

Exam next Tuesday 11/13 usual time and place
chapters 4, 5*, 6*, 7

Practice Problems posted on website ←

Extra Office hours: Friday, 2:00 pm - until we
get tired.

Linear systems via eigenvalues and eigenvectors

2x2 system $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ $\vec{x}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{pmatrix}$

① $\vec{x}'(t) = A \vec{x}(t)$ ② $\begin{pmatrix} x_1' \\ x_2' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$

③ $\begin{cases} x_1' = ax_1 + bx_2 \\ x_2' = cx_1 + dx_2 \end{cases}$

①, ②, ③ are
just different
rotations.

2x2 first order linear homogeneous system.

→ To specify a unique solution, need initial condition.
initial values of x_1 and x_2 i.e. need to know $\vec{x}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1(0) \\ x_2(0) \end{pmatrix}$

→ Because the initial condition involve specifying 2 numbers, the general solution must have 2 undetermined constants in it.

→ A fundamental set of solutions consists of 2 linearly independent solutions.

$$x^{(1)}(t) \quad x^{(2)}(t)$$

general $x(t) = c_1 x^{(1)}(t) + c_2 x^{(2)}(t)$

use initial condition to solve for constants.

Example: $\vec{x}' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \vec{x}$ Find general solution

Try $\vec{x}(t) = \vec{v} e^{rt}$ where \vec{v} is some constant vector.

When does it solve $\vec{x}'(t) = \frac{d}{dt} (\vec{v} e^{rt}) = \vec{v} \frac{d}{dt} (e^{rt})$
 $= \vec{v} r e^{rt}$

what is $A \vec{x} = A \underbrace{\vec{v}}_{\text{vector}} e^{rt}$

Set equal: $\vec{v} r e^{rt} = A \vec{v} e^{rt} \Leftrightarrow \vec{v} \cdot r = A \vec{v}$

$$\vec{v}r = A\vec{v} \xrightarrow{\text{rewrite}} A\vec{v} = r\vec{v} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Eigenvalue} \\ \text{Eigenvector} \\ \text{equation} \end{array}$$

r must be an eigenvalue of A , and

\vec{v} must be an eigenvector of A associated to the eigenvalue r .

To find eigenvalues, solve $\det(A - rI) = 0$

$$\det\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - r\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \det\begin{pmatrix} 1-r & 1 \\ 4 & 1-r \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= (1-r)^2 - 4 = 1 - 2r + r^2 - 4 = r^2 - 2r - 3$$

Characteristic equation: $r^2 - 2r - 3 = 0$

solutions $r_1 = 3$ $r_2 = -1$ \leftarrow these are the possible r 's.

Find eigen vector for $r_1 = 3$

$$(A - 3I)\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 4 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0, \quad \vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

eigenvector for $r_2 = -1$

$$(A + I)\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0, \quad \vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solutions $\rightarrow x^{(1)}(t) = e^{r_1 t} \vec{v}^{(1)} = e^{3t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{3t} \\ 2e^{3t} \end{pmatrix}$

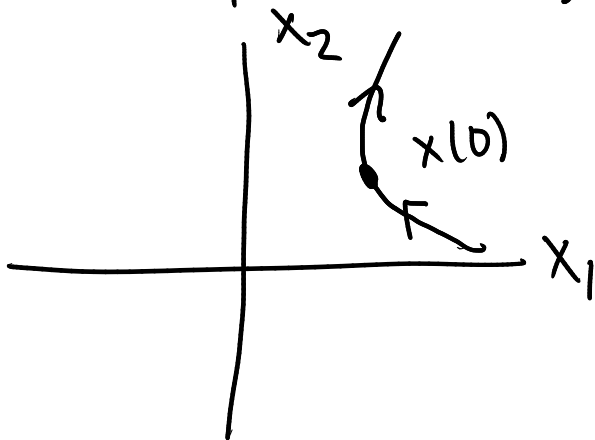
Fundamental set $\rightarrow x^{(2)}(t) = e^{r_2 t} \vec{v}^{(2)} = e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-t} \\ -2e^{-t} \end{pmatrix}$

General solution: $x(t) = c_1 e^{3t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} c_1 e^{3t} + c_2 e^{-t} \\ 2c_1 e^{3t} - 2c_2 e^{-t} \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{cases} x_1 = c_1 e^{3t} + c_2 e^{-t} \\ x_2 = 2c_1 e^{3t} - 2c_2 e^{-t} \end{cases}$$

Geometry is visible in the "phase plot"

