

# MAT 222 Linear Algebra 1st Assignment

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**Problem 1:** Find the general term of the sequence whose recurrence and first two terms are given by the following.

$$x_0 = 1, x_1 = 2 \quad x_{n+2} = -2x_{n+1} + 8x_n$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{n+1} \\ x_{n+2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 8 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_n \\ x_{n+1} \end{bmatrix} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 8 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad |A - \lambda I| = 0$$

Eigen values:  $-4, 2$

$$A \text{ also } \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 8 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{vmatrix} -2-\lambda & 8 \\ 1 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

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

$$(\lambda+4)(\lambda-2) = 0$$

$$\lambda = -4, 2$$

for  $\lambda = -4$

$$(A + 4I)\vec{v} = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 8 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 8 & 2 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-2R_1+R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$x_2$  - free variable

$$x_2 = a$$

$$4x_1 + a = 0$$

$$x_1 = -a/4$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} -1/4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

eigen vector

for  $\lambda = 2$

$$(A - 2I)\vec{v} = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 8 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 8 & -4 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{4R_1+R_2} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$x_2$  - free variable

$$x_2 = a$$

$$-2x_1 + x_2 = 0$$

$$x_1 = a/2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

eigen vector

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad P = \begin{bmatrix} -1/4 & 1/2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad P^{-1} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1/2 \\ -1 & -1/4 \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{4}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1/2 \\ -1 & -1/4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P^{-1}A^n P = D^n \Rightarrow A^n = P D^n P^{-1} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -1/4 & 1/2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (-4)^n & 0 \\ 0 & 2^n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1/2 \\ -1 & -1/4 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \frac{-4}{3}$$

$$= -\frac{4}{3} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-(-4)^n}{4} + \frac{-2^n}{2} & \frac{(-4)^n}{4 \cdot 2} + \frac{-2^n}{4 \cdot 2} \\ (-4)^n \cdot 2^n & \frac{-(-4)^n}{2} - \frac{2^n}{4} \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{4}{3} \begin{bmatrix} -2^{n-1} - (-4)^{n-1} & \frac{(-4)^{n-1} - 2^{n-2}}{2} \\ (-4)^n - 2^n & \frac{-(-4)^n - 2^{n-1}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_n \\ x_{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = A^n \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_n \\ x_{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = A^n \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{4}{3} \begin{bmatrix} -2^{n-1} - (-4)^{n-1} & \frac{(-4)^{n-1} - 2^{n-2}}{2} \\ (-4)^n - 2^n & \frac{-(-4)^n - 2^{n-1}}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_n = -\frac{4}{3} (-2^{n-1} - 2^{n-2}) = \frac{2^{n-1} + 2^n}{3} = \frac{2^n \cdot 3}{3} = 2^n$$

**Problem 2:** Consider a discrete dynamical model about the population of two animal species in the same ecological system, where  $x_k$  and  $y_k$  denote the predator and prey population at the end of  $k$ -th month, respectively. The model is of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} x_{k+1} \\ y_{k+1} \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} x_k \\ y_k \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $A$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix.

- what is  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k$ ? what is  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} y_k$ ?

- what is  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_k}{y_k}$ ? - A comment on the long term behaviour.

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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0.86 & 0.08 \\ -0.12 & 1.14 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 30 \\ 40 \end{bmatrix}$$

characteristic polynomial  $|A - \lambda I| = 0$

Eigenvalues: 1, 1, 0.9

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0.86 - \lambda & 0.08 \\ -0.12 & 1.14 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

For  $\lambda = 1.1$   
 $(A - 1.1I)\vec{v} = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (0.86 - \lambda)(1.14 - \lambda) - (0.08)(-0.12) = 0 \\ &0.9804 - 0.86\lambda - 1.14\lambda + \lambda^2 + 0.0096 = 0 \\ &\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 0.99 = 0 \\ &\lambda_1 = 1.1, \lambda_2 = 0.9 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -0.24 & 0.08 & | & 0 \\ -0.12 & 0.04 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-1/2 R_1 + R_2} \begin{bmatrix} -0.24 & 0.08 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$x_2$  free variables

