

★ Multiple Eigenvalues:

Warm up: Find the eigenvalues of the matrix

$$\underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Ans: $\det(\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}) = 0$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 0 \\ 7 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (2-\lambda)^2 - 0 \cdot 7 = 0$$

$$\lambda = 2$$

multiplicity $k=2$

I. Multiple Eigenvalue Solutions:

In Chap 3, we solved,

$$y'' - 6y' + 9y = 0$$

We can convert to a system of ODE

$$x_1 = y \quad x_2 = y'$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1' = x_2 \\ x_2' = 6x_2 - 9x_1 \end{cases}$$

matrix form:

$$\underline{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -9 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \underline{x}$$

these 2 ODEs are equivalent

1D

2D

eqn: $y'' - 6y' + 9y = 0$

$$\underline{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -9 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \underline{x}$$

char eqn

$$r^2 - 6r + 9 = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ -9 & 6-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 6\lambda + 9 = 0$$

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$$(r-3)^2 = 0$$

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

roots/
eigenvalues

$$(r-3)^2 = 0$$
$$r = 3$$

multiplicity $k=2$
(repeated root)

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

$$\lambda = 3$$

algebraic multiplicity $k=2$
(repeated eigenvalue)

fundamental
solns:

$$y_1 = e^{3t}$$

Need a 2nd lin.
indep soln

→ multiply by t

$$y_2 = te^{3t}$$

$$\lambda = 3$$

$$(\underline{A} - 3\underline{I})\underline{v} = \underline{0}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ -9 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-3v_1 + v_2 = 0 \rightarrow v_2 = 3v_1$$

$$\underline{v}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

* only 1 eigenvector
geometric multiplicity = 1

Need to find a 2nd
lin. indep vector \underline{u}

NOTE: when:

geometric
multiplicity

(# of
eigenvectors
corr. λ)

<

algebraic
multiplicity

(# times λ is
repeated in char eqn)

We say that the eigenvalue λ is defective

2D example:

one fundamental soln: $\underline{x}^{(1)} = e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

Need to find a generalized eigenvector \underline{u}

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$$\text{Solve: } (\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}) \underline{u} = \underline{v}$$

NOTE: this means also solves:

$$(\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I})^2 \underline{u} = \underline{0}$$

$$(\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I})^2 \underline{u} = (\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}) \underbrace{(\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}) \underline{u}}_{=\underline{v}} = (\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}) \underline{v} = \underline{0}$$

want to solve:

$$(\underline{A} - 3 \underline{I}) \underline{u} = \underline{v}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ -9 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-3u_1 + u_2 = 1 \rightarrow$$

$$u_2 = 1 + 3u_1$$

here, u_1 is a free variable

choose $u_1 = 1$

$$\underline{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ 1 + 3u_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

generalized eigenvector.

Second fundamental solution

$$\underline{x}^{(2)} = e^{3t} (\underline{v}t + \underline{u})$$

$$= e^{3t} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} t + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} t+1 \\ 3t+4 \end{bmatrix}$$

General solution:

$$\underline{x}(t) = c_1 e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} t+1 \\ 3t+4 \end{bmatrix}$$

... is a case:

Compare this to 1D case:

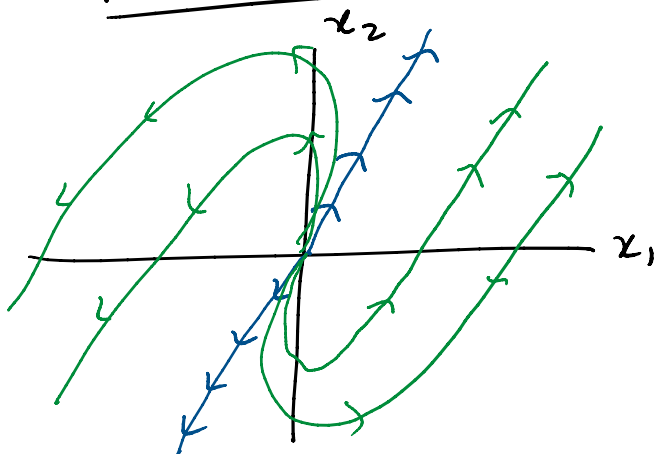
$$y(t) = C_1 e^{3t} + C_2 t e^{3t}$$

$$x_1 = y = B_1 e^{3t} + B_2 (t+1) e^{3t}$$

$$= (B_1 + B_2) e^{3t} + B_2 t e^{3t}$$

equivalent solutions

phase portrait:



improper node

1. Draw eigenvector
 $\underline{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

2. $\lambda = 3 > 0$
 arrows point out

3. As $t \rightarrow \infty$
 $e^{3t} t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ dominates
 goes parallel to $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

II. 3x3 Example:

$$\underline{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \underline{x}$$

eigen values: $\det(\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}) = 0$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 2-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (1-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} - (3) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} + (-1) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2-\lambda \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

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

$$= (1-\lambda)[(2-\lambda)^2 - 0] - 3\begin{matrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \end{matrix} + (-1)\begin{matrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \end{matrix}$$

$$= (1-\lambda)(2-\lambda)^2 = 0$$

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|---------------|-----------|---------|
| $\lambda = 1$ | alg. mult | $k = 1$ |
| $\lambda = 2$ | alg. mult | $k = 2$ |

eigenvectors:

$$\lambda_1 = 1$$

$$(\underline{A} - \underline{I}) \underline{v} = \underline{0}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} 3v_2 - v_3 = 0 \\ v_2 = 0 \\ v_3 = 0 \end{matrix}$$

v_1 is a free variable, choose $v_1 = 1$

$$\underline{v}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2 = 2$$

$$(\underline{A} - 2\underline{I}) \underline{v} = \underline{0}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

1 eqn, 3 unknowns
 \downarrow
 2 free variables

$$-v_1 + 3v_2 - v_3 = 0$$

$$v_1 = 3v_2 - v_3$$

v_2 and v_3 are free variables

$$\underline{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3v_2 - v_3 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

choose $v_2 = 1, v_3 = 0$

$$\underline{v}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

choose $v_2 = 0, v_3 = 1$

$$\underline{v}^{(3)} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{v}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \underline{v}^{(3)} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

these are linearly indep.

2 linearly indep eigenvectors for $\lambda_2 = 2$

geometric multiplicity = 2 = algebraic multiplicity

Then the eigenvalue $\lambda = 2$ is called complete

Do NOT need to find a generalized eigenvector \underline{h}

General solution:

$$\underline{x}(t) = c_1 e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

III Summary: Repeated eigenvalues

k = algebraic mult. = # of times λ is repeated

p = geometric mult = # of lin. indep eigenvectors

| case 1 | case 2 |
|---------|---|
| $p = k$ | $p < k$ ($k=2$) |
| | is defective |

λ is complete

eigenvectors
 $\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_p$

gen soln:

$$\underline{x}(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda t} \underline{v}_1 + \dots + c_p e^{\lambda t} \underline{v}_p$$

λ is defective

eigen vector \underline{v}
generalized eigen vector \underline{u}

$$\underline{x}(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda t} \underline{v} + c_2 e^{\lambda t} (t\underline{v} + \underline{u})$$