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1. Intro. to difference eq.s.

Ex You deposit 2000 into a bank account with 5% annual interest. Let y_t be the account balance after t years.

Then $y_0 = 2000$

$$y_1 = 2000 \cdot 1.05$$

$$y_2 = 2000 \cdot 1.05^2$$

$$\vdots$$
$$y_t = 2000 \cdot 1.05^t$$

$$y_{t+1} = 2000 \cdot 1.05^{t+1}$$

} a sequence of numbers

Note that $\underbrace{y_{t+1} - y_t}_{\Delta_t} = 2000 \cdot 1.05^{t+1} - 2000 \cdot 1.05^t$

$$= 2000 \cdot 1.05^t \cdot (1.05 - 1)$$
$$= 0.05 \cdot y_t$$

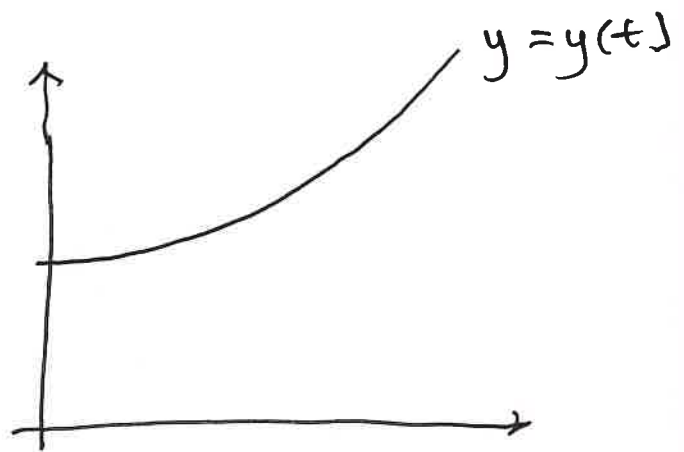
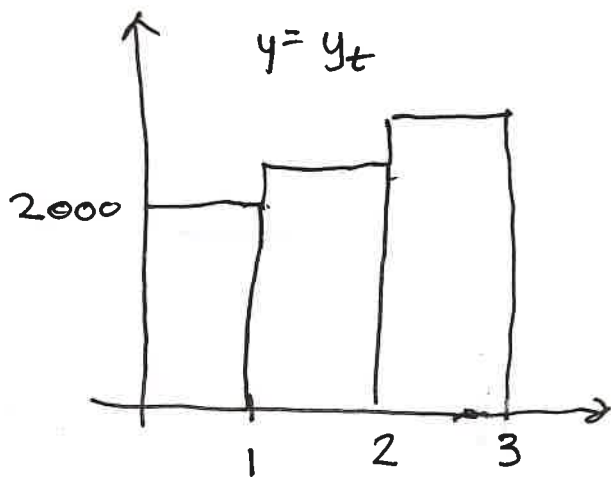
that is $y_{t+1} - 1.05 y_t = 0$ a difference eq.

Has general solution: $y_t = C \cdot 1.05^t$

Analogous: Differential equation

$$y'(t) = 0.05 \cdot y(t)$$

General solution: $y(t) = C \cdot e^{0.05t}$



Note $e^{0.05} \approx 1.0513$

2. Linear first order difference eq.s.

Standard form $y_{t+1} + a \cdot y_t = b_t$ a "const."
 $\{b_t\}$ a seq.

If $b_t = 0$ for all t , then the
diff. c. eq. is homogeneous.

Then the general solution is

$$y_t = y_t^h + y_t^p \quad \text{"superposition"}$$

where y_t^h is the general sol. of the homog.
eq. - involves 1 undetermined coeff.

y_t^p is a particular solutions.

Ex $y_{t+1} - 1.05 y_t = t + 10 \quad (*)$

Then $y_t^h = C \cdot 1.05^t$

Guess $y_t^p = At + B$. Use (*) to determ. A and B.

