Problem 1: Solve this DE using Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

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Solve the given initial value problem: **DE**: $\vec{\mathbf{x}}'(t) = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \vec{\mathbf{x}}(t)$, **IC**: $\vec{\mathbf{x}}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$

a. First find the eigenvalues of the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$.

The characteristic equation is: $det(A - \lambda I) =$

 $\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 3$

So, the eigenvalues are $\lambda_1 = \begin{vmatrix} -1 \end{vmatrix}$

and $\lambda_2 = \boxed{-3}$

b. Is the system stable or unstable?

Stable

c. Find the corresponding eigenvectors.

i. Case $\lambda_1 = -1$: Show work then fill on the boxes.

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2+1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2+1 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v_1 - v_2 = 0$$

$$v_1 = v_2$$

$$v = v_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

ii. Case $\lambda = -3$: Show work then fill on the boxes.

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2+3 & 1 \\ 1 & -2+3 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v_1 + v_2 = 0$$

$$v_1 = -v_2$$

$$v = v_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The matching eigenvectors are: $\vec{\mathbf{x}}_1 =$

 $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \text{and} \quad \vec{\mathbf{x}}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

d. Write out the general solution using constants c_1 and c_2 . Recall our **EEE** mnemonic. Each fundamental solution is a scalar function of time involving the Exponential of an Eigenvalue, multiplied by the matching Eigenvector.

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

e. Evaluate at time 0 to match the initial conditions:

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

and
$$c_2 = \boxed{2}$$

The solution matching the initial conditions is:

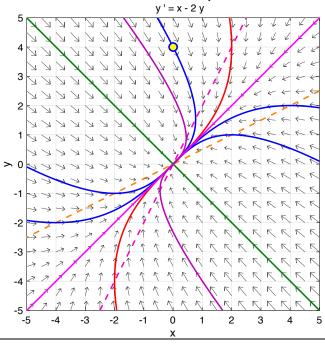
$$\vec{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 2e^{-3t} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

f. Classify the system using the table below.

The system is a:

Asymptotically stable improper node

| Roots (eigenvalues) | Type of Critical Point | Stability |
|---------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| distinct, positive | improper node | unstable |
| distinct, negative | improper node | asymptotically stable |
| opposite signs | saddle point | unstable |
| equal, positive | proper node or improper node | unstable |
| equal, negative | proper node or improper node | asymptotically stable |
| complex-valued: | | |
| positive real part | spiral point | unstable |
| negative real part | spiral point | asymptotically stable |
| pure imaginary | center | stable |



Problem 2: Solve the same Problem using the Laplace Transform (in Matrix Form)!

Solve the given initial value problem: **DE**:
$$\vec{\mathbf{x}}'(t) = A \vec{\mathbf{x}}(t)$$
 where $A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

IC:
$$\vec{\mathbf{x}}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Tip: The solution in the time-domain is $\vec{x}(t)$. Denote the solution is the s-domain as $\vec{X}(s)$ or just \vec{X} for short.

a. Recalling that the Laplace Transform is linear, what is the Laplace transform of the RHS? **Hint:** the matrix A can be treated just like a constant.

$$\mathcal{L}\{A\,\vec{\mathbf{x}}(t)\} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1\\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} * X(s)$$

b. What is the transform of the **LHS**? Use the fundamental derivative identity!

$$\mathcal{L}\{\vec{\mathbf{x}}'(t)\} = \begin{bmatrix} sX(s) - \begin{bmatrix} 0\\4 \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$



Combining the two sides and solving for \vec{X} you can show the solution is: $\vec{X}(s) = (sI - A)^{-1} \vec{x}(0)$

c. Write out the matrix (sI - A) where I denotes the 2 \times 2 identity matrix.

$$(sI - A) = \begin{bmatrix} 2+s & -1 \\ -1 & 2+s \end{bmatrix}$$

d. Give the determinant of this matrix. It will be a quadratic polynomial in the s variable. Factor it!

$$|sI - A| = s^2 + 4s + 3$$

Tip: Compare your answer to the characteristic polynomial in Problem 1.

e. Find the **inverse** of the matrix (sI - A). Don't forget to divide by the determinant!

$$(sI - A)^{-1} = \frac{1}{(s+3)(s+1)} * \begin{bmatrix} 2+s & 1\\ 1 & 2+s \end{bmatrix}$$

f. Now solve for \vec{X} using the formula given previously: $\vec{X} = (sI - A)^{-1} \vec{x}(0)$

$$\vec{\mathbf{X}}(s) = (sI - A)^{-1} \, \vec{\mathbf{x}}(0) = \frac{1}{(s+3)(s+1)} *$$

- g. Solve in the time domain.
 - **i.** The partial fraction for the top component of $\vec{\mathbf{X}}(s) = \begin{bmatrix} X_1(s) \\ X_2(s) \end{bmatrix}$ is: $X_1 = \frac{4}{s^2 + 4s + 3} = \frac{2}{s+1} \frac{2}{s+3}$ Find the top component $x_1(t)$ in the **time domain**.

$$x_1(t) = 2e^{-t} - 2e^{-3t}$$

ii. The partial fraction for the bottom component of $\vec{\mathbf{X}}(s) = \begin{bmatrix} X_1(s) \\ X_2(s) \end{bmatrix}$ is: $X_2 = \frac{4s+8}{s^2+4s+3} = \frac{2}{s+1} + \frac{2}{s+3}$ Find the bottom component $x_2(t)$ in the **time domain**.

$$x_2(t) = 2e^{-t} + 2e^{-3t}$$

h. Are these components the same as you found in **Problem 1**? Yes or No?

Yes