

Linear Operators and Cramer's Rule

1. Let $R(f)$ be the operator defined by: $R(f) = f''(t) + 3t^2f(t)$.

For example, $R(e^{2t} + 5t) = 4e^{2t} + 3t^2e^{2t} + 15t^3$. Find $R(f)$ for each f below:

(a) $f(t) = t^2$

(b) $f(t) = \sin(3t)$

(c) $f(t) = 2t - 5$

2. Let R be the operator defined in the previous problem. Show that R is a linear operator. Hint: Show that $R(cf + dg) = cR(f) + dR(g)$ for functions f, g and scalars c, d .

3. Let $F(y) = y'' + y - 5$. Explain why F is not linear.

4. Find the operator associated with the given differential equation, and classify it as linear or not linear:

(a) $y' = ty^2 + \cos(t)$

(c) $y' = e^t y + 5$

(b) $y'' = 4y' + 3y + \sin(t)$

(d) $y'' = -\cos(y) + \cos(t)$

5. Use Cramer's Rule to solve the following systems:

(a)
$$\begin{aligned} C_1 + C_2 &= 2 \\ -2C_1 - 3C_2 &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

(c)
$$\begin{aligned} C_1 + C_2 &= 2 \\ 3C_1 + C_2 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

(e)
$$\begin{aligned} 2x - 3y &= 1 \\ 3x - 2y &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

(b)
$$\begin{aligned} C_1 + C_2 &= y_0 \\ r_1C_1 + r_2C_2 &= v_0 \end{aligned}$$

(d)
$$\begin{aligned} 2C_1 - 5C_2 &= 3 \\ 6C_1 - 15C_2 &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

6. Suppose L is a linear operator. Let y_1, y_2 each solve the equation $L(y) = 0$ (so that $L(y_1) = 0$ and $L(y_2) = 0$). Show that anything of the form $c_1y_1 + c_2y_2$ will also solve $L(y) = 0$.

This means that if we have two solutions to the homogeneous linear equation, then any combination of the form $c_1y_1 + c_2y_2$ is also a solution to the homogeneous equation.