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Ordinary Differential Equations MAT3706

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This tutorial letter contains solutions
for assignment 01.

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STUDY GUIDE: CHAPTERS 1, 2 and 3

SOLUTIONS TO ASSIGNMENT 02

Question 1 Show that the system:

$$\begin{aligned}(D - 2)[x] + 2D[y] &= 2 - 4e^{2t} \\ (2D - 3)[x] + (3D - 1)[y] &= 0\end{aligned}$$

is equivalent to both the following triangular systems:

$$\begin{cases} (D^2 + D - 2)[x] = 2 + 20e^{2t} \\ D[x] - 2y = 12e^{2t} - 6 \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{cases} (D^2 + D - 2)[y] = -6 - 4e^{2t} \\ x - (D + 1)[y] = 8e^{2t} - 4 \end{cases}.$$

Given the three systems above, separately, state (with complete justifications) your strategy in solving them completely

Solution

(i) The system in operator notation is :

$$\begin{aligned}(1) \quad & (D - 2)[x] + 2D[y] = 2 - 4e^{2t} \\ (2) \quad & (2D - 3)[x] + (3D - 1)[y] = 0\end{aligned}$$

Multiplying the equation (2) by 2 yields :

$$(3) \quad (4D - 6)[x] + (6D - 2)[y] = 0, \checkmark \checkmark$$

which when subtracted from $3 \times (1)$ yields :

$$(4) \quad D[x] - 2y = -6 + 12e^{2t}. \checkmark \checkmark$$

from (4) we have $y = \frac{1}{2}D[x] + 3 - 6e^{2t}$. $\checkmark$ Substituting it in the first equation (1) yields :

$$(5) \quad (D - 2)[x] + 2D\left(\frac{1}{2}D[x] + 3 - 6e^{2t}\right) = 2 - 4e^{2t} \Rightarrow (D^2 + D - 2)[x] = 2 + 20e^{2t} \checkmark$$

from (4) and (5) we have the required triangular system :

$$\begin{aligned}(6) \quad & (D^2 + D - 2)[x] = 2 + 20e^{2t} \\ (7) \quad & D[x] - 2y = -6 + 12e^{2t}. \checkmark \checkmark\end{aligned}$$

(8 marks)

(ii) The given system is :

$$(1) \quad (D - 2)[x] + 2D[y] = 2 - 4e^{2t}$$

$$(2) \quad (2D - 3)[x] + (3D - 1)[y] = 0$$

in which (1) is retained ✓ and the second is replaced by (2) $-2(1)$ ✓ :

$$(3) \quad x(t) - (D + 1)[y] = -4 + 8e^{2t}, \quad \checkmark$$

which yields :

$$(4) \quad x(t) = (D + 1)[y] - 4 + 8e^{2t}. \quad \checkmark$$

Substituting (4) into (1) yields :

$$(5) \quad (D - 2)((D + 1)[y] - 4 + 8e^{2t}) + 2D[y] = 2 - 4e^{2t} \Rightarrow (D^2 + D - 2)[y] = -6 - 4e^{2t}, \quad \checkmark \checkmark$$

so in view of (3) and (5) the required triangular system is :

$$(6) \quad (D^2 + D - 2)[y] = -6 - 4e^{2t}$$

$$(7) \quad x - (D + 1)[y] = -4 + 8e^{2t} \quad \checkmark \checkmark$$

(8 marks)

From (1) and (2) we have $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} D - 2 & 2D \\ 2D - 3 & -3D - 1 \end{vmatrix} = (-\frac{1}{2}D^2 + D)(D - 2 - D) = 2 - D - D^2 \neq 0 \checkmark$,

so that the system is **not** degenerate and hence has a unique solution. ✓ In same procedure we can see $\Delta \neq 0$ for both triangular systems. ✓

For solving the triangular system it is easier than the original system. From we can find $x(t)$ then substitute it into the we will obtain $y(t)$ (The Calculation has 4 marks).

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(10 marks)

[26 marks]

Question 2 Solve the system:

$$(D^2 + 1)[x_1] - 2D[x_2] = 2t,$$

$$(2D - 1)[x_1] - (2 - D)[x_2] = 5,$$

by using the elimination method (operator method).

