

★ Section 5.2:

The Eigenvalue Method for homogeneous systems

Warm up:

Write the 1st order linear system:

$$\begin{aligned}x_1' &= 2x_1 - 3x_2 \\x_2' &= -7x_1 + x_2\end{aligned}$$

in matrix form.

I. Eigenvalue Method:

$$\underline{x}' = \underline{A} \underline{x}$$

\underline{A} is a $n \times n$ constant matrix

Recall:

- 1st order linear ODE (scalar)
 $x'(t) = \lambda x \quad \rightarrow \quad x(t) = x_0 e^{\lambda t}$

- 2nd order linear ODE
 $a x'' + b x' + c x = 0$

assumed solns $x(t) = e^{rt}$
 characteristic eqn: $ar^2 + br + c = 0$
 roots r_1 and r_2
 $x(t) = C_1 e^{r_1 t} + C_2 e^{r_2 t}$

Try something similar

Assume solns: $\underline{x}(t) = e^{\lambda t} \underline{v} = e^{\lambda t} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 e^{\lambda t} \\ v_2 e^{\lambda t} \end{bmatrix}$

Plug into ODE:

$$\lambda \underline{v} \dots - A \underline{v} = A (e^{\lambda t} \underline{v}) = e^{\lambda t} (A \underline{v})$$

Announcements:

HW1-4 and A1 due Tues Jun 22
 Syllabus Quiz on Brightspace
 Office Hours Today 2:30-3:30pm
 on zoom
 Online students can take exams
 in-person w/ sec 001
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$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}' = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -7 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Plug into ODE:

$$\underline{x}' = \lambda e^{\lambda t} \underline{v} = \underline{A} \underline{x} = \underline{A} (e^{\lambda t} \underline{v}) = e^{\lambda t} (\underline{A} \underline{v})$$

$$\lambda \underline{v} = \underline{A} \underline{v}$$

eigenvalue problem
identity matrix

Rewrite:

$$\underline{A} \underline{v} - \lambda \underline{v} = \underline{0}$$

$$\underline{A} \underline{v} - \lambda \underline{I} \underline{v} = \underline{0}$$

$$\underline{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{I} \underline{x} = \underline{x}$$

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

solve for λ and \underline{v}

NOTE: This is the vector equivalent of the characteristic equation

λ is called an eigenvalue

\underline{v} is called an eigenvector

EX: $\underline{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \underline{x}$ solns look like $e^{\lambda t} \underline{v}$

Need to solve $(\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}) \underline{v} = \underline{0}$

This system has a solution when

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

$$\lambda \underline{I} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

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

characteristic eqn.

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

$$\lambda = 3, -1$$

eigenvalues

... value there is a 1D v responding

For each eigenvalue, there is a corresponding eigenvector

$$\lambda_1 = 3 \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \underline{v}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

To find $\underline{v}^{(1)}$ solve $(\underline{A} - \lambda_1 \underline{I}) \underline{v}^{(1)} = \underline{0}$

$$(\underline{A} - 3\underline{I}) \underline{v}^{(1)} = \underline{0}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0-3 & 1 \\ 3 & 2-3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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

$$\underline{v}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ 3v_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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

unique one equation and two unknowns

$v_2 = 3v_1$ v_1 is a free variable

expect to have infinitely many solns

$\lambda_1 = 3$ eigenvalue	$\underline{v}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ eigenvector
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$$\underline{A} \underline{v} = \lambda \underline{v}$$

$$\underline{A} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2 \begin{bmatrix} 3v \\ v \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} Av \\ v \end{bmatrix} = \underline{A} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = 3 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

a constant multiple of \underline{v} is also an eigenvector

$$\underline{A} (k\underline{v}) = k (\underline{A}\underline{v}) = k (\lambda \underline{v}) = \lambda (k\underline{v})$$

Fundamental solution $\underline{x}^{(1)}(t) = e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = e^{\lambda t} \underline{v}^{(1)}$

Check that $\underline{x}^{(1)}$ solves $\underline{x}' = \underline{A}\underline{x}$

Find eigenvector for $\lambda_2 = -1$ Find $\underline{v}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$

Find eigenvector for $\lambda_2 = -1$ find $\underline{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$

