

1 Separation of Variables

$$y' = 3x^2(1+y) \rightarrow \frac{dy}{1+y} = 3x^2(1+y)$$

$$\ln|1+y| = x^3 + c \rightarrow |1+y| = e^{x^3+c} = e^{x^3} e^c$$

2 Approximation Methods

2.1 Euler's Method (Tangent Line Method) - 1768

With a given function $y' = f(t, y)$ and a given set point y_0 , we can approximate the line point by point.

For the initial value problem $y' = f(t, y), y(t_0) = y_0$

$$Use the formula \begin{cases} t_{n+1} = t_n + h \\ y_{n+1} = y_n + hf(t_n, y_n) \end{cases}$$

2.1.1 Example

Obtain Euler approximation on $[0, 0.4]$ with step size 0.1 of $y' = -2ty + t$ and $y(0) = -1$

$$\begin{aligned} h &= 0.1, y_0 = 0 \\ y_1 &= t_0 + h = 0.1 \\ y_2 &= y_1 + hf(t_1, y_1) = -1 \\ y_3 &= y_2 + hf(t_2, y_2) = -0.97 \\ y_4 &= y_3 + hf(t_3, y_3) = -0.9112 \\ y_5 &= y_4 + hf(t_4, y_4) = -0.826528 \end{aligned}$$

2.2 Runge-Kutta Method of Approximation

If we have an IVP, we can calculate the next values with a process similar to (1)

$$\begin{cases} k_{01} = f_n + h \\ k_{02} = f \left(t_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{h}{2} k_{01} \right) \end{cases}$$

For more precision, use the fourth order Runge-Kutta method. It is the most commonly used method both because of its speed as well as its relative precision.

$$\begin{cases} k_{11} = f_n + h \\ k_{12} = f \left(t_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{h}{2} k_{11} \right) \\ k_{13} = f \left(t_n + \frac{h}{4}, y_n + \frac{h}{4} k_{11} + \frac{h}{4} k_{12} \right) \\ k_{14} = f \left(t_n + \frac{3h}{4}, y_n + \frac{3h}{4} k_{11} + \frac{3h}{4} k_{12} + \frac{h}{4} k_{13} \right) \end{cases}$$

3 Picard's Theorem

Theorem 1 (Picard). Suppose the function $f(t, y)$ is continuous on the region $R = \{(t, y) | a < t < b, c < y < d\}$ and $(t_0, y_0) \in R$. Then there exists a positive number h such that the IVP has a solution for t in the interval $(t_0 - h, t_0 + h)$. Furthermore, if $f_y(t, y)$ is also continuous on R , then that solution is unique.

4 Linearity and Nonlinearity

An equation $f(x, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) = c$ is linear if it is in the form $a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + \dots + a_n x_n = c$ where a_i are constants. Furthermore, if $c = 0$, the equation is said to be homogeneous.

We can generalize the concept of a linear equation to a linear differential equation. A differential equation $F(y, y', y'', \dots, y^{(n)}) = f(t)$ is linear if it is in the form $a_0(t)y^{(n)} + a_1(t)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_{n-1}(t)y' + a_n(t)y = f(t)$ where all functions of t are assumed to be defined over some common interval I . If $f(t) = 0$ over the interval I , the differential equation is said to be homogeneous.

We will also introduce some easier notation for linear algebraic equations: $\vec{x} = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$ and for linear differential equations: $\vec{y} = [y', y'', \dots, y^{(n)}]$. We will also introduce the linear operator L . $L(\vec{x}) = a_0 x_1 + a_1 x_2 + \dots + a_n x_n$. $L(\vec{y}) = a_0(t)\frac{d^n y}{dt^n} + a_1(t)\frac{d^{n-1} y}{dt^{n-1}} + \dots + a_{n-1}(t)\frac{dy}{dt} + a_n(t)y$

1.1 Properties

A solution of the algebraic is any \vec{x} that satisfies the definition of linear algebraic equations, while a solution of the differential is for any \vec{y} that satisfies the definition of linear differential equations. For homogeneous linear equations:

- A constant multiple of a solution is also a solution.
- The sum of two solutions is also a solution.

Linear Operator Properties:

$$\begin{aligned} L(k\vec{u}) &= kL(\vec{u}), k \in \mathbb{R} \\ L(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) &= L(\vec{u}) + L(\vec{v}) \end{aligned}$$

1.1.1 Superposition Principle

Let \vec{u}_1 and \vec{u}_2 be any solutions of the homogeneous linear equation $L(\vec{u}) = 0$. Their sum is also a solution. A constant multiple is a solution for any constant k .

1.2 Nonhomogeneous Principle

Let \vec{u}_h be any solution to a linear nonhomogeneous equation $L(\vec{u}) = c$ (algebraic) or $L(\vec{u}) = f(t)$ (differential), then $\vec{u} + \vec{u}_h$ is also a solution, where \vec{u} is a solution to the associated homogeneous equation $L(\vec{u}) = 0$.