Solution

Given the system:

$$(1) \quad (D^2 + 1)[x_1] - 2D[x_2] = 2t$$

$$(2) \quad (2D - 1)[x_1] - (2 - D)[x_2] = 5$$

Eliminating $[x_2]$ first, we calculate $(2 - D) \times (1) - (2D)[(2)]$ ✓✓ to get:

$$(3) \quad (-D^3 - 2D^2 + D + 2)[x_1] = 4t - 2; \checkmark$$

From (3) we solve for x_1 . The auxiliary equation is $m^3 + 2m^2 - m - 2 = (m - 1)(m + 1)(m + 2) = 0 \Leftrightarrow m = \pm 1, -2, \checkmark$ yielding the complimentary function:

$$(4) \quad x_{1C.F.}(t) = c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2 e^{-t} + c_3 e^t, \checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$$

where c_1, c_2 and c_3 are arbitrary constants.

The particular integral is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} x_{1P.I.}(t) &= \frac{4t - 2}{(D - 1)(D + 1)(D + 2)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(D + 2)(D - 1)} \left[1 - D + D^2 - D^3 + \dots \right] (4t - 2) \\ &= \frac{1}{(D + 2)(D - 1)} (4t - 2 - 4) = \frac{1}{(D + 2)(D - 1)} (4t - 6) \\ &= \frac{1}{D + 2} \left[1 + D + D^2 + \dots \right] (4t - 6) \\ &= \frac{1}{D + 2} (4t - 6 + 4) = \frac{-1}{D + 2} (4t - 2) = \frac{-\frac{1}{2}}{1 + \frac{D}{2}} (4t - 2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[1 - \frac{D}{2} + \frac{D^2}{4} - \dots \right] (4t - 2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (4t - 2 - 2) = \frac{1}{2} (4t - 4) = 2t - 2, \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,

$$(5) \quad x_{1P.I.}(t) = 2t - 2. \checkmark \checkmark$$

Hence $x_1 = x_{1C.F.} + x_{1P.I.}$ yields the general solution for x_1 to be:

$$(6) \quad x_1(t) = c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2 e^{-t} + c_3 e^t + 2t - 2. \checkmark$$

Now we find $x_2(t)$. From (1) we have ;

$$(7) \quad D[x_2] = \frac{1}{2}(D^2 + 1)[x_1] - t \checkmark$$

Now substitute (6) in the above equation (7) yields

$$(8) \quad D[x_2] = \frac{1}{2}(D^2 + 1)[x_1] - t = \frac{1}{2}(D^2 + 1)[c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2 e^{-t} + c_3 e^t + 2t - 2] - t = \frac{5}{2}c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2 e^{-t} + c_3 e^t - 1. \checkmark$$

So by integrating of the above equation we can obtain $x_2(t) = -\frac{5}{4}c_1 e^{-2t} - c_2 e^{-t} + c_3 e^t - t \checkmark \checkmark$ Thus the solution is:

$$x_1(t) = c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2 e^{-t} + c_3 e^t + 2t - 2,$$

and

$$x_2(t) = -\frac{5}{4}c_1 e^{-2t} - c_2 e^{-t} + c_3 e^t - t.$$

[14 marks]

Question 3 Consider the system of linear differential equations:

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}.$$

- (i) Suppose λ is an eigen value of $\mathbf{A}$ of multiplicity $k > 1$. Define a root vector corresponding to the eigen value λ .
- (ii) Show that each eigen value λ of $\mathbf{A}$ of multiplicity k has k linearly independent root vectors.
- (iii) Suppose that λ is an eigen value of $\mathbf{A}$ of multiplicity k and $\mathbf{U}_{\lambda,1}, \mathbf{U}_{\lambda,2}, \dots, \mathbf{U}_{\lambda,k}$ are root vectors corresponding to λ of orders $1, 2, \dots, k$, respectively. Further, let:

$$\mathbf{X}_i(t) = e^{\lambda t} \left[\mathbf{U}_{\lambda,i} + t\mathbf{U}_{\lambda,i-1} + \frac{t^2}{2!}\mathbf{U}_{\lambda,i-2} + \dots + \frac{t^{i-1}}{(i-1)!}\mathbf{U}_{\lambda,1} \right], \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, k.$$

Show that $\left\{ \mathbf{X}_1(t), \mathbf{X}_2(t), \dots, \mathbf{X}_k(t) \right\}$ is a set of linearly independent solutions of the system of linear differential equations and every solution of the system is a linear combination of the solutions in this set.

Solution

- (i) **Definitions 3.1 or 3.2** (5 marks)
- (ii) **Lemma 3.10** (8 marks)
- (iii) It is a combination of **Theorem 3.8 and Lemma 3.11.** (12 marks)

[25 marks]

Question 4 Solve the system:

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{X}, \quad \mathbf{X}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Why is there a unique solution to the above system?

