

Systems of Linear ODEs

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System of two first-order ODEs

- Let t be the independent time variable, and let x and y be two dependent variables.

- If a, b, c, d are constants, then
$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = ax + by \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = cx + dy \end{cases}$$
 $\dot{x} = \frac{dx}{dt}$
 $\dot{y} = \frac{dy}{dt}$

is a homogeneous system of two first-order linear ODEs.

- Similarly,
$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = ax + by + f(t) \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = cx + dy + g(t) \end{cases}$$

is an inhomogeneous system of two first-order linear ODEs.

Reduction method

- We can solve a system of two first-order linear ODEs by converting it into a single second-order linear ODE.

Ex.
$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = \frac{dx}{dt} = x + 2y \\ \dot{y} = \frac{dy}{dt} = 4x - y \end{cases}$$

$\rightarrow y = \frac{\dot{x} - x}{2}$

$\frac{d}{dt}$

$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}$

$= \ddot{x}$

- First compute \ddot{x} as a function of x, y, \dot{y} from the first equation.

$\rightarrow \ddot{x} = \dot{x} + 2\dot{y}$

- Then eliminate \dot{y} by substituting in the second equation.

$\rightarrow \ddot{x} = \dot{x} + 2(4x - y)$

$\ddot{x} = \dot{x} + 8x - 2y$

- Then, eliminate y by substituting in the first equation.

$\rightarrow \ddot{x} = \dot{x} + 8x - 2\left(\frac{\dot{x} - x}{2}\right)$

$\ddot{x} = \dot{x} + 8x - \dot{x} + x \Rightarrow \ddot{x} = 9x$

$\Rightarrow \ddot{x} - 9x = 0$

Solve 2nd-order ODE

- Find eigenvalues/roots of the characteristic equation.
- Solve for x .
- Solve for y .

$$\begin{cases} \ddot{x} - 9x = 0 \\ \lambda^2 - 9 = 0 \\ \lambda = \pm 3 \end{cases}$$

$$x = c_1 e^{3t} + c_2 e^{-3t}$$
$$\dot{x} = 3c_1 e^{3t} - 3c_2 e^{-3t}$$

$$y = \frac{\dot{x} - x}{2}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \left[3c_1 e^{3t} - 3c_2 e^{-3t} - (c_1 e^{3t} + c_2 e^{-3t}) \right]$$

$$x = c_1 e^{3t} + c_2 e^{-3t}$$

$$y = c_1 e^{3t} - 2c_2 e^{-3t}$$

general solution

Initial values

- If there are initial values, plug them in.

Ex. $x = c_1 e^{3t} + c_2 e^{-3t}$

$$y = c_1 e^{3t} - 2c_2 e^{-3t}$$

IVP:

$$\underline{x(0) = 2}$$

$$2 = c_1 e^0 + c_2 e^0$$

$$2 = c_1 + c_2$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 = 3c_2$$

$$\Rightarrow c_2 = 1 \Rightarrow c_1 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{x = e^{3t} + e^{-3t}}$$

$$\underline{y(0) = -1}$$

$$-1 = c_1 e^0 - 2c_2 e^0$$

$$-1 = c_1 - 2c_2$$

$$\underline{y = -e^{3t} - 2e^{-3t}}$$

Try it out

$$\frac{d}{dt} \dot{x} = \frac{d}{dt} y$$

- $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = y \\ \dot{y} = -x + 2y \end{cases} x(0) = 1, y(0) = 3$

- Step 1: Find \ddot{x} .

$$\ddot{x} = \dot{y}$$

- A: $\ddot{x} = 0$
- B: $\ddot{x} = 1$
- C: $\ddot{x} = y$
- D: $\ddot{x} = \dot{y}$
- E: None of the above

- Step 2: Get rid of \dot{y} .

$$\ddot{x} = \dot{y} = -x + 2y$$

- A: $\ddot{x} = y$
- B: $\ddot{x} = -x + 2y$
- C: $\ddot{x} = -xy + 2y^2$
- D: $\ddot{x} = \dot{y}$
- E: None of the above

- Step 3: Get rid of y and rewrite.