Then $y_{t+1}^p = A(t+1) + B$

So $A(t+1) + B - 1.05(At + B) = t + 10$

so $-0.05At + (A - 0.05B) = t + 10$

$\begin{cases} -0.05A = 1 \\ A - 0.05B = 10 \end{cases} \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \begin{cases} A = -20 \\ B = -600 \end{cases}$

so $y_t^p = -20t - 600$, and the gen. sol.

is $y_t = C \cdot 1.05^t - 20t - 600$

3. Linear second order difference eq.s.

Standard form $y_{t+2} + a y_{t+1} + b y_t = f_t$

a, b are constants, $\{f_t\}$ sequence.

Again the gen. solution is $y_t = y_t^h + y_t^p$

The homog. gen. sol. has two undetermined constants.

EX $y_{t+2} - 7y_{t+1} + 12y_t = t \quad (*)$

y_t^h Char. eq: $r^2 - 7r + 12 = 0$ so $\frac{r=3}{\text{or } r=4}$

Then $y_t^h = C_1 \cdot 3^t + C_2 \cdot 4^t$

[if double root r , then $y_t^h = C_1 r^t + C_2 \cdot t \cdot r^t$]

y_t^p Guess $y_t^p = At + B$ (same type as $f_t = t$)

Then $y_{t+1}^p = A(t+1) + B = At + A + B$

and $y_{t+2}^p = A(t+2) + B = At + 2A + B$

Use (*): $A(t+2) + B - 7(A(t+1) + B) + 12(At + B) = t$

Collect t -terms and constants

Get $6A t - 5A + 6B = t$

$\begin{cases} 6A = 1 \\ -5A + 6B = 0 \end{cases}$ get $\begin{cases} A = \frac{1}{6} \\ B = \frac{5}{36} \end{cases}$

Gen. sol. $y_t = C_1 \cdot 3^t + C_2 \cdot 4^t + \frac{t}{6} + \frac{5}{36}$

4. Systems of difference eq. s.

Ex Two sequences : $y_{1,t}$ and $y_{2,t}$
and two eq. s.

$$\begin{cases} y_{1,t+1} = 0.85 y_{1,t} + 0.14 y_{2,t} \\ y_{2,t+1} = 0.15 y_{1,t} + 0.86 y_{2,t} \end{cases} \quad \text{a coupled system}$$

Matrix form $\underline{y}_{t+1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.85 & 0.14 \\ 0.15 & 0.86 \end{bmatrix} \underline{y}_t$

where $\underline{y}_t = \begin{bmatrix} y_{1,t} \\ y_{2,t} \end{bmatrix}$. Now we use matrix methods!

Find eigenvalues and eigenvectors.

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 0.85 - \lambda & 0.14 \\ 0.15 & 0.86 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \lambda^2 - 1.71\lambda + 0.71 = 0 \quad \text{eq.}$$

Get $\lambda = 1$, $\lambda = 0.71$ as eigenvalues.

Eigenvectors $\begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix}$:

$$\underline{\lambda = 1} \quad \begin{bmatrix} -0.15 & 0.14 \\ 0.15 & -0.14 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{+1.} \sim \begin{bmatrix} -0.15 & 0.14 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Get $\begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} 14/15 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ t is a free parameter

If $t = 15$ we get $\begin{bmatrix} 14 \\ 15 \end{bmatrix}$ as an eigenvector with eigenvalue 1

$\lambda = 0.71$ $\begin{bmatrix} 0.14 & 0.14 \\ 0.15 & 0.15 \end{bmatrix}$ gives solutions

$$\begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix} = t \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ e.g. } t=1 \text{ gives } \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

as eigenvector with eigenvalue 0.71.

