

Systems of ODEs (5.1, 5.2, 5.3).

notation

- t will be indep. variable "time"
- x, y, u, v will be dep. variables
(~~scalar~~ scalar)
- $\vec{x}, \vec{y}, \vec{v}$ etc will be vectors
- A matrix
- λ eigenvalue
- \vec{v} eigenvector

Systems of ODE's have the form

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x' &= f(x, y, t) \\ y' &= g(x, y, t) \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{if } f, g \text{ indep} \\ \text{of } t, \text{ the system} \\ \text{is autonomous.} \end{array}$$

ex

$$x' = 2x + 4y + \sin t$$

$$y' = -5x + 7y + 2$$

applications

• write

$$m x'' + c x' + k x = f(t), \quad x(0) = \alpha$$

$$x'(0) = \beta$$

as a system of 2 1st order ODE's.

let $y = x' \Rightarrow y' = x'' = \frac{f(t)}{m} - \frac{c x'}{m} - \frac{k x}{m}$

$$= \frac{f(t)}{m} - \frac{c}{m} y - \frac{k}{m} x$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 0 \cdot x + 1 \cdot y \quad x(0) = \alpha$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -\frac{k}{m} x - \frac{c}{m} y + \frac{f(t)}{m} \quad y(0) = \beta$$

then

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{c}{m} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ f(t)/m \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x(0) \\ y(0) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \vec{v}$$

$$\frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = M\vec{v} + \vec{g}(t).$$

same for higher ODEs:

$$x''' + 3x'' + 4x' + 2x = 0.$$

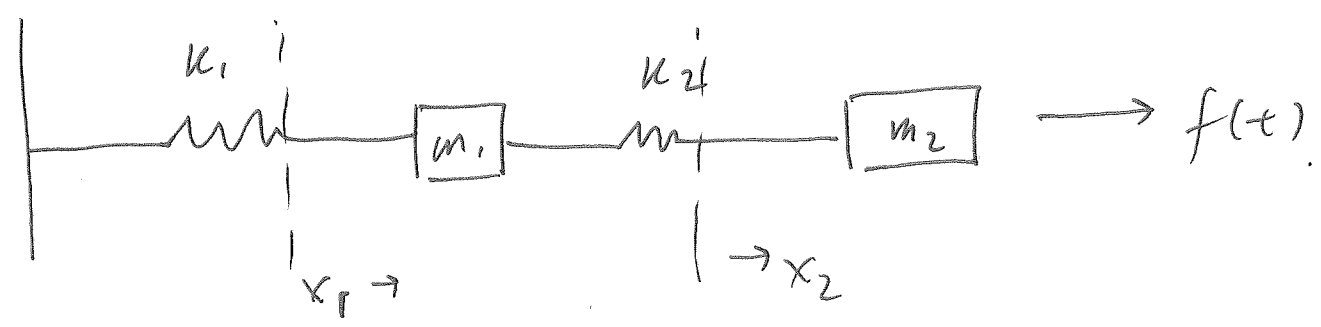
$$x' = y$$

$$y' = w = x''$$

$$w' = x''' = -3x'' - 4x' - 2x \\ = -3w - 4y - 2x.$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -4 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ w \end{pmatrix} \text{ linear.}$$

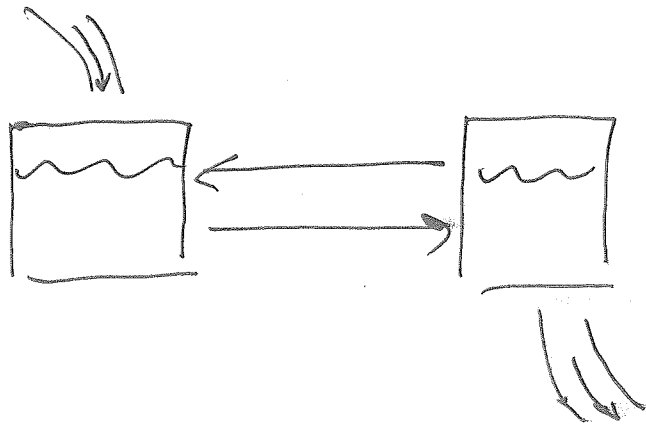
• coupled spring mass systems



$$m_1 x_1'' = -k_1 x_1 + k_2 (x_2 - x_1) \quad \text{linear}$$

$$m_2 x_2'' = -k_2 (x_2 - x_1) + f(t).$$

• water tanks with exchange



(see p. 327)

(linear)

• predator prey models (e.g. Lotka-Volterra)

let

$x(t)$ = # of prey at time t .

$y(t)$ = # of predators at time t .

then we have

(nonlinear)

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \underbrace{\alpha x}_{\text{birth}} - \underbrace{\beta xy}_{\text{death due to interaction with predator}}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \underbrace{-\gamma y}_{\text{death}} + \underbrace{\delta \alpha \delta xy}_{\text{birth (more prey } \Rightarrow \text{ more reproduction)}}$$

first look at easy (but general example)

$$m x'' + c x' + k x = 0 \quad x(0) = \alpha, \quad x'(0) = \beta \quad (1)$$

$$x = e^{rt}$$

$$\hookrightarrow m r^2 + c r + k = 0 \quad (\text{C.E.})$$

$$r_{\pm} = \frac{-c \pm \sqrt{c^2 - 4km}}{2m}$$

then

$$x(t) = A e^{r_+ t} + B e^{r_- t}$$

$$x(0) = A + B = \alpha$$

$$x'(0) = r_+ A + r_- B = \beta$$

$$A = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} \alpha & 1 \\ \beta & r_- \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ r_+ & r_- \end{vmatrix}}$$

$$B = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \alpha \\ r_+ & \beta \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ r_+ & r_- \end{vmatrix}}$$

then we have

$$x(t) = A e^{r_+ t} + B e^{r_- t}$$

$$x'(t) = r_+ A e^{r_+ t} + r_- B e^{r_- t}$$

or

$$\begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ x'(t) \end{pmatrix} = A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ r_+ \end{pmatrix} e^{r_+ t} + B \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ r_- \end{pmatrix} e^{r_- t}$$

this suggests that we can solve (1) as a system of 2 1st order ODE's. 1 eqn

for x , 1 eqn for $x' \equiv y$.

