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7.3 the eigenvalue method for linear systems

We now use eigenvalues and eigenvectors to solve 1st order linear systems of differential equations

Ex

For functions

$$x = x(t)$$

$$y = y(t)$$

find the gen solutions of

$$x' = 6x - 7y$$

$$y' = x - 2y$$

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Sol

Put \* in matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ \text{"} \\ \underline{X'} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -7 \\ 1 & -2 \\ \text{"} & \text{"} \\ A & \underline{X} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ \text{"} \\ \underline{X} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Find the eigenvalues of  $A$ :

$$|A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} 6 - \lambda & -7 \\ 1 & -2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (6 - \lambda)(-2 - \lambda) - (-7)(1)$$

$$= -12 - 4\lambda + \lambda^2 + 7$$

$$= \lambda^2 - 4\lambda - 5$$

$$= (\lambda - 5)(\lambda + 1)$$

$$\lambda = 5, -1$$

$A$  is diagonalizable

Def

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find an invertible matrix  $P$  s.t.

$$A = P D P^{-1}$$

$\lambda$	5	-1
$A - \lambda I$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -7 \\ 1 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 7 & -7 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$
Solve $(A - \lambda I) \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ $x - 7y = 0$ $y = t$ $x = 7t$ $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ $x - y = 0$ $y = t$ $x = t$ $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$
eigenvector for $\lambda$	$\begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Define

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then

$$A = P D P^{-1}$$

Recall

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

$$A = P D P^{-1}$$

so

$$\underline{X}' = P D P^{-1} \underline{X}$$

so

$$P^{-1} \underline{X}' = D P^{-1} \underline{X}$$

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"change variables"

Define

$$\underline{Y} = P^{-1} \underline{X}$$

so

$$\underline{X} = P \underline{Y}$$

$$\underline{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix}$$

$u = u(t)$   
 $v = v(t)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x = 7u + v$$

$$y = u + v$$

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$$\underline{Y}' = D \underline{Y}$$

so

$$\begin{bmatrix} u' \\ v' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix}$$

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So

$$u' = 5u$$

$$v' = -v$$

Gen sol for  $u, v$  is

$$u = C_1 e^{5t}$$

$$v = C_2 e^{-t}$$

$C_1, C_2$  free

So gen sol for  $x$  is

$$x = 7u + v$$

$$= 7C_1 e^{5t} + C_2 e^{-t}$$

$C_1, C_2$  free

$$y = u + v$$

$$= C_1 e^{5t} + C_2 e^{-t}$$

gen sol in matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = C_1 e^{5t} \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + C_2 e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$C_1, C_2$  free

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let  $V =$  set of solutions to  $x'$

$V$  is vector space dim 2

$V$  has basis

$$e^{5t} \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Each term has form

$$e^{\lambda t} v$$

$v_i =$  eigenvector of  $A$  for  
eigenvalue  $\lambda$

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We now consider  $n \times n$  systems

Given functions

$$x_1 = x_1(t), \quad x_2 = x_2(t), \quad \dots, \quad x_n = x_n(t)$$

such that

$$x_1' = a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n$$

$$x_2' = a_{21}x_1 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n$$

...

$$x_n' = a_{n1}x_1 + \dots + a_{nn}x_n$$

$$a_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}$$

Find the gen sol

Matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1' \\ x_2' \\ \vdots \\ x_n' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

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$\mathbb{X}'$ 
A
X

$$\mathbb{X}' = A \mathbb{X}$$

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To keep it simple, assume  $A$  is diagonalizable

So there exists a diagonal matrix  $D$

and an invertible matrix  $P$  such that

$$A = PDP^{-1}$$

Write

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ & & \dots & \\ 0 & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

For  $1 \leq i \leq n$  define

$$v_i = \text{column } i \text{ of } P$$

So

$$A v_i = \lambda_i v_i$$

P is invertible so

 $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  are lin indepLet  $\mathcal{V} =$  set of all solutions to  $*$ 

By last thm in prev lec

 $\mathcal{V}$  is vector space with dimension  $n$ Thm the following is a basis for  $\mathcal{V}$ :

$$e^{\lambda_1 t} v_1, e^{\lambda_2 t} v_2, \dots, e^{\lambda_n t} v_n$$

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pf Show each term in ★ is contained in  $\mathcal{V}$ :Given eigenvalue  $\lambda$  for  $A$  with eigenvect  $v$  show

$$X = e^{\lambda t} v$$

is a sol to  $*$ :