Solve: $(\underline{A} - \lambda_2 \underline{I}) \underline{v}^{(2)} = \underline{0}$

$$\underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$v_1 + v_2 = 0$$

$$3v_1 + 3v_2 = 0$$

$$v_2 = -v_1$$

one unique eqn
2 unknowns

here v_1 is a free variable

$$\underline{v}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ -v_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Fundamental solution

$$\underline{x}^{(2)} = e^{\lambda_2 t} \underline{v}^{(2)} = e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Use the Principle of Superposition to find the general soln:

$$\underline{x}(t) = c_1 \underline{x}^{(1)}(t) + c_2 \underline{x}^{(2)}(t)$$

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

II. Graphical Interpretation:

eigenvalues

$$\lambda_1 = 3$$

$$\lambda_2 = -1$$

eigenvectors

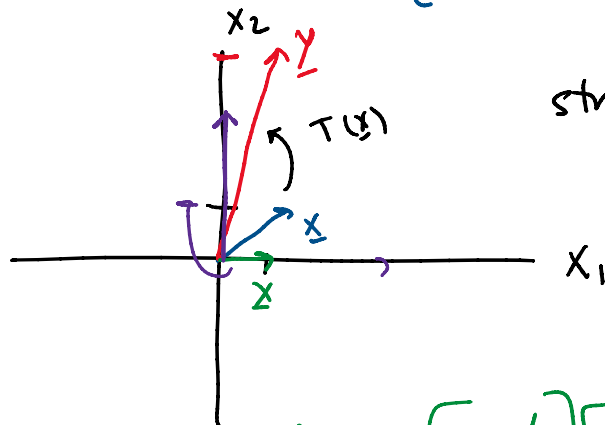
$$\underline{v}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

Think of $T(\underline{x}) = \underline{A}\underline{x}$ as transformation

$$\underline{x} \longrightarrow \boxed{T(\underline{x})} \longrightarrow \underline{y} = \underline{A}\underline{x}$$

$$\underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \underline{y} = \underline{A}\underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$



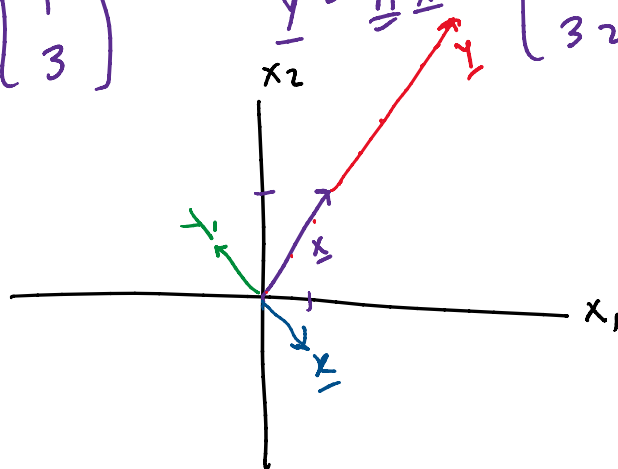
stretches and rotates the vector \underline{x}

$$\underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \underline{y} = \underline{A}\underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$T(\underline{x})$ stretches & rotates \underline{x}

Q: what happens if $\underline{x} = \underline{v}^{(1)}$ eigenvector?

$$\underline{x} = \underline{v}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \underline{y} = \underline{A}\underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\underline{A}\underline{v}^{(1)} = 3\underline{v}^{(1)}$$

T stretches by +3

no rotation

$$\underline{x} = \underline{v}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{y} = \underline{A}\underline{x} = -1 \underline{v}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Edit: $\underline{A}(e^{\lambda t} \underline{v}^{(1)}) = e^{\lambda t} (\lambda \underline{v}^{(1)})$

In terms of the ODE
 $\underline{x}^{(1)}(t) = e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

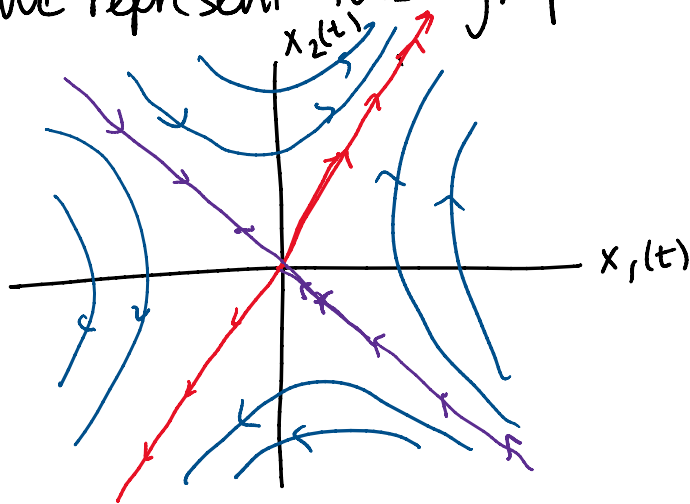
$$\frac{d\underline{x}^{(1)}}{dt} = \underline{A}\underline{x}^{(1)} = \lambda_1 \underline{x}^{(1)}$$

... curves grow ...

$$\underline{x}^{(1)}(t) = e^{3t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\frac{dx}{dt} = \underline{A}x$
 Solution curves grow exponentially along $\underline{v}^{(1)}$