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{x} &= -x + 2\dot{x} \\ \ddot{x} - 2\dot{x} + x &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

- A: $\ddot{x} + 2\dot{x} + x = 0$
- B: $\ddot{x} - 2\dot{x} + x = 0$
- C: $\ddot{x} + 2\dot{x} - x = 0$
- D: $\ddot{x} - 2\dot{x} - x = 0$
- E: None of the above

Try it out (continued)

$$c_1 e^t + c_2 t e^t$$

- Step 4: Solve the ODE

$$\dot{x} - 2x + x = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 1 = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 1)^2 = 0$$

$$\lambda = 1, \text{ mult } 2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = c_1 e^t + c_2 t e^t$$

- A: $x = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-t}$
- B: $x = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{2t}$
- C: $x = c_1 e^t + c_2 x e^t$
- D: $x = c_1 e^t + c_2 t e^t$
- E: None of the above

- Step 5: Plug back in to solve for y .

$$y = \dot{x}$$

$$y = c_1 e^t + \frac{d}{dt} [c_2 t e^t]$$

$$y = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^t + c_2 t e^t$$

$$y = (c_1 + c_2) e^t + c_2 t e^t$$

product rule

- A: $y = c_1 e^t + c_2 t e^t$
- B: $y = (c_1 + c_2) e^t + c_2 t e^t$
- C: $y = c_1 e^t + (c_1 + c_2) t e^t$
- D: $y = (c_1 + c_2) e^t + (c_2 - c_2) t e^t$
- E: None of the above

Try it out (continued)

- Plug in initial values $x(0) = 1, y(0) = 3$

$$x = c_1 e^t + c_2 t e^t$$

$$y = (c_1 + c_2) e^t + c_2 t e^t$$

$$1 = x(0) = c_1 e^0 + c_2 \cdot 0 e^0 = c_1$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = 1$$

$$3 = y(0) = c_1 + c_2$$

$$\Rightarrow c_2 = 2$$

A: $c_1 = 1, c_2 = 1$

B: $c_1 = 1, c_2 = 2$

C: $c_1 = 2, c_2 = 1$

D: $c_1 = 2, c_2 = 2$

E: None of the above

$$x = e^t + 2te^t$$

$$y = 3e^t + 2te^t$$

Inhomogeneous example

$$\bullet \begin{cases} \dot{x} = x + y + 9t \\ \dot{y} = 4x + y + 3 \end{cases} \quad \rightarrow \quad y = \dot{x} - x - 9t$$

1. $\ddot{x} = \dot{x} + \dot{y} + 9$

2. $\ddot{x} = \dot{x} + 4x + y + 12$

3. $\ddot{x} = \dot{x} + 4x + (\dot{x} - x - 9t) + 12$

$$\ddot{x} = 2\dot{x} + 3x - 9t + 12$$

$$\ddot{x} - 2\dot{x} - 3x = -9t + 12$$

Take $\frac{d}{dt} \dot{x}$

Subst. in \dot{y}

Subst in y

Rewrite

Example (continued)

$$\bullet \underline{\ddot{x} - 2\dot{x} - 3x = -9t + 12}$$

$$\lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 3 = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 3)(\lambda + 1) = 0$$

$$\lambda = -1, 3$$

$$x_h = c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 e^{3t}$$

Ansatz

$$x_p = At + B$$

$$\dot{x}_p = A$$

$$\ddot{x}_p = 0$$

$$\bullet 0 - 2A - 3(At + B) = -9t + 12$$

$$\underline{-3At} + \underline{(-2A - 3B)} = \underline{-9t + 12}$$

$$-3A = -9 \Rightarrow A = 3$$

$$-2A - 3B = 12 \Rightarrow B = -6$$

$$\Rightarrow x_p = 3t - 6$$

$$x_{gen} = c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 e^{3t} + 3t - 6$$

Solve for y

$$\curvearrowright y = \dot{x} - x - 9t$$

$$\bullet \begin{cases} \dot{x} = x + y + 9t \\ \dot{y} = 4x + y + 3 \end{cases}$$

$$\bullet \underline{x = c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 e^{3t} + 3t - 6}$$

