

Lesson 4.

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$\underline{\underline{x}}' = \underline{\underline{A}} \underline{\underline{x}}$ ,  $\underline{\underline{A}}$   $n \times n$  const. matrix  
If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $\underline{\underline{A}}$  ( $\det(\underline{\underline{A}} - \lambda \underline{\underline{I}}) = 0$ )  
w/ associated eigenvector  $\underline{\underline{v}}$  ( $(\underline{\underline{A}} - \lambda \underline{\underline{I}}) \underline{\underline{v}} = \underline{\underline{0}}$ ) then  
 $\underline{\underline{x}}(t) = e^{\lambda t} \underline{\underline{v}}$  is a sol'n of  $\underline{\underline{x}}' = \underline{\underline{A}} \underline{\underline{x}}$ .

Method: Given  $\underline{\underline{x}}' = \underline{\underline{A}} \underline{\underline{x}}$  as before:

1. Solve characteristic eq'n

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

to find eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ .

( $n$  eigenvalues, possibly repeated or complex)

2. Find associated eigenvectors  $\underline{\underline{v}}_1, \dots, \underline{\underline{v}}_n$

3. If process yields  $n$  linearly independent  
e-vectors then:

$$\underline{\underline{x}}_1(t) = e^{\lambda_1 t} \underline{\underline{v}}_1, \dots, \underline{\underline{x}}_n(t) = e^{\lambda_n t} \underline{\underline{v}}_n$$

are  $n$  lin. independent sol's of  $\underline{\underline{x}}' = \underline{\underline{A}} \underline{\underline{x}}$ .

4. Any sol'n is of the form

$$\underline{\underline{x}} = c_1 \underline{\underline{x}}_1(t) + \dots + c_n \underline{\underline{x}}_n(t).$$

Fact: If  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  are distinct (all different  
from each other) then Step 3 works.

Ex:

$$\underline{\underline{A}} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & -6 \\ 2 & -1 & -2 \\ 4 & -2 & -4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \underline{\underline{x}}' = \underline{\underline{A}} \underline{\underline{x}}$$

1. Find e-values.

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 5-\lambda & 0 & -6 \\ 2 & -(-\lambda) & -2 \\ 4 & -2 & -4-\lambda \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$= (5-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} -1-\lambda & -2 \\ -2 & -4-\lambda \end{vmatrix} - 6 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1-\lambda \\ 4 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (5-\lambda)((-1-\lambda)(-4-\lambda) - 4) - 6(-4 - 4(-1-\lambda))$$

$$= \dots = \lambda - \lambda^3 = \lambda(1 - \lambda^2)$$

$$\lambda(1 - \lambda^2) = 0 \rightarrow \underbrace{\lambda = 0, \lambda = 1, \lambda = -1}_{\text{distinct e-values, method works!}}$$

2. Find e-vectors.

i)  $\lambda = 0$

$$\left( \begin{matrix} A & - & 0 \\ = & & = \end{matrix} \right) \underline{v} = \underline{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & -6 \\ 2 & -1 & -2 \\ 4 & -2 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} 5v_1 - 6v_3 = 0 \\ 2v_1 - v_2 - 2v_3 = 0 \\ \cancel{4v_1 - 2v_2 - 4v_3 = 0} \end{cases} \quad \text{multiple of 2nd line.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} v_1 = \frac{6}{5}v_3 \\ v_2 = 2 \cdot \frac{6}{5}v_3 - 2v_3 = \frac{2}{5}v_3 \end{cases}$$

An e-vector is:  $\underline{v} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{6}{5} \\ \frac{2}{5} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

So a sol'n to  $\underline{x}' = \underline{A}\underline{x}$  is

$$\underline{x}_1(t) = e^{\underline{ot}} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{6}{5} \\ \frac{2}{5} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 4 & 0 & -6 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & -2 & 0 \\ 4 & -2 & -5 & 0 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 4 & 0 & -6 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & -2 & 0 \\ 4 & -2 & -5 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Elementary row operations.

1. Interchange rows
2. Multiply row by non-zero #
3. Add multiple of a row to another row.  
→ equivalent system.

Goal: 1 at top left, 0 under it.

$$\textcircled{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 4 & 0 & -6 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 4 & -2 & -5 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\textcircled{2} \leftrightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & -6 & 0 \\ 4 & -2 & -5 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\textcircled{2} - 4\textcircled{1} \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

$$\textcircled{3} - 4 \cdot \textcircled{1} \rightarrow \textcircled{3}$$

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

$$\textcircled{3} - \frac{1}{2}\textcircled{2} \rightarrow \textcircled{3}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} v_1 - v_2 - v_3 = 0 \\ 4v_2 - 2v_3 = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} v_3 = 2v_2 \\ v_1 = 3v_2 \end{array} \right.$$

An eigenvector for:

$$v = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

A soln of  $\dot{x} = Ax$  is

$$x_2(t) = e^t \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Exercise: find an e-vector  $v_3$  associated to  $\lambda_3 = -1$

so: gen. soln:

$$\dot{x}(t) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 5 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^t \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 e^{-t} v_3 //$$

What if we have cplx eigenvalues?

## Complex Numbers

Numbers of the form  $z = a + bi$

$$a, b \in \mathbb{R}, i^2 = -1$$

Ex:  $2 + 3i$

Denote set of cplx numbers by  $\mathbb{C}$ .

Real part:  $\operatorname{Re}(z) = a$

Imaginary part:  $\operatorname{Im}(z) = b$  ← Imaginary part is a real number!

Ex:  $\operatorname{Re}(2+3i) = 2, \operatorname{Im}(2+3i) = 3$

Complex conjugate:  $z = a+bi, \bar{z} = a-bi$

Note:  $|z|^2 = z \cdot \bar{z} = (a+bi)(a-bi)$   
 $= a^2 - (bi)^2$   
 $= a^2 + b^2$  ← always real.

Invert cplx numbers  $z \neq 0$

$$\frac{1}{z} = \frac{\bar{z}}{z \cdot \bar{z}} = \frac{a-bi}{a^2+b^2} = \frac{a}{a^2+b^2} - \frac{b}{a^2+b^2} i$$

Ex:  $\frac{1}{2+3i} = \frac{2}{4+9} - \frac{3}{4+9} i = \frac{2}{13} - \frac{3}{13} i$

↑ Imaginary axis

$$z = x+yi$$

Real axis

$$\bar{z}$$

Ex for next time:

$$\underline{x}' = \underline{A} \underline{x}, \quad \underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 4 \\ -4 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find e-values:

$$\det(\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}) = \begin{vmatrix} -3 - \lambda & 4 \\ -4 & -3 - \lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow (-3 - \lambda)^2 + 16 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -3 - \lambda = \pm i\sqrt{16}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = -3 \pm 4i$$

Eigenvalues:

$$\lambda_1 = -3 + 4i$$

$$\lambda_2 = -3 - 4i$$

are conjugates of each other (always true for matrices w/ real entries).

Eigenvectors on Friday.