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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  $\underbrace{y_{t+1} - y_t}_{\Delta_t} = 2000 \cdot 1.05^{t+1} - 2000 \cdot 1.05^t$   
 $= 2000 \cdot 1.05^t \cdot (1.05 - 1)$   
 $= 0.05 \cdot y_t$

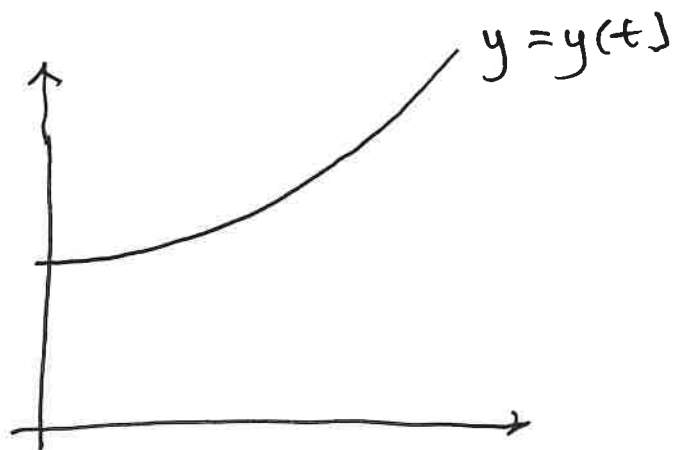
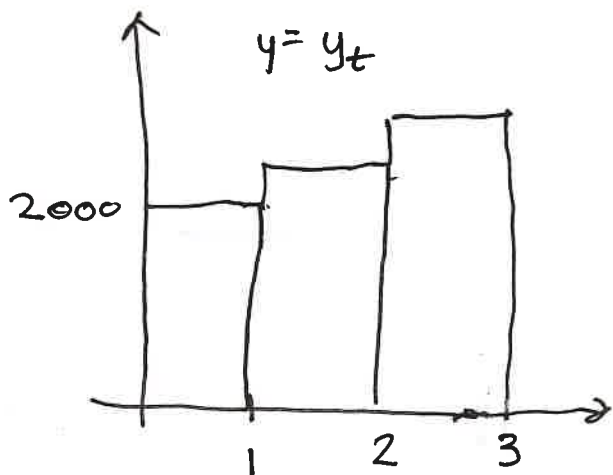
that is  $y_{t+1} - 1.05 y_t = 0$  a difference eq.

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  $e^{0.05} \approx 1.0513$

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

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  $y_{t+2} + ay_{t+1} + by_t = f_t$

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  $\frac{r=3}{\text{or}} \frac{r=4}$

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  $6A t - 5A + 6B = t + 0$

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

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

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

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## 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  $y_t = y_e$  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

$$y_1 - y_0 = -0.05 \cdot y_e - 100 = 0$$

so  $y_1 = -2000$ . Then

$$y_2 - y_1 = -0.05 \cdot y_1 - 100 = 0$$

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  $3 \times 3$  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  $y_{17}$ .

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

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

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

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

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

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  $\begin{cases} y_0 = 1 \\ y_1 = 1 \end{cases}$

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

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

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

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

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

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:

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

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

$$y_t = C_1 \cdot \underline{v}_1 \cdot \lambda_1^t + C_2 \cdot \underline{v}_2 \cdot \lambda_2^t + C_3 \cdot \underline{v}_3 \cdot \lambda_3^t$$

$\underline{v}_i$  is the eigenvector with eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$

(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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$\lambda = 5$  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

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

$$c_1 = \frac{1}{10}$$

$$c_2 = \frac{7}{2}$$

$$c_3 = \frac{4}{5}$$

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

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