4.2 Steps for Solving Nonhomogeneous Linear Equations

- Find all \vec{u}_h of $L(\vec{u}) = 0$.
- Find any \vec{u}_p of $L(\vec{u}) = f$.
- Add them, $\vec{u} = \vec{u}_h + \vec{u}_p$ to get all solutions of $L(\vec{u}) = f$.

5 Solving 1st Order Linear Differential Equations

5.1 Euler-Lagrange 2-Stage Method

To solve a linear differential equation in the form $y' + p(t)y = f(t)$ using this method:

- Solve $y' + p(t)y = 0$ by separation of variables to get $y_h = ce^{-\int p(t) dt}$.
- Solve $v'(t)e^{-\int p(t) dt} = f(t)$ for $v(t)$ to get the particular solution $y_p = v(t)e^{-\int p(t) dt}$.
- Combine to get

$$y(t) = y_h + y_p = ce^{-\int p(t) dt} + e^{-\int p(t) dt} \int f(t)e^{\int p(t) dt} dt$$

5.2 Integrating Factor Method

- Find the integrating factor $\mu(t) = e^{\int p(t) dt}$. Note: $f(t) \mu(t)$ will be easy to integrate. In other words, don't bother with the addition of a constant.
- Multiply each side by the integrating factor to get $\mu(t)(y' + p(t)y) = \mu(t)f(t)$ which will reduce to $\frac{d}{dt}(\mu(t)y) = \mu(t)f(t)$.
- Take the antiderivative of both sides $\int \frac{d}{dt}(\mu(t)y) dt = \int \mu(t)f(t) dt + c$
- Solve for y

$$y(t) = e^{-\int p(t) dt} \left(\int f(t)e^{\int p(t) dt} dt + ce^{-\int p(t) dt} \right)$$

We can use nullclines to more easily draw the solutions. Nullclines are an adaptation of previously mentioned isolines (??). A V nullcline is an isoline of vertical slopes where $y' = 0$. An H nullcline is an isoline of horizontal slopes where $y' = 0$. Equilibria occurs at the point where these two nullclines intersect.

Note, when existence and uniqueness hold for an autonomous system, these phase trajectories never cross.

7.3 Quick Sketching Outline for Phase Portraits

- Nullclines and Equilibria
 - Where $x' = 0$, slopes are vertical.
 - Where $y' = 0$, slopes are horizontal.
 - Where $x' = y' = 0$, we have equilibria.
- Left-Right Directions
 - Where x' is positive, arrows point right.
 - Where x' is negative, arrows point left.
- Up-Down Directions
 - Where y' is positive, arrows point up.
 - Where y' is negative, arrows point down.
- Check Uniqueness

Where phase plane trajectories do not cross, we have uniqueness.

8 Matrices

8.1 Definitions

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & \dots & a_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & a_{m3} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

We can also describe these matrices by saying it has order $m \times n$ where m and n are the row and column sizes respectively. Two matrices are equal if they have the same m and n and the values contained are equal. We can also have matrices with orders $m \times 1$ or $1 \times n$ which are called column and row vectors.

If all entries are 0, we call it a zero matrix; however if all entries but the diagonal are zero, this is called a diagonal matrix. These diagonal matrix are called diagonal elements. A special diagonal matrix is the identity matrix, which is formed when the diagonal elements are ones.

7.4 Applications of Systems of Differential Equations

7.4.1 Predator-Prey Assumptions

In the absence of foxes, the rabbit population will grow with the Malthusian Growth Law: $\frac{dR}{dt} = aR, a_R > 0$ In the absence of rabbits, the fox population will die off according to the law: $\frac{dF}{dt} = -aF, a_F > 0$ When both foxes and rabbits are present, the number of interactions is \propto the product of the population sizes, with inverse behavior. Thus we get the Lotka-Volterra Equations for the predator-prey model:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dR}{dt} = a_R R - c_R R F \\ \frac{dF}{dt} = -a_F F + c_F R F \end{cases}$$

8.2 Addition and Multiplication

Each new element in the matrix is a result of the dot product between the corresponding row and column matrices.

9.2 Definitions

- Minor to an $n \times n$ matrix has an associated minor and cofactor.
- Minor $\rightarrow A(n-1) \times (n-1)$ matrix obtained by deleting the i th row and j th column of A .
- Cofactor \rightarrow The scalar $C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} |M_{ij}|$

9.2.3 Recursive Method of an $n \times n$ matrix A

We can now determine a recursive method for any $n \times n$ matrix. Using the definitions declared above, we use the recursive method that follows.

$$|A| = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} C_{ij}$$

Find j and then finish with the rules for the 2×2 matrix defined above in (9.2.1).

9.2.4 Row Operations and Determinants

- A is a square.
- If two rows of A are exchanged to get B , then $|B| = -|A|$.
- If one row of A is multiplied by a constant c , and then added to another row to get B , then $|A| = |B|$.
- If one row of A is multiplied by a constant c , then $|B| = c|A|$.

