

★ Matrix Exponentials

Warm up: Write down the Taylor series expansion of the function e^t (around $t=0$)

Ans: $e^t = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{n!} = 1 + t + \frac{t^2}{2!} + \frac{t^3}{3!} + \dots$

and $e^{kt} = 1 + kt + \frac{(kt)^2}{2!} + \frac{(kt)^3}{3!} + \dots$

I. Exponential Matrix:

Linear systems of ODE's

$$\underline{x}' = \underline{A} \underline{x}$$

General Principle:

Linear ODE \rightarrow solns are exponential's

Eigenvalue method: guessed $\underline{x} = e^{\lambda t} \underline{v}$

Today: given the IVP:

$$\underline{x}' = \underline{A} \underline{x} \quad \underline{x}(0) = \underline{x}_0$$

We can write the solution as:

$$\underline{x}(t) = e^{\underline{A}t} \underline{x}_0$$

Exponential of a matrix

1D:
 $y' = ay \quad y(0) = y_0$
 $y(t) = y_0 e^{at}$

Def: If \underline{A} is an $n \times n$ matrix, then the exponential matrix is defined by the series:

$$e^{\underline{A}t} = \underline{I} + t\underline{A} + \frac{t^2}{2!} \underline{A}^2 + \frac{t^3}{3!} \underline{A}^3 + \dots + \frac{t^n}{n!} \underline{A}^n + \dots$$

where \underline{I} is the identity matrix

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$$\underline{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \underline{A}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a^2 & 0 \\ 0 & b^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{A}^3 = \underline{A} \underline{A}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a^2 & 0 \\ 0 & b^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a^3 & 0 \\ 0 & b^3 \end{bmatrix}$$

see a pattern

$$\underline{A}^n = \begin{bmatrix} a^n & 0 \\ 0 & b^n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{so } e^{\underline{A}t} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix} + \frac{t^2}{2!} \begin{bmatrix} a^2 & 0 \\ 0 & b^2 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{t^3}{3!} \begin{bmatrix} a^3 & 0 \\ 0 & b^3 \end{bmatrix} + \dots + \frac{t^n}{n!} \begin{bmatrix} a^n & 0 \\ 0 & b^n \end{bmatrix} + \dots$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 + at + \frac{1}{2!} a^2 t^2 + \frac{1}{3!} a^3 t^3 + \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 + bt + \frac{1}{2!} b^2 t^2 + \frac{1}{3!} b^3 t^3 + \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$e^{\underline{A}t} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{at} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{bt} \end{bmatrix}$$

NOTE: When \underline{A} is a diagonal, then $e^{\underline{A}t}$ is just exponentiates each element on the diagonal

$$\underline{D} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & & 0 \\ & a_2 & \\ 0 & \dots & a_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$e^{\underline{D}t} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{a_1 t} & & 0 \\ & e^{a_2 t} & \\ 0 & \dots & e^{a_n t} \end{bmatrix}$$

Ex: $\underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ Find $e^{\underline{A}t}$

$$\underline{A}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 18 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{A}^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \underline{A}^n = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad n \geq 3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

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so $\underline{A}^4 = \underline{0}$, $\underline{A}^5 = \underline{0}$, so $\underline{A}^n = \underline{0}$ for all $n \geq 3$

Def: A matrix is called nilpotent if for some power n , $\underline{A}^n = \underline{0}$

Exponential

$$e^{\underline{A}t} = \underline{I} + \underline{A}t + \frac{1}{2!} \underline{A}^2 t^2 + \frac{1}{3!} \underline{A}^3 t^3 + \dots$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{t^2}{2!} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 18 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$e^{\underline{A}t} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3t & 4t + 9t^2 \\ 0 & 1 & 6t \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Ex: $\underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ Find $e^{\underline{A}t}$

NOTE:

$$\underline{A} = \underline{D} + \underline{B}$$

$$= \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{diagonal}} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{nilpotent}}$$

$$e^{\underline{A}t} = e^{(\underline{D} + \underline{B})t} = e^{\underline{D}t} e^{\underline{B}t}$$

... 4t + 9t^2

$$e^{At} = e^{-2t} \dots = e^{-2t} e^{\dots}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{2t} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3t & 4t+9t^2 \\ 0 & 1 & 6t \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$e^{At} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} & 3te^{2t} & (4t+9t^2)e^{2t} \\ 0 & e^{2t} & 6te^{2t} \\ 0 & 0 & e^{2t} \end{bmatrix}$$

II. Matrix Exponential Solutions:

IVP: $\underline{x}' = \underline{A}\underline{x}$ $\underline{x}(0) = \underline{x}_0$
 solution is: $\underline{x}(t) = e^{\underline{A}t} \underline{x}_0$