now solve as a system:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{c}{m} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x(0) \\ y(0) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \equiv \vec{v}, \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{c}{m} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \underline{A} \cdot \vec{v} \rightarrow ; \vec{v}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

looks

~~$$\frac{dy}{dt}$$~~

$$\frac{du}{dt} = ru, \quad u(0) = C.$$

solution was $u = C e^{rt}$.

this suggests we make the guess

$$\vec{v} = \vec{\xi} e^{\lambda t} = \begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \end{pmatrix} e^{\lambda t}.$$

where $\vec{\xi}$ and λ are to be determined.

now

$$\frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 \lambda e^{\lambda t} \\ \xi_2 \lambda e^{\lambda t} \end{pmatrix} = \lambda \vec{\xi} e^{\lambda t}.$$

now we get

$$\lambda \vec{\xi} e^{\lambda t} = \underline{A} \vec{\xi} e^{\lambda t}.$$

so $\underline{A} \vec{\xi} = \lambda \vec{\xi}$

so

so λ is an evr of \underline{A} , \vec{x} is the corresponding evr.

so from

$$\underline{A} \vec{x} = \lambda \vec{x}$$

we rearrange to obtain

$$\underline{A} \vec{x} - \lambda \vec{x} = 0$$

$$\underline{A} \vec{x} - \lambda \underline{I} \vec{x} = 0$$

$$\underline{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}) \vec{x} = 0.$$

since we require $\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}$, $\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}$ must

have a nontrivial nullspace \Rightarrow yields condition

for λ ($\det(\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}) = 0$.)

$$\det(\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}) = \left[\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{c}{m} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

$$= \det \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{c}{m} - \lambda \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$

$$(-\lambda) \left(-\frac{c}{m} - \lambda\right) + \frac{k}{m} = 0.$$

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

$$m \lambda^2 + c \lambda + k = 0. \quad (\text{C.E.})$$

$$\lambda_{\pm} = \frac{-c \pm \sqrt{c^2 - 4km}}{2m}.$$

now to find evr's, $\vec{\xi}^+$ and $\vec{\xi}^-$ corresponding to λ^+ and λ^- , use

$$(A - \lambda_{\pm} I) \vec{\xi}^{\pm} = 0 \quad \left| \text{let } \vec{\xi}^{\pm} = \begin{pmatrix} \xi_1^{\pm} \\ \xi_2^{\pm} \end{pmatrix} \right.$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\lambda_{\pm} & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{c}{m} - \lambda_{\pm} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \xi_1^{\pm} \\ \xi_2^{\pm} \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$

rows are l.d., so only use 1 row.

$$-\lambda_{\pm} \vec{z}_1^{\pm} + \vec{z}_2^{\pm} = 0.$$

take $\vec{z}_1^{\pm} = 1$ wlog. (eig are determined only up to a multiplicative constant)
then $\vec{z}_2^{\pm} = \lambda_{\pm}$

therefore, we have two eigen pairs

$$\lambda_+, \vec{z}^+ \quad , \quad \lambda_-, \vec{z}^- \quad \Bigg| \quad \vec{v} = \vec{z} e^{\lambda t}.$$

\vec{v} is then a linear combination of the two:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v} &= c_+ \vec{z}^+ e^{\lambda_+ t} + c_- \vec{z}^- e^{\lambda_- t} \\ &= c_+ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \lambda_+ \end{pmatrix} e^{\lambda_+ t} + c_- \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \lambda_- \end{pmatrix} e^{\lambda_- t}. \end{aligned}$$

to find c_+ and c_- , apply IC's:

$$\vec{v}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = c^+ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \lambda^+ \end{pmatrix} + c^- \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \lambda^- \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\text{or } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \lambda^+ & \lambda^- \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c^+ \\ c^- \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$c^+ = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} \alpha & 1 \\ \beta & \lambda^- \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \lambda^+ & \lambda^- \end{vmatrix}}, \quad c^- = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \alpha \\ \lambda^+ & \beta \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \lambda^+ & \lambda^- \end{vmatrix}}$$

compare to solution of 2nd order equation
 (the same, of course $\lambda^\pm \rightarrow r^\pm$)

key steps for solving $\frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \underline{A} \vec{v}$:

- 1) make guess $\vec{v} = \vec{\zeta} e^{\lambda t}$.
- 2) find e ve's by solving $\det(\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}) = 0$
~~3)~~ \hookrightarrow obtain C.E., in general, more than one
- 3) for each λ , find $\vec{\zeta}$
 (solve undetermined system $\vec{\zeta}$ in non-unique)
- 4) write $\vec{v} = c_1 \vec{\zeta}_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + c_2 \vec{\zeta}_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} + \dots$

(if two distinct evrs exist).

5) find c_1, c_2 by solving $\vec{v}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{z}^+ & \vec{z}^- \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{z}^+ & \vec{z}^- \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \vec{v}(0).$$