

#### Analytical Geometry and Linear Algebra II, Lab 10

Circulant Matrix

System of linear differential equations



#### How I spent last weekend



Watched both seasons in 1 day (24 series) of "Mushoku Tensei"



RAGE and VEGs clubs cooking collaboration event

#### **Circulant Matrix**

Watch first video on page 11, if you want to look at derivation and the necessity of the matrix.

Circulant matrix (N = 4) is:

$$C_4 = c_0 I + c_1 P + c_2 P^2 + C_3 P^3 = \begin{bmatrix} c_0 & c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \\ c_3 & c_0 & c_1 & c_2 \\ c_2 & c_3 & c_0 & c_1 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 & c_0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Properties:** 

It has *eigenvectors* in the Fourier Matrix columns  $F_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & i & -1 & -i \\ 1 & i^2 & 1 & (-i)^2 \\ 1 & i^3 & -1 & (-i)^3 \end{bmatrix}$ 

**Eigenvalues** of C can be found by Fourier trans.  $F_4[c_0, c_1, c_2, c_3]^T = [\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3]^T$ 

**Example 2** The same ideas work for a Fourier matrix F and a circulant matrix C of any size. Two by two matrices look trivial but they are very useful. Now eigenvalues of P have  $\lambda^2 = 1$  instead of  $\lambda^4 = 1$  and the complex number i is not needed:  $\lambda = \pm 1$ .

Fourier matrix 
$$F$$
 from eigenvectors of  $P$  and  $C$  
$$F = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{1} & -\mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix} \quad P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{Circulant} \\ c_0 I + c_1 P \end{array} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} c_0 & c_1 \\ c_1 & c_0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The eigenvalues of C are  $c_0 + c_1$  and  $c_0 - c_1$ . Those are given by the Fourier transform Fc when the vector c is  $(c_0, c_1)$ . This transform Fc gives the eigenvalues of C for any size n.

What are the 3 solutions to  $\lambda^3=1$ ? They are complex numbers  $\lambda=\cos\theta+i\sin\theta=e^{i\theta}$ . Then  $\lambda^3=e^{3i\theta}=1$  when the angle  $3\theta$  is 0 or  $2\pi$  or  $4\pi$ . Write the 3 by 3 Fourier matrix F with columns  $(1,\lambda,\lambda^2)$ .

Check that any 3 by 3 circulant C has eigenvectors  $(1, \lambda, \lambda^2)$  If the diagonals of your matrix C contain  $c_0, c_1, c_2$  then its eigenvalues are in Fc.

# Task 1 Answer

#### $\lambda^3=1$ has 3 roots $\lambda=1$ and $e^{2\pi i/3}$ and $e^{4\pi i/3}$ . Those are ${f 1},{m \lambda},{m \lambda^2}$ if we take

 $\lambda = e^{2\pi i/3}$ . The Fourier matrix is

$$F_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \lambda & \lambda^2 \\ 1 & \lambda^2 & \lambda^4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & e^{2\pi i/3} & e^{4\pi i/3} \\ 1 & e^{4\pi i/3} & e^{8\pi i/3} \end{bmatrix}.$$

A 3 by 3 circulant matrix has the form on page 425:

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} c_0 & c_1 & c_2 \\ c_2 & c_0 & c_1 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ with } C \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = (c_0 + c_1 + c_2) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \lambda \\ \lambda^2 \end{bmatrix} = (c_0 + c_1 \lambda + c_2 \lambda^2) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \lambda \\ \lambda^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad C \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \lambda^2 \\ \lambda^4 \end{bmatrix} = (c_0 + c_1 \lambda^2 + c_2 \lambda^4) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \lambda^2 \\ \lambda^4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Those 3 eigenvalues of C are exactly the 3 components of  $F\mathbf{c}=F\begin{bmatrix}c_0\\c_1\\c_2\end{bmatrix}$  ,

### 1st order system of linear differential equations

Algorithm

- 1. Write equation in u' = Au form;
- 2. Find eigenpairs of A
- 3. Subtract  $\lambda$  and  $x_{\lambda_i}$  to  $u(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} x_1 + ... + c_n e^{\lambda_n t} x_n$
- 4. Find  $c_i$  using u(0) which is vector.  $u(0) = \underbrace{u(t=0)}_{\text{from above}}$ . Solve it.
- 5. Put  $c_i$  to u(t).

