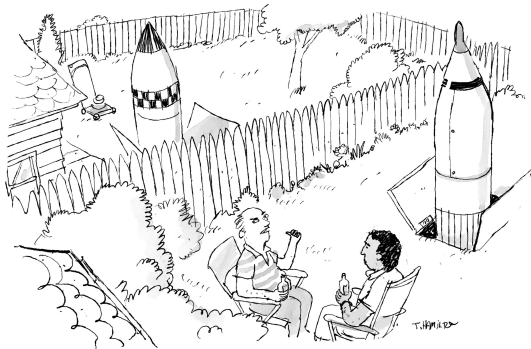


# MATH 226: Differential Equations



"You know how it is! We get a warhead, *they* have to get a warhead."

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Notes on Assignment 8

Assignment 9

Graded Project 1

# Announcements

## ▶ Exam 1

- ▶ Wednesday
- ▶ 7 PM - ? (No Time Limit)  
Warner 104
- ▶ No Calculators, Books, Computers, Smart Phones, etc.
- ▶ One Page of Notes
- ▶ Focus on Material in Chapters 1 and 2

# ▶ Exam 1 Tips

- ▶ Read Overall Directions on Cover Page
- ▶ Read Each Problem Statement Carefully
- ▶ Pick "Easy" Problem To Do First
- ▶ Show All Intermediate Steps
- ▶ Include Explanations
- ▶ Pay Attention to Units
- ▶ Double Check Your Work

Solving  $\mathbf{X}' = A\mathbf{X}$  where  $A$  is an  $n$  by  $n$  matrix of constants and  $\mathbf{X}$  is an  $n$  by 1 vector of functions.

What We Know So Far:

If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  and  $\vec{v}$  is an associated eigenvector, then

$e^{\lambda t}\vec{v}$  is a solution of  $\mathbf{X}' = A\mathbf{X}$

**Theorem:** Suppose  $\lambda \neq \mu$  are two distinct eigenvalues of a square matrix  $A$  with respective eigenvectors  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{w}$ ; That is,

$$A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v} \text{ and } A\vec{w} = \mu\vec{w}$$

Then  $\{\vec{v}, \vec{w}\}$  is a Linearly Independent set of vectors.

Consequently,  $\{e^{\lambda t}\vec{v}, e^{\mu t}\vec{w}\}$  is a Linearly Independent set of solutions of  $\mathbf{X}' = A\mathbf{X}$

Now let's focus on the 2 by 2 case with initial conditions

Find  $\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix}$  such that  $\mathbf{X}' = A \mathbf{X}$  and

$$\mathbf{X}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} x(0) \\ y(0) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Claim:** There are constants  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  such that

$\mathbf{X} = \alpha e^{\lambda t} \vec{v} + \beta e^{\mu t} \vec{w}$  will do the trick.

Note that  $\mathbf{X}(0) = \alpha \vec{v} + \beta \vec{w} = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{pmatrix}$

So we need to solve the system

$$\begin{pmatrix} v_1 \alpha + w_1 \beta \\ v_2 \alpha + w_2 \beta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} v_1 & w_1 \\ v_2 & w_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

This system has a unique solution because the coefficient matrix is nonsingular. **WHY?**

$$\begin{pmatrix} v_1 & w_1 \\ v_2 & w_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

has unique solution

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 & w_1 \\ v_2 & w_2 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Exercise** Show there are always unique values for  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  for any pair of initial values  $x_0, y_0$  even if the initial time is not zero but some other time  $t^*$ .

## Today's Topic

# Analysis of The Richardson Arms Race Model

## Richardson Arms Race Model



Lewis F. Richardson

1881 – 1953

$x(t)$  = Arms Expenditure of Blue Nation

$y(t)$  = Arms Expenditure of Red Nation

$$x' = ay - mx + r$$

$$y' = bx - ny + s$$

where  $a, b, m, n$  are positive constants while  $r$  and  $s$  are constants.

Structure:  $\vec{X}' = A\vec{X} + \vec{b}$  or  $\mathbf{x}' = A\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}$

$$x' = ay - mx + r$$

$$y' = bx - ny + s$$

where  $a, b, m, n$  are positive constants while  $r$  and  $s$  are constants.

Find stable Lines  $L$  and  $L'$  where  $x' = 0$  and  $y' = 0$ .

$$L : y = \frac{m}{a}x - \frac{r}{a}$$

$$L' : y = \frac{b}{n}x + \frac{s}{n}$$

Determine the Stable Point  $(x^*, y^*)$  where lines  $L$  and  $L'$  intersect.

$$ay^* - mx^* + r = 0, \quad bx^* - ny^* + s = 0$$

$$x' = ay - mx + r$$

$$y' = bx - ny + s$$

$$ay^* - mx^* + r = 0, \quad bx^* - ny^* + s = 0$$

Make Change of Variable  $X = x - x^*$ ,  $Y = y - y^*$

Then

$$X' = x' = a(Y + y^*) - m(X + x^*) + r = aY - mX + (ay^* - mx^* + r)$$

$$= aY - mX + 0 = aY - mX$$

Similarly,  $Y' = bX - nY$

Write system as

$$X' = aY - mX$$

$$Y' = bX - nY$$

We transform  
 $x' = ay - mx + r$   
 $y' = bx - ny + s$   
a nonhomogeneous system into  
 $X' = -mX + aY$   
 $Y' = bX - nY$   
a homogeneous system.

$$\mathbf{X}' = A \mathbf{X}$$

where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -m & a \\ b & -n \end{bmatrix}$$

**We can solve by finding eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $A$**

$$\mathbf{X}' = A \mathbf{X}$$

where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -m & a \\ b & -n \end{bmatrix} \text{ has solution}$$

$$\alpha e^{\lambda t} \vec{v} + \beta e^{\mu t} \vec{w}$$

where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are arbitrary constants

$\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  with associated eigenvector  $\vec{v}$  and  $\mu \neq \lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  with associated eigenvector  $\vec{w}$ .

The solution of the original system is then

$$\alpha e^{\lambda t} \vec{v} + \beta e^{\mu t} \vec{w} + \begin{bmatrix} x^* \\ y^* \end{bmatrix}$$

## Two Particular Examples:

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= -5x + 4y + 1 \\ y' &= 3x - 4y + 2\end{aligned}$$

$$(x^*, y^*) = \left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{13}{8}\right)$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 4 \\ 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = -1, \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mu = -8, \vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\alpha e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \beta e^{-8t} \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{13}{8} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= 11y - 9x - 15 \\ y' &= 12x - 8y - 60\end{aligned}$$

$$(x^*, y^*) = (13, 12)$$

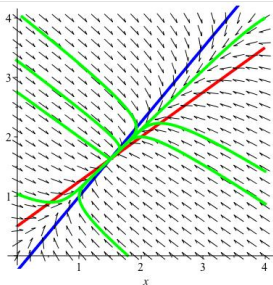
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -9 & 11 \\ 12 & -8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = 3, \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mu = -20, \vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\alpha e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix} + \beta e^{-20t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 13 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

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