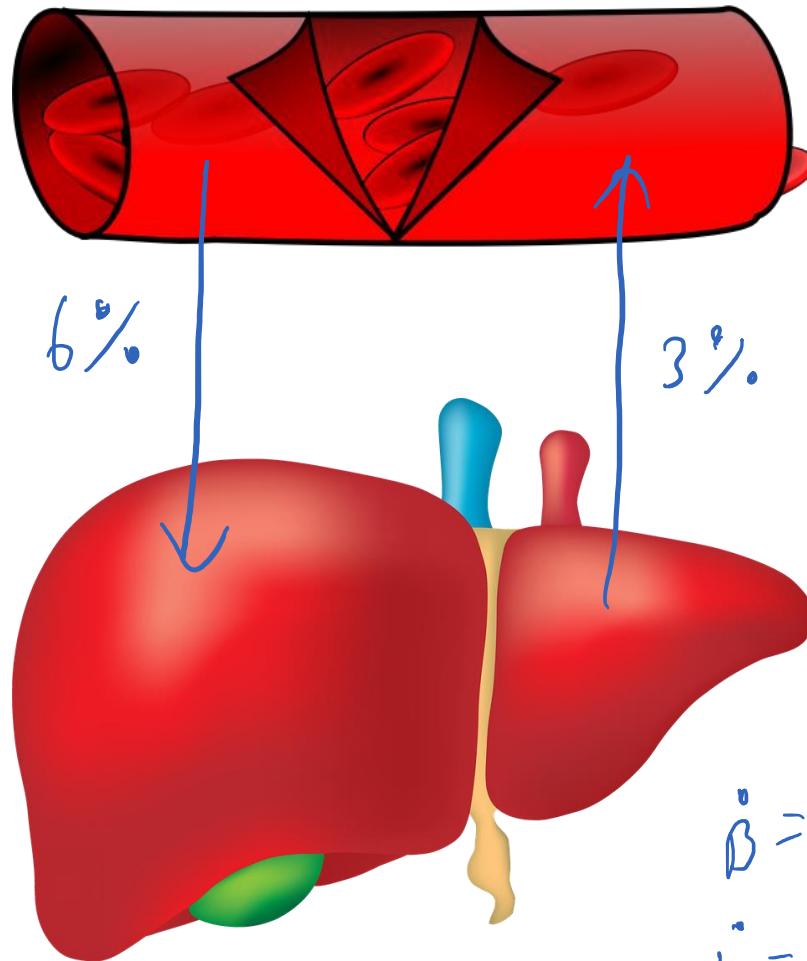
$$\dot{x} = -c_1 e^{-t} + 3c_2 e^{3t} + 3$$

$$y = -c_1 e^{-t} + 3c_2 e^{3t} + 3 - (c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 e^{3t} + 3t - 6) - 9t$$

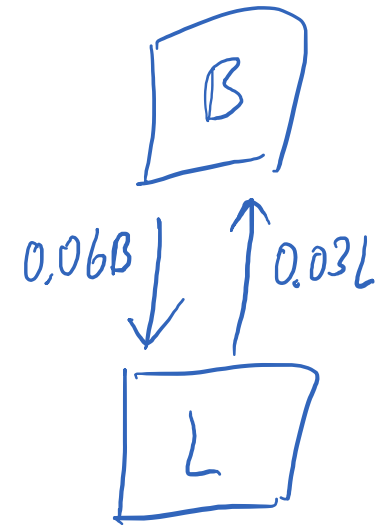
$$\underline{y = -2c_1 e^{-t} + 2c_2 e^{3t} - 12t + 9}$$

Application (Bittinger, 9.3, Ex. 5)

- 3mg of galactosyl human serum albumin (Tc-GSA) is injected into a patient's bloodstream to measure liver function. After injection, Tc-GSA is transferred from the blood to the liver at 6% per minute, and from the liver into blood at 3% per minute.
- How much Tc-GSA is in the blood or liver as a function of time?



$$B(0) = 3 \text{ mg}$$
$$L(0) = 0 \text{ mg}$$



$$\dot{B} = -0,06B + 0,03L$$
$$\dot{L} = 0,06B - 0,03L$$

Application (continued)

- $$\begin{cases} \dot{B} = -0.06B + 0.03L \\ \dot{L} = 0.06B - 0.03L \end{cases}$$

Application (continued)

- $\ddot{B} + 0.09\dot{B} = 0$

$$L = \frac{100}{3}\dot{B} + 2B$$

Initial Value Problem

$$\bullet \begin{cases} B(t) = c_1 + c_2 e^{-0.09t} \\ L(t) = 2c_1 - c_2 e^{-0.09t} \end{cases}, \text{ with initial values } \begin{cases} B(0) = 3 \\ L(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$