

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

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = \underline{ax} + \underline{by} \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = \underline{cx} + \underline{dy} \end{cases}$$

$$\dot{x} = \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$$\dot{y} = \frac{dy}{dt}$$

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

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

Ex.

$$\frac{dx}{dt} : \dot{x} = x + 2y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} : \dot{y} = 4x - y$$

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

- First compute \ddot{x} as a function of x, y, \dot{y} from the first equation.
- Then eliminate \dot{y} by substituting in the second equation.
- Then, eliminate y by substituting in the first equation.

→ $\frac{d}{dt} \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = \ddot{x} = \dot{x} + 2\dot{y}$

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

→ $\ddot{x} = \dot{x} + 8x - 2y$

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

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

$$\ddot{x} = 9x$$

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

Solve 2nd-order ODE

- Find eigenvalues/roots of the characteristic equation.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \ddot{x} - 9x = 0 \\ \lambda^2 - 9 = 0 \\ \lambda = \pm 3 \end{array} \right.$$

- Solve for x .

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

- Solve for y .

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

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

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \left[\underbrace{3c_1 e^{3t} - 3c_2 e^{-3t}}_{\dot{x}} - \underbrace{c_1 e^{3t} - c_2 e^{-3t}}_{x} \right]$$

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

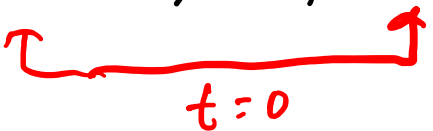
$$y = c_1 e^{3t} - 2c_2 e^{-3t}$$

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: $x(0) = 2, \quad y(0) = -1$



$$2 = x = c_1 + c_2$$

$$-1 = y = c_1 - 2c_2$$

$$\begin{cases} c_1 + c_2 = 2 \\ c_1 - 2c_2 = -1 \end{cases}$$

$$3c_2 = 3$$

$$c_2 = 1$$

$$c_1 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} x &= e^{3t} + e^{-3t} \\ y &= e^{3t} - 2e^{-3t} \end{aligned}$$

Try it out

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

Handwritten notes: $y = \dot{x}$ (with arrow pointing to the first equation), Contra (with arrow pointing to the second equation).

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

• Step 1: Find \ddot{x} .

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

• 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.

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

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

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

- 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)

- Step 4: Solve the ODE

$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{x} - 2\dot{x} + x &= 0 \\ \lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 1 &= 0 \\ (\lambda - 1)^2 &= 0 \\ \lambda = 1, \text{ mult } 2 \\ \Rightarrow x &= c_1 e^t + c_2 t e^t\end{aligned}$$

- 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 .

$$y = \dot{x}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} = y &= c_1 e^t + c_2 e^t + c_2 t e^t \\ y &= (c_1 + c_2) e^t + c_2 t e^t\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}c_2 \frac{d}{dt} [t e^t] \\ = c_2 [t e^t + e^t]\end{aligned}$$

- 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 $x(0) = 1, y(0) = 3$

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = 1$$

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

$$\Rightarrow c_2 = 2$$

$$\begin{cases} x = e^t + 2te^t \\ y = 3e^t + 2te^t \end{cases}$$

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

Inhomogeneous example

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

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

~~$$y = \dot{y} - 4x - 3$$~~

$$\dot{x} = x + y + 9t$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x + y + 9t$$

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = \frac{d}{dt}x + \frac{d}{dt}y + \frac{d}{dt}[9t]$$

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

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

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

2. $\ddot{x} = \dot{x} + (4x + y + 3) + 9$

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

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

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

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

Substitute in \dot{y}

Substitute in y

Rewrite

Example (continued)