10 Vector Spaces and Subspaces

A vector space V is a non-empty collection of elements that we call vectors, for which we can define the operation of vector addition and scalar multiplication: For an $n \times n$ A and B , the determinant $|AB|$ is given by $|A||B|$.

9.2.5 Properties of Determinants

- If two rows of A are interchanged to equal B , then $|B| = -|A|$
- If one row of A is multiplied by a constant k , and then added to another row to produce matrix B , then $|B| = |A|$
- If one row of A is multiplied by k to produce matrix B , then $|B| = k|A|$
- If $|AB| = 0$, then either $|A|$ or $|B|$ must be zero.

9.2.6 Cramer's Rule

For the $n \times n$ matrix A with $|A| \neq 0$, denote by A_i the matrix obtained from A by replacing its i th column with the column vector b . Then the i th component of the solution of the system is given by:

$$x_i = \frac{|A_i|}{|A|}$$

that satisfy the following properties:

- A n matrix, matrix is one where either the lower or upper half is zero, e.g. $\begin{bmatrix} \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

9.2 Elementary Row Operations

- Interchange row i and i' $R_i \leftrightarrow R_{i'}$, $R_i \leftrightarrow R_{i'}$
- Multiply row i by a constant. $R_i \leftarrow cR_i$
- Leaving j untouched, add to i a constant times j . $R_i \leftarrow R_i + cR_j$

These are handy when dealing with matrices and trying to obtain Reduced Row Echelon Form (9.3).

9.3 Reduced Row Echelon Form

$$|A| = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & b_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

We can flip a matrix diagonally so that its columns become rows and its rows become columns. We call this the transpose of the matrix, written A^T .

8.3.1 Properties

- $(A^T)^T = A$
- $(A+B)^T = A^T + B^T$
- $(kA)^T = kA^T$ for any scalar k .
- $(AB)^T = A^T B^T$

9 Matrices and Systems of Linear Equations

9.1 Augmented Matrix

An augmented matrix is where two different matrices are combined to form a new matrix.

$$|A| = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & \dots & A_{1m} & | & b_1 \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & \dots & A_{2m} & | & b_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & | & \vdots \\ A_{n1} & A_{n2} & \dots & A_{nm} & | & b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

10.2.2 Prominent Vector Function Spaces

- $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow$ The space of all ordered pairs.
- $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow$ The space of all ordered triples.
- $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow$ The space of all ordered n -tuples.
- $\mathbb{P} \rightarrow$ The space of all polynomials.
- $\mathbb{P}_n \rightarrow$ The space of all polynomials with degree $\leq n$.
- $M_{m,n} \rightarrow$ The space of all $m \times n$ matrices.
- $C(I) \rightarrow$ The space of all continuous functions on the interval I (open, closed, finite, and infinite).
- $C^n(I) \rightarrow$ Same as above, except with n continuous derivatives.
- $C^n \rightarrow$ The space of all ordered n -tuples of complex numbers.

10.3 Vector Subspaces

Theorem: A non-empty subset W of a vector space V is a subspace of V if it is closed under addition and scalar multiplication:

- If $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in W$, then $\vec{u} + \vec{v} \in W$.
- If $\vec{u} \in W$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}$, then $c\vec{u} \in W$.

We can rewrite this to be more efficient:

- If $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in W$ and $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, then $a\vec{u} + b\vec{v} \in W$.

Note, vector space does not imply subspace. All subspaces are vector spaces, but not all vector spaces are subspaces. To determine if it is a subspace, we check for closure under the above theorem.

- The zero subspace $\{(0, 0)\}$.
- Lines passing through the origin.
- \mathbb{R}^2 itself.

10.2.1 Closure under Linear Combination

$$c\vec{x} + d\vec{y} \in V \text{ whenever } \vec{x}, \vec{y} \in V \text{ and } c, d \in \mathbb{R}$$

5.2.1 Example

$$\frac{dy}{dt} - y = t \quad \text{If } x(t) \text{ is the amount of dissolved substance, then}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \text{Rate In} - \text{Rate Out}$$

$$c^{-1} y = \int te^{-t} dt + c^{-1} \rightarrow c^{-1}(-t-1) + c$$

6 Applications of 1st Order Linear Differential Equations

6.1 Growth and Decay

The function $\frac{dy}{dt} = ky$ can be called the growth or decay equation depending on the sign of k . We can explicitly find the solution to these equations: For each k , the solution of the IVP $\frac{dy}{dt} = ky, y(0) = y_0$ is given by $y(t) = y_0 e^{kt}$

We can use these equations for a wide variety of different equations such as continuously compounding interest:

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = rA, A(0) = A_0 \quad \text{Every solution of a system we call a state of the system, and the collection of all the trajectories and states is called a phase portrait.}$$

6.2 Mixing and Cooling

We can also use these models for mixing and cooling problems. A mixing problem consists of some amount of substance goes into a receptacle at a certain rate, and some amount of mixed substance comes out. We can model this as such.

