

Math 2306 Lecture 33

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Outline

1 Section 5.8 Nonhomogeneous Linear Systems

Superposition Principle and Solution Matrix

Theorem (5.5)

Let $\mathbf{u}(t)$ be a solution of $\mathbf{y}' = P(t)\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{g}_1(t)$, $a < t < b$, and let $\mathbf{v}(t)$ be a solution of $\mathbf{y}' = P(t)\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{g}_2(t)$, $a < t < b$. Let a_1 and a_2 be any constants. Then the vector function $\mathbf{y}_p(t) = a_1\mathbf{u}(t) + a_2\mathbf{v}(t)$ is a particular solution of $\mathbf{y}' = P(t)\mathbf{y} + a_1\mathbf{g}_1(t) + a_2\mathbf{g}_2(t)$, $a < t < b$.

Definition

Let $\{\mathbf{y}_1(t), \mathbf{y}_2(t), \dots, \mathbf{y}_n(t)\}$ be a set of solutions of a homogeneous first order linear system $\mathbf{y}' = P(t)\mathbf{y}$. The $n \times n$ matrix whose columns consist of solutions $\Psi(t) = [\mathbf{y}_1(t), \mathbf{y}_2(t), \dots, \mathbf{y}_n(t)]$ is a solution matrix.

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The solution to the initial value problem is

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$$\begin{cases} c_1 + c_2 = 2 \\ c_1 - c_2 = -1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 = 1/2 \\ c_2 = 3/2 \end{cases}$$

Therefore, the solution to the IVP is

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REMARK: this method is known as the method of undetermined coefficients.

Summary

Today we learned/reviewed

- more on nonhomogeneous linear systems
 - superposition principle and solution matrix
 - fundamental matrix
 - the method of variation of parameters
 - the method of undetermined coefficients

next time, we will learn

- Euler's method