$$x_2 = a$$

$$-0.24x_1 + 0.08a = 0$$

$$x_1 = 3a$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ eigen vector}$$

for  $\lambda = 0.9$   
 $(A - 0.9I)\vec{v} = 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -0.04 & 0.08 & | & 0 \\ -0.12 & 0.24 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-3R_1 + R_2} \begin{bmatrix} -0.04 & 0.08 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$x_2$  free variables

$$x_2 = a$$

$$-0.04x_1 + 0.08a = 0$$

$$x_1 = 2a$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 1.1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.9 \end{bmatrix}, P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, P^{-1} = \frac{1}{1-6} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow P^{-1}AP = D \Rightarrow A^k = PD^kP^{-1} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (1.1)^k & 0 \\ 0 & (0.9)^k \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{-5} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} (1.1)^k - 6(0.9)^k & 2(0.9)^k - 2(1.1)^k \\ 3(1.1)^k - 3(0.9)^k & (0.9)^k - 6(1.1)^k \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_k \\ y_k \end{bmatrix} = A^k \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_k \\ y_k \end{bmatrix} = A^k \begin{bmatrix} 30 \\ 40 \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} +50(1.1)^k - 100(0.9)^k \\ -150(1.1)^k - 50(0.9)^k \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_k = 10(1.1)^k + 20(0.9)^k$$

$$y_k = 30(1.1)^k + 10(0.9)^k$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = 10 \cdot \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (1.1)^k + 20 \cdot \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (0.9)^k = +\infty$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} y_k = 30 \cdot \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (1.1)^k + 10 \cdot \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (0.9)^k = +\infty$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_k}{y_k} = \left( \frac{10 + \frac{20(0.9)^k}{(1.1)^k}}{30 + \frac{10(0.9)^k}{(1.1)^k}} \right) = \frac{10}{30} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Both populations grow indefinitely they do not perish nor approach a specific finite limit.



**Problem 3:** Find the unique polynomial of degree less than or equal to 3 that passes through the given points.

$$(-3, -51), (-1, -7), (1, -3), (2, 14)$$

$$(x_0, y_0) = (-3, -51), (x_1, y_1) = (-1, -7), (x_2, y_2) = (1, -3)$$

$$(x_3, y_3) = (2, 14)$$

• The Lagrange basis polynomials are

$$L_0(x) = \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)(x-x_3)}{(x_0-x_1)(x_0-x_2)(x_0-x_3)} = -\frac{1}{40} (x+1)(x-1)(x-2)$$

$$L_1(x) = \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_2)(x-x_3)}{(x_1-x_0)(x_1-x_2)(x_1-x_3)} = \frac{1}{12} (x+3)(x-1)(x-2)$$

$$L_2(x) = \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)(x-x_3)}{(x_2-x_0)(x_2-x_1)(x_2-x_3)} = -\frac{1}{8} (x+3)(x+1)(x-2)$$

$$L_3(x) = \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)(x-x_2)}{(x_3-x_0)(x_3-x_1)(x_3-x_2)} = \frac{1}{15} (x+3)(x+1)(x-1)$$

• So, the polynomial we are looking for is

$$P(x) = y_0 L_0(x) + y_1 L_1(x) + y_2 L_2(x) + y_3 L_3(x) \Rightarrow P(x) = -51 L_0(x) - 7 L_1(x) - 3 L_2(x) + 14 L_3(x)$$

$$P(x) = \frac{51}{40} (x+1)(x-1)(x-2) - \frac{7}{12} (x+3)(x-1)(x-2) + \frac{3}{8} (x+3)(x+1)(x-2) + \frac{14}{15} (x+3)(x+1)(x-1)$$

$$P(x) = 2x^3 + x^2 - 6$$

Let's check whether the polynomial we found passes through the given points.

$$(-3, -51) \Rightarrow P(-3) = 2(-3)^3 + (-3)^2 - 6 = -51 \text{ (true)}$$

$$(-1, -7) \Rightarrow P(-1) = 2(-1)^3 + (-1)^2 - 6 = -7 \text{ (true)}$$

$$(1, -3) \Rightarrow P(1) = 2(1)^3 + 1^2 - 6 = -3 \text{ (true)}$$

$$(2, 14) \Rightarrow P(2) = 2(2)^3 + 2^2 - 6 = 14 \text{ (true)}$$

A unique polynomial that passes through given points and has degree less than or equal to 3:

$$P(x) = 2x^3 + x^2 - 6$$

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