(1)}) x_1^{(2)} - x_2^{(1)} (a_{11} x_1^{(2)} + a_{12} x_2^{(2)})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 W' &= a_{11} (x_1^{(1)} x_2^{(2)} - x_2^{(1)} x_1^{(2)}) \\
 &\quad + a_{22} (x_1^{(1)} x_2^{(2)} - x_2^{(1)} x_1^{(2)}) \\
 &= a_{11} W + a_{22} W
 \end{aligned}$$

$$W'(t) = (a_{11} + a_{22}) W(t)$$

$$\text{Tr } A = a_{11} + a_{22} .$$

$$W'(t) = (\text{Tr } A) W(t)$$

$$W(t) = W(t_0) e^{\int_{t_0}^t \text{Tr } (A)(\tau) d\tau}$$