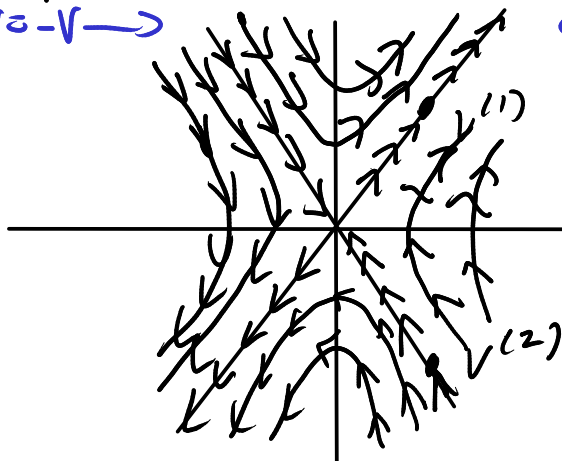
Plot x_1 and x_2 , but don't plot t .



Path traced out by the solution.

In our example here $\lambda = -r_1 \rightarrow$ $r_1 = 3$ $v^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ $r_2 = -1$ $v^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$
 here $\lambda v = -v \rightarrow$ \leftarrow here $\lambda v = 3v$

$x' = Ax$



Saddle point

eigenvectors \leftrightarrow trajectories in/out of $(0,0)$

Example: $x' = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} & -2 \end{pmatrix} x$ $A = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} & -2 \end{pmatrix}$

Find general solution.

Step 1 find eigenvalues $\det(A - rI) = 0$

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} -3-r & \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} & -2-r \end{pmatrix} = (-3-r)(-2-r) - 2$$

$$= r^2 + 5r + 4$$

$$= (r+1)(r+4)$$

eigenvalues $r_1 = -1$ $r_2 = -4$

Step 2 find eigenvectors

$$r_1 = -1 : 0 = (A + 1I) \vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$r_2 = -4 : (A + 4I) \vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

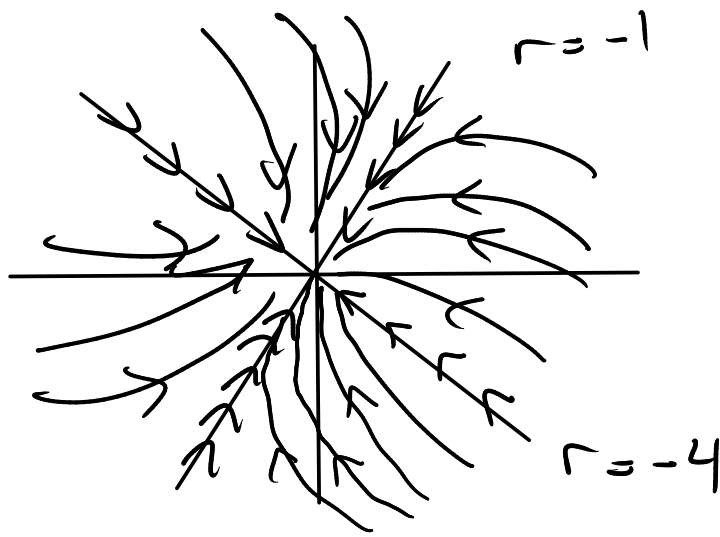
Step 3 write solutions

$$x^{(1)}(t) = e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x^{(2)}(t) = e^{-4t} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

general solution $x(t) = c_1 e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{-4t} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

Phase plot



negative
eigenvalues
 \Rightarrow flow in

everything
flows in
 \Rightarrow "node"

Complex eigenvalues:

Example: $x' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} x$

Step 1 find eigenvalues

$$\det(A - rI) = \det \begin{pmatrix} -r & -1 \\ 1 & -r \end{pmatrix} = r^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$r_1 = i \quad r_2 = -i$$

eigenvectors

$$r_1 = i \quad \begin{pmatrix} -i & -1 \\ 1 & -i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad x^{(1)}(t) = e^{it} \begin{pmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$r_2 = -i \quad \begin{pmatrix} i & -1 \\ 1 & i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad x^{(2)}(t) = e^{-it} \begin{pmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$e^{it} \begin{pmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $e^{-it} \begin{pmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ are fundamental set
of complex-valued solutions

eigenvalues are complex conjugates, and so are eigenvectors

Step 4:

To get real solutions, take real and imaginary parts of any complex solution

$$e^{it} \begin{pmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = (\cos t + i \sin t) \begin{pmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} i \cos t - \sin t \\ \cos t + i \sin t \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} -\sin t + i \cos t \\ \cos t + i \sin t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\sin t \\ \cos t \end{pmatrix} + i \begin{pmatrix} \cos t \\ \sin t \end{pmatrix}$$

These are a fundamental set of real solutions.

General solution:

$$x(t) = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} -\sin t \\ \cos t \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} \cos t \\ \sin t \end{pmatrix}$$

