

**Question1** (1 points)

Suppose  $\mathbf{A}$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix, and its eigenvalues are

$$\lambda_1 = 1, \quad \lambda_2 = -1, \quad \lambda_3 = 0,$$

and the corresponding eigenvectors are

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

respectively. Find the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ .

**Solution:**

1M Knowing the eigenvalues and the corresponding eigenvectors, we have the following

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}^{-1}$$

where the diagonal matrix  $\mathbf{D}$  contains the eigenvalues and  $\mathbf{P}$  has the eigenvectors

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

thus we essentially need to find the inverse of  $\mathbf{P}$

$$\mathbf{P}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(\mathbf{P})} \mathbf{C}^T = \frac{1}{-1} \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 1 & 2 \\ -3 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = (-1) \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 1 & 2 \\ -3 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

and compute the product

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A} &= (-1) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 1 & 2 \\ -3 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= (-1) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & (-)0 & 0 \\ 2 & (-)(-2) & 0 \\ 1 & (-)1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 1 & 2 \\ -3 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= (-1) \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 1 & 2 \\ -16 & 4 & 6 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -1 & -2 \\ 16 & -4 & -6 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

**Question2** (1 points)

Find the eigenvalues and the corresponding eigenvectors of the matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution:**

1M The eigenvalues are found by solving

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = \lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 5 \implies \lambda_{1,2} = 1 \pm 2i$$

Using  $\lambda = 1 + 2i$ , the eigenvectors are found by solving

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 - 2i & -2 \\ 4 & -(2 + 2i) \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \implies \begin{cases} (2 - 2i)x_1 - 2x_2 = 0 \\ 4x_1 - (2 + 2i)x_2 = 0 \end{cases} \implies (1 - i)x_1 - x_2 = 0$$

Thus the eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}$  corresponding to  $\lambda = 1 + 2i$  is spanned by

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 - i \end{bmatrix}$$

According to the theorem on L21P10, the eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}$  corresponding to

$$\lambda = 1 - 2i$$

is spanned by

$$\mathbf{x}_2 = \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 + i \end{bmatrix}$$

**Question3** (1 points)

Prove the following theorem.

Suppose  $\mathbf{A}$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix, and  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  are eigenvectors for  $\mathbf{A}$  with distinct eigenvalues, then these vectors are linearly independent.

**Solution:**

1M Let  $r$  be the dimension of the subspace of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  spanned by

$$\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$$

and suppose that  $r < n$ , i.e.

$$\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n \text{ are assumed to be linearly dependent}$$

We assume that  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_r$  are linearly independent, so that

$$\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_r, \mathbf{v}_{r+1} \text{ are assumed to be linearly dependent}$$

and there exist scalar  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{r+1}$  that are not all zero such that

$$\alpha_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_r \mathbf{v}_r + \alpha_{r+1} \mathbf{v}_{r+1} = \mathbf{0} \tag{1}$$

the coefficient  $\alpha_{r+1} \neq 0$  otherwise  $\mathbf{v}_1 \cdots \mathbf{v}_r$  would be linearly dependent, thus

$$\alpha_{r+1} \mathbf{v}_{r+1} \neq \mathbf{0}$$

therefore  $\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_r$  cannot be all zero. Multiply equation (1) by  $\mathbf{A}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1 \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v}_1 + \cdots + \alpha_r \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v}_r + \alpha_{r+1} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v}_{r+1} &= \mathbf{0} \\ \implies \alpha_1 \lambda_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \cdots + \alpha_r \lambda_r \mathbf{v}_r + \alpha_{r+1} \lambda_{r+1} \mathbf{v}_{r+1} &= \mathbf{0} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Subtract  $\lambda_{r+1}$  times equation (1) from equation (2),

$$\alpha_1 (\lambda_1 - \lambda_{r+1}) \mathbf{v}_1 + \cdots + \alpha_r (\lambda_r - \lambda_{r+1}) \mathbf{v}_r + \alpha_{r+1} (\lambda_{r+1} - \lambda_{r+1}) \mathbf{v}_{r+1} = \mathbf{0}$$

It is given that  $\lambda_i$ 's are distinct, so the only way this equation is true is if

$$\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \cdots = \alpha_r = 0$$

This contradicts the independence of  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_r$ , thus we reject the assumption

$$r < n$$

and conclude that  $r = n$ , therefore those eigenvectors corresponding to distinct eigenvalues are linearly independent.

