# The 3 different kinds of exam takers...

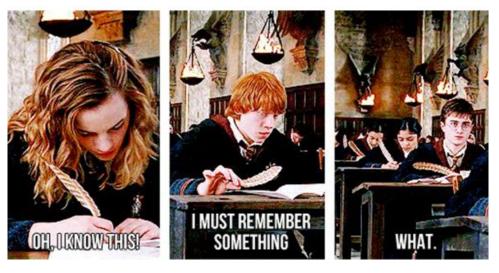


Figure 0.1: Oh I know this

#### 1 Second order

second order and system: real Consider the equation

$$\theta'' - 2\theta' - 3\theta = e^{-t} + 3$$

and its related system

$$\mathbf{x}'(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1\\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ e^{-t} + 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

*Proof.* 1. First we solve the second order equation. The homogeneous part is

$$x_h = c_1 e^{3t} + c_2 e^{-t}.$$

2. Then we apply our guess:  $x_{nh} = at^s e^{-t}$ . Since -1 is a simple root, we have s = 1 and so it remains to find a:

$$a(-2e^{-t} + te^{-t} - 2e^{-t} + 2te^{-t} - 3te^{-t}) = e^{-t} \Rightarrow a = \frac{-1}{4}.$$

3. So the solution is:

$$x_{gen} = c_1 e^{3t} + c_2 e^{-t} - \frac{1}{4} t e^{-t} + 1.$$

4. Next we solve the corresponding nonhomogeneous system. The eigenpairs are  $(3, \binom{1}{3}), (-1, \binom{-1}{1})$  and so the homogeneous part is:

$$\mathbf{x} = c_1 e^{3t} \begin{pmatrix} 1\\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} -1\\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

5. So the change of basis is matrix  $\mathbf{T} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and we obtain:

$$\mathbf{h}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ e^{-t} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} e^{-t} \\ e^{-t} \end{pmatrix}.$$

6. Thus, we obtain

$$y_1(t) = e^{3t} \int e^{-3s} \left(\frac{e^{-s}}{4}\right) ds$$
$$= \frac{e^{-t}}{-16}$$

and

$$y_2(t) = e^{-t} \int e^s \left(\frac{e^{-s}}{4}\right) ds$$
$$= \frac{e^{-t}t}{4}.$$

7. Therefore, the nonhomogeneous part is

$$\mathbf{x}_{nh,1} = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{y} = \frac{e^{-t}}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{4} \\ t \end{pmatrix} = \frac{e^{-t}}{4} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{4} \\ -\frac{3}{4} \end{pmatrix} + \frac{e^{-t}t}{4} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

8. For the system  $\mathbf{x}' = Ax + \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ , we have

$$\mathbf{x}_{nh,2} = A^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1\\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

9. The general solution will be:

$$\mathbf{x}_{gen} = c_1 e^{3t} \begin{pmatrix} 1\\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} -1\\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{-e^{-t}}{16} \begin{pmatrix} 1\\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{e^{-t}t}{4} \begin{pmatrix} -1\\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1\\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

10. Indeed the  $x = \theta$  component is of the form:

$$\theta = x = c_1 e^{3t} + c_2 e^{-t} - \frac{e^{-t}t}{4} + 1,$$

which agrees with our second order solution.

second order and system: complex Consider the equation

$$\theta'' + 2\theta' + 2\theta = 3 + e^{-t}sin(t)$$

and its related system

$$\mathbf{x}'(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1\\ -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ 3 + e^{-t}sin(t) \end{pmatrix}.$$

*Proof.* 1. First we solve the second order equation. The homogeneous part is

$$x_h = c_1 e^{(-1+i)t} + c_2 e^{(-1-i)t}.$$

2. Then we apply our guess:  $x_{nh} = t^s e^{-t} (a \cos(t) + b \sin(t))$ . Since -1+i is a simple root, we have s = 1 and so it remains to find a,b:

$$\begin{aligned} &2(e^{-t} - e^{-t}t)(b\cos(t) - a\sin(t)) \\ &+ e^{-t}t(-a\cos(t) - b\sin(t)) + 2e^{-t}t(a\cos(t) + b\sin(t)) \\ &+ (e^{-t}t - 2e^{-t})(a\cos(t) + b\sin(t)) \\ &+ 2(e^{-t}t(b\cos(t) - a\sin(t)) \\ &+ e^{-t}(a\cos(t) + b\sin(t)) - e^{-t}t(a\cos(t) + b\sin(t))) \\ &= e^{-t}sin(t). \end{aligned}$$

