

3.1, Exercises 25, 27

25. Consider the DE below:

$$\mathbf{Y}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{Y}$$

- (a) Check that the function $\mathbf{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} te^{2t} \\ -(t+1)e^{2t} \end{bmatrix}$ is a solution to the DE.

SOLUTION: We compute the derivative (be sure and use the product rule!), then compare it to $A\mathbf{Y}$ and see if we get the same thing:

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \mathbf{Y}' &= \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} + 2te^{2t} \\ -e^{2t} - 2(t+1)e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (1+2t)e^{2t} \\ -(2t+3)e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} \\ \bullet A\mathbf{Y} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} te^{2t} \\ -(t+1)e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} te^{2t} + (t+1)e^{2t} \\ te^{2t} - 3(t+1)e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (1+2t)e^{2t} \\ -(2t+3)e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Solve the IVP, if $\mathbf{Y}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

We notice that, using our \mathbf{Y} ,

$$\mathbf{Y}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

By the Linearity Principle, if \mathbf{Y} solves our DE, so does $c\mathbf{Y}$ for any constant c . In this case, if we let $c = -2$, then $-2\mathbf{Y}(t)$ gives the desired result.

27. Given the matrix A below, and the vectors $\mathbf{Y}_1, \mathbf{Y}_2$:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 2 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{Y}_1(t) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-3t} - 2e^{-4t} \\ e^{-3t} - 4e^{-4t} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{Y}_2(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{-3t} + e^{-4t} \\ 2e^{-3t} + 2e^{-4t} \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) Check that \mathbf{Y}_1 and \mathbf{Y}_2 are solutions to the DE:

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \mathbf{Y}'_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} -3e^{-3t} + 8e^{-4t} \\ -3e^{-3t} + 16e^{-4t} \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{Y}'_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -6e^{-3t} - 4e^{-4t} \\ -6e^{-3t} - 8e^{-4t} \end{bmatrix} \\ \bullet A\mathbf{Y}_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 2 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-3t} - 2e^{-4t} \\ e^{-3t} - 4e^{-4t} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2e^{-3t} + 4e^{-4t} - e^{-3t} + 4e^{-4t} \\ 2e^{-3t} - 4e^{-4t} - 5e^{-3t} + 20e^{-4t} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

If you simplify this expression, you do get the expression for \mathbf{Y}'_1

Similarly, for \mathbf{Y}_2 :

$$A\mathbf{Y}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 2 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{-3t} + e^{-4t} \\ 2e^{-3t} + 2e^{-4t} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4e^{-3t} - 2e^{-4t} - 2e^{-3t} - 2e^{-4t} \\ 4e^{-3t} + 2e^{-4t} - 10e^{-3t} - 10e^{-4t} \end{bmatrix}$$

If we simplify this, we get the expressions for \mathbf{Y}_2 .

- (b) Are the functions linearly independent? If not, they would be constant multiples of each other for all t . In particular, we can then check to see if that is the case at $t = 0$:

$$\mathbf{Y}_1(0) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{Y}_2(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

These are not along the same line (through the origin), so they are linearly independent.

- (c) For the initial conditions, we want to find constants c_1 and c_2 so that

$$c_1 \mathbf{Y}_1(0) + c_2 \mathbf{Y}_2(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

This leads us to the system below, which we can solve via Cramer's Rule:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \begin{array}{rcl} -c_1 + 3c_2 & = & 2 \\ -3c_1 + 4c_2 & = & 3 \end{array} & \Rightarrow c_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ -3 & 4 \end{vmatrix}} = -\frac{1}{5} & c_2 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ -3 & 3 \end{vmatrix}}{5} = \frac{3}{5} \end{array}$$

The solution is therefore

$$-\frac{1}{5}\mathbf{Y}_1(t) + \frac{3}{5}\mathbf{Y}_2(t)$$

(You can leave the answer in this form)