



# Systems 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 [5] video, if you want to get how to derive this property and the necessity of it.

**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 the Fourier transform  $F_4 \bar{C} = \bar{\lambda}$

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## Example

**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  $C$   $F = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$   $P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  Circulant  $C = \begin{bmatrix} c_0 & c_1 \\ c_1 & c_0 \end{bmatrix}$ .  
 $c_0 I + c_1 P$

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



## Task 1

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  $(1, \lambda, \lambda^2)$  from Problem 8. If the diagonals of your matrix  $C$  contain  $c_0, c_1, c_2$  then its eigenvalues are in  $F\mathbf{c}$ .



# 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  $1, \lambda, \lambda^2$  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  $Fc = F \begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,



## Reference material

- Eigenvectors of Circulant Matrices: Fourier Matrix
- Lecture 23, Differential Equations and  $\exp(At)$
- *"Linear Algebra and Applications"*, pdf pages 435–436  
Circulant Matrix 8.3
- *"Linear Algebra and Applications"*, pdf pages 330–348  
Systems of Differential Equations 6.3

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