9.5 Existence and Uniqueness

- If the RREF has a row that looks like: $[0, 0, 0, \dots, 0|k]$ where k is a non-zero constant, then the system has no solutions. We call this inconsistent. If the system has one or more solutions, we call it consistent. In order to be unique, the system needs to be consistent.
- If every column is a pivot, then there is only one solution (unique solution).
- If some columns are pivots, then there are multiple solutions (possibly infinite).
- If the system is inconsistent.

9.6 Superposition, Nonhomogeneous Principle, and RREF

For any nonhomogeneous linear system $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$, we can write the solution as: $\vec{x} = \vec{x}_h + \vec{x}_p$. Where \vec{x}_h represents vector in the set of homogeneous solutions, and \vec{x}_p is a particular solution to the original equation. We can use RREF to find \vec{x}_h , and then, using the same RREF with \vec{b} replaced by $\vec{0}$, find \vec{x}_p . The rank of a matrix r equals the number of pivot columns in the RREF. If r equals the number of variables, there is a unique solution. Otherwise if there is less, then it is not unique.

9.7 Inverse of a Matrix

When given a system of equations like: $\begin{cases} x+y=1 \\ 4x+5y=6 \end{cases}$ we can rewrite it in the form: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ For this set of matrix, we can find the inverse, which is defined as the matrix that, when multiplied with the original, equals an Identity Matrix. In other words: $A^{-1}A = AA^{-1} = I$

9.7.1 Properties

- $(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$
- A and B are invertible matrices of the same order if $(AB)^{-1} = A^{-1}B^{-1}$
- If A is invertible, then so is A^T and $(A^{-1})^T = (A^T)^{-1}$

11.2 Spanning Sets in \mathbb{R}^n

A vector \vec{v} in \mathbb{R}^n is in $\text{Span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$ where $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$ are vectors in \mathbb{R}^n , provided that there is at least one subset of the matrix: vector equation $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$, where A is the matrix whose column vectors are $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$.

11.3 Span Theorem

For a set of vectors $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$ in vector space V , $\text{Span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$ is subspace of V .

11.4 Column Space

For any $m \times n$ matrix A , the column space, denoted $\text{Col } A$, is the span of the column vectors of A , and is a subspace of $\text{Im}(A)\mathbb{R}^m$.

11.5 Linear Independence

A set $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$ of vectors in vector space V is linearly independent if no vector of the set can be written as a linear combination of the others. Otherwise it is linearly dependent. This notion of linear independence also carries over to function spaces. A set of vector functions $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$ in a vector space V is linearly independent on an interval I if for all t in I the only solution of $c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_n\vec{v}_n = \vec{0}$ for $(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n) \in \mathbb{R}$ is $c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_n = 0$ for all t . If for any value t_0 of t there is any solution with $c_i \neq 0$, the vector functions are linearly dependent.

11.5.1 Testing for Linear Independence

- (a) Put the system in matrix-vector form: $\begin{bmatrix} c_1 & c_2 & \dots & c_n \\ \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 & \dots & \vec{v}_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} = \vec{0}$
- (b) Analyze Matrix: The column vectors of A are linearly independent if and only if the solution $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ is unique, which means $c_i = 0$ for all i . Any of the following also satisfy this condition for a unique solution:
 - A is invertible.

11 Span, Basis and Dimension

11.1 Span

The span of a set $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$ of vectors in a vector space V , denoted by $\text{Span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$ is the set of all linear combinations of the vectors.

11.1.1 Example

For example, if $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ Then we can write their span as $\text{Span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}\right\} = \left\{\begin{bmatrix} 3a + 0b \\ 2a + 2b \\ 0a + 2b \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b \in \$

• A has n pivot columns.
 • $|A| \neq 0$

2. Suppose we have a set of vectors $\mathcal{V} = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $\dim(\mathcal{V}) = m$. Then the set \mathcal{V} is linearly dependent if $n > m$ where n is the number of elements in \mathcal{V} . *Note, this cannot prove the opposite. It only goes one way.*

3. Columns of A are linearly independent if and only if $AX = \vec{0}$ has only the trivial solutions of n .

are the column vectors of the identity matrix I_n .

11.6.2 Example
 The standard basis for \mathbb{R}^3 is: $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$ for $e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $e_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $e_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ giving $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is dependent.
 But another basis for \mathbb{R}^3 is given by: $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

11.7 Dimension of the Column Space of a Matrix
 One way to check a set of functions is to consider them as one dimensional vector, $\mathcal{V}_i(t) = f_i(t)$. Another method is the Wronskian:

To find the Wronskian of functions f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n on I :

$$W[f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n] = \begin{vmatrix} f_1 & f_2 & \dots & f_n \\ f_1' & f_2' & \dots & f_n' \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ f_1^{(n-1)} & f_2^{(n-1)} & \dots & f_n^{(n-1)} \end{vmatrix} \quad (21)$$

If $W \neq 0$ for all t on the interval I , where f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n are defined, then the function space is a linearly independent set of functions on I .

