

Systems of linear equations with constant coefficients and driving terms

Ex 1

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{dy}{dt} + y &= t, \\ -\frac{dy}{dt} + 3x + 7y &= e^{2t} - 1.\end{aligned}$$

Known variables
on RHS

$$L \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \frac{d}{dt} & +\frac{d}{dt} + 1 \\ 3 & -\frac{d}{dt} + 7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{dx}{dt} & +\frac{dy}{dt} + y \\ 3x & -\frac{dy}{dt} + 7y \end{pmatrix}.$$

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Complementary
function :

$$L \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Set $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \text{Re} \begin{pmatrix} Xe^{\alpha t} \\ Ye^{\alpha t} \end{pmatrix}$ α, X, Y complex nos to be determined

(In this case we will find α is real so X, Y will be taken real too)

$$L \begin{pmatrix} Xe^{\alpha t} \\ Ye^{\alpha t} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{de^{\alpha t}}{dt} + \frac{de^{\alpha t}}{dt} + e^{\alpha t} \\ 3e^{\alpha t} - \frac{de^{\alpha t}}{dt} + 7e^{\alpha t} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \boxed{\begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \alpha+1 \\ 3 & 7-\alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix} = 0}$$

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“Eigenvalue equation”

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} \alpha & \alpha+1 \\ 3 & 7-\alpha \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha(7-\alpha) - 3(\alpha+1) = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha = 3, \alpha = 1 \quad \text{Eigenvalues}$$

The allowed values of α determine the allowed values of X/Y :

$$\alpha = 3 \Rightarrow 3X + 4Y = 0 \Rightarrow Y = -\frac{3}{4}X$$

$$\alpha = 1 \Rightarrow X + 2Y = 0 \Rightarrow Y = -\frac{1}{2}X$$

“Eigenvectors”

$$(\alpha = 1 \Rightarrow 3X + 6Y = 0 \Rightarrow Y = -\frac{1}{2}X)$$

Real constants

$$\text{Hence CF is } \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = X_a \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\frac{3}{4} \end{pmatrix} e^{3t} + X_b \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} e^t.$$

Particular Integral

$$L\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{dy}{dt} + y \\ 3x - \frac{dy}{dt} + 7y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} t \\ e^{2t} - 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

To find PI we use trial functions

Polynomial part :

$$L\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} t \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Try } \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} X_0 + X_1 t \\ Y_0 + Y_1 t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{28}{9} - \frac{7}{3} t \\ \frac{4}{3} + t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} X_1 + Y_1 + Y_1 t + Y_0 \\ 3(X_0 + X_1 t) - Y_1 + 7(Y_0 + Y_1 t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} t \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Y_1 = 1 \quad X_1 + Y_0 = -1$$

$$3X_0 + 7Y_0 = 0; \quad 3X_1 + 7Y_1 = 0$$

$$X_1 = -\frac{7}{3}$$

$$Y_0 = -1 + \frac{7}{3} = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$X_0 = -\frac{7}{3} Y_0 = -\frac{28}{9}$$

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Exponential part :

$$L \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ e^{2t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Try } \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix} e^{2t} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} e^{2t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2X + (2+1)Y &= 0 \Rightarrow X = -\frac{3}{2}Y \\ 3X + (-2+7)Y &= 1 \Rightarrow \left(-\frac{9}{2} + 5\right)Y = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} X &= -3 \\ Y &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

The full solution :

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = X_a \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\frac{3}{4} \end{pmatrix} e^{3t} + X_b \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} e^t + \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} e^{2t} + \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{28}{9} - \frac{7}{3}t \\ \frac{4}{3} + t \end{pmatrix}$$

Initial conditions

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The constants must be fixed by initial conditions e.g. $\begin{cases} \dot{x}(0) = -\frac{19}{3} \\ \dot{y}(0) = 3 \end{cases}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{19}{3} \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = 3X_a \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\frac{3}{4} \end{pmatrix} + X_b \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{7}{3} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$3X_a + X_b = 2$$

$$-\frac{9}{4}X_a - \frac{1}{2}X_b = -2 \Rightarrow X_a = \frac{-2}{-3/2} = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$X_b = 2 - 3X_a = -2$$

Number of integration constants.

Usually, but not always, equals the sum of the order of the simultaneous equations

...an example that breaks this rule ...

$$\frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{dy}{dt} + y = t$$

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 3x + 7y = e^{2t}.$$

3 integration constants?

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{dy}{dt} + y = t \right) - \left(\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 3x + 7y = e^{2t} \right) \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dt} - 3x - 7y = 1 - e^{2t}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{dy}{dt} + y = t \\ -\frac{dy}{dt} + 3x + 7y = -1 + e^{2t} \end{array} \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{pmatrix} \frac{d}{dt} & \frac{d}{dt} + 1 \\ 3 & -\frac{d}{dt} + 7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} t \\ e^{2t} - 1 \end{pmatrix}$$


Actually only 2 integration constants needed!

An alternative method of solution

$$\frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{dy}{dt} + y = t$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = t - \frac{dy}{dt} - y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} - 3x - 7y = 1 - e^{2t}$$


$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{dy}{dt} - 3x - 7y = 1 - e^{2t} \right) \Rightarrow \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} - 3 \left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right) - 7 \frac{dy}{dt} = -2e^{2t}$$

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(Only 2 integration constants needed)