Isolating the term  $e^{-t}sin(t)$  we obtain

$$-2a - b = 1 \Rightarrow a = -\frac{1}{2}$$
 and  $b = 0$ 

and so the nonhomogeneous part is

$$x_{nh} = te^{-t}(-\frac{1}{2}\cos(t)).$$

3. So the solution is:

$$x_{gen} = c_1 e^{(-1+i)t} + c_2 e^{(-1-i)t} + t e^{-t} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\cos(t)\right) + \frac{3}{2}.$$

4. Next we solve the corresponding nonhomogeneous system. The eigenpairs are  $(-1 + i, \binom{-1-i}{2}), (-1+i, \binom{1-i}{-2})$  and so the homogeneous part is:

$$\mathbf{x} = c_1 e^{(-1+i)t} \binom{-1-i}{2} + c_2 e^{(-1-i)t} \binom{-1+i}{2}.$$

5. So the change of basis is matrix  $\mathbf{T} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 - i & -1 + i \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and we obtain:

$$\mathbf{h}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} -i - 1 & i - 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ e^{-t}sin(t) \end{pmatrix} = \frac{e^{-t}sin(t)}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 + i \\ 1 - i \end{pmatrix}.$$

6. Thus, we obtain

$$y_{1}(t) = e^{(-1+i)t} \int e^{-(-1+i)s} \left(\frac{e^{-s}\sin(s)(1+i)}{4}\right) ds$$
$$= \frac{e^{(-1+i)t}(1+i)}{4} \left(\frac{-it}{2} - \frac{e^{-2it}}{4}\right)$$
$$= \frac{e^{(-1+i)t}(-1-i)}{8} \left(it + \frac{e^{-2it}}{2}\right)$$

and

$$y_2(t) = e^{(-1-i)t} \int e^{-(-1-i)s} \left(\frac{e^{-s}\sin(s)(1-i)}{4}\right) ds$$
$$= \frac{e^{(-1-i)t}(1-i)}{8} (it - \frac{e^{2it}}{2}).$$

7. Therefore, the nonhomogeneous part is

$$\mathbf{x}_{nh,1} = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{ie^{(-1-i)t}}{4}(it - \frac{e^{2it}}{2}) + \frac{e^{(-1+i)t}}{4}(it + \frac{e^{-2it}}{2})\\ (1+i)\frac{e^{(-1+i)t}}{4}(-it - \frac{e^{-2it}}{2}) + (1-i)\frac{e^{(-1-i)t}}{4}(it - \frac{e^{2it}}{2}) \end{pmatrix}$$

using the Euler formula we obtain

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-e^{-t}}{4}t^{2}\cos(t) + i\frac{ie^{-t}}{4}\sin(t)\\ \frac{e^{-t}}{4}(2t-1)(\sin(t) + \cos(t)) \end{pmatrix}$$
  
$$= \frac{e^{-t}}{4}t^{2}\cos(t)\binom{-1}{1} + \frac{e^{-t}}{4}\sin(t)\binom{i}{-1} + \frac{e^{-t}}{4}(2t\sin(t) - \cos(t))\binom{0}{1}.$$

8. For the system  $\mathbf{x}' = Ax + \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ , we have

$$\mathbf{x}_{nh,2} = A^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2}\\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

9. The general solution will be:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_{gen} = c_1 e^{(-1+i)t} {i+1 \choose -2} + c_2 e^{(-1-i)t} {i-1 \choose -2} \\ &+ \frac{e^{-t}}{4} t^2 \cos(t) {-1 \choose 1} \\ &+ \frac{e^{-t}}{4} \sin(t) {i \choose -1} + \frac{e^{-t}}{4} (2t \sin(t) - \cos(t)) {0 \choose 1} \\ &+ {3 \choose 2} . \end{aligned}$$

10. Indeed the  $x = \theta$  component is of the form:

$$\theta = x = c_1 e^{(-1+i)t} + c_2 e^{(-1-i)t} + t e^{-t} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\cos(t)\right) + \frac{3}{2},$$

which agrees with our second order solution.