11.6 Basis of a Vector Space
 The set $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ is a basis for vector space V provided that
 • $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ is linearly independent.
 • $\text{Span}\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\} = V$
 The column vectors of A form a basis for $\text{Col}(A)$.

11.6.1 Standard Basis for \mathbb{R}^n
 $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$ where

$$e_i = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
 where i is the position of the 1. (22)

$$m\vec{x} + b\vec{z} + k\vec{x} = f(t) \quad (23)$$

Case One	Real Unequal Roots	Overdamped Motion
$\Delta > 0$	$r_1, r_2 = \frac{-a \pm \sqrt{a^2 - 4bc}}{2b}$	$y_0(t) = c_1 e^{r_1 t} + c_2 e^{r_2 t}$
Case Two	Real Repeated Root	Critically Damped Motion
$\Delta = 0$	$r = -\frac{a}{2b}$	$y_0(t) = c_1 e^{-\frac{a}{2b} t} + c_2 t e^{-\frac{a}{2b} t}$
Case Three	Complex Conjugate Roots	Underdamped Motion
$\Delta < 0$	$r_1, r_2 = \alpha \pm i\beta$ $\alpha = -\frac{a}{2b}, \beta = \frac{\sqrt{4bc - a^2}}{2b}$	$y_0(t) = e^{\alpha t} (c_1 \cos(\beta t) + c_2 \sin(\beta t))$

Table 1: Roots for Second Order Differential Equations in Characteristic Equation Form

12.4 Linear Independence
 The Solution Space: Theorem (3) provides us with the number of solutions in a basis for an n th order homogeneous differential equation (n).
 • Starting with m solutions for the n th order case, if $m > n$ the solutions can not be independent.
 • If $m = n$, we must test using the concepts from before.
 • If $m < n$, the set does not span the space.

12.4.1 Wronskian
 The Wronskian also tells us about the linear independence of a set of functions. This Wronskian is identical to the Wronskian previously defined (21).
 Suppose $\{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$ is a set of solutions of an n th order homogeneous differential equation.
 $L(y) = a_n(t)y^{(n)} + a_{n-1}(t)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_1(t)y' + a_0(t)y = 0$
 1. If $W(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \neq 0$ at any point on (a, b) , then the set is linearly independent.
 2. If $W(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) = 0$ at every point on (a, b) , then the set is linearly dependent.

12.5 Undetermined Coefficients
 Let's assume $L(y) = a_n(t)y^{(n)} + a_{n-1}(t)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_1(t)y' + a_0(t)y = 0$ where t is some interval I .
 To apply this method, follow these steps.

• Equilibrium arrives at origin (Symmetric)
 • Speed is determined by magnitude of the eigenvalues.

14.2 Linear Systems with Real Eigenvalues
 To solve a system in the form $\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$

- Find eigenvalues of A .
- Find associated eigenvectors.
- Solution is in the form (for a 2×2 matrix at least) our solution is in the form: $\vec{x}(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{v}_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \vec{v}_2$

If there are insufficient eigenvalues (repeated eigenvalues), follow the method below.

- Find the one eigenvalue.
- Find its eigenvector.
- Find \vec{V} such that $(A - \lambda I)\vec{V} = \vec{0}$.
- Solution: $\vec{x}(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda t} \vec{v}_1 + c_2 t e^{\lambda t} (\vec{v}_2 + \vec{v}_1)$.

14.3 Non-Real Eigenvalues
 If we have a matrix A with non-real eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = \alpha \pm i\beta$, the corresponding eigenvectors are also complex conjugate pairs in the form: $\vec{v}_1 = \vec{u} + i\vec{w}$
 To solve:

- For the first eigenvalue, find its eigenvector. The second eigenvector is a pair of the first.
- Construct the real and non-real parts: $\begin{cases} \vec{x}_r = e^{\alpha t} (\cos(\beta t)\vec{u} - \sin(\beta t)\vec{w}) \\ \vec{x}_i = e^{\alpha t} (\sin(\beta t)\vec{u} + \cos(\beta t)\vec{w}) \end{cases}$
- The general solution is defined as $\vec{x}(t) = c_1 \vec{x}_r(t) + c_2 \vec{x}_i(t)$.

14.1 Interpreting Non-Real Eigenvalues

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{x}_r \\ \vec{x}_i \end{bmatrix} = e^{\alpha t} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\beta t) & -\sin(\beta t) \\ \sin(\beta t) & \cos(\beta t) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{u} \\ \vec{w} \end{bmatrix}$$

• The first variable defines the expansion.
 - If $\alpha > 0 \rightarrow$ Growth without bound.
 - If $\alpha < 0 \rightarrow$ Decay to 0.
 - If $\alpha = 0 \rightarrow$ Periodic solutions.