Then the general solution is

$$\underline{y_t = C_1 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 14 \\ 15 \end{bmatrix} \cdot 1^t + C_2 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot 0.71^t}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \begin{bmatrix} y_{1,t} \\ y_{2,t} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 14C_1 - C_2 \cdot 0.71^t \\ 15C_1 + C_2 \cdot 0.71^t \end{bmatrix}$$

Always like this
if you have n distinct
eigenvalues

5. Stability of difference equations

Ex $y_{t+1} - 0.95y_t = -100$

Rewrite $\Delta_t = y_{t+1} - y_t = -0.05y_t - 100$

Then the number y_e (a constant!) is
called an equilibrium state if $y_t = y_e$
~~is~~ substituted into the right hand side
gives 0 : $-0.05y_e - 100 = 0$

Solve eq: $y_e = \frac{100}{-0.05} = -2000$

If $y_0 = y_e = -2000$, then

$$y_1 - y_0 = -0.05 \cdot \overset{-2000}{y_e} - 100 = 0$$

so $y_1 = -2000$. Then

$$y_2 - y_1 = -0.05 \cdot \overset{-2000}{y_1} - 100 = 0$$

so $y_2 = y_1 = -2000$, and so on.

$\{y_t\}$ with $y_0 = -2000$ is a constant sequence (all are $= -2000$)

-2000 is an equilibrium state.

What if $y_0 = -1999$ or $y_0 = -2001$?

Question Will $y_t \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} -2000$?

well, the general solution of diff. c. eq.

is

$$y_t = C \cdot 0.95^t - 2000$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y_t = C \cdot 0 - 2000 = \underline{\underline{-2000}}$$

If $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y_t = y_e$ then

y_e is called stable.

If this is independent of constants,
then y_e is globally asymptotically
stable. (as in the example).

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Plan 1. A bit more about stability.

2. Exam 18 Jan 2021, q. 3a

3. Exam 27 Nov 2019, q. 5

1. Stability

- have similar concepts for systems of diff. eqs:

• A equilibrium vector y_e . stable?

In fact, if $-1 < \lambda_i < 1$ for all eigenvalues then y_e is globally asymptotically stable.

Ex $y_{t+1} = A y_t$ is regular Markov chain.

2. Exam 2021 (Jan.)

Question 3.

- (a) (6p) Solve the difference equation $y_{t+2} - y_{t+1} - 2y_t = 4t$, and find y_{17} when $y_0 = y_1 = 1$. 43%
- (b) (6p) Determine whether $t^2 y' + 2ty = 1$ is (i) separable, (ii) linear, (iii) exact. Use this to solve the differential equation in at least two different ways. 45%
- (c) (6p) Find a linear second order differential equation with $y = 3e^{-2t} - 5e^t + 12e^{-3t}$ as solution. 33%
- (d) (6p) Find a 3×3 matrix A such that $y' = Ay$ has a solution $y = (y, y', y'')$ with y as in (c). 3%

a) $y_t = y_t^h + y_t^p$

Plan: ① Determine y_t^h by using char. eq.

② Guess y_t^p similar to $4t$ and find coeff.

③ Use init. cond. to get two eq. which determine the unknown coeff. (c_1, c_2)

④ We use the expression for y_t to calc y_{17} .

① Char. eq. $r^2 - r - 2 = 0$ so $\frac{r = -1}{\text{and}} \underline{r = 2}$

$$y_t^h = C_1 \cdot (-1)^t + C_2 \cdot 2^t$$

② Guess $y_t^p = At + B$ and use the eq. to determine A and B .

