

4-8 Solving Systems of Linear Equations by Elimination.

Solving 2×2 Systems.

$$L_1[x] + L_2[y] = f_1$$

$$L_3[x] + L_4[y] = f_2$$

where L_i is the differential operator on x, y .

1. Put system in differential operator notation
2. Eliminate one variable, say $y(t)$, and solve for $x(t)$
3. (If Possible) Derive an equation for $y(t)$ in terms of $x(t)$ where no derivatives of $y(t)$ are present. Solve for $y(t)$.

Otherwise

4. Eliminate $x(t)$ and solve $y(t)$.
5. Plug $x(t)$ and $y(t)$ into one the equations in the system to get $x(t)$ and $y(t)$ in terms of the same parameters.

Solve the given system of DEs by elimination.

1. $\frac{dx}{dt} = -y + t$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = x - t$$

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$$\Rightarrow Dx + y = t$$

$$-x + Dy = -t$$

Apply D to 2nd equation and add equations together.

$$Dx + y = t$$

$$-Dx + D^2y = -1$$

$$D^2y + y = t - 1$$

$$(D^2+1)y = t-1 \quad \text{or} \quad y''+y = t-1$$

Solve for $y_h(t)$ Assume $y(t) = e^{rt}$

$$y''+y=0$$

$$r^2+1=0$$

$$r = \pm i$$

$$y_1(t) = \cos(t)$$

$$y_2(t) = \sin(t).$$

Now since each term on the right corresponds to a root from the characteristic equation $ar^2+br+c=0$, we have 2 possible methods to solve for y_p :

1. MUC - need an annihilator for RHS.
2. VOP - need to integrate by parts.

Method 1: MUC.

$$t-1 \Rightarrow r=0 \text{ mult } 2.$$

$$D^2(t-1) = 0$$

$$D^2(D^2+1)y = D^2(t-1) = 0$$

Assume $y(t) = e^{rt}$

$$r^2(r^2+1) = 0$$

$$y(t) = \underbrace{c_1 \cos(t) + c_2 \sin(t)}_{y_h} + \underbrace{c_3 + c_4 t}_{y_p}$$

$$y_p(t) = A + Bt$$

$$y_p'(t) = B$$

$$y_p''(t) = 0$$

$$\text{So } y_p'' + y_p = 0 + A + Bt = t-1$$

$$A = -1$$

$$B = 1$$

$$\text{So } y_p = t-1.$$

Method 2: VOP.

Note: DE is already in standard form.

$$W(y_1, y_2) = \begin{vmatrix} \cos(t) & \sin(t) \\ -\sin(t) & \cos(t) \end{vmatrix} = \cos^2(t) + \sin^2(t) = 1.$$

$$W_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & \sin(t) \\ t-1 & \cos(t) \end{vmatrix} = -(t-1)\sin(t)$$

$$W_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \cos(t) & 0 \\ -\sin(t) & t-1 \end{vmatrix} = (t-1)\cos(t).$$

$$\text{So } u_1'(t) = -(t-1)\sin(t)$$

$$u_2'(t) = (t-1)\cos(t)$$

$$u_1(t) = \int (1-t)\sin(t) dt = (t-1)\cos(t) - \int \cos(t) dt = (t-1)\cos(t) + \sin(t)$$

$$u = (1-t) \quad dv = \sin(t)$$

$$du = -dt \quad v = -\cos(t)$$

$$= t\cos(t) -$$

$$u_2(t) = \int (t-1)\cos(t) dt = (t-1)\sin(t) - \int \sin(t) dt = (t-1)\sin(t) + \cos(t)$$

$$u = (t-1) \quad dv = \cos(t)$$

$$du = dt \quad v = \sin(t)$$

$$\text{Now } y_p(t) = u_1 y_1 + u_2 y_2$$

$$= [(t-1)\cos(t) + \sin(t)]\cos(t) + [(t-1)\sin(t) + \cos(t)]\sin(t)$$

$$= (t-1)\cos^2(t) - \cancel{\sin(t)\cos(t)} + (t-1)\sin^2(t) + \cancel{\cos(t)\sin(t)}$$

$$= (t-1)$$

Now $y(t) = y_h + y_p$
 $= c_1 \cos(t) + c_2 \sin(t) + t - 1.$

Note: $x = Dy + t$

$$y'(t) = -c_1 \sin(t) + c_2 \cos(t) + 1.$$

$$\text{So } x(t) = -c_1 \sin(t) + c_2 \cos(t) + t + 1.$$

Otherwise: Eliminate $y(t)$ and solve for $x(t)$. Then plug $x(t)$ and $y(t)$ to get $x(t)$ and $y(t)$ in terms of same parameters.

