

We considered linear systems

$$(*) \quad \vec{X}' = P\vec{X}$$

Had discussed the case of complex eigenvalues  $\lambda$  of  $P$

Found: If  $\vec{X}$  is a solution of  $(*)$ , then also  $\vec{X}_1 = \operatorname{Re} \vec{X}$  and  $\vec{X}_2 = \operatorname{Im} \vec{X}$  are solutions.

Moreover, need not consider  $\bar{\lambda}$  and  $\bar{\vec{X}}$  associated to eigenvalue  $\bar{\lambda} = p + iq$ ,  $q, p \in \mathbb{R}$

If  $\vec{v} = \vec{a} + i\vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$  real vectors is a complex eigenvector

We may write a solution

$$\vec{X}(t) = e^{\lambda t} \vec{v}$$

(of  $(*)$ ). Then

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{X}(t) &= e^{pt} (\cos qt + i \sin qt) (\vec{a} + i\vec{b}) \\ &= e^{pt} ((\cos qt \vec{a} - \sin qt \vec{b}) + i(\sin qt \vec{a} + \cos qt \vec{b})) \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{cases} \vec{X}_1(t) = e^{Pt} (\vec{a} \cos qt - \vec{b} \sin qt) = \operatorname{Re} \vec{X}(t) \\ \vec{X}_2(t) = e^{Pt} (\vec{a} \sin qt + \vec{b} \cos qt) = \operatorname{Im} \vec{X}(t) \end{cases}$$

are real valued solutions of (\*) associated to  $\lambda$  and  $\bar{\lambda}$

They are linearly independent:

$$\text{Write } \vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}, \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}.$$

Suppose

$$\alpha \vec{X}_1(t) + \beta \vec{X}_2(t) \equiv \vec{0}$$

Then, for each  $k=1, 2, \dots, n$ , we see from (\*) that

$$\left. \begin{aligned} &\alpha e^{Pt} (a_k \cos qt - b_k \sin qt) \\ &+ \beta e^{Pt} (a_k \sin qt + b_k \cos qt) \equiv 0 \end{aligned} \right\} (i)$$

Differentiating (i):

$$\left. \begin{aligned} &\alpha (-a_k \sin qt - b_k \cos qt) \\ &+ \beta (a_k \cos qt - b_k \sin qt) \equiv 0 \end{aligned} \right\} (ii)$$

(i) & (ii) form a linear system in the unknown  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$

The system has determinant

$$a_k^2 + b_k^2 \quad (1 \leq k \leq n)$$

(Check this!)

hence the determinant  $a_k^2 + b_k^2 \neq 0$   
for at least one  $k$  (otherwise  
 $\vec{v} = \vec{0}$ , impossible).

For such  $k$  we find  $\alpha = \beta = 0$   
is the unique solution.

Hence  $\vec{x}_1$  and  $\vec{x}_2$  are linearly  
independent.

## Problem Set 8. March 30. 2016.

5.4 (24) On matrix form:

$$\vec{X}' = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ -4 & -3 & -1 \\ 4 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = P \vec{X}$$

Eigenvalues of  $P$ :

$$0 = |\lambda I - P| = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 4 & \lambda + 3 & 1 \\ -4 & -4 & \lambda - 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 4 & \lambda + 3 & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda - 1 & \lambda - 1 \end{vmatrix} \quad (R_3 \leftrightarrow R_3 + R_2)$$

$$= (\lambda - 1) \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 4 & \lambda + 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda - 1) \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 4 & \lambda + 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \begin{array}{l} R_1 \leftrightarrow \\ R_1 - R_3 \\ \hline R_1 \leftrightarrow \\ R_2 - R_3 \end{array}$$

$$= (\lambda - 1)(\lambda^2 - 4 + 8) = (\lambda - 1)(\lambda^2 + 4)$$

Eigenvalues:  $\lambda = 1, \lambda = \pm 2i$

Eigenspaces are one-dimensional here.

$$\lambda = 1 \quad \vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ eigenvector:}$$

$$\frac{\lambda = 1}{I - P} \sim \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_3 = 0, \quad x_1 + x_2 = 0; \quad \text{let } \vec{v}_1 = \underline{\underline{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}}$$

$$\lambda = 2i$$

$$2iI - P \sim \begin{bmatrix} 2i-2 & -2 & 0 \\ 4 & 2i+2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} i-1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{w}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ eigenvector: } \begin{matrix} x_2 + x_3 = 0, & x_3 = -x_2 \\ (i-1)x_1 = x_2 \end{matrix}$$

$$\text{Let } x_1 = 1, \quad x_2 = (i-1), \quad x_3 = 1-i$$

$$\vec{w}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i-1 \\ 1-i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + i \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Let } \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The general solution of ~~the~~ system is:

$$\vec{x}(t) = C_1 e^t \vec{v}_1 + C_2 \vec{x}_2(t) + C_3 \vec{x}_3(t)$$

$$\vec{x}_2(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos 2t \\ -\sin 2t - \cos 2t \\ \cos 2t + \sin 2t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x}_3(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \sin 2t \\ \cos 2t - \sin 2t \\ \sin 2t - \cos 2t \end{bmatrix}$$

