

Recall our fundamental set of solutions to

$$\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} \quad \text{is} \quad \mathbf{X}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{3t} & e^{-2t} \\ 2e^{3t} & -3e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix}$$

where the columns of  $\mathbf{X}(t)$  correspond to the 2 independent solutions

$$\vec{x}^{(1)}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} e^{3t}, \quad \vec{x}^{(2)}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t}$$

They are independent, since  $\det \mathbf{X}(t) \neq 0$ .

The general solution is then

$$\vec{x}(t) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} e^{3t} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 e^{3t} + c_2 e^{-2t} \\ 2c_1 e^{3t} - 3c_2 e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{3t} & e^{-2t} \\ 2e^{3t} & -3e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x}(t) = \mathbf{X}(t) \vec{c}, \quad \text{where} \quad \vec{c} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Here, given any initial data  $\vec{x}(t_0) = \vec{x}^0 = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^0 \\ x_2^0 \end{bmatrix}$

we have to solve  $\vec{x}^0 = \mathbf{X}(t_0) \vec{c}$  for  $\vec{c}$ ....

Since  $\det \mathbf{X}(t) \neq 0$ , we have  $\vec{c} = \mathbf{X}^{-1}(t_0) \vec{x}^0$ .

With this, we can change the form of our general solution to directly reflect the initial data (instead of the constants  $\vec{c}$ )

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{x}(t) &= \mathbb{X}(t) \vec{c} = \mathbb{X}(t) (\mathbb{X}^{-1}(t_0) \vec{x}^0) \\ &= \underbrace{(\mathbb{X}(t) \mathbb{X}^{-1}(t_0))}_{\Phi(t)} \vec{x}^0 \\ &= \Phi(t) \vec{x}^0\end{aligned}$$

where  $\Phi(t) = \mathbb{X}(t) \mathbb{X}^{-1}(t_0)$  is simply another choice of fundamental set of solutions, but one that has some special properties.

Notes ① Useful since initial data coincide with constants of integration

② Easy to calculate if  $\mathbb{X}(t)$  is known:  
 $\mathbb{X}^{-1}(t_0)$  is still a  $2 \times 2$  matrix of numbers  
 following  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$

③ Works in general for any homogeneous IVP  
 $\vec{x}' = \mathbb{P}(t) \vec{x}$ ,  $\vec{x}(t_0) = \vec{x}^0$ .

④ Nothing is gained when solving a single IVP. But if you need to solve many?

ex Solve  $\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$ ,  $\vec{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{x}^0$

Solution: Here  $\mathbb{X}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{3t} & e^{-2t} \\ 2e^{3t} & -3e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbb{X}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$

since  $t_0 = 0$ . The general solution is

$$\vec{x}(t) = \mathbb{X}(t) \vec{c}, \text{ where } \vec{c} \text{ is given by}$$

$$\vec{x}(0) = \mathbb{X}(0) \vec{c} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} 4 = c_1 + c_2 \\ 0 = 2c_1 - 3c_2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow c_1 = \frac{12}{5}, c_2 = \frac{8}{5}$$

$$\text{So } \vec{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{3t} & e^{-2t} \\ 2e^{3t} & -3e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 12/5 \\ 8/5 \end{bmatrix}$$


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ex. Solve  $\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$ ,  $\vec{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} m \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $m = 1, 2, \dots, 1000$

Note: Re above procedure, with ~~to~~ system

$$m = c_1 + c_2$$

$$0 = 2c_1 - 3c_2$$

would have to be repeated 1000 times!

Or, first switch to  $\Phi(t)$  as the fund.  
set of solns.

ex. Solve  $\vec{X}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{X}$ ,  $\vec{X}_m(0) = \begin{bmatrix} m \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $m = 1, \dots, 1000$

Solution: Again  $\Phi(t) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{3t} & e^{-2t} \\ 2e^{3t} & -3e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\Phi(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\text{Here } \Phi^{-1}(0) = \frac{1}{\det \Phi(0)} \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{-5} \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3/5 & 1/5 \\ 2/5 & -1/5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } \Phi(t) \Phi^{-1}(0) &= \begin{bmatrix} e^{3t} & e^{-2t} \\ 2e^{3t} & -3e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3/5 & 1/5 \\ 2/5 & -1/5 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{5}e^{3t} + \frac{2}{5}e^{-2t} & \frac{1}{5}e^{3t} - \frac{1}{5}e^{-2t} \\ \frac{6}{5}e^{3t} - \frac{6}{5}e^{-2t} & \frac{2}{5}e^{3t} + \frac{3}{5}e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

And for each  $\vec{X}_m^0 = \begin{bmatrix} m \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , we have

$$\vec{X}_m(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{5}e^{3t} + \frac{2}{5}e^{-2t} & \frac{1}{5}e^{3t} - \frac{1}{5}e^{-2t} \\ \frac{6}{5}e^{3t} - \frac{6}{5}e^{-2t} & \frac{2}{5}e^{3t} + \frac{3}{5}e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} m \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



Notes ① The fundamental set of solutions

$\Phi(t) = X(t) X^{-1}(t_0)$  is special  
since  $\Phi(0) = I$  (check this in last example).

② Any choice of  $X(t)$  relates the initial data (in  $x_1 x_2$ -coords) to the unknown constants  $\vec{c} = [c_i]$  (in coordinates given by eigenvectors).

By choosing  $\Phi(t)$  as your fund. set. of solns, you are choosing the coord. system so that  $\vec{x}^0 = \vec{c}$ .

③ Any fundamental matrix  $X(t)$  of  $\vec{x}' = P(t)\vec{x}$  solves the "matrix" form of the ODE:

$$X'(t) = P(t) X(t)$$

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where  $X'(t) = \frac{d}{dt} X(t)$  (each entry is ~~defined~~)  
differentiated

By "choosing"  $\Phi(t)$ , so that  $\Phi'(t) = A\Phi(t)$ ,  
solutions are "exponential", and we can  
write  $\Phi(t) = e^{At}$ ,  $A$  a matrix.

This only makes sense in its Taylor Expansion

$$e^{At} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^n}{n!} t^n = I + At + \frac{1}{2} A^2 t^2 + \frac{1}{6} A^3 t^3 + \dots$$

This is a very important exponential but is a  
bit too deep for this class.