

## FORCED SYSTEM

A forced system is of the form

$$\vec{y}'(t) = A\vec{y}(t) + \vec{g}(t) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

where  $\vec{g}(t)$  is the forcing function.

We know that the system (1) is nonhomogeneous and the solution  $\vec{y}$  is of the form

$$\vec{y}(t) = \vec{y}_H(t) + \vec{y}_P(t)$$

where  $\vec{y}_H$  is called the homogeneous solution and it satisfies  $\vec{y}'_H = A\vec{y}_H$

and  $\vec{y}_P$  is the particular solution

which satisfies

$$\vec{y}'_P = A\vec{y}_P + \vec{g}(t).$$

Que: How do we find  $\vec{Y}_p$ ?

OR How do we solve the system (1)?

Method I: ~~Using~~ Undetermined Coefficient (guess and check!!)

Example: Solve

$$y_1'(t) = y_1 + y_2 + 2e^t$$

$$y_2'(t) = 4y_1 + y_2 - e^t$$

Let  $\vec{Y}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$

Then, we have

$$\vec{Y}'(t) = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_A \vec{Y} + \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\vec{g}(t)} e^t$$

The general solution is

$$\vec{Y}(t) = \vec{Y}_H + \vec{Y}_P$$

To get  $\vec{Y}_H$ , we solve

$$\vec{Y}'(t) = A \vec{Y}(t)$$

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

For the eigenvalues of  $A$ ,

$$\lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 3 = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 = 3 \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_2 = -1$$

For  $\lambda_1 = 3$ ,

$$(A - \lambda_1 I) \vec{v}_1 = \vec{0}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 4 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

For  $\lambda_2 = -1$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\therefore$  The ~~the~~  $\vec{Y}_H = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} e^{3t} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} e^{-t}$ .

For the particular solution, let us guess

$$\vec{y}_p = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \end{pmatrix} e^t, \quad \vec{g} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} e^t$$

put  $\vec{y}_p$  into the forced system.  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  are constants to be determined.

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \end{pmatrix} e^t = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \end{pmatrix} e^t + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} e^t$$

Divide through by  $e^t$

$$\begin{pmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 + d_2 \\ 4d_1 + d_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} d_1 + d_2 \\ 4d_1 + d_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -d_2 \\ -4d_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} d_1 &= \frac{1}{4} \\ d_2 &= -2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow \vec{y}_p = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} e^t.$$

→ the general solution is

$$\vec{y}(t) = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} e^{3t} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} e^{-t} + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} e^{at}$$

\* Suppose we are given an I.C., this is the ~~the~~ ~~st~~ stage we apply it to get the constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ .

### Remark

\* Finding a good/useful guess ~~or~~ may be challenging.

## Method 2: Variation of parameters.

Given

$$\vec{y}'(t) = A\vec{y}(t) + \vec{g}(t)$$

Recall, that for a homogeneous system

$$\vec{y}'(t) = A\vec{y}(t)$$

we can write the solution in the form

$$\vec{y}(t) = \underbrace{\vec{Y}}_{\substack{\text{fundamental} \\ \text{matrix}}} \vec{c} \quad \text{---} \quad (*)$$

$\begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix}$

Since the solution of the homogeneous system has the form in  $(*)$ , it is logical to guess that the forced system has a solution of the form

$$\vec{y}(t) = \vec{Y} \vec{f}(t) \quad \text{---} \quad (*1)$$

Que: How do we find  $\vec{f}(t)$ ?

