

7.8 Repeated Eigenvalues

$$\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (1-\lambda)^2 = 0 \quad \lambda = 1, 1$$

$\lambda = 1$ has algebraic multiplicity
of two

$\lambda = 1$ solve $(A - \lambda I)\vec{v} = \vec{0}$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad v_1 = r$$
$$v_2 = s$$

r, s are arbitrary constants

$$\vec{v} = r \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

note $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$
are linearly independent

so there are two eigenvectors \rightarrow $\lambda = 1$ has geometric
multiplicity of two

solution: $\vec{x}(t) = c_1 e^t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

when algebraic multiplicity = geometric multiplicity
there is enough eigenvectors to form solution

→ matrix A is complete

example $\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$

$$\lambda = 1, 1$$

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

$$\lambda = 1 \quad (A - \lambda I) \vec{v} = \vec{0}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & -4 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

only one free variable

$$v_2 = r \quad v_1 = 2r$$

$$\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

only one vector

geometric mult. = 1

matrix A is defective

$$\vec{x}_1 = e^t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{x}_2 = ?$$

revisit scalar case: $y'' + 4y' + 4y = 0$
 $r^2 + 4r + 4 = 0 \quad r = -2, -2$
 $y = c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2 \underline{t} e^{-2t}$

this suggests we might be able to use

$$\vec{x}_2 = \underline{t} e^{\lambda t} \vec{v}$$

check: it must satisfy $\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$

$$\underbrace{(t\lambda e^{\lambda t} + e^{\lambda t})}_{\vec{x}_2'} \vec{v} = A t e^{\lambda t} \vec{v}$$

terms w/ $te^{\lambda t}$: $\lambda \vec{v} = A\vec{v} \rightarrow \lambda$ is eigenvalue
 \vec{v} is eigenvector
(of course...)

terms w/ $e^{\lambda t}$: $\vec{v} = \vec{0} \rightarrow$ eigenvector is $\vec{0}$
but this contradicts
 $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$

this means the form of \vec{x}_2 is wrong
 $\hookrightarrow \vec{x}_2 = te^{\lambda t} \vec{v}$

must modify form: need an $e^{\lambda t}$ term on the
right side of $\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$

new form:

$$\vec{x}_2 = te^{\lambda t} \vec{v} + e^{\lambda t} \vec{u}$$

eigenvector

generalized
eigenvector

plug into $\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$

$$(t\lambda e^{\lambda t} + e^{\lambda t})\vec{v} + \lambda e^{\lambda t}\vec{u} = Ate^{\lambda t}\vec{v} + Ae^{\lambda t}\vec{u}$$

$t e^{\lambda t}$ terms: $\lambda\vec{v} = A\vec{v}$

$e^{\lambda t}$ terms: $\vec{v} + \lambda\vec{u} = A\vec{u}$

$$A\vec{u} - \lambda\vec{u} = \vec{v}$$

$$(A - \lambda I)\vec{u} = \vec{v}$$

solve this for \vec{u}

back to $\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$

$$\lambda = 1, 1 \quad \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{x}_1 = e^t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x}_2 = te^t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + e^t \vec{u}$$

$$\text{find } \vec{u}: (A - \lambda I)\vec{u} = \vec{v}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & -4 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

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

$$u_2 = r$$

$$u_1 = 1 + 2r$$

$$\vec{u} = r \left[\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 1 \end{array} \right] + \left[\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\vec{v} = \left[\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 1 \end{array} \right]$$

not linearly
independent
from \vec{v}
(discard,
choose $r=0$)

$$\text{so } \vec{x}(t) = c_1 e^t \left[\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 1 \end{array} \right] + c_2 \left\{ t e^t \left[\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 1 \end{array} \right] + e^t \left[\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \end{array} \right] \right\}$$

what if we let $u_1 = r$

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

$$u_1 = r$$

$$r - 2u_2 = 1$$

$$u_2 = \frac{r-1}{2} \\ = \frac{1}{2}r - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$u_2 = \frac{-1+r}{2} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}r$$

$$\text{so } \vec{u} = r \left[\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ +\frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right] + \left[\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\vec{v} = \left[\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 1 \end{array} \right]$$

same as \vec{v}
(discard)

$$\text{solution: } \vec{x}(t) = c_1 e^t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \left\{ t e^t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + e^t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

same solution but look different (because c_1, c_2
are different)

Suppose $\vec{X}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

first form: $\vec{X}(t) = c_1 e^t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \{ t e^t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + e^t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$c_1 = 0 \quad (\text{2nd row})$$

$$c_2 = 2$$

$$\vec{X}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 t e^t + 2 e^t \\ 2 t e^t \end{bmatrix}$$

2nd form: $\vec{X}(t) = c_1 e^t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \{ t e^t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + e^t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1/2 \end{bmatrix} \}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$c_1 = 1$$

$$c_2 = 2$$

$$\vec{X}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 e^t + 4 t e^t \\ 2 t e^t \end{bmatrix}$$