Solution

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0-\lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0-\lambda & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = -\lambda^3 - 2\lambda^2 + \lambda + 2 = (1-\lambda^2)(\lambda+2) = 0, \text{ i.e., } \lambda = -1 \text{ or } \lambda = 1 \text{ or } \lambda = -2. \checkmark \checkmark$$

For $\lambda = -1$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0} \implies \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \checkmark$$

$$\text{i.e., } \mathbf{X}_1(t) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t} \text{ are the solutions corresponding to } \lambda = -1. \checkmark$$

For $\lambda = 1$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \checkmark$$

i.e., $\mathbf{X}_2(t) = c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^t$ are the solutions corresponding to $\lambda = 1$. $\checkmark$

For $\lambda = -2$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \checkmark$$

i.e., $\mathbf{X}_3(t) = c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t}$ are the solutions corresponding to $\lambda = -2$. $\checkmark$

Hence the solutions are:

$$\mathbf{X}(t) = \mathbf{X}_1(t) + \mathbf{X}_2(t) + \mathbf{X}_3(t) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^t + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t}, \checkmark$$

where c_1, c_2, c_3 are arbitrary constants. $\checkmark$

Also in view of the initial condition at $t = 0$ we have:

$$\mathbf{X}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \checkmark \Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 + c_2 + c_3 = 1, \\ -c_1 + c_2 - 2c_3 = 0, \\ c_1 + c_2 + 4c_3 = 1 \end{cases} \checkmark \Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 = \frac{1}{2} = c_2, \\ c_3 = 0, \end{cases} \checkmark$$

yielding:

$$\mathbf{X}(t) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^t \checkmark$$

According to theorem 2.29, We have 3 real different eigenvalues then $\dot{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}$, $\mathbf{X}(0) = \mathbf{X}_0$ has a unique solution. $\checkmark$ [15 marks]

Question 5 Solve the system:

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 6 & 6 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \\ -1 & -5 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{X}$$

completely.

Find the unique solution that passes through the point $(11, 3, -7)$ when $t = 0$.

Solution

$$\begin{vmatrix} 4 - \lambda & 6 & 6 \\ 1 & 3 - \lambda & 2 \\ -1 & -5 & -2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = -\lambda^3 + 5\lambda^2 - 8\lambda + 4 = (1 - \lambda)(\lambda - 2)^2 = 0, \checkmark \checkmark \text{ i.e., } \lambda = 1 \text{ or } \lambda = 2 \text{ with multiplicity 2. } \checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$$

For $\lambda = 1$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ -1 & -5 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \checkmark \checkmark$$

i.e., $\mathbf{X}_1(t) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} e^t$ are the solutions corresponding to $\lambda = 1$. $\checkmark$

For $\lambda = 2$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & -5 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \checkmark \checkmark$$

i.e., $\mathbf{X}_2(t) = c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} e^{2t}$ are one set of solutions corresponding to $\lambda = 2$. $\checkmark$

To find a second solution, we solve:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & -5 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -\frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix}, \checkmark$$

i.e., $\mathbf{X}_3(t) = c_3 \left[\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -\frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right] e^{2t}$ are another set of solutions corresponding to $\lambda = 2$. $\checkmark \checkmark$

Hence the solutions are:

$$\mathbf{X}(t) = \mathbf{X}_1(t) + \mathbf{X}_2(t) + \mathbf{X}_3(t) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} e^t + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} e^{2t} + c_3 \left[\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -\frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right] e^{2t}, \checkmark$$

where c_1, c_2, c_3 are arbitrary constants. $\checkmark$

Also:

$$\mathbf{X}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ 3 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -\frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix} \checkmark \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 4c_1 + 3c_2 + 3c_3 = 11, \\ c_1 + c_2 + c_3 = 3, \\ -3c_1 - 2c_2 - \frac{3}{2}c_3 = -7 \end{cases} \checkmark \Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 = 2 = c_3, \\ c_2 = -1, \end{cases} \checkmark \checkmark$$

yielding:

$$\mathbf{X}(t) = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} e^t - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} e^{2t} + 3 \left[\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right] e^{2t} = \begin{bmatrix} 8e^t + (3 + 6t)e^{2t} \\ 2e^t + (1 + 2t)e^{2t} \\ -6e^t - (1 + 4t)e^{2t} \end{bmatrix}. \checkmark \checkmark$$

[20 marks]