• The second defines tilt and shape.
 - Counterclockwise if $\beta > 0$
 - Clockwise for $\beta < 0$

• The third defines tilt and shape.

14.4 Stability and Linear Classification
 A constant solution $\vec{x} \equiv \vec{c}$ is called an equilibrium solution. An equilibrium solution in the phase plane is a fixed point.

- If solutions remain close and tend to \vec{c} as $t \rightarrow \infty$ we call this asymptotically stable.
- If solutions are neither attracted nor repelled, we call this neutrally stable.
- If other, it is unstable.

14.5 Parameter Plane
14.6 Possibilities in the Parameter Plane
 We have to consider a couple different possibilities.

- Real Distinct Eigenvalues ($\Delta > 0$)
 When $\Delta = (\text{Tr}(A))^2 - 4|A| > 0$ we have real eigenvalues $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$ with corresponding linearly independent eigenvectors \vec{v}_1 and \vec{v}_2 with general solution $\vec{x} = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{v}_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \vec{v}_2$

12.1 Harmonic Oscillators
12.1.1 The Mass-Spring System
 Consider an object with mass m on a table that is attached to a spring attached to wall. When the object is moved by an external force, we can model its behavior using Newton's Second Law of Motion: $F = m\ddot{x}$ where F is the sum of the forces acting on the object.
 We have three different types of forces:
 • **Restoring Force:** The restorative force of a spring is x the amount of stretching/compression: $F_{restoring} = -kx$
 • **Damping Force:** We also assume that friction exists, and therefore a damping force $c \dot{x}$ the velocity of the object: $F_{damping} = -b\dot{x}$ Where damping constant $b > 0$ and small for slick surfaces.
 • **External Force:** We also allow for an external force to drive the motion: $F_{external} = f(t)$

This gives us one form of the solution, however we can also find an alternate form:
 $x(t) = A \cos(\omega_0 t - \delta)$
 Where
 • Amplitude A and phase angle δ (radians) are arbitrary constants determined by initial conditions.
 • The motion has circular frequency $\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$ (radians) per second, and a natural frequency $f_0 = \frac{\omega_0}{2\pi}$
 • The period T (seconds) is $2\pi\sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$
 • The above solution is a horizontal shift of $A \cos(\omega_0 t)$ with phase shift $\frac{\delta}{\omega_0}$

12.1.2 Solutions
 When we say solution, we are referring to a solution that gives us x , in other words, the position of the mass at any given time t as a function of t . Due to the inherent nature of derivatives, this may or may not have undetermined constants (often denoted as $c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4, \dots$) as will be set by initial values given (similar to first order differential equations).
 Later we will determine how to solve these equations fully, however a quick answer can be found by applying the following formulas. After learning the methods given ahead, be sure to come back and determine how these solutions were determined.
 Given Equation: $m\ddot{x} + kx = 0$
 $x(t) = c_1 \cos(\omega_0 t) + c_2 \sin(\omega_0 t)$
 $\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$

- Find two linearly independent solutions of the second order differential equation $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = f(t)$ this having the general solution $y_0(t) = c_1 y_1(t) + c_2 y_2(t)$
- In order to apply this, we need the non-homogeneous principle.
- Find the particular solution, take $y_0(t) = c_1 y_1(t) + c_2 y_2(t)$ and swap constants to get $y_0(t) = y_1(t)y_2(t) + c_2 y_1(t)$ where c_1 and c_2 are unknown functions.
- We find v_1 and v_2 by substituting our new equation into our first. Differentiating by the product rule we get $y_0'(t) = c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2$
- Before we calculate y_0'' we choose an auxiliary condition, that v_1 and v_2 satisfy $v_1 y_2 - v_2 y_1 = 0$ where we get $y_0' = v_1 y_2' + v_2 y_1'$
- Differentiating again we get $y_0''(t) = c_1 v_1' + c_2 v_2' + v_1' y_2 + v_2' y_1$
- We wish to get $L(y) = y'' + p y' + q y = J$ Substituting for what we have solved for gives $v_1 y_2' + v_2 y_1' = J$
- We now have two equations for our two unknowns. $\begin{cases} y_1 v_1' + y_2 v_2' = J \\ v_1 y_2 - v_2 y_1 = 0 \end{cases}$

8. Solve the system of equations and insert.
 Another method is to use Cramer's Rule (18) where

$$v_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & y_2 \\ J & y_1 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_2' & -y_1' \end{vmatrix}} \text{ and } v_2 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} y_1 & 0 \\ J & -y_2 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_2' & -y_1' \end{vmatrix}}$$

 The denominator in this case is the Wronskian. It will not be zero because y_1 and y_2 are linearly independent. Integrate these to find v_1 and v_2 .

