

Plan: Repeated eigenvalues of defect ≥ 1 .

Last time: Given system $\underline{x}' = \underline{A} \underline{x}$, λ eigenvalue of defect 1

Find a $\underline{v}_2 \neq 0$ so that

$$(\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I})^2 \underline{v}_2 = \underline{0}$$

generalized eigenvector

and $(\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}) \underline{v}_2 = \underline{v}_1 \neq 0$

eigenvector.

$$(\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}) \underline{v}_1 = (\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I})^2 \underline{v}_2 = \underline{0}$$

Then: $\underline{v}_1 e^{\lambda t}$, $(\underline{v}_1 t + \underline{v}_2) e^{\lambda t}$ are a pair of linearly independent solutions for the system.

Ex:

$$\underline{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ 4 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \underline{x}$$

$\lambda = 5$ is a repeated e-value of defect 1.

$$(\underline{A} - 5 \underline{I}) = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -4 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, (\underline{A} - 5 \underline{I})^2 =$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -4 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -4 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

Solve: $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -4 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

e.g. take $v_1 = v_2 = 1$ (for example)

then $\underline{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\underline{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -4 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -8 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$

Sols: $x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -8 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} e^{5t}$

$x_2 = \left(\begin{bmatrix} -8 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} t + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) e^{5t}$ are

a pair of lin. indep. sols: gen. sol'n

$x = c_1 x_1(t) + c_2 x_2(t)$

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Higher defect e-values

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

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

$$\det(\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}) = (2 - \lambda)^4$$

$\Rightarrow \lambda = 2$ e-value of multiplicity 4.

Find eigenvectors:

$$(A - 2I) \underline{v} = \underline{0} \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow u_2 = 0, u_3 = 0$$

So: $\begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ u_4 \end{bmatrix}$, u_1, u_4 free to be chosen, are eigenvectors.

for example: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ pair of lin. indep. eigenvectors

Any eigenvector is of form

$$u_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + u_4 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ so can't find 3rd lin. indep. e-vector.}$$

$$\text{Defect of } \lambda = 2: \quad 4 - 2 = 2$$

Terminology:

Generalized e-vector of rank r , assoc. to

e-value λ : a non-zero \underline{v} so that

$$(A - \lambda I) \underline{v} = \underline{0}, \quad (A - \lambda I)^{r-1} \underline{v} \neq \underline{0}$$

Ex: $r=1$ eigenvector.

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ in 1st example: gen. e-vector of rank 2.

We'll use chains of generalized e-vectors to build sol's.

Def'n: A length k chain of generalized e-vectors based on eigenvector \underline{v}_1 is set of $\{\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_k\}$

$$\begin{aligned} (A - \lambda I) \underline{v}_k &= \underline{v}_{k-1} \\ &\vdots \\ (A - \lambda I) \underline{v}_3 &= \underline{v}_2 \\ (A - \lambda I) \underline{v}_2 &= \underline{v}_1 \end{aligned}$$

\underline{v}_k is rank k gen. e-vector.
If known we can find the chain.

In 1st example: Chain of length 2

$$\underline{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(A - \lambda I) \underline{v}_2 = \underline{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -8 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

honest eigenvector.

To build sols to $\underline{x}' = \underline{A} \underline{x}$ if given a chain of gen. eigenvectors:

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \underline{x}_1 &= e^{\lambda t} \underline{v}_1 \\ \underline{x}_2 &= e^{\lambda t} (\underline{v}_1 t + \underline{v}_2) \\ &\dots \\ \underline{x}_k &= e^{\lambda t} \left(\underline{v}_1 \frac{t^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} + \underline{v}_2 \frac{t^{k-2}}{(k-2)!} + \dots + \underline{v}_k \right) \end{aligned} \right.$$

are lin. indep. sols of $\underline{x}' = \underline{A} \underline{x}$

Go back to example:

Multiplicity 4: found 2 eigenvectors.

Schematically:

hope to find

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} \underline{v}_3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} &\leftarrow \text{rank 3} \\ \begin{bmatrix} \underline{v}_2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} &\leftarrow \text{rank 2} \\ \underline{v}_1 &- \underline{w}_1 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

true eigenvectors

if possible.

Another possible configuration:

$$\left(\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} \underline{v}_2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} &\xleftarrow{\text{rank 2}} \underline{w}_2 \\ &\uparrow \text{gen. e-vectors} \\ \underline{v}_1 &- \underline{w}_1 \\ &\uparrow \text{true eigenvectors} \end{aligned} \right)$$

Ex: $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ & & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

Goal: find \underline{v}_3 : gen. e-vector of rank 3
defect + 1

If \underline{v}_3 is a gen. e-vector of rank 3 then:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (A - \lambda I)^3 \underline{v}_3 = \underline{0} \\ (A - \lambda I)^2 \underline{v}_3 \neq \underline{0} \\ (A - \lambda I) \underline{v}_3 \neq \underline{0} \end{array} \right.$$

Want:

$$(\underline{A} - 2\underline{I})^3 \underline{v}_3 = \underline{0}$$

$$(\underline{A} - 2\underline{I})^2 \underline{v}_3 \neq \underline{0}.$$

Check:

$$(\underline{A} - 2\underline{I})^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (\underline{A} - 2\underline{I})^3 = \underline{0}$$

Want: $\underline{v}_3 : \begin{array}{l} (A - 2I)^3 \underline{v}_3 = \underline{0} \\ (A - 2I)^2 \underline{v}_3 \neq \underline{0} \end{array}$

Ex: $\underline{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \underline{v}_2 = (A - 2I) \underline{v}_3$

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

$$\underline{v}_1 = (A - 2I) \underline{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

recap/ finish on Friday.

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eigenvector.