

Lecture 22: Homogeneous Systems

Example:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= -3x \\ \dot{y} &= 4y \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}, \quad \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = A\vec{x} \rightarrow \text{Linear System}$$

If \vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2 are solutions then so is

$$\vec{x} = c_1 \vec{x}_1 + c_2 \vec{x}_2$$

$$\frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = c_1 \frac{d\vec{x}_1}{dt} + c_2 \frac{d\vec{x}_2}{dt} = c_1 A\vec{x}_1 + c_2 A\vec{x}_2 = A(c_1 \vec{x}_1 + c_2 \vec{x}_2) = A\vec{x}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = -3x \Rightarrow x(t) = c_1 e^{-3t}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 4y \Rightarrow y(t) = c_2 e^{4t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{x} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} e^{-3t} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ e^{4t} \end{bmatrix}$$

Example:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = A\vec{x}$$

If λ_1 is an eigenvalue with corresponding eigenvector \vec{v}_1 , it follows that:

$$\vec{x}_1 = e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{v}_1$$

is a solution.

$$\frac{d\vec{x}_1}{dt} = \lambda_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{v}_1 = e^{\lambda_1 t} \lambda_1 \vec{v}_1 = e^{\lambda_1 t} A\vec{v}_1 = A(e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{v}_1) = A\vec{x}_1$$

If there are n linearly ind. eigenvectors with eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ the general solution is

$$\vec{x}(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_n e^{\lambda_n t} \vec{v}_n.$$

Example:

$\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$ where $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$. The eigenvalues are

$$\lambda_1 = -1, \lambda_2 = -2$$

IF $\lambda_1 = -1$

$$A - \lambda_1 I = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{eigenvector} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

IF $\lambda_2 = -2$

$$A - \lambda_2 I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{eigenvector} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The general solution is therefore,

$$y = c_1 e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^{-2t} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 e^{-t} + 2c_2 e^{-2t} \\ c_2 e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix}$$

Example:

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

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Eigenvalues of A .

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \lambda & -1 \\ 1 & 1 - \lambda \end{pmatrix} = 1 - 2\lambda + \lambda^2 + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 2 = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 8}}{2} = 1 \pm i$$

Eigenvectors of A'

$$A - iI = \begin{bmatrix} -i & -1 \\ 1 & -i \end{bmatrix} \cdot i = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -i \\ 1 & -i \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -i \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow y = \text{anything}$

$$x = iy$$

$$\text{Eigenvectors} = \begin{bmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

General solution is

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

$$\vec{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & | & i \\ 1 & 1 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{+R_1} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & | & i \\ 0 & 2 & | & i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow c_2 = i/2$$

$$-c_1 + i/2 = i$$

$$c_1 = -i/2$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{x}(t) = e^{(1+i)t} \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ -i/2 \end{bmatrix} + e^{(1-i)t} \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ i/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{e^t}{2} \left[(\cos(t) + i\sin(t)) \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix} + (\cos(t) - i\sin(t)) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix} \right]$$

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

$$= e^t \begin{bmatrix} \cos(t) \\ \sin(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

Example:

$$\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

One solution is $e^t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x + y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = y$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{dx}{dt} = x + y \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = y \end{array} \right\} \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt} + y = \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{dx}{dt} - x$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} - 2\frac{dx}{dt} + x = 0$$

Repeated Eigenvectors application