13.1 Special Cases
 Some special cases to watch out for:
 • **Triangular Matrices:** The eigenvalues of a triangular matrix (upper or lower) appear on the main diagonal.
 • 2×2 Matrices: The eigenvalues can be determined with $\lambda^2 - (\text{Tr}(A))\lambda + |A| = 0$
 • 3×3 Matrices: Similarly: $\lambda^3 - \lambda^2 \text{Tr}(A) - \lambda |A| (\text{Tr}(A^2) - \text{Tr}(A)^2) - \det(A) = 0$

13.2 Eigenpaces
 The set of all eigenvectors belonging to an eigenvalue λ together with the zero vector form a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n called the eigenpace.

13.3 Linear Transformations
 Vectors that aren't rotated by linear transformations, but are only scaled or flipped are called eigenvectors.
Theorem 6 (Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors): Let $T : V \rightarrow V$ be a linear transformation. A scalar λ is an eigenvalue of T if there is a nonzero vector $\vec{v} \in V$ such that $T(\vec{v}) = \lambda \vec{v}$.
 Such a nonzero vector \vec{v} is called an eigenvector of T corresponding to λ . If the linear transformation T is represented by an $n \times n$ matrix A where $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ and $T(\vec{v}) = A\vec{v}$, then A and \vec{v} are characterized by the equation $A\vec{v} = \lambda \vec{v}$.
 • Note, the same exact steps are followed even if we have λ to be in terms of t . The only exception is that we are no longer in any \mathbb{R}^n space, and therefore there will be no real eigenvalue (See (13.2)).
 • Where $T(A)$ is the trace of a matrix, i.e. the sum of the main diagonal.

(b) *Star Node:* If λ has two linearly independent eigenvectors we call it an attracting or repelling star node. The sign of λ gives its stability.
 In both cases, the sign of λ gives its stability.
 • If $\lambda > 0$, trajectories go to infinity, parallel to \vec{v} .
 • If $\lambda < 0$, trajectories approach the origin parallel to \vec{v} .
 • If $\lambda = 0$, there exists a line of fixed points at the eigenvector.

15 Non-Linear Systems
15.1 Properties of Phase Plane Trajectories in Non-Linear 2×2 Systems
 1. When uniqueness holds, phase plane trajectories cannot cross.
 2. When the given functions f and g are continuous, trajectories are continuous and smooth.
15.2 Equilibria
 Phase Portraits can have more than one, or none at all. To find a system's equilibria, solve $\vec{x}' = \vec{0}$ simultaneously.
15.3 Nullclines
 Nullclines in this case are the same as before.
15.4 Limit Cycle
 A limit cycle is a closed curve (representing a periodic solution) to which other solutions tend by winding around more and more closely from either inside or outside.
16 Linearization
Theorem 9 (Jacobi), For a given system of equations:

$$\begin{cases} \vec{x}' = f(x, y) \\ y' = g(x, y) \end{cases}$$
 In this situation we have two cases to contend with.
 (a) *Degenerate Node:* If λ has one linearly independent eigenvector we call it degenerate. The sign of λ gives its stability.

12.1.3 Phase Planes
 For any autonomous second order differential equation $\ddot{x} = F(x, \dot{x})$
 the phase plane in the two dimensional graph with x and \dot{x} axes (which are the position and velocity respectively). This phase plane has a vector field with direction given by

$$\begin{cases} \dot{H} = \dot{x} = x \\ \dot{V} = \dot{y} = -\ddot{x} = -F \end{cases}$$

 Trajectories can be formed by parametrically combining the vectors into a path. A graph showing these trajectories is called a phase portrait.
 The differential equation is also equivalent to the system of equations:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = y \\ \dot{y} = -F(x, y) = -kx - \frac{b}{m}y - \frac{g}{m}x \end{cases}$$

 The biggest advantage with phase portraits is that it allows the user to solve the differential equation graphically, and not numerically. This can be much easier if done correctly.

12.2 Properties and Theorems
 For the linear homogeneous, second-order differential equation $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0$ with p and q being continuous functions of t , there exists a two-dimensional vector space of solutions.
 Rewriting the above equation gives us $y''(t) = f(t, y, y') = -p(t)y' - q(t)y = 0$ which gives us the existence and uniqueness theorem for the second order equation.
 1. $x_1(t)$ has three possible solutions. See (12.3).
 2. $x_2(t)$ can be assumed as $A \cos(\omega_0 t) + B \sin(\omega_0 t)$ See (12.5).
 3. $\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$
 4. $A = \frac{m(\ddot{x}_0 - \gamma \dot{x}_0 + x_0)}{m(\omega_0^2 - \gamma^2 + \omega_0^2)}$
 5. $B = \frac{\omega_0 x_0}{m(\omega_0^2 - \gamma^2 + \omega_0^2)}$ where $\gamma = \frac{b}{m}$
 As you can see, this is a pain. Values A and B in particular are tedious to calculate. Despite this, as you'll see later, these methods can be easier than solving by hand.

