

7.9 Using Undetermined Coefficients

Ex Solve $\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} e^t \\ t \end{bmatrix}$

Sol First we solve the homogeneous problem $\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$.

It is easy to check the eigenvalues are $3 \pm 2i$ with corresponding eigenvectors $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \pm i \end{bmatrix}$. Thus, the general complex solution is

$$C_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix} e^{3t} (\cos(2t) + i \sin(2t)) + C_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix} e^{3t} (\cos(2t) - i \sin(2t))$$

To get the general real solution we find the real and imaginary parts of $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix} e^{3t} (\cos(2t) + i \sin(2t))$

$$= e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(2t) + i \sin(2t) \\ i \cos(2t) - \sin(2t) \end{bmatrix} = e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(2t) \\ -\sin(2t) \end{bmatrix} + i e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} \sin(2t) \\ \cos(2t) \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, the general real solution is

$$C_1 e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(2t) \\ -\sin(2t) \end{bmatrix} + C_2 e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} \sin(2t) \\ \cos(2t) \end{bmatrix}.$$

To find a particular solution let $P = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} e^t + \begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \end{bmatrix} t + \begin{bmatrix} e \\ f \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a e^t + c t + e \\ b e^t + d t + f \end{bmatrix}$. We plug this into the original equation and then solve for a, b, c, d, e, f .

$$P' = \begin{bmatrix} ae^t + c \\ be^t + d \end{bmatrix}, \text{ Thus}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} ae^t + ct + e \\ be^t + dt + f \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} e^t \\ t \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3ae^t + 3ct + 3e + 2be^t + 2dt + 2f + e^t \\ -2ae^t - 2ct - 2e + 3be^t + 3dt + 3f + t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ae^t + c \\ be^t + d \end{bmatrix}.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{array}{ll} \textcircled{1} & 3a + 2b + 1 = a \\ \textcircled{2} & 3c + 2d = 0 \\ \textcircled{3} & 3e + 2f = c \\ \textcircled{4} & -2a + 3b = b \\ \textcircled{5} & -2c + 3d + 1 = 0 \\ \textcircled{6} & -2e + 3f = d \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \textcircled{1} + \textcircled{4} \Rightarrow 2a + 2b = -1 \\ \quad \quad \quad -2a + 3b = 0 \Rightarrow a = b \\ \quad \quad \quad 4b = -1 \Rightarrow b = -\frac{1}{4}, a = -\frac{1}{4} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \textcircled{2} + \textcircled{5} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} 3c + 2d = 0 \\ -2c + 3d = -1 \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} 6c + 4d = 0 \\ -6c + 9d = -3 \end{array} \\ \quad \quad \quad 13d = -3, d = -\frac{3}{13} \end{array}$$

$$\text{Then } c = -\frac{2d}{3} = \frac{2}{13}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \textcircled{3} + \textcircled{6} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} 3e + 2f = \frac{2}{13} \\ -2e + 3f = \frac{-3}{13} \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} 6e + 4f = \frac{4}{13} \\ -6e + 9f = -\frac{9}{13} \end{array} \\ \quad \quad \quad 13f = \frac{-5}{13}, f = \frac{-5}{13^2} = \frac{-5}{169} \end{array}$$

$$e = \frac{\frac{2}{13} - \frac{10}{269}}{3} = \frac{\frac{26 - 10}{269}}{3} = \frac{2}{169}$$

$$\text{Thus, } P = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{4}e^t + \frac{2}{13}t + \frac{2}{169} \\ -\frac{1}{4}e^t + \frac{-3}{13}t + \frac{5}{169} \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, the general solution is

$$C_1 e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} \cos 2t \\ -\sin 2t \end{bmatrix} + C_2 e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} \sin 2t \\ \cos 2t \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{4}e^t + \frac{2}{13}t + \frac{2}{169} \\ -\frac{1}{4}e^t - \frac{3}{13}t - \frac{5}{169} \end{bmatrix}.$$