

Lesson 7 8.1 Eigenvalues, Eigenvectors

$$y'' - y = 0. \text{ Try } y = e^{\lambda t}.$$

$$\lambda^2 e^{\lambda t} - e^{\lambda t} = 0 \quad \text{want!}$$

$$\underbrace{(\lambda^2 - 1)}_{=0} e^{\lambda t} = 0$$

$$\lambda = 1, -1$$

$$y = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-t}$$

System:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx_1}{dt} = -3x_1 + 2x_2 \\ \frac{dx_2}{dt} = x_1 - 2x_2 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Try } \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix} e^{\lambda t}$$

$$x_1 = a_1 e^{\lambda t}$$

$$x_2 = a_2 e^{\lambda t}$$

$$\begin{cases} \lambda a_1 e^{\lambda t} = -3a_1 e^{\lambda t} + 2a_2 e^{\lambda t} \quad \text{want} \\ \lambda a_2 e^{\lambda t} = a_1 e^{\lambda t} - 2a_2 e^{\lambda t} \end{cases}$$

$$\lambda \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\boxed{\lambda \vec{a} = A \vec{a}} \quad \leftarrow \text{want } \vec{a} \neq \vec{0}$$

λ is a eigenvalue, $\vec{a}$ eigenvector
($\vec{a} \neq \vec{0}$)

$$\begin{cases} 0 = (-3-\lambda)a_1 + 2a_2 \\ 0 = a_1 + (-2-\lambda)a_2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3-\lambda & 2 \\ 1 & -2-\lambda \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix} = \vec{0}$$

$$\underbrace{(A - \lambda I)}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{must be bad!}}} \vec{a} = \vec{0}$$

↑ want $\vec{a} \neq \vec{0}$

must be bad!

Need $\boxed{\det(A - \lambda I) = 0}$ ← Characteristic Equ.

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} -3-\lambda & 2 \\ 1 & -2-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$(-3-\lambda)(-2-\lambda) - 2 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 + 5\lambda + 4 = 0$$

$$(\lambda + 1)(\lambda + 4) = 0$$

$$\boxed{\lambda = -1, -4} \leftarrow \text{e. vals.}$$

Case $\lambda = -1$: $(A - \lambda I) \vec{a} = 0$

$\uparrow \lambda = -1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3-(-1) & 2 & | & 0 \\ 1 & -2-(-1) & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 & | & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & -1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad a_1 = a_2 = s$$

$\uparrow$
 a_1 bound

$\uparrow$
 a_2 free

Let $a_2 = s$

List: $\begin{cases} a_1 = s \\ a_2 = s \end{cases}$

$$\vec{a} = s \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{\text{with } s \neq 0}$$

Defⁿ: The eigenspace associated to an e-val λ is $E_\lambda = \text{null}(A - \lambda I)$ ← vector space!

= Set of all e-vects for λ plus the zero vect.

Above: $E_{\lambda=-1} = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

For $\lambda = -4$:
$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} -3 - (-4) & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 - (-4) & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$\leadsto \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad \begin{array}{l} a_1 = -2a_2 \\ = -2s \end{array}$

$\uparrow \quad \quad \uparrow$
 $a_1 \text{ bound} \quad a_2 \text{ free}$
 $a_2 = s$

$$\vec{a} = \begin{pmatrix} -2s \\ s \end{pmatrix} = s \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad E_{\lambda=-4} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\vec{x} = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-t} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-4t}$$

EX: $A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

Step 1:

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{e.val eqn}$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} -3-\lambda & -1 \\ 2 & -1-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$(-3-\lambda)(-1-\lambda) + 2 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 5 = 0$$

ouch!

$$\lambda = -2 \pm i \quad (\text{quad. form.})$$

Step 2:

$$(A - \lambda I) \vec{a} = \vec{0} \quad \leftarrow \text{e.vect system}$$

$\uparrow$
 $\lambda = -2 + i$

For $\lambda = -2 + i$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 - (-2+i) & -1 & | & 0 \\ 2 & -1 - (-2+i) & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1-i & -1 & | & 0 \\ 2 & 1-i & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_2 = (-1+i)R_1$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -1-i & -1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\uparrow$
 a_1 bound

$\uparrow$
 a_2 free
 $a_2 = s$

$a_1 = \frac{a_2}{(-1-i)}$

$$a_1 = s \left(-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{i}{2} \right)$$

$$\begin{cases} a_1 = .5 \left(-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{i}{2}\right) \\ a_2 = .5 \end{cases}$$

$$\vec{a} = .5 \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{i}{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

↑ complex e. vect.

For $\lambda = -2 - i$: ← conjugate of first e. val.

$$\vec{a} = \text{conjugate of above} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{i}{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Why: Take conjugate of $A\vec{a} = \lambda \vec{a}$.

Ex: $A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ $\det \begin{pmatrix} -3-\lambda & 1 \\ -1 & -1-\lambda \end{pmatrix} =$

$$\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 4 =$$

Ouch! $\lambda = -2$ is a double root. $(\lambda + 2)^2 = 0$

Word: $\lambda = -2$ is an eigenvalue of "algebraic multiplicity 2."

For $\lambda = -2$: $(A - \lambda I) \vec{a} = 0$

↑ $\lambda = -2$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} -3 - (-2) & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 - (-2) & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^6$$

Only get a one dim^l e-space. Darn!

$$E_{\lambda=-2} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Word: Dimension of eigenspace for e-val λ is the "geometric multiplicity of λ ."

Note: geom. mult. $\leq$ alg. mult. $\leq n$

Matrix defective

$<$ bad.
 $=$ good

$$\text{Defect} = (\text{alg. mult.}) - (\text{geom. mult.})$$

Anything can happen!

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(\text{Matrix} - \lambda I) = (1 - \lambda)^3$$

$\lambda=1$ e.val of algebraic mult. 3.

Case A: $(A - \lambda I) \vec{a} = \vec{0}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\uparrow \lambda=1$
 $\uparrow \uparrow \uparrow$
 free!

$$\vec{a} = \begin{pmatrix} s_1 \\ s_2 \\ s_3 \end{pmatrix} = s_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + s_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + s_3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$E_{\lambda=1} = \text{span} \{ \vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_3 \} \leftarrow 3 \text{ dim}^l$$

geom. mult. = 3

Case B: $(A - \lambda I) \vec{a} = \vec{0}$

$$a_2 = 0 \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\uparrow \uparrow \uparrow$
 a_1 free a_2 bound a_3 free

$$a_1 = s_1$$

$$a_3 = s_2$$

$$\vec{a} = \begin{pmatrix} s_1 \\ 0 \\ s_2 \end{pmatrix} = s_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + s_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$E_{\lambda=1} = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \leftarrow 2 \text{ dim}^l$$

$$\text{geom. mult.} = 2$$

Case ④: $(A - \lambda \mathbb{I}) \vec{a} = \vec{0}$
 $\uparrow \lambda=1$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} a_2 = 0 \\ a_3 = 0 \end{array}$$

$\uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow$
 $a_1 \quad a_2 \quad a_3$
 free bound bound

$$a_1 = s$$

$$\vec{a} = \begin{pmatrix} s \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = s \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$E_{\lambda=1} = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \leftarrow 1 \text{ dim}^l$$

$$\text{geom mult} = 1, \quad \text{Defect} = 3 - 1 = 2$$