Theorem 2 (Existence and Uniqueness). Let $p(t)$ and $q(t)$ be continuous on a, b containing t_0 . For any A and B in \mathbb{R} , there exists a unique solution $y(t)$ defined on (a, b) to the IVP $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0, y(t_0) = A, y'(t_0) = B$
 A basis exists for the general second order equation.
Theorem 3 (Solution Space). The solution space S for a second order homogeneous differential equation has a Dimension of 2.
 For any linear second order homogeneous differential equation on (a, b) , $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = 0$

$$a\vec{y} + b\vec{y}' + c\vec{y} = 0 \Leftrightarrow a\vec{x}'' + b\vec{x}' + c\vec{x} = 0 \quad (24)$$

 The resulting equation is called the characteristic equation. Solutions to this equation are called characteristic roots. Due to the nature of quadratic equations, there are three different possibilities for the solution:
 • Two distinct real roots or zeros
 • One real root (a double root)
 • Two imaginary roots
 These are methods allowed to generalize.
 These methods allow us to formulate for higher order differential equations and find solutions that would be otherwise impossible.

13.3 Properties of Eigenvalues
 Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix.
 • λ is an eigenvalue of A if and only if $|A - \lambda I| = 0$
 • λ is an eigenvalue of A if and only if $(A - \lambda I)\vec{v} = \vec{0}$ has a non-trivial solution.
 • A has a zero eigenvalue if and only if $|A| = 0$
 • A and A^T have the same characteristic polynomials and eigenvalues.

14 Linear Systems of Differential Equations
 To define the linear first order differential equations system:
 An n -dimensional first order differential equations system on an open interval I is one that can be written as a matrix vector equation.

$$\vec{x}'(t) = A(t)\vec{x}(t) + \vec{f}(t) \quad (25)$$

Remember Characteristic Roots (12.3)? Well, they are identical to eigenvalues as is evidenced below.
 Given the linear second order differential equation:
 $y'' - y' - 2y = 0$
 we know that it has a characteristic equation of $r^2 - r - 2 = (r - 2)(r + 1) = 0$ with roots of $\{r_1, r_2\} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ which creates the general solution of $y = c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 e^{-t}$
 In Section 12.1.3 we saw that we can write a second order differential equation as a system of equations:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{y} = y' \\ y'' = y' + 2y \end{cases}$$

 which has the matrix form $\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$:

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} y \\ y' \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

 The characteristic equation $|A - \lambda I| = 0$ for this matrix A is $\lambda^2 - \lambda - 2 = 0$ which has the same eigenvalues as our original equation has characteristic roots.

14.1 Graphical Methods
 We use the phase plane from before to accurately represent these systems.
14.1.1 Nullclines
 The v nullcline is the set of all points with vertical slope which occur on the curve obtained by solving $y' = f(x, y) = 0$ The h nullcline is the same except with horizontal slope and is found with $y' = f(x, y) = 0$ At the intersection we get a fixed equilibrium point.
14.1.2 Eigenvalues
 Eigenvalues play a large role in phase planes as well. For an autonomous and homogeneous system of differential linear system of equations:
 • Trajectories are toward or away based on the sign of the eigenvalue.
 • At each eigenvector is the separatrix that separates different curves.

14.1.3 Properties of Linear Homogeneous Differential Equations with Distinct Eigenvalues
 For the differential equation $\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$ with distinct eigenvalues, the following properties apply.

Type	Eigenvalues	Geometry	Linearized System Stability	Nonlinear System Stability
Real Distinct Roots	$\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < 0$ $0 < \lambda_2 < \lambda_1$ $\lambda_1 < 0 < \lambda_2$	Attracting Node Repelling Node Saddle	Asymptotically Stable Unstable Unstable	Attracting Node Repelling Node Saddle
Real Repeated Roots	$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 < 0$ $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 > 0$	Attracting Star of Degenerate Node Repelling Star or Degenerate Node	Asymptotically Stable Unstable	Attracting Node or Spiral Repelling Node or Spiral Unstable
Complex Conjugate Roots	$\alpha > 0$ $\alpha < 0$ $\alpha = 0$	Repelling Spiral Attracting Spiral Center	Unstable Asymptotically Stable Stable	Repelling Spiral Attracting Spiral Center or Spiral Unstable Asymptotically Stable Unstable

Table 3: Table of Behavior Based on the System's Jacobian Matrix Eigenvalues
 where f and g are twice differentiable, the linearized system at an equilibrium point (x_e, y_e) translated by $u = x - x_e$ and $v = y - y_e$ is

$$\begin{bmatrix} u' \\ v' \end{bmatrix} = J(x_e, y_e) \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_x(x_e, y_e) & f_y(x_e, y_e) \\ g_x(x_e, y_e) & g_y(x_e, y_e) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} \quad (26)$$