Ex: Solve the IVP:

$$\underline{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \underline{x}$$

$$\underline{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 19 \\ 29 \\ 39 \end{bmatrix}$$

Calculated $e^{\underline{A}t}$

$$\underline{x}(t) = e^{\underline{A}t} \underline{x}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} & 3te^{2t} & (4t+9t^2)e^{2t} \\ 0 & e^{2t} & 6te^{2t} \\ 0 & 0 & e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 19 \\ 29 \\ 39 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} [19 + 29(3t) + 39(4t+9t^2)] \\ e^{2t} [0 + 29(1) + 39(6t)] \\ e^{2t} [0 + 0 + 39(1)] \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} (19 + 243t + 351t^2)e^{2t} \\ (29 + 234t)e^{2t} \\ 39e^{2t} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Q: What if \underline{A} cannot be reduced to
 $\underline{A} = \underline{D} + \underline{B}$ (diagonal + nilpotent)

Ans: Let's use the eigenvalue method to calculate $e^{\underline{A}t}$.

Def: If $\underline{x}_1(t), \underline{x}_2(t), \dots, \underline{x}_n(t)$ are n linearly independent solutions of $\underline{x}' = \underline{A}\underline{x}$, then the $n \times n$ matrix

$$\underline{\Phi}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ \underline{x}_1 & \underline{x}_2 & \dots & \underline{x}_n \\ | & | & \dots & | \end{bmatrix}$$

is called the fundamental matrix of the system.

Thm 1: The solution to the matrix problem

$$\underline{x}' = \underline{A}\underline{x} \quad \underline{x}(0) = \underline{x}_0$$

is given by $\underline{x}(t) = \underline{\Phi}(t) \underline{\Phi}(0)^{-1} \underline{x}_0$

NOTE: Let $\underline{x}(t) = \underline{\Phi}(t) \underline{\Phi}(0)^{-1} \underline{x}_0 = e^{\underline{A}t} \underline{x}_0$

then $e^{\underline{A}t} = \underline{\Phi}(t) \underline{\Phi}(0)^{-1}$

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NOTE: From the eigenvalue method, we know the fundamental solutions of $\underline{x}' = \underline{A}\underline{x}$

$$\underline{x}_1(t) = e^{\lambda_1 t} \underline{v}^{(1)}, \quad \underline{x}_2(t) = e^{\lambda_2 t} \underline{v}^{(2)}, \quad \dots$$

use these to write the fundamental matrix.

Ex:
$$\underline{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \underline{x} \quad \underline{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{A} = \underline{D} + \underline{B} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Diagonal}} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Nilpotent?}} \quad \times$$

This is not a nilpotent matrix

1. Find the fundamental solns from the Eigenvalue Method:

$$\lambda_1 = -1$$

$$\underline{v}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2 = 5$$

$$\underline{v}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

fundamental solns:

$$\underline{x}_1 = e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{x}_2(t) = e^{5t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Fundamental matrix:

$$\underline{\Phi}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t} & e^{5t} \\ -2e^{-t} & e^{5t} \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Formula:

$$e^{At} = \underline{\underline{\Phi}}(t) \underline{\underline{\Phi}}(0)^{-1}$$

$$\underline{\underline{\Phi}}(0) = \underline{\underline{\Phi}}(t) \Big|_{t=0} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

NOTE: The inverse of a 2×2 matrix is

$$\underline{\underline{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \quad \underline{\underline{B}}^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{\underline{\Phi}}(0)^{-1} = \frac{1}{(1)(1) - (1)(-2)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$e^{At} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t} & e^{5t} \\ -2e^{-t} & e^{5t} \end{bmatrix} \left\{ \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$e^{At} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t} + 2e^{5t} & -e^{-t} + e^{5t} \\ -2e^{-t} + 2e^{5t} & 2e^{-t} + e^{5t} \end{bmatrix}$$

4. Find the solution

$$\underline{x}(t) = e^{At} \underline{x}_0 = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t} + 2e^{5t} & -e^{-t} + e^{5t} \\ -2e^{-t} + 2e^{5t} & 2e^{-t} + e^{5t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t} + 2e^{5t} - (-e^{-t} + e^{5t}) \\ -2e^{-t} + 2e^{5t} - (2e^{-t} + e^{5t}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{x}(t) = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{-t} + e^{5t} \\ -4e^{-t} + e^{5t} \end{bmatrix}$$

NOTE: The advantage of this approach is that it is faster to solve for the initial conditions $\underline{x}(0) = \underline{x}_0$

only need to calculate e^{At} once.