**Example 1** Solve  $\frac{d\mathbf{u}}{dt} = A\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}$  starting from  $\mathbf{u}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{4} \\ \mathbf{2} \end{bmatrix}$ . This is a vector equation for u. It contains two scalar equations for the components y and z. They are "coupled together" because the matrix A is not diagonal:

$$\frac{du}{dt} = Au$$
  $\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$  means that  $\frac{dy}{dt} = z$  and  $\frac{dz}{dt} = y$ .

The idea of eigenvectors is to combine those equations in a way that gets back to 1 by 1 problems. The combinations y + z and y - z will do it. Add and subtract equations:

$$\frac{d}{dt}(y+z)=z+y \qquad \text{and} \qquad \frac{d}{dt}(y-z)=-(y-z).$$
 The combination  $y+z$  grows like  $e^t$ , because it has  $\lambda=1$ . The combination  $y-z$  decays

like  $e^{-t}$ , because it has  $\lambda = -1$ . Here is the point: We don't have to juggle the original equations  $d\mathbf{u}/dt = A\mathbf{u}$ , looking for these special combinations. The eigenvectors and eigenvalues of A will do it for us.

This matrix A has eigenvalues 1 and -1. The eigenvectors x are (1,1) and (1,-1). The pure exponential solutions  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  take the form  $e^{\lambda t}x$  with  $\lambda_1 = 1$  and  $\lambda_2 = -1$ :

$$u_1(t) = e^{\lambda_1 t} x_1 = e^t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and  $u_2(t) = e^{\lambda_2 t} x_2 = e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . (4)

Notice: These u's satisfy  $Au_1 = u_1$  and  $Au_2 = -u_2$ , just like  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ . The factors  $e^t$ and  $e^{-t}$  change with time. Those factors give  $du_1/dt = u_1 = Au_1$  and  $du_2/dt = -u_2 =$  $Au_2$ . We have two solutions to du/dt = Au. To find all other solutions, multiply those

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(5)

## $u(t) = Ce^{t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + De^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Ce^{t} + De^{-t} \\ Ce^{t} - De^{-t} \end{bmatrix}.$ **Complete solution**

With these two constants C and D, we can match any starting vector  $\mathbf{u}(0) = (u_1(0), u_2(0))$ . Set t = 0 and  $e^0 = 1$ . Example 1 asked for the initial value to be  $\mathbf{u}(0) = (4, 2)$ :

$$u(0)$$
 decides  $C, D$   $C\begin{bmatrix}1\\1\end{bmatrix} + D\begin{bmatrix}1\\-1\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}4\\2\end{bmatrix}$  yields  $C = 3$  and  $D = 1$ .

With C=3 and D=1 in the solution (5), the initial value problem is completely solved. The same three steps that solved  $u_{k+1}=Au_k$  now solve du/dt=Au:

- 1. Write u(0) as a combination  $c_1x_1 + \cdots + c_nx_n$  of the eigenvectors of A.
- 2. Multiply each eigenvector  $x_i$  by its growth factor  $e^{\lambda_i t}$ .
- **3.** The solution is the same combination of those pure solutions  $e^{\lambda t}x$ :

$$\frac{du}{dt} = Au \qquad u(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} x_1 + \dots + c_n e^{\lambda_n t} x_n.$$
 (6)

Not included: If two  $\lambda$ 's are equal, with only one eigenvector, another solution is needed. (It will be  $te^{\lambda t}x$ .) Step 1 needs to diagonalize  $A = X\Lambda X^{-1}$ : a basis of n eigenvectors.

**Example 2** Solve  $d\mathbf{u}/dt = A\mathbf{u}$  knowing the eigenvalues  $\lambda = 1, 2, 3$  of A:

Typical example Equation for 
$$u$$
 
$$\frac{du}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} u \text{ starting from } u(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 7 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$
Initial condition  $u(0)$ 

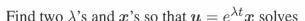
The eigenvectors are  $x_1 = (1,0,0)$  and  $x_2 = (1,1,0)$  and  $x_3 = (1,1,1)$ .

