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# Review Eigenvectors Ch7

## Systems of Differential Equations

Review Exam 3: Ch1, Ch2, 3, 4, 5, 7

Ch7: Goal Given a  $2 \times 2$  matrix find its eigenvectors and eigenvalues.

Method: 1) Solve the characteristic polynomial to find eigenvalues

2) For each eigenvalue find an eigenvector.

Ex) Find eigenvectors and eigenvalues of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow 1) \begin{vmatrix} (1-\lambda) & 5 \\ 2 & (4-\lambda) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(1-\lambda)(4-\lambda) - 10 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 5\lambda - 6 = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 6)(\lambda + 1) = 0$$

There are two eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 6$ ,  $\lambda_2 = -1$

$$2) \lambda_1 = 6 \quad \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 5 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} -5x_1 + 5x_2 = 0 \\ 2x_1 - 2x_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$\vec{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is an eigenvector corresponding to the

eigenvalue  $\lambda_1 = 6$

$$\lambda_2 = -1 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} 2x_1 + 5x_2 = 0 \\ 2x_1 + 5x_2 = 0 \end{cases} \quad \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  is an eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda_2 = -1$ .

What can go wrong? Answer: Characteristic equation may have complex roots or double roots.

# Applications: Differential Equations.

Ex 1) Solve  $\frac{dx}{dt} = -3x$  so that  $x(0) = 9$

$$\boxed{\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = -3x(t)}$$

Solution:  $x(t) = Ce^{-3t}$  to find  $C$

use  $9 = x(0) = Ce^{-3(0)} = C$

Answer:  $\boxed{x(t) = 9e^{-3t}}$

Check:  $x' \stackrel{?}{=} -3x$   
 $\quad \quad \quad \parallel \quad \quad \parallel$   
 $\quad \quad \quad -27e^{-3t} \quad \quad -27e^{-3t}$

Check: Initial Value  $9 = x(0) = 9 \cdot 1 = 9$

Formula: ALL SOLUTIONS

to  $x' = ax$  are  $x(t) = Ce^{at}$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = ax$$

Ex2) Solve a linear 2x2 differential equation  $\frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = A\vec{x}$  if  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

SAME  $\swarrow$

$$\begin{cases} x_1'(t) = 2x_1(t) \\ x_2'(t) = 3x_1(t) - x_2(t) \end{cases} \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \begin{cases} x_1' = 2x_1 \\ x_2' = 3x_1 - x_2 \end{cases}$$

1) verify  $\vec{x} = Ce^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is a solution

for any  $C = \text{const.}$   
 $\lambda = 2$  is an eigenvalue  
with corresp eigenvector  
 $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| $x_1 = Ce^{2t}$   | $x_2 = Ce^{2t}$   |
| $x_1' = 2Ce^{2t}$ | $x_2' = 2Ce^{2t}$ |

2) verify  $\vec{x} = De^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is a solution

for any  $D$ .

|            |                   |
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| $x_1 = 0$  | $x_2 = De^{-t}$   |
| $x_1' = 0$ | $x_2' = -De^{-t}$ |

$\lambda = -1$  is an eigenvalue with eigenvector  
 $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

ALL SOLUTIONS:

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

★ Verify that  $\vec{x}$  solves the D.E  $\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$   
 $\frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = A\vec{x}$

$$\frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = 2c_1 e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - c_2 e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A\vec{x} &= A \left( c_1 e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= c_1 e^{2t} \underbrace{A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}} + c_2 e^{-t} \underbrace{A \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}} \end{aligned}$$

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

Ex) Solve IVP = D.E + Initial Condition

$$\begin{cases} x_1' = -3x_1 + 2x_2 \\ x_2' = 2x_1 - 3x_2 \end{cases}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} x_1(0) \\ x_2(0) \end{bmatrix} = \vec{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution:

$$1. \quad \begin{vmatrix} (-3-\lambda) & 2 \\ 2 & (-3-\lambda) \end{vmatrix} = 0 \iff (-3-\lambda)(-3-\lambda) - 4 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 + 6\lambda + 5 = 0 \\ (\lambda + 5)(\lambda + 1) = 0$$

$$2. \quad \boxed{\lambda_1 = -5} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \iff \begin{cases} 2x_1 + 2x_2 = 0 \\ 2x_1 + 2x_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\boxed{\lambda_2 = -1} \quad \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \iff \begin{cases} -2x_1 + 2x_2 = 0 \\ 2x_1 - 2x_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

ALL SOLUTIONS TO  $\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$ ,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 2 \\ 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\text{are } \vec{x} = c_1 e^{-5t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{x}(0) = c_1 e^0 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^0 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} 4 = c_1 + c_2 \\ 2 = -c_1 + c_2 \end{cases}$$

$$6 = 2c_2 \rightarrow c_2 = 3, c_1 = 1$$

$$\text{SOLUTION: } \vec{x} = e^{-5t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + 3e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{or } \boxed{\begin{aligned} x_1(t) &= e^{-5t} + 3e^{-t} \\ x_2(t) &= -e^{-5t} + 3e^{-t} \end{aligned}} \quad \begin{aligned} x_1' &= \\ x_2' &= \end{aligned}$$

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$$\#1) A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

a) find  $A^{-1}$

b) use answer (a) to solve

$$\begin{cases} 2x + 2z = 2 \\ 2x + y + z = 5 \\ 3x + 2y + 2z = 8 \end{cases}$$

c) solve for  $x$  in (b) using Cramer's