

## LECTURE 41 (267)

Nonhomogeneous systems of O.D.E.

**Example 1.** Find a general solution to the system of the ordinary differential equations

$$x' = 4x + y + e^t, \quad y' = 6x - y - e^t.$$

*Solution.* We set  $X(t) = (x(t), y(t))$ ,  $f(t) = (e^t, -e^t)$ , and

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 6 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then we can rewrite the system in the form

$$\frac{dX}{dt} = AX + f.$$

Lets find eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix  $A$  we have

$$A - \lambda E = \begin{pmatrix} 4 - \lambda & 1 \\ 6 & -1 - \lambda \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $\det(A - \lambda E) = (4 - \lambda)(-1 - \lambda) - 6 = -4 - 4\lambda + \lambda + \lambda^2 - 6 = \lambda^2 - 3\lambda - 10$ . So we have  $\lambda_1 = -2$  and  $\lambda_2 = 5$ . Lets find an eigenvector associated with the eigenvalue  $\lambda_1 = -2$ . We have

$$A + 2E = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 1 \\ 6 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

So the system  $(A + 2E)\vec{e} = 0$  equivalent to the equation  $6e_1 + e_2 = 0$ . Hence our eigenvector is  $e = (1, -6)$ . Therefore the solution associated with this

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eigenvalue is  $x_1(t) = e^{-2t}(1, -6)$ . Lets find an eigenvector associated with the eigenvalue  $\lambda_2 = 5$ . We have

$$A - 5E = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 6 & -6 \end{pmatrix}.$$

So the system  $(A - 5E)\vec{e} = 0$  equivalent to the equation  $e_1 - e_2 = 0$ . Hence our eigenvector is  $e = (3, 2)$ . Therefore the solution associated with this eigenvalue is  $x_1(t) = e^{5t}(1, 1)$ . Hence the fundamental matrix

$$\Phi(t) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-2t} & e^{5t} \\ -6e^{-2t} & e^{5t} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Next we find the matrix  $\Phi^{-1}(t)$ . Note that  $\det\Phi(t) = 7e^{3t}$ . Then

$$\Phi^{-1}(t) = \frac{1}{7e^{3t}} \begin{pmatrix} e^{5t} & -e^{5t} \\ 6e^{-2t} & e^{-2t} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{7} \begin{pmatrix} e^{2t} & -e^{2t} \\ 6e^{-5t} & e^{-5t} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then we have

$$\Phi^{-1}(t)f(t) = \frac{1}{7}(2e^{3t}, 5e^{-4t}), \quad \int \Phi^{-1}(t)f(t)dt = \frac{1}{7}\left(\frac{2}{3}e^{3t}, -\frac{5}{4}e^{-4t}\right).$$

Finally

$$x_p(t) = \Phi(t) \int \Phi^{-1}(t)f(t)dt = \left(-\frac{1}{12}, \frac{3}{4}\right).$$

The general solution is

$$X(t) = C_1 e^{-2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} + C_2 e^{5t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{12} \\ \frac{3}{4} \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Example 2.** Find a general solution to the system of the ordinary differential equations

$$x' = x - 5y + \cos(2t), \quad y' = x - y.$$

*Solution.*

We set  $X(t) = (x(t), y(t))$ ,  $f(t) = (\cos(2t), 0)$ , and

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -5 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then we can rewrite the system in the form

$$\frac{dX}{dt} = AX + f.$$

Lets find eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix  $A$  we have

$$A - \lambda E = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \lambda & -5 \\ 1 & -1 - \lambda \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $\det(A - \lambda E) = (1 - \lambda)(-1 - \lambda) + 5 = \lambda^2 + 4$ . So we have  $\lambda_1 = 2i$  and  $\lambda_2 = -2i$ . Lets find an eigenvector associated with the eigenvalue  $\lambda_1 = 2i$ . We have

$$A - 2iE = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - 2i & -5 \\ 1 & -1 - 2i \end{pmatrix}.$$

So the system  $(A - 2iE)\vec{e} = 0$  equivalent to the equation  $e_1 - (1 + 2i)e_2 = 0$ . Hence our eigenvector is  $e = (1 + 2i, 1)$ . Therefore the solutions associated with this eigenvalues  $\pm 2i$  are

$$x_1(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(2t) - 2\sin(2t) \\ \cos(2t) \end{pmatrix}, \quad x_2(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 2\cos(2t) + \sin(2t) \\ \sin(2t) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence the fundamental matrix

$$\Phi(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(2t) - 2\sin(2t) & 2\cos(2t) + \sin(2t) \\ \cos(2t) & \sin(2t) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Next we find the matrix  $\Phi^{-1}(t)$ . Note that  $\det\Phi(t) = -2$ . Then

$$\Phi^{-1}(t) = \frac{1}{-2} \begin{pmatrix} \sin(2t) & -2\cos(2t) - \sin(2t) \\ -\cos(2t) & \cos(2t) - 2\sin(2t) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then we have

$$\Phi^{-1}(t)f(t) = \frac{1}{-2} \left( \frac{1}{2}\sin(4t), -\cos^2(2t) \right), \quad \int \Phi^{-1}(t)f(t)dt = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{8}\cos(4t), \frac{1}{2} \left( t + \frac{1}{4}\sin(2t) \right) \right).$$

Finally

$$x_p(t) = \Phi(t) \int \Phi^{-1}(t)f(t)dt = \begin{pmatrix} (\cos(2t) - 2\sin(2t))\frac{1}{16}\cos(4t) + (2\cos(2t) + \sin(2t))\frac{1}{4} \left( t + \frac{1}{4}\sin(2t) \right) \\ \frac{1}{16}\cos(4t)\cos(2t) + \frac{1}{4}\sin(2t) \left( t + \frac{1}{4}\sin(2t) \right) \end{pmatrix}$$

The general solution is

$$X(t) = C_1 \begin{pmatrix} 2\cos(2t) + \sin(2t) \\ \sin(2t) \end{pmatrix} + C_2 \begin{pmatrix} \cos(2t) - 2\sin(2t) \\ \cos(2t) \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} (\cos(2t) - 2\sin(2t))\frac{1}{16}\cos(4t) + (2\cos(2t) + \sin(2t))\frac{1}{4} \left( t + \frac{1}{4}\sin(2t) \right) \\ \frac{1}{16}\cos(4t)\cos(2t) + \frac{1}{4}\sin(2t) \left( t + \frac{1}{4}\sin(2t) \right) \end{pmatrix}$$