Repeated eigenvalues system and sketch Consider the equation

$$\theta'' - 2\theta' + \theta = 3 + e^{-t}$$

and its related system

$$\mathbf{x}'(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1\\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ 3+e^{-t} \end{pmatrix}.$$

*Proof.* 1. First we solve the second order equation. The homogeneous part is

$$x_h = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^t t.$$

2. Then we apply our guess:  $x_{nh} = at^s e^{-t}$ . Since -1 is not a root, we have s = 0 and so it remains to find a:

$$a(e^{-t} + 2e^{-t} + e^{-t}) = e^{-t} \Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{4}.$$

3. So the solution is:

$$x_{gen} = c_1 e^{3t} + c_2 e^{-t} + \frac{1}{4} e^{-t} + 3.$$

4. Next we solve the corresponding nonhomogeneous system. The eigenpair is  $(1, \binom{1}{1})$  and  $\eta = k\binom{1}{1} + \binom{0}{1}$  and so the homogeneous part is:

$$\mathbf{x} = c_1 e^t \begin{pmatrix} 1\\1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^t (t \begin{pmatrix} 1\\1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0\\1 \end{pmatrix}).$$

5. So the fundamental matrix is

$$\Psi = \begin{pmatrix} e^t & te^t \\ e^t & (t+1)e^t \end{pmatrix}.$$

6. The system becomes

$$\begin{cases} x_{1,1}(t)v'_1 + x_{1,2}(t)v'_2 = g_1(t) \\ x_{2,1}(t)v'_1 + x_{2,2}(t)v'_2 = g_2(t) \end{cases} \Rightarrow \\ \begin{cases} e^t v'_1 + te^t v'_2 = 0 \\ e^t v'_1 + (t+1)e^t v'_2 = e^{-t} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \\ \begin{cases} v'_1 = -te^{-2t} \\ v'_2 = e^{-2t} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \\ \begin{cases} v_1 = \frac{1}{4}e^{-2t}(2t+1) \\ v_2 = \frac{e^{-2t}}{-2} \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

7. Therefore, the nonhomogeneous part is

$$\mathbf{x}_{nh,1} = \mathbf{\Psi}\mathbf{v} = \frac{e^{-t}}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1\\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

8. For the system  $\mathbf{x}' = Ax + \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ , we have

$$\mathbf{x}_{nh,2} = A^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3\\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

9. The general solution will be:

$$\mathbf{x}_{gen} = c_1 e^t \begin{pmatrix} 1\\1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^t (t \begin{pmatrix} 1\\1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0\\1 \end{pmatrix}) + \frac{e^{-t}}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1\\-1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 3\\0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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which agrees with our second order solution.

### 2 Autonomous systems and Linearization

Consider the system

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}x}{\mathrm{d}t} = x + y^2, \\ \frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}t} = x + y.$$

- nullcline,
- linearize and global chart,
- Lyapunov.

*Proof.* 1. First we find the critical points:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}x}{\mathrm{d}t} = 0 \text{ and } \frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}t} = 0 \Rightarrow$$
  
  $x = -y \text{ and } y(y-1) = 0 \Rightarrow (x,y) = (0,0), (-1,1).$ 

2. We linearize around the origin:

$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2y \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}|_{(0,0)}\mathbf{x}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\mathbf{x}$$

3. The eigenpair is  $(1, {0 \choose 1})$  and  $\eta = k {0 \choose 1} + {1 \choose 0}$  and so the solution is:

$$\mathbf{x} = c_1 e^t \begin{pmatrix} 0\\1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^t (t \begin{pmatrix} 0\\1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1\\0 \end{pmatrix}).$$

- 4. The Lyapunov function is  $V(x,y) = \frac{3}{4}x^2 \frac{1}{2}xy + \frac{1}{2}y^2$ .
- 5. We linearize around the (-1,1):

$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2y \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}|_{(-1,1)} (\mathbf{x} - \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix})$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

6. The eigenpairs are  $(1 + \sqrt{2}, \binom{\sqrt{2}}{1}), (1 - \sqrt{2}, \binom{-\sqrt{2}}{1})$  and so the solution is:

$$\mathbf{x} = c_1 e^{(1+\sqrt{2})t} {\binom{\sqrt{2}}{1}} + c_2 e^{(1-\sqrt{2})t} {\binom{-\sqrt{2}}{1}} + {\binom{-1}{1}}.$$

7. The Lyapunov function is  $V(x,y) = \frac{3}{4}x^2 - \frac{1}{2}xy + \frac{1}{2}y^2$ .

Nullcline and linearize Consider the system

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}x}{\mathrm{d}t} = 1 - xy, \frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}t} = x - y^3.$$

1. First we find the critical points:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}x}{\mathrm{d}t} = 0 \text{ and } \frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}t} = 0 \Rightarrow$$
  
1 = xy and x = y<sup>3</sup>  $\Rightarrow$  (x, y) = (-1, -1), (1, 1).