$$y_{t+1}^p = A(t+1) + B = At + A + B$$

$$y_{t+2}^p = A(t+2) + B = At + 2A + B$$

Insert into diff. c. eq.:

$$At + 2A + B - (At + A + B) - 2(At + B) = 4t$$

Collect t -terms and constants

$$\boxed{-2A}t + \boxed{A - 2B} = \boxed{4}t + \boxed{0}$$

$$\begin{cases} -2A = 4 \\ A - 2B = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{get} \quad \begin{cases} A = -2 \\ B = -1 \end{cases}$$

so $y_t^p = -2t - 1$ and

$$y_t = C_1 \cdot (-1)^t + C_2 \cdot 2^t - 2t - 1$$

③ Determine C_1 and C_2 from $\begin{cases} y_0 = 1 \\ y_1 = 1 \end{cases}$

$$1 = y_0 = C_1 \cdot (-1)^0 + C_2 \cdot 2^0 - 2 \cdot 0 - 1 = C_1 + C_2 - 1$$

$$1 = y_1 = C_1 \cdot (-1)^1 + C_2 \cdot 2^1 - 2 \cdot 1 - 1 = -C_1 + 2C_2 - 3$$

$$\begin{cases} c_1 + c_2 - 1 = 1 \\ -c_1 + 2c_2 - 3 = 1 \end{cases} \quad \text{solve and get} \quad \begin{cases} c_1 = 0 \\ c_2 = 2 \end{cases}$$

$$y_t = 2 \cdot 2^t - 2t - 1$$

$$(4) \quad y_{17} = 2 \cdot 2^{17} - 2 \cdot 17 - 1 = \underline{\underline{2^{18} - 35 = 262109}}$$

3. Exam Nov 2019

Question 5.

Extra credit (6p) Find the particular solution of the system of difference equations that satisfies the given initial condition:

$$y_{t+1} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 6 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot y_t, \quad y_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Meaning } y_{t+1} = \begin{bmatrix} y_{1,t+1} \\ y_{2,t+1} \\ y_{3,t+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4y_{1,t} + 6y_{3,t} \\ -y_{1,t} + 3y_{2,t} \\ y_{1,t} + y_{2,t} + 2y_{3,t} \end{bmatrix}$$

- a coupled homogeneous system.

General (homog.) solution

$$y_t = C_1 \cdot v_1 \cdot \lambda_1^t + C_2 \cdot v_2 \cdot \lambda_2^t + C_3 \cdot v_3 \cdot \lambda_3^t$$

v_i is the eigenvector with eigenvalue λ_i

① Find eigenvalues: solve eq. $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$

$$\text{so } \det \begin{bmatrix} 4-\lambda & 0 & 6 \\ -1 & 3-\lambda & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

Get (after calculation) $(\lambda-4) \cdot \lambda \cdot (5-\lambda) = 0$

so $\lambda = 0$ or $\lambda = 4$ or $\lambda = 5$

② Find eigenvectors for each eigenvalue.
by Gaussian elimination

$$\underline{\lambda = 0}: \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 6 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \end{matrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \\ -4. \\ \end{matrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \\ \\ +1. \end{matrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & -4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \\ \\ +1. \end{matrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ solve } \begin{cases} z_1 + z_2 + 2z_3 = 0 \\ 4z_2 + 2z_3 = 0 \\ z_3 = t \text{ (free)} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Get } \underline{z} = t \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -3/2 \\ -1/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ put } t=2 \text{ and get}$$

$$\underline{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\lambda = 4$ gives (by same procedure)

$$\underline{z} = t \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ so } t=1 \text{ gives } \underline{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{\lambda = 5} \text{ gives } \underline{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

so

$$y_t = c_1 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot 0^t + c_2 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot 4^t + c_3 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot 5^t$$

③ Determine c_1 , c_2 and c_3 by initial value $y_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

For $t=0$ $y_0 = c_1 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot 1 + c_2 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot 1 + c_3 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot 1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Gives matrix eq.

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & -1 & 6 \\ -1 & 1 & -3 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Gaussian elimination on

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} -3 & -1 & 6 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \text{ and get}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} c_1 = \frac{1}{10} \\ c_2 = \frac{7}{2} \\ c_3 = \frac{4}{5} \end{array} \right\} \text{ gives } y_t = \frac{7}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot 4^t + \frac{4}{5} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot 5^t$$

for $t \geq 1$.

and $y_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$