This can be seen from

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i-1 \\ 1-i \end{bmatrix} e^{i2t} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i-1 \\ 1-i \end{bmatrix} (\cos 2t + i \sin 2t)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos 2t \\ -\sin 2t - \cos 2t \\ \cos 2t + \sin 2t \end{bmatrix} + i \begin{bmatrix} \sin 2t \\ \cos 2t - \sin 2t \\ \sin 2t - \cos 2t \end{bmatrix}$$


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5.4.20 Or matrix form:

$$\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} x_1' \\ x_2' \\ x_3' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 7 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \vec{x}' = P\vec{x}$$

Here  $P$  is symmetric,  $P = P^T$ ,  
hence eigenspaces are pairwise  
orthogonal, relatively to the standard  
inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

We make row reductions on

$$\lambda I - P = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda-5 & -1 & -3 \\ -1 & \lambda-7 & -1 \\ -3 & -1 & \lambda-5 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} \lambda-5 & -1 & -3 \\ 1 & 7-\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 3\lambda-20 & 2-\lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \lambda^2-12\lambda+34 & 2-\lambda \\ 1 & 7-\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 3\lambda-20 & 2-\lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} (R_3 \mapsto R_3 - 3R_2) \\ (R_2 \mapsto -R_2) \end{cases}$$

$$R_1 \mapsto R_1 - (\lambda-5)R_2$$

$$|\lambda I - P| = (-1) \left[ (\lambda^2 - 12\lambda + 34)(2-\lambda) - (2-\lambda)(3\lambda-20) \right]$$

$$= (-1)(2-\lambda)(\lambda^2 - 15\lambda + 54)$$

Eigenvalues:  $\lambda = 2$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{2} \left[ 15 \pm \sqrt{225 - 216} \right] = \frac{1}{2} [15 \pm 3] = \begin{cases} 9 \\ 6 \end{cases}$$

We had:

$$\lambda I - P \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 7-\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda^2-12\lambda+34 & 2-\lambda \\ 0 & 3\lambda-20 & 2-\lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = 2: 2I - P \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 14 & 0 \\ 0 & -14 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{v}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ eigenvector}$$

$$x_2 = 0, \quad x_3 = -x_1$$

$$\text{Take } \vec{v}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = 6: \quad 6I - P \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & -4 \\ 0 & -2 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_2 = -2x_3, \quad x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0$$

$$\text{So } x_1 - x_3 = 0, \quad x_3 = x_1, \\ x_2 = -2x_1$$

Get basis vector for eigenspace:

$$\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = 9: \quad 9I - P \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 7 & -7 \\ 0 & 7 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} : \quad x_3 = x_2 \\ x_1 - 2x_2 + x_2 = 0$$

$$\text{So } x_1 = x_2, \quad x_3 = x_2$$

$$\vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Check: They are pairwise orthogonal.

$\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$  are linearly independent,

so a general solution is

$$\vec{x}(t) = c_1 e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^{6t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 e^{9t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$c_1, c_2, c_3$  arbitrary constants.



5.6.1 A general solution of

$$\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ -1 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} = P \vec{x}'$$

Here

$$|\lambda I - P| = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda + 2 & -1 \\ 1 & \lambda + 4 \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda + 2)(\lambda + 4) + 1$$

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

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda = \underline{-3} \quad ; \quad \text{The only eigenvalue.}$$

Eigenspace:

$$-3I - P = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_2 = -x_1 \quad ; \quad \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

is a basis vector for the one-dim. eigenspace. Hence the eigenvalue method fails here.

Instead we use elimination:

$$(1) \quad x_1' = -2x_1 + x_2 \quad | \quad x_2 = x_1' + 2x_1$$

$$(2) \quad x_2' = -x_1 - 4x_2$$

We differentiate (1) and use (2), and finally use (1):

$$x_1'' = -2x_1' + x_2'$$

$$\stackrel{(2)}{=} -2x_1' - x_1 - 4x_2$$

$$\stackrel{(1)}{=} -2x_1' - x_1 - 4(x_1' + 2x_1)$$

$$= -6x_1' - 9x_1$$

Hence

$$x_1'' + 6x_1' + 9x_1 = 0$$

with char. equation

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

$$r = \frac{1}{2} [-6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 36}] = \underline{-3}$$

Hence

$$x_1(t) = c_1 e^{-3t} + c_2 t e^{-3t}$$


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Then

$$x_2 = 2x_1 + x_1' = 2c_1 e^{-3t} + 2c_2 t e^{-3t} + (-3)c_1 e^{-3t} + c_2 e^{-3t} - 3c_2 t e^{-3t}$$

$$= -c_1 e^{-3t} + c_2 e^{-3t} - c_2 t e^{-3t}$$

$$= -c_1 e^{-3t} + c_2 e^{-3t} (1 - t)$$

Then

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = c_1 e^{-3t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^{-3t} (t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix})$$


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$$\text{Let } \vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

We notice that

$$[P - (-3)I] \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{v}_1$$

and hence

$$(P - (-3)I)^2 \vec{v}_2 = (P - (-3)I) \vec{v}_1 = \vec{0},$$

since  $\vec{v}_1$  was an eigenvector for  $P$ .

This indicates a possible way of improving the eigenvalue method in such cases.

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