We represent this graphically in a phase portrait



1. Draw eigenvectors
2. If λ is \oplus grow
 λ is \ominus decay
3. draw outside curves

$$\frac{d\underline{x}^{(2)}}{dt} = \underline{A}\underline{x}^{(2)} = \lambda_2 \underline{x}^{(2)}$$

Saddle point

solution curves decay exponentially to origin along $\underline{v}^{(2)}$

$$\underline{x}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{plotting } x_1(t) \text{ vs } x_2(t)$$

III. Eigenvalue Method:

Given $\underline{x}' = \underline{A}\underline{x}$

(\underline{A} is $n \times n$ matrix)

0. Guess $\underline{x} = e^{\lambda t} \underline{v}$, plug into ODE to obtain
 $\underline{A}\underline{v} = \lambda \underline{v}$

1. Find n eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$
 by solving $\det(\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}) = 0$

2. For each λ_i find the corresponding eigenvector $\underline{v}^{(i)}$
 solve $(\underline{A} - \lambda_i \underline{I}) \underline{v}^{(i)} = \underline{0}$

3. General solution is:

$$\underline{x}(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \underline{v}^{(1)} + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \underline{v}^{(2)} + \dots + c_n e^{\lambda_n t} \underline{v}^{(n)}$$

4. Plug in initial condition $\underline{x}(0) = \underline{x}_0$
solve for c_1, \dots, c_n

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

$$a\lambda^2 + b\lambda + c = 0$$

$$\text{roots } \lambda = a \pm bi$$

\underline{A} is 2×2

Q: What happens if λ are complex valued

IV. Complex Eigenvalues:

Ex: $\underline{x}' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \underline{x}$

1. eigenvalues $\det(\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}) = 0$

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

$$\sqrt{(1-\lambda)^2} = \sqrt{-1}$$

$$1-\lambda = \pm i$$

$$\boxed{\lambda = 1 \pm i}$$

NOTE: complex eigenvalues always appear in conjugate pairs

2. eigenvectors:

$$\boxed{\lambda_1 = 1+i}$$

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1-(1+i) & 1 \\ -1 & 1-(1+i) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -i & 1 \\ \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ \cdot \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \cdot \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{aligned} -iv_1 + v_2 &= 0 \\ v_2 &= iv_1 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{matrix} -v_1 - i v_2 = 0 \\ -v_1 = i v_2 \end{matrix}$$

$$i v_1 = (-i)(-v_1) = -\frac{v_1}{i} = v_2$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{i} = -i\right)$$

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

$$\underline{v}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ i v_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\boxed{\lambda_2 = 1 - i}$$

$$(A - \lambda_2 I) \underline{v}^{(2)} = \underline{0}$$

$$\underline{v}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix}$$

eigenvectors are conjugate pairs

Fundamental solutions:

$$\underline{x}^{(1)} = e^{(1+i)t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix}, \quad \underline{x}^{(2)} = e^{(1-i)t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix}$$

one general solution

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

WANT: Real-valued solution

Find a set of fundamental solns $\hat{\underline{x}}^{(1)}$ and $\hat{\underline{x}}^{(2)}$ that are real-valued.

Euler's formula

$$e^{it} = \cos(t) + i \sin(t)$$

$$\underline{x}^{(1)} = e^t e^{it} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix} = e^t (\cos(t) + i \sin(t)) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$+ e^t (-i \cos(t) + \sin(t)) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= e^t \begin{bmatrix} \cos(t) + i \sin(t) \\ i \cos(t) - \sin(t) \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= e^t \left\{ \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \cos(t) \\ -\sin(t) \end{bmatrix}}_{\underline{w}} + i \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \sin(t) \\ \cos(t) \end{bmatrix}}_{\underline{v}} \right\} = e^t (\underline{w} + i \underline{v})
 \end{aligned}$$

Since $\underline{x}^{(2)}$ is complex conj of $\underline{x}^{(1)}$

$$\underline{x}^{(2)} = e^t (\underline{w} - i \underline{v})$$

New basis of fundamental solns

$$\hat{\underline{x}}^{(1)} = \frac{1}{2} (\underline{x}^{(1)} + \underline{x}^{(2)}) = \frac{1}{2} \left[e^t \{ \underline{w} + i \underline{v} \} + e^t \{ \underline{w} - i \underline{v} \} \right]$$

$$\hat{\underline{x}}^{(1)} = e^t \underline{w}$$

$$\hat{\underline{x}}^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2i} (\underline{x}^{(1)} - \underline{x}^{(2)}) = e^t \underline{v}$$

Real-valued solution

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

$$= c_1 e^t \begin{bmatrix} \cos(t) \\ -\sin(t) \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^t \begin{bmatrix} \sin(t) \\ \cos(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

Next time: phase portrait