2E2 Tutorial Sheet 12 Second Term¹

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1. (2) Last week the last question was to find the solution of

$$\frac{dy_1}{dt} = -y_1 - 2y_2 \tag{1}$$

$$\frac{dy_2}{dt} = 2y_1 - y_2 \tag{2}$$

and put it in real form. The answer was

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} r\cos 2t\\ r\sin 2t \end{pmatrix} e^{-t} \tag{3}$$

Plot the phase plane diagram for this.

Solution: So, this gives the inward spiral. Notice how fast the spiral goes in. The radius decreases exponentially.



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2. (3) Find the general solution for the system

$$\frac{dy_1}{dt} = 3y_1 + y_2 \qquad (4)$$

$$\frac{dy_2}{dt} = -y_1 + y_2 \qquad (5)$$

$$= -y_1 + y_2 \tag{(}$$

Solution: This is one of those systems where there is only one eigenvalue and only one eigenvector, $\lambda = 2$ with

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1\\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{(}$$

so the solution is of the form

$$\mathbf{y} = c_1 \mathbf{x} e^{2t} + c_2 \left(t \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{u} \right) e^{2t} \tag{7}$$

where you need to find \mathbf{u} by substituting

$$\mathbf{y} = (t\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{u})\,e^{2t} \tag{(}$$

back into the equation. This means the \mathbf{u} vector in the extra solution is the solutio to

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{array}\right) \mathbf{u} = \left(\begin{array}{cc} 1 \\ -1 \end{array}\right).$$

Writing

or

 $\mathbf{u} = \left(\begin{array}{c} a \\ b \end{array}\right)$

gives equations

a+b = 1-a - b = -1

These two equations are the same, as you expect, and if b = 0 then a = 1. Thus, the general solution is

$$\mathbf{y} = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} e^{2t} + c_2 \left[\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} t + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] e^{2t}$$
$$\mathbf{y} = \left[(c_1 + c_2 t) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] e^{2t}.$$

3. (3) Find the solution for the system

$$\begin{array}{rcl} y_1' &=& 4y_1 + y_2 \\ y_2' &=& -y_1 + 2y_2. \end{array}$$

with initial conditions $y_1(0) = 3$ and $y_2(0) = 2$. Solution:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1\\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{9}$$

and there is only one eigenvector,

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -1\\1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{10}$$

with eigenvalue $\lambda = 3$. The solution is

$$\mathbf{y} = c_1 \mathbf{x} e^{\lambda t} + c_2 (t \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{u}) e^{\lambda t}$$
(11)

where ${\bf u}$ satisfies

$$(A - \lambda \mathbf{1}) \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{x} \tag{12}$$

and so, in this case,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1\\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -1\\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
(13)

and a solution to this is

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -1\\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{14}$$

and so the solution is

$$\mathbf{y} = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} -1\\1 \end{pmatrix} e^{3t} + c_2 \left[t \begin{pmatrix} -1\\1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -1\\0 \end{pmatrix} \right] e^{3t}$$
(15)

Now, putting t = 0 we get

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3\\2 \end{pmatrix} = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} -1\\1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} -1\\0 \end{pmatrix}$$
(16)

and, hence,

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
3 &=& -c_1 - c_2 \\
2 &=& c_1 \\
\end{array} \tag{17}$$

aso $c_2 = 1$ and $c_2 = -5$ giving

$$\mathbf{y} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{3t} - 5 \left[t \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] e^{3t}$$
(18)

 or

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= (3+5t)e^{3t} \\ y_2 &= (2-5t)e^{3t} \end{aligned}$$
 (19)

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