**Step 1** The vector 
$$u(0) = (9,7,4)$$
 is  $2x_1 + 3x_2 + 4x_3$ . Thus  $(c_1, c_2, c_3) = (2,3,4)$ .

**Step 2** The factors  $e^{\lambda t}$  give exponential solutions  $e^t x_1$  and  $e^{2t} x_2$  and  $e^{3t} x_3$ .

 $\textbf{Step 3} \quad \text{The combination that starts from } \boldsymbol{u}(0) \text{ is } \boldsymbol{u}(t) = 2e^t\boldsymbol{x}_1 + 3e^{2t}\boldsymbol{x}_2 + 4e^{3t}\boldsymbol{x}_3.$ 

The coefficients 2, 3, 4 came from solving the linear equation  $c_1x_1 + c_2x_2 + c_3x_3 = u(0)$ :



$$\frac{d\boldsymbol{u}}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{u}.$$

What combination  $\mathbf{u} = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \mathbf{x}_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \mathbf{x}_2$  starts from  $\mathbf{u}(0) = (5, -2)$ ?

Find two  $\lambda$ 's and x's so that  $u = e^{\lambda t}x$  solves

$$\frac{d\boldsymbol{u}}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{u}.$$

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#### **Answer**

Eigenvalues 4 and 1 with eigenvectors 
$$(1,0)$$
 and  $(1,-1)$  give solutions  $\boldsymbol{u}_1 = e^{4t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\boldsymbol{u}_2 = e^t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . If  $\boldsymbol{u}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $\boldsymbol{u}(t) = 3e^{4t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 2e^t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Suppose P is the projection matrix onto the  $45^{\circ}$  line y=x in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . What are its eigenvalues? If  $d\mathbf{u}/dt=-P\mathbf{u}$  (notice minus sign) can you find the limit of  $\mathbf{u}(t)$  at  $t=\infty$  starting from  $\mathbf{u}(0)=(3,1)$ ?

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#### **Answer**

A projection matrix has eigenvalues  $\lambda=1$  and  $\lambda=0$ . Eigenvectors  $P\boldsymbol{x}=\boldsymbol{x}$  fill the subspace that P projects onto: here  $\boldsymbol{x}=(1,1)$ . Eigenvectors with  $P\boldsymbol{x}=\boldsymbol{0}$  fill the perpendicular subspace: here  $\boldsymbol{x}=(1,-1)$ . For the solution to  $\boldsymbol{u}'=-P\boldsymbol{u}$ ,

$$oldsymbol{u}(0) = egin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = egin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + egin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad oldsymbol{u}(t) = e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + e^{0t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ approaches } \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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#### Higher order differential equation

Idea

$$u'' + Bu' + Cu = 0$$
 is equivalent to  $\begin{bmatrix} u \\ u' \end{bmatrix}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -C & -B \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ u' \end{bmatrix}$ 

Everything else is the same as in first order system.

#### **Second Order Equations**

The most important equation in mechanics is my'' + by' + ky = 0. The first term is the mass m times the acceleration a = y''. This term ma balances the force F (that is  $Newton's\ Law$ ). The force includes the damping -by' and the elastic force -ky, proportional to distance moved. This is a second-order equation because it contains the second derivative  $y'' = d^2y/dt^2$ . It is still linear with constant coefficients m, b, k.

In a differential equations course, the method of solution is to substitute  $y=e^{\lambda t}$ . Each derivative of y brings down a factor  $\lambda$ . We want  $y=e^{\lambda t}$  to solve the equation:

$$m\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + b\frac{dy}{dt} + ky = 0 \quad \text{becomes} \quad (m\lambda^2 + b\lambda + k)e^{\lambda t} = 0.$$
 (8)

Everything depends on  $m\lambda^2 + b\lambda + k = 0$ . This equation for  $\lambda$  has two roots  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ . Then the equation for y has two pure solutions  $y_1 = e^{\lambda_1 t}$  and  $y_2 = e^{\lambda_2 t}$ . Their combinations  $c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2$  give the complete solution unless  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$ .

In a linear algebra course we expect matrices and eigenvalues. Therefore we turn the scalar equation (with y'') into a vector equation for y and y': first derivative only. Suppose the mass is m = 1. Two equations for  $\mathbf{u} = (y, y')$  give  $d\mathbf{u}/dt = A\mathbf{u}$ :

$$\frac{dy/dt = y'}{dy'/dt = -ky - by'} \quad \text{converts to} \quad \frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} y \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} \\ -k & -b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = A\mathbf{u}. \quad (9)$$

The first equation dy/dt = y' is trivial (but true). The second is equation (8) connecting y'' to y' and y. Together they connect u' to u. So we solve u' = Au by eigenvalues of A:

$$A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ -k & -b - \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$
 has determinant  $\lambda^2 + b\lambda + k = 0$ .