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

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

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

$$\lambda = -1, 3$$

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

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Ansatz

$$x_p = At + B$$

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

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

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

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

$$-3A = -9 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} A = 3$$

$$-2A - 3B = 12 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} B = -6$$

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

$$x_{gen} = \underline{x_h} + \underline{x_p}$$

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

Solve for y

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

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

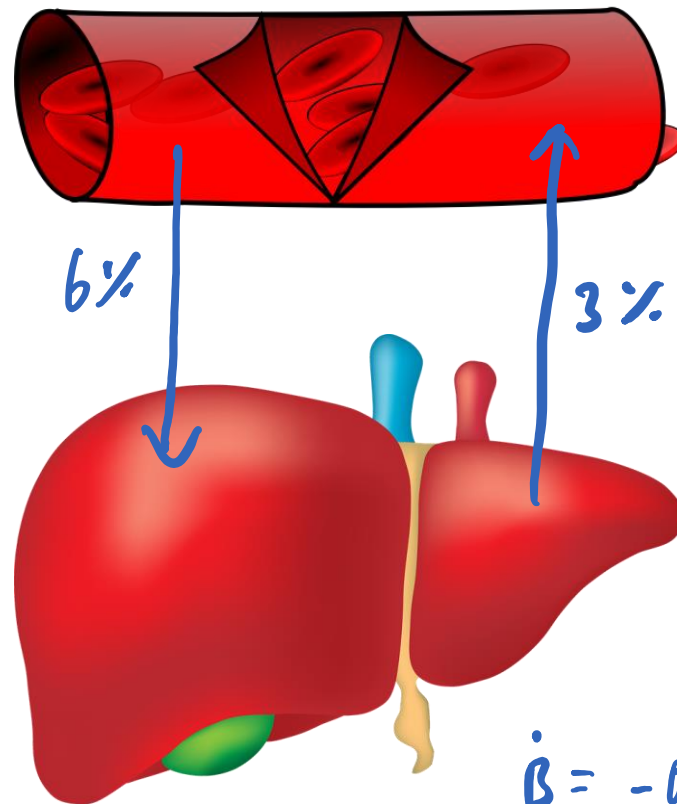
$$\dot{x} = -c_1 e^{-t} + 3c_2 e^{3t} + 3$$

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

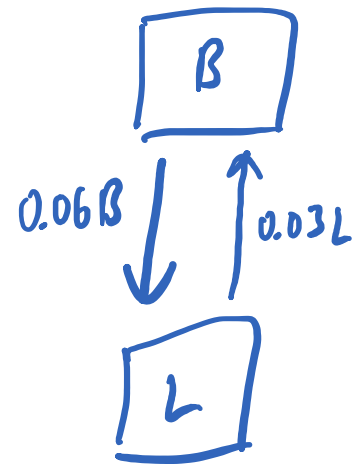
$$\underline{y = -2c_1 e^{-t} + 2c_2 e^{3t} - 12t + 9}$$

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.



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



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

$$\dot{L} = 0.06B - 0.03L$$

- How much Tc-GSA is in the blood or liver as a function of time?

Application (continued)

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

$$\begin{aligned} \uparrow \quad 0.03L &= \dot{B} + 0.06B \\ 3L &= 100\dot{B} + 6B \\ L &= \frac{100}{3}\dot{B} + 2B \end{aligned}$$

$$\ddot{B} = -0.06\dot{B} + 0.03\dot{L}$$

$$\ddot{B} = -0.06\dot{B} + 0.03[0.06B - 0.03L]$$

$$\ddot{B} = -0.06\dot{B} + 0.0018B - 0.0009L$$

$$\bullet \ddot{B} = -0.06\dot{B} + 0.0018B - 0.0009 \left[\frac{100}{3}\dot{B} + 2B \right]$$

$$= -0.06\dot{B} + \underline{0.0018B} - 0.03\dot{B} - \underline{0.0018B}$$

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

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

Application (continued)

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

$$\lambda^2 + 0.09\lambda = 0$$

$$\lambda(\lambda + 0.09) = 0$$

$$\lambda = 0, -0.09$$

$$B = c_1 e^{0t} + c_2 e^{-0.09t}$$

$$B = c_1 + c_2 e^{-0.09t}$$

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

$$\dot{B} = -0.09 c_2 e^{-0.09t}$$

$$L = -3c_2 e^{-0.09t} + 2c_1 + 2c_2 e^{-0.09t}$$

$$L = 2c_1 - c_2 e^{-0.09t}$$

Initial Value Problem

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

$$3 = B(0) = c_1 + c_2 e^0 = c_1 + c_2$$

$$0 = L(0) = 2c_1 - c_2 e^0 = 2c_1 - c_2$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 = 3c_1$$

$$c_1 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow c_2 = 2$$

$$\underline{B(t) = 1 + 2e^{-0.09t}}$$

$$\underline{L(t) = 2 - 2e^{-0.09t}}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} B(t) = 1 \text{ ng}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} L(t) = 2 \text{ ng}$$