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$$(e^{\lambda t} v)' \stackrel{?}{=} A (e^{\lambda t} v)$$

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$$\lambda e^{\lambda t} v$$

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$$e^{\lambda t} Av$$

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$$e^{\lambda t} \lambda v$$

OK

check the elements  $\star$  are lin indep

Given scalars  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$  such that

$$c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} v_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} v_2 + \dots + c_n e^{\lambda_n t} v_n = 0$$

$$\text{show } c_1 = 0, c_2 = 0, \dots, c_n = 0$$

Set  $t=0$

$$c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_n v_n = 0$$

By const  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  are lin indep.

So

$$c_1 = 0, c_2 = 0, \dots, c_n = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

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Cor With above notation, the general  
solution to

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

is

$$\underline{X} = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} v_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} v_2 + \dots + c_n e^{\lambda_n t} v_n$$

 $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$  free

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Ex

Find the general solution for

$$x' = 3x - 4y$$

$$y' = 4x + 3y$$

Sol

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

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 A

Find eigenvalues of A:

$$|A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & -4 \\ 4 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

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

$$= \lambda^2 - 6\lambda + 25$$

$$\lambda = \frac{6 \mp \sqrt{36 - 100}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{6 \mp 8i}{2}$$

$$= 3 \pm 4i$$

Find eigenvectors

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$\lambda$

$3+4i$

$3-4i$

$A-\lambda I$

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

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

solve

$$(A-\lambda I)\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -i \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$x - iy = 0$$

$$x + iy = 0$$

$$y = t$$

$$x = -it$$

$$y = t$$

$$x = it$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

eig vector  
for  $\lambda$

$$\begin{bmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

gen sol is

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

$$+ c_2 e^{(3-4i)t} \begin{bmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$c_1, c_2$  free

Find gen sol in trig form:

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Recall

$$e^{(3+4i)t} = e^{3t} (\cos 4t + i \sin 4t)$$

$$e^{(3-4i)t} = e^{3t} (\cos 4t - i \sin 4t)$$

gen sol is

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = e^{3t} (\cos 4t + i \sin 4t) c_1 \begin{bmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$+ e^{3t} (\cos 4t - i \sin 4t) c_2 \begin{bmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= e^{3t} \cos 4t \begin{bmatrix} c_1 i - c_2 i \\ c_1 + c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{matrix} r \\ -s \end{matrix}$$

$$+ e^{3t} \sin 4t \begin{bmatrix} -c_1 - c_2 \\ c_1 i - c_2 i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{matrix} s \\ r \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = e^{3t} \cos 4t \begin{bmatrix} r \\ -s \end{bmatrix} + e^{3t} \sin 4t \begin{bmatrix} s \\ r \end{bmatrix}$$

$r, s$  free

Another way to get gen sol in trig form:

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each sol has form

$$x = r e^{3t} \cos 4t + A e^{3t} \sin 4t$$

$$y = R e^{3t} \cos 4t + S e^{3t} \sin 4t$$

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for some scalars  $r, A, R, S$

To find  $R, S$  in terms of  $r, A$  plug \*\* into orig

system. Get

$$R = -A$$

$$S = r.$$

Ex

Solve the system

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$$x' = 3x - 4y$$

$$x(0) = 2$$

$$y' = 4x + 3y$$

$$y(0) = 3$$

Sol

From prev example there are constants  $r, s$  such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = e^{3t} \cos 4t \begin{bmatrix} r \\ -s \end{bmatrix} + e^{3t} \sin 4t \begin{bmatrix} r \\ s \end{bmatrix}$$

To find  $r, s$  set  $t=0$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \cdot 1 \begin{bmatrix} r \\ -s \end{bmatrix} + 1 \cdot 0 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} r \\ s \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} r \\ -s \end{bmatrix}$$

$$r=2, \quad s=3$$

$$x = 2e^{3t} \cos 4t - 3e^{3t} \sin 4t$$

$$y = 3e^{3t} \cos 4t + 2e^{3t} \sin 4t$$

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