The equation for the  $\lambda$ 's is the same as (8)! It is still  $\lambda^2 + b\lambda + k = 0$ , since m = 1. The roots  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are now *eigenvalues of A*. The eigenvectors and the solution are

$$m{x}_1 = egin{bmatrix} 1 \ \lambda_1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad m{x}_2 = egin{bmatrix} 1 \ \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} \qquad m{u}(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} egin{bmatrix} 1 \ \lambda_1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} egin{bmatrix} 1 \ \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The first component of u(t) has  $y=c_1e^{\lambda_1t}+c_2e^{\lambda_2t}$ —the same solution as before. It can't be anything else. In the second component of u(t) you see the velocity dy/dt. The vector problem is completely consistent with the scalar problem. The 2 by 2 matrix A is called a *companion matrix*—a companion to the second order equation with y''.

#### **Example 3** Motion around a circle with y'' + y = 0 and $y = \cos t$

This is our master equation with mass m=1 and stiffness k=1 and d=0: no damping. Substitute  $y=e^{\lambda t}$  into y''+y=0 to reach  $\lambda^2+1=0$ . The roots are  $\lambda=i$  and

 $\lambda = -i$ . Then half of  $e^{it} + e^{-it}$  gives the solution  $y = \cos t$ . As a first-order system, the initial values y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 0 go into u(0) = (1, 0):

Use 
$$y'' = -y$$
 
$$\frac{d\mathbf{u}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} y \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} \\ -\mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = A\mathbf{u}.$$
 (10)

The eigenvalues of A are again the same  $\lambda=i$  and  $\lambda=-i$  (no surprise). A is antisymmetric with eigenvectors  $\boldsymbol{x}_1=(1,i)$  and  $\boldsymbol{x}_2=(1,-i)$ . The combination that matches  $\boldsymbol{u}(0)=(1,0)$  is  $\frac{1}{2}(\boldsymbol{x}_1+\boldsymbol{x}_2)$ . Step 2 multiplies the x's by  $e^{it}$  and  $e^{-it}$ . Step 3 combines the pure oscillations into  $\boldsymbol{u}(t)$  to find  $y=\cos t$  as expected:

$$\boldsymbol{u}(t) = \frac{1}{2}e^{it}\begin{bmatrix}1\\i\end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{2}e^{-it}\begin{bmatrix}1\\-i\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}\cos t\\-\sin t\end{bmatrix}. \qquad \text{This is } \begin{bmatrix}y(t)\\y'(t)\end{bmatrix}.$$

All good. The vector  $\mathbf{u} = (\cos t, -\sin t)$  goes around a circle (Figure 6.3). The radius is 1 because  $\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t = 1$ .

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#### **Answer**

To use linear algebra we set u = (y, y'). Then the vector equation is u' = Au:

$$\frac{dy/dt=y'}{dy'/dt=-3y-4y'} \quad \text{converts to} \quad \frac{d\boldsymbol{u}}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -3 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{u}.$$

This A is a "companion matrix" and its eigenvalues are again -1 and -3:

Same quadratic 
$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ -3 & -4 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 3 = 0.$$

The eigenvectors of A are  $(1, \lambda_1)$  and  $(1, \lambda_2)$ . Either way, the decay in y(t) comes from  $e^{-t}$  and  $e^{-3t}$ . With constant coefficients, calculus leads to linear algebra  $Ax = \lambda x$ .

Find solution in general form 
$$(c_1e^{\lambda_1t}x_1 + ... + c_ne^{\lambda_nt}x_n)$$
:
$$u''' + 2u'' - u' - 2u = 0, \ u(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 3\\2\\6 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Answer
1. Equation: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} y \\ y' \\ y'' \end{bmatrix}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y \\ y' \\ y'' \end{bmatrix};$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y'' \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y'' \end{bmatrix}$$
2. Eigenpairs:  $\lambda_1 = -2$ ,  $\lambda_2 = -1$ ,  $\lambda_3 = 1$ ;  $x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $x_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ;
3.  $c_1 = 1$ ,  $c_2 = -1$ ,  $c_3 = 3$ ;

4. General form: 
$$u(t) = 1e^{-2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + (-1)e^{-1t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 3e^{1t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
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#### Reference material

- Eigenvectors of Circulant Matrices: Fourier Matrix
- Lecture 23, Differential Equations and exp(At)
- "Introduction to Linear Algebra", pdf pages 436
   Circulant Matrix 8.3
- "Introduction to Linear Algebra", pdf pages 330–348
   Systems of Differential Equations 6.3

