

1. Use the Laplace transform to solve the initial-value problem $y'' + 4y' + 4y = 0$, $y(0) = 3$, $y'(0) = -5$. Show all the work.

Solution: $L[y'' + 4y' + 4y] = L[0]$, $s^2Y - 3s + 5 + 4(sY - 3) + 4Y = 0$, $(s^2 + 4s + 4)Y = 3s + 7$,

$$Y(s) = \frac{3s + 7}{(s + 2)^2} = \frac{3}{s + 2} + \frac{1}{(s + 2)^2}$$

$$y(t) = L^{-1} \left[\frac{3}{s + 2} + \frac{1}{(s + 2)^2} \right], \quad y(t) = 3e^{-2t} + te^{-2t} = (3 + t)e^{-2t}$$

2. Find the unit impulse response to the equation $e'' + 6e' + 10e = \delta(t)$.

Solution: $L[e'' + 6e' + 10e] = 1$, $(s^2 + 6s + 10)E = 1$, $((s + 3)^2 + 1)E = 1$

$$E(s) = \frac{1}{(s + 3)^2 + 1}$$

$$e(t) = L^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{(s + 3)^2 + 1} \right], \quad e(t) = e^{-3t} \sin t$$

3. Find the solution to the initial-value problem $y'' + 6y' + 10y = g(t)$, $y(0) = 0$, $y'(0) = 5$, where $g(t)$ is a piecewise continuous function.

Solution: In the previous problem we found that the unit impulse response function for this equation is $e(t) = e^{-3t} \sin t$.

Then the state-free solution is $y_s(t) = e * g(t) = \int_0^t e^{-3(t-u)} \sin(t-u) g(u) du$

The input-free solution is $y_i(t) = 0 \cdot e'(t) + 5e(t) = 5e^{-3t} \sin t$

Therefore the solution is $y(t) = 5e^{-3t} \sin t + \int_0^t e^{-3(t-u)} \sin(t-u) g(u) du$

4. For the initial-value problem $y' = 3t - y$, $y(0) = 2$ calculate the first two iterations of Euler's method with step size $h = 0.2$.

Solution: $t_0 = 0$, $y_0 = 2$, $y_1 = y_0 + f(t_0, y_0)h = 2 + (3 \cdot 0 - 2)(0.2) = 2 - 0.4 = 1.6$,

$$t_1 = t_0 + h = 0.2, \quad y_2 = y_1 + f(t_1, y_1)h = 1.6 + (3 \cdot 0.2 - 1.6)(0.2) = 1.6 - 0.2 = 1.4$$

5. For the system of differential equations

$$x' = (y - x)(y + x^2 - 2)$$

$$y' = (y + x)(y - 2)$$

(a) find x -nullclines and y -nullclines.

$$\text{Solution: } (y - x)(y + x^2 - 2) = 0, \quad y - x = 0, \quad y + x^2 - 2 = 0.$$

Two x -nullclines: the line $y = x$ and the parabola $y = -x^2 + 2$

$$(y + x)(y - 2) = 0, \quad y + x = 0, \quad y - 2 = 0.$$

Two y -nullclines: lines $y = -x$ and $y = 2$

(b) calculate the coordinates of the equilibrium points.

$$\text{Solution: } (-1, 1), (0, 0), (2, -2), (0, 2), \text{ and } (2, 2).$$

6. Find the general solution to the system $y' = Ay$, where $A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$.

Write the answer as a single vector.

$$\text{Solution: } T = -2, \quad D = 0. \text{ Characteristic equation is } \lambda^2 + 2\lambda = 0.$$

Its roots are $\lambda_1 = 0$ and $\lambda_2 = -2$.

$$(A - \lambda_1 I)\bar{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \bar{v}_1 = 0, \quad \bar{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(A - \lambda_2 I)\bar{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \bar{v}_2 = 0, \quad \bar{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The fundamental set of solutions is

$$\bar{y}_1(t) = e^{0t} \bar{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\bar{y}_2(t) = e^{-2t} \bar{v}_2 = e^{-2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-2t} \\ -e^{-2t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{The general solution is } \bar{y}(t) = C_1 \bar{y}_1(t) + C_2 \bar{y}_2(t) = \begin{pmatrix} C_1 + C_2 e^{-2t} \\ C_1 - C_2 e^{-2t} \end{pmatrix}$$

bonus problem Find real valued solutions $y_1(t)$ and $y_2(t)$ of the system

$$y'_1 = y_1 + 2y_2$$

$$y'_2 = -5y_1 + 3y_2$$

Solution: $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -5 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ $T = 4$, $D = 13$, $\alpha = 2$, $\beta = 3$, $\lambda = 2 + 3i$, and $\bar{\lambda} = 2 - 3i$.

Eigenvectors are $\bar{v}_1 = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1/2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $\bar{v}_2 = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3/2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

The general solution is $\bar{y}(t) = C_1 e^{2t} (\cos 3t \bar{v}_1 - \sin 3t \bar{v}_2) + C_2 e^{2t} (\cos 3t \bar{v}_2 + \sin 3t \bar{v}_1) =$

$$C_1 e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \cos 3t \\ \cos 3t - 3 \sin 3t \end{pmatrix} + C_2 e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \sin 3t \\ 3 \cos 3t + \sin 3t \end{pmatrix} = e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 2C_1 \cos 3t + 2C_2 \sin 3t \\ (C_1 + 3C_2) \cos 3t + (-3C_1 + C_2) \sin 3t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$y_1(t) = 2e^{2t}(C_1 \cos 3t + C_2 \sin 3t) \quad y_2(t) = e^{2t}((C_1 + 3C_2) \cos 3t + (-3C_1 + C_2) \sin 3t)$$