2. We linearize around the critical point (-1,-1):

$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{pmatrix} -y & -x\\ 1 & 3y^2 \end{pmatrix}|_{(-1,-1)} \left( \mathbf{x} - \begin{pmatrix} -1\\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1\\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{pmatrix} 2\\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

3. For solutions of the form  $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{v}$  we have

$$\mathbf{x}_{nh} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}(-\mathbf{v}) = \begin{pmatrix} -1\\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

4. The eigenpair is  $(2 + \sqrt{2}, \binom{-1+\sqrt{2}}{1}), (2 - \sqrt{2}, \binom{-1-\sqrt{2}}{1})$  and so the general solution is:

$$\mathbf{x} = c_1 e^{(2+\sqrt{2})t} \begin{pmatrix} -1+\sqrt{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{(2-\sqrt{2})t} \begin{pmatrix} -1-\sqrt{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

5. We linearize around the critical point (1,1):

$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{pmatrix} -y & -x \\ 1 & 3y^2 \end{pmatrix}|_{(1,1)} \left(\mathbf{x} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right)$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

6. The eigenpair is  $(1 + \sqrt{3}, \binom{-2+\sqrt{3}}{1}), (1 - \sqrt{3}, \binom{-2-\sqrt{3}}{1})$  and so the general solution is:

$$\mathbf{x} = c_1 e^{(1+\sqrt{3})t} \begin{pmatrix} -2+\sqrt{3}\\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{(1-\sqrt{3})t} \begin{pmatrix} -2-\sqrt{3}\\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1\\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

## 3 Laplace transform

repeated and forcing Consider the system

$$\mathbf{x}'(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1\\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ e^{-(t-1)}(1 - f_{step}(t, 1)) \end{pmatrix}.$$

1. First we take the Laplace transform forcing term:

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ e^{-(t-1)}(1-f_{step}(t,1)) \end{pmatrix} \right\} = \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ \frac{e^{-s}}{s+1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

2. Therefore,

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\mathbf{x}\right\} = (s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ \frac{e^{-s}}{s+1} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \frac{1}{(s-1)^2} \begin{pmatrix} s-2 & 1\\ -1 & s \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \frac{e^{-s}}{s+1}$$
$$= \frac{1}{(s-1)^2} \begin{pmatrix} -1\\ s \end{pmatrix} \frac{e^{-s}}{s+1}.$$

Using the cover-up method we compute the partial fraction for the first component:

$$-e^{-s}\left(\frac{1}{2(s-1)^2} - \frac{1}{4(s-1)} + \frac{1}{4(s+1)}\right)$$

and for the second component

$$-e^{-s}\left(\frac{1}{2(s-1)^2} + \frac{1}{4(s-1)} - \frac{1}{4(s+1)}\right).$$

Next we invert the first component:

$$x = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ -e^{-s} \left( \frac{1}{2(s-1)^2} - \frac{1}{4(s-1)} + \frac{1}{4(s+1)} \right) \right\}$$
  
=  $-\frac{e^{t-1}(t-1)}{2} f_{heavy}(t,1) + \frac{e^{t-1}}{4} f_{heavy}(t,1) - \frac{e^{1-t}}{4} f_{heavy}(t,1)$ 

and the second component

$$y = -\frac{e^{t-1}(t-1)}{2}f_{heavy}(t,1) - \frac{e^{t-1}}{4}f_{heavy}(t,1) + \frac{e^{1-t}}{4}f_{heavy}(t,1).$$

#### 3. So in vector notation we have the general solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_{gen} = & c_1 e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 3\\1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{-t} (t \begin{pmatrix} 3\\1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0\\1 \end{pmatrix}) \\ & - \frac{e^{t-1}(t-1)}{2} f_{heavy}(t,1) \begin{pmatrix} 1\\1 \end{pmatrix} \\ & + \left[ \frac{e^{t-1}}{4} f_{heavy}(t,1) - \frac{e^{1-t}}{4} f_{heavy}(t,1) \right] \begin{pmatrix} 1\\-1 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$