# Modeling of geochemical processes

# Linear system of differential equations

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Matrix **K** is diagonalized into  $\mathbf{U} \wedge \mathbf{U}^{-1}$ . Then  $\frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}}{\mathrm{d}t} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{U}^{-1} \mathbf{x}$ Multiplying by U<sup>-1</sup> from left side gives  $\mathbf{U}^{-1} \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}}{\mathrm{d}t} = \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{U}^{-1} \mathbf{x}$ Because U<sup>-1</sup> is a matrix of constants, it is  $\frac{dU^{-1}x}{dU^{-1}x} = \Lambda U^{-1} x$ Let us substitute for  $\mathbf{U}^{-1}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$ . Then  $\frac{d\mathbf{y}}{dt} = \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{y}$ This equation can be split into a set of individual equations,  $\frac{d y_i}{dt} = \lambda_i y_i$ ,

which can be solved at initial conditions, t = 0,  $y = y_0$  as  $y_i = e^{\lambda_i t} y_{i0}$ 

The set of the equations can be expressed in vectors as

 $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{e}^{\mathbf{\Lambda}t} \mathbf{y}_{\mathbf{0}}$  and, after re-substitution, as  $\mathbf{U}^{-1}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{e}^{\mathbf{\Lambda}t} \mathbf{U}^{-1}\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{0}}$ 

Multiplying matrix U from left side gives the expression for vector  $\mathbf{x}$ 

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{U} e^{\mathbf{\Lambda}t} \mathbf{U}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{0}}$$
$$\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i} e^{\lambda_{i}t} (i^{th} \text{column of } \mathbf{U})(i^{th} \text{ row of } \mathbf{U}^{-1}) \mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{0}}$$
$$\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i} e^{\lambda_{i}t} \mathbf{U} \mathbf{e}_{i} \mathbf{e}_{i}^{T} \mathbf{U}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{0}}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i} e^{\lambda_{i} t} \mathbf{U}_{i} \mathbf{x}_{0}$$

**Example:**. system of differential equations

 $\frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}_1}{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{t}} = 2 \mathbf{x}_1$  $\frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}_2}{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{t}} = \mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2$  $\frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}}{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{t}} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0\\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$ 

Initial conditions: t = 0,  $x_1 = 1$   $x_2 = -1$   $\mathbf{x}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ 

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}}{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{t}} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \qquad \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{U}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

In general:  $\mathbf{x} = e^{\lambda_i t} \mathbf{U}_1 \mathbf{x}_0 + e^{\lambda_i t} \mathbf{U}_2 \mathbf{x}_0$ 

$$\mathbf{x} = e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} \\ /2 \\ \sqrt{2} / 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + e^{t} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\mathbf{x} = e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + e^{t} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 = -e^{2t}$$
  
 $x_2 = -e^{2t} - 2e^{t}$