So the solution to the system is

$$\begin{cases} x(t) = -c_1 \sin(t) + c_2 \cos(t) + t + 1 \\ y(t) = c_1 \cos(t) + c_2 \sin(t) + t - 1. \end{cases}$$

2. $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \frac{dx}{dt} = -5x$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{dy}{dt} = -x + 4y$$

$$\Rightarrow (D^2 + 5)x + Dy = 0$$

$$(D+1)x + (D-4)y = 0$$

Apply $(D+1)$ to the first equation and $-(D^2+5)$ to the second to eliminate $x(t)$.

$$(D+1)[(D^2+5)x + Dy = 0]$$

$$-(D^2+5)[(D+1)x + (D-4)y = 0]$$

$$D(D+1)y - (D^2+5)(D-4)y = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now } (D(D+1) - (D^2+5)(D-4))y &= 0 \\
 (D^2+D - (D^3-4D^2+5D-20))y &= 0 \\
 (-D^3+5D^2-4D+20)y &= 0 \\
 (D^3-5D^2+4D-20)y &= 0 \\
 [D^2(D-5)+4(D-5)]y &= 0 \\
 (D^2+4)(D-5)y &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Assume $y(t) = e^{rt}$

$$y(t) = c_1 e^{5t} + c_2 \cos(2t) + c_3 \sin(2t).$$

Apply $(D-4)$ to the first equation and $-D$ to the second to eliminate $y(t)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (D-4)[(D^2+5)x + Dy] &= 0 \\
 -D[(D+1)x + (D-4)y] &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (D-4)(D^2+5)x - D(D+1)x &= 0 \\
 [(D-4)(D^2+5) - D(D+1)]x &= 0 \\
 [D^3+5D-4D^2-20-D^2-D]x &= 0 \\
 (D^3-5D^2+4D-20)x &= 0 \\
 (D^2+4)(D-5)x &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Assume $x(t) = e^{rt}$

$$x(t) = b_1 e^{5t} + b_2 \cos(2t) + b_3 \sin(2t)$$

Now need to $x(t)$ and $y(t)$ in terms of the same parameters.

Plug into the second equation: $(D+1)x + (D-4)y = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) &= b_1 e^{5t} + b_2 \cos(2t) + b_3 \sin(2t) \\
 x'(t) &= 5b_1 e^{5t} - 2b_2 \sin(2t) + 2b_3 \cos(2t) \\
 y(t) &= c_1 e^{5t} + c_2 \cos(2t) + c_3 \sin(2t) \\
 y'(t) &= 5c_1 e^{5t} - 2c_2 \sin(2t) + 2c_3 \cos(2t)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$x'' + x + y' - 4y = 0$$

$$(5b_1 + b_1)e^{5t} + (b_2 + 2b_3)\cos(2t) + (b_3 - 2b_2)\sin(2t) + (5c_1 + c_1)e^{5t}$$

$$+ (c_2 + 2c_3)\cos(2t) + (c_3 - 2c_2)\sin(2t) = 0$$

$$6b_1e^{5t} + (b_2 + 2b_3)\cos(2t) + (b_3 - 2b_2)\sin(2t) = -6c_1e^{5t} - (c_2 + 2c_3)\cos(2t) - (c_3 - 2c_2)\sin(2t)$$

$$6b_1 = -6c_1 \Rightarrow b_1 = -c_1$$

$$b_2 + 2b_3 = -c_2 - 2c_3 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} \text{ 2 eq with 2 unknowns.}$$

$$-2b_2 + b_3 = 2c_2 - c_3$$

$$2(b_2 + 2b_3 = -c_2 - 2c_3)$$

$$\underline{-2b_2 + b_3 = 2c_2 - c_3}$$

$$5b_3 = -5c_3 \Rightarrow b_3 = -c_3$$

$$\Rightarrow b_2 = -c_2$$

So the solution to the system is

$$\begin{cases} x(t) = -c_1e^{5t} - c_2\cos(t) - c_3\sin(t) \\ y(t) = c_1e^{5t} + c_2\cos(t) + c_3\sin(t) \end{cases}$$