

Examples: Linear system

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Example: Double root

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ 4 & -7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{characteristic eqn: } \det(A - rI) = \begin{vmatrix} 1-r & -4 \\ 4 & -7-r \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(1-r)(-7-r) + 16 = 0$$

$$r^2 + 6r + 9 = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{r = r_2 = -3}$$

Eigenvector, $(A - r)V = 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1+3 & -4 \\ 4 & -7+3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & -4 \\ 4 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$4v_1 - 4v_2 = 0$$

pick $v_1 = 1$, then $v_2 = 1$, so $V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is an eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue

$$\boxed{r = -3}$$

Generalized Eigenvector: To solve $(A - rI)S = V$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & -4 \\ 4 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} s_1 \\ s_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$4s_1 - 4s_2 = 1$$

pick $s_1 = \frac{1}{4}$, then $s_2 = 0$.

$$\text{so } S = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore, the solution is given by

$$X = C_1 x_1 + C_2 x_2, \text{ where } x_1 = e^{rt} V, \quad x_2 = e^{rt} tV + e^{rt} S.$$

$$= C_1 \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-3t}}_{x_1} + C_2 \left(\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} t e^{-3t} + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{-3t}}_{x_2} \right).$$

Example: Complex roots.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -5 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$r = \pm 3i$ will be the eigenvalues.

Take $r = 3i$.

$$\text{solve } (A - r)V = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1-3i & 2 \\ -5 & -1-3i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$(1-3i)v_1 + 2v_2 = 0$$

$$\text{pick } v_1 = 1, \text{ then } v_2 = \frac{1}{2}(3i-1) = \frac{3}{2}i - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{so } V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{3}{2}i - \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$e^{rt} V = e^{3it} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{3}{2}i - \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= (\cos 3t + i \sin 3t) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{3}{2}i - \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \cos 3t + i \sin 3t \\ -\frac{1}{2} \cos 3t - \frac{3}{2} \sin 3t + \frac{3}{2} i \cos 3t - \frac{1}{2} i \sin 3t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \cos 3t \\ -\frac{1}{2} \cos 3t - \frac{3}{2} \sin 3t \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{real}} + i \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \sin 3t \\ \frac{3}{2} \cos 3t - \frac{1}{2} \sin 3t \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{imaginary}}$$

$$\text{so } X = C_1 \begin{pmatrix} \cos 3t \\ -\frac{1}{2} \cos 3t - \frac{3}{2} \sin 3t \end{pmatrix} + C_2 \begin{pmatrix} \sin 3t \\ \frac{3}{2} \cos 3t - \frac{1}{2} \sin 3t \end{pmatrix}$$