

Section 8.4

Matrix Exponential Function.

Given a DE:

$$y' = ay \Rightarrow y = Ce^{at}$$

$$\overrightarrow{y}'(t) = A_{n \times n} \overrightarrow{y}(t) \Rightarrow \overrightarrow{y}(t) = \left[e^{At} \right]_{n \times n} \overrightarrow{C}_{n \times 1}$$

Taylor expansion (Maclaurin's series) $f(x) = e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$

Def: $e^{At} = I + (At) + \frac{(At)^2}{2!} + \frac{(At)^3}{3!} + \dots = I + At + \frac{A^2}{2!}t^2 + \frac{A^3}{3!}t^3 + \dots$

Properties of the matrix exponential function:

1. $e^{(A+B)t} = e^{At} e^{Bt}$
2. For all square matrices A, e^{At} is invertible and $(e^{At})^{-1} = e^{-At} \implies e^{At} e^{-At} = I$

Ex: Compute e^{At} if $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

Note: In general $If A = D(a_{11}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{nn}) \Rightarrow e^{At} = D(e^{a_{11}t}, e^{a_{22}t}, \dots, e^{a_{nn}t})$

Theorem: Let A be a non-defective square matrix with n linearly independent eigenvectors: $B = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$. Then $e^{At} = Pe^{Dt}P^{-1}$ where P is a matrix of eigenvectors and D is a diagonal matrix whose entries are eigenvalues of A.

Ex: Compute the function e^{At} if $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

How do we apply matrix exponential function to solve a system of DE:

$$\text{Given } e^{At} = I + (At) + \frac{(At)^2}{2!} + \frac{(At)^3}{3!} + \dots = I + At + \frac{A^2}{2!}t^2 + \frac{A^3}{3!}t^3 + \dots$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} e^{At} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(I + At + \frac{A^2}{2!}t^2 + \frac{A^3}{3!}t^3 + \dots \right) = A + A^2t + \frac{A^3}{2!}t^2 + \frac{A^4}{3!}t^3 + \dots$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} e^{At} = A \left[I + At + \frac{A^2}{2!}t^2 + \frac{A^3}{3!}t^3 + \dots \right] = Ae^{At} \implies \frac{d\vec{y}}{dt} = A\vec{y}(t)$$

If we let $\Phi = e^{At}$ (fundamental matrix) $\implies \Phi' = A\Phi$ and $\Phi(0) = e^{A(0)} = I$ and

$$\text{So, given a system of DE: } \frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = A\vec{x}(t) + \vec{F}(t) \implies \text{solution: } \vec{x}(t) = e^{At}\vec{C} + e^{At} \int_{t_0}^t e^{-As} \vec{F}(s) ds$$

It's the same as section 8.3 $\vec{x}(t) = \Phi(t)\vec{C} + \Phi(t) \int_{t_0}^t \Phi^{-1}(s) \vec{F}(s) ds$

Solve system of DE by Laplace Transform: $\frac{d\vec{X}}{dt} = A\vec{X}$; Let $X(t) = e^{At}$ be a solution

$$\text{Then } X(0) = e^{A(0)} = I$$

Apply Laplace both sides of the DE:

$$L\left(\frac{dX}{dt}\right) = L(AX)$$

$$sL(X) - X(0) = AL(X)$$

$$(sI - A)L(X) = I \implies L(X) = (sI - A)^{-1}$$

$$X(t) = L^{-1}\left((sI - A)^{-1}\right)$$

Ex: Using Laplace Transform to solve: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$