

I. Find the two eigenvalues of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 12 \\ -4 & 9 \end{bmatrix}.$$

II. For the matrix

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 11 & -18 \\ 6 & -10 \end{bmatrix},$$

the two eigenvalues are 2 and  $-1$ . Find a non-zero eigenvector for each of these eigenvalues.

III. Suppose that a matrix  $C$  has the eigenvalues are 1 and  $-5$ , with corresponding eigenvectors

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

Find the general solution to

$$\vec{x}' = C\vec{x}.$$

Then find a solution so that  $\vec{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Finally, find all solutions  $\vec{x}(t)$  that approach  $\vec{0}$  as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$ .

IV. Suppose that a matrix  $E$  has eigenvalues  $1 \pm i$  and eigenvectors  $(1, \pm i)$  respectively. Give a real valued solution to

$$\vec{x}' = E\vec{x}.$$

V. Solve the system of D.E.

$$x_1' = x_2, x_2' = x_1.$$

Hint. Differentiate the first equation to obtain  $x_1'' = x_2' = x_1$  by substitution. Now solve  $x_1'' = x_1$  for  $x_1$  and hence  $x_2$ .

VI. The system

$$\vec{x}' = H\vec{x}, \quad H = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

has general solution

$$Ae^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + Be^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find a particular solution to

$$\vec{x}' = H\vec{x} + e^t(1, 1)$$

by the method of undetermined coefficients.

VII. Convert the second order linear constant coefficient equation

$$y'' + 5y' + 4y = 0$$

into a system of two first order linear constant coefficient equations. Find the eigenvalues of the matrix you get this way.

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I.  $\{1, 3\}$ .

II.  $(2, 1)$  for 2, and  $(3, 2)$  for  $-1$ .

III.  $\vec{x}(t) = Ae^t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + Be^{-5t} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $A + 2B = 1$  and  $2A + B = 0$ , so  $A = -1/3$  and  $B = 2/3$ . The only solutions that approach 0 as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$  must have  $A = 0$ .

IV. One complex solution is

$$\vec{z}(t) = e^{(1+i)t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix}.$$

The complex conjugate of  $\vec{z}(t)$  is another linearly independent complex solution. Also the real and imaginary parts

of  $\vec{z}(t)$  give real valued solutions.  $Re(\vec{z}(t)) = e^t \begin{bmatrix} \cos(t) \\ -\sin(t) \end{bmatrix}$  and  $Im(\vec{z}(t)) = e^t \begin{bmatrix} \sin(t) \\ \cos(t) \end{bmatrix}$ .

V.  $x_1'' = x_1$  has solution  $x_1(t) = Ae^t + Be^{-t}$ . Hence  $x_2 = x_1' = Ae^t - Be^{-t}$ . That is,

$$\vec{x}(t) = Ae^t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + Be^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

VI. Try the solution  $\vec{x}_p(t) = e^t \vec{v}$  for unknown  $v$ . Then  $\vec{x}_p' = e^t \vec{v}' = ?e^t H \vec{v} + e^t(1, 1)$ . Thus  $\vec{v} = H \vec{v} + (1, 1)$ , or  $(H - Id)\vec{v} = -(1, 1)$ . That is  $-2a = -1$  and  $1b = -1$  for  $\vec{v} = (a, b)$ .

VII.  $x_1 = y$ ,  $x_2 = y' = x_1'$ . Hence  $y'' = x_2' = -5y' - 4y = -5x_2 - 4x_1$ . That is

$$x_1' = x_2, \quad x_2' = -4x_1 - 5x_2$$

or

$$\vec{x}'(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -4 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}(t).$$

The eigenvalues are  $-1$  and  $-4$ , the same as the roots of the characteristic equation of the second order DE we started with.

VII. Repeated eigenvalue  $+1$ . Only eigenvectors are multiples of  $(2, 1)$ . So one solution is  $e^t(2, 1)$ . The second solution has the general form  $\vec{x} = e^t(v_0 + t(2, 1))$ , where  $v_0$  is a solution (there are many) to  $(A - 1)v_0 = (2, 1)$ . For example,  $v_0 = (1, 0)$  works.