Sub. (\*) into the forced system  
to get  $\vec{f}(t)$ .

$$\vec{y}'(t) = A\vec{y}(t) + \vec{g}(t).$$

But our guessed solution is

$$\vec{y}(t) = \underline{\Psi}(t) \vec{f}(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{y}'(t) = \underline{\Psi}' \vec{f} + \underline{\Psi} \vec{f}' \quad (\text{product rule})$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\Psi}' \vec{f} + \underline{\Psi} \vec{f}' = A \underline{\Psi} \vec{f} + \vec{g}(t)$$

$$(\underline{\Psi}' - A \underline{\Psi}) \vec{f} + \underline{\Psi} \vec{f}' = \vec{g}(t)$$

Since the fundamental matrix satisfies  
the homogeneous system,

$$\underline{\Psi}' = A \underline{\Psi} \Rightarrow \underline{\Psi}' - A \underline{\Psi} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\Psi} \vec{f}' = \vec{g}$$

Multiply through by  $\underline{\Psi}^{-1}$  from the left.

$$\underline{f}' = \underline{\Psi}^{-1} \underline{g}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \underline{f} = \underline{\Psi}^{-1} \underline{g}$$

$$d\underline{f} = \underline{\Psi}^{-1} \underline{g} dt$$

$$\underline{f} = \int \underline{\Psi}^{-1} \underline{g} dt + \underline{c}$$

put  $\underline{f}$  into  $(x_1)$

$$\underline{y}(t) = \underline{\Psi} \underline{f} = \underline{\Psi} \left( \int \underline{\Psi}^{-1} \underline{g} dt + \underline{c} \right)$$

$$\underline{y}(t) = \underbrace{\underline{\Psi} \int \underline{\Psi}^{-1} \underline{g} dt}_{\text{particular solution}} + \underbrace{\underline{\Psi} \underline{c}}_{\text{homogeneous solution}}$$

particular  
solution

homogeneous  
solution

This is the general solution of the forced system.

Let us apply this formula to our example.

We have

$$\vec{y}'(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \vec{y}(t) + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} e^t$$

Recall, that:

$$\vec{y}_h = c_1 e^{3t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Psi = \begin{pmatrix} e^{3t} & -e^{-t} \\ 2e^{3t} & 2e^{-t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Psi^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(\Psi)} \begin{pmatrix} 2e^{-t} & e^{-t} \\ -2e^{3t} & e^{3t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(\Psi) = 2e^{2t} + 2e^{2t} = 4e^{2t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{\Psi}^{-1} = \frac{1}{4e^{2t}} \begin{pmatrix} 2e^{-t} & e^{-t} \\ -2e^{3t} & e^{3t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 2e^{-3t} & e^{-3t} \\ -2e^t & e^t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{\Psi}^{-1} \vec{g} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 2e^{-3t} & e^{-3t} \\ -2e^t & e^t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2e^t \\ -e^t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 4e^{-2t} - e^{-2t} \\ -4e^{2t} - e^{2t} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 3e^{-2t} \\ -5e^{2t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{\Psi}^{-1} \vec{g} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 3e^{-2t} \\ -5e^{2t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\int \underline{\Psi}^{-1} \vec{g} dt = \frac{1}{4} \int \begin{pmatrix} 3e^{-2t} \\ -5e^{2t} \end{pmatrix} dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{3}{2} e^{-2t} \\ -\frac{5}{2} e^{2t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{\Psi} \int \underline{\Psi}^{-1} \vec{g} dt = \begin{pmatrix} e^{3t} & -e^{-t} \\ 2e^{3t} & 2e^{-t} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{3}{2} e^{-2t} \\ -\frac{5}{2} e^{2t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} e^t \\ -2e^t \end{pmatrix}$$

\*\* continuation from class \*\*

$$\text{But } \vec{y}(t) = \underline{\Psi} \int \underline{\Psi}^{-1} \vec{g} dt + \underline{\Psi} \vec{c}$$

$\therefore$  The general solution is

$$\vec{y}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{3t} & -e^{-t} \\ 2e^{3t} & 2e^{-t} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} e^t \\ -2e^t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{y}(t) = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} e^{3t} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} e^{-t} + \begin{pmatrix} 1/4 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} e^t$$

Observe that this solution is the same as what we obtained using the method of undetermined coefficient.