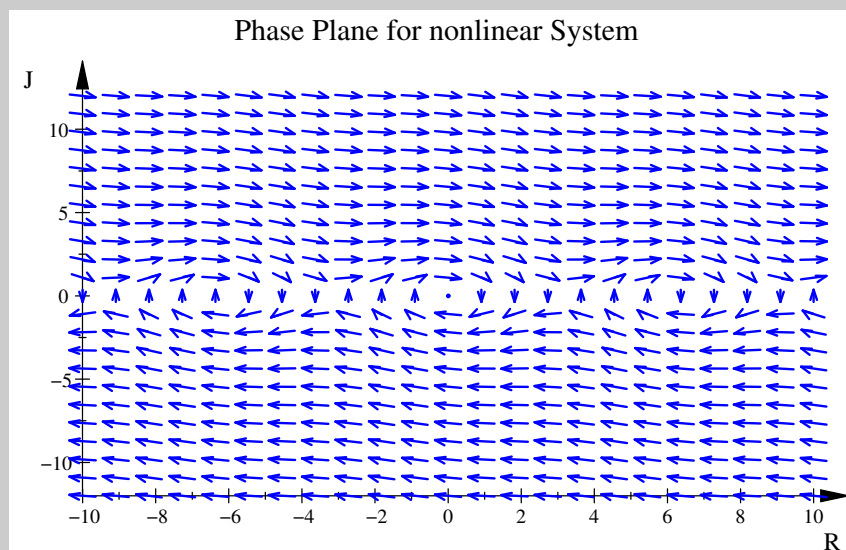
#### Question4 (1 points)

Plot an informative phase portrait for the following system

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{R} &= J \\ \dot{J} &= -\sin R - \frac{1}{5}J \end{aligned}$$

for  $-10 \leq R \leq 10$  and  $-12 \leq J \leq 12$ .

**Solution:**



1M The plot was done using Mupad in Matlab

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>> mupad
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F := matrix( [[J], [ - sin(R) - 1/5*J]] )
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$$\begin{pmatrix} J \\ -\frac{J}{5} - \sin(R) \end{pmatrix}$$

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F := F / norm(F,Frobenius)
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$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{J}{\sqrt{\left|\frac{J}{5} + \sin(R)\right|^2 + |J|^2}} \\ -\frac{\left(\frac{J}{5} + \sin(R)\right)}{\sqrt{\left|\frac{J}{5} + \sin(R)\right|^2 + |J|^2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

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field := plot::VectorField2d(F, R = -10..10, J = -12..12, Mesh = [ 23, 23], ArrowLength = Fixed, Axes = Frame)
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plot(field, Header = "Phase Plane for nonlinear System", AxesTitles = ["R", "J"])
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Although you are more likely to use a compute package to do a phase portrait plot, you should know what the slope and the arrow represent, and how to compute them.

### Question5 (1 points)

Solve the first-order system  $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$  by elimination, where

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 1 \\ -3 & 1 & -2 \\ -4 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution:**

1M It can be shown that the system is not diagonalizable, using Mupad, we have

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A:= matrix( [[3,0,1], [-3,1,-2], [-4, 0, -1]] )
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$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 1 \\ -3 & 1 & -2 \\ -4 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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linalg::eigenvalues(A)
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v := linalg::eigenvectors(A)
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$$\left[ \begin{bmatrix} 1, 3, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \right]$$

Consider the general first-order system of  $3 \times 3$  in operator notation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 & (D - a_{11})x_1 - a_{12}x_2 - a_{13}x_3 &= 0 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + a_{23}x_3 & \iff -a_{21}x_1 + (D - a_{22})x_2 - a_{23}x_3 &= 0 \\ \dot{x}_3 &= a_{31}x_1 + a_{32}x_2 + a_{33}x_3 & -a_{31}x_1 - a_{32}x_2 + (D - a_{33})x_3 &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

From the first two equations of system (3) when eliminating  $x_3$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (D - a_{11})x_1 - a_{12}x_2 - a_{13}x_3 &= 0 \\ -a_{21} + (D - a_{22})x_2 - a_{23}x_3 &= 0 \end{aligned} \implies \begin{aligned} a_{23}(D - a_{11})x_1 - a_{23}a_{12}x_2 - a_{23}a_{13}x_3 &= 0 \\ -a_{13}a_{21}x_1 + a_{13}(D - a_{22})x_2 - a_{13}a_{23}x_3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

from the difference of the two equations above, we have

$$(a_{23}D - (a_{11}a_{23} - a_{13}a_{21}))x_1 - (a_{13}D - (a_{13}a_{22} - a_{23}a_{12}))x_2 = 0 \quad (4)$$

Similarly, from the last two equations of system (3) when eliminating  $x_3$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} -a_{21}(D - a_{33})x_1 + (D - a_{33})(D - a_{22})x_2 - a_{23}(D - a_{33})x_3 &= 0 \\ -a_{23}a_{31}x_1 - a_{23}a_{32}x_2 + a_{23}(D - a_{33})x_3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

from which we obtain a second equation involving only  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ ,

$$(-a_{21}D - (a_{23}a_{31} - a_{21}a_{33}))x_1 + (D^2 - (a_{22} + a_{33})D - (a_{23}a_{32} - a_{22}a_{33}))x_2 = 0$$

Eliminating  $x_2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( (a_{23}D - (a_{11}a_{23} - a_{13}a_{21}))(D^2 - (a_{22} + a_{33})D - (a_{23}a_{32} - a_{22}a_{33})) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + (a_{13}D - (a_{13}a_{22} - a_{23}a_{12}))(-a_{21}D - (a_{23}a_{31} - a_{21}a_{33})) \right) x_1 = 0 \\ & \implies (D^3 + \alpha D^2 + \beta D + \gamma)x_1 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= -(a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33}) \\ \beta &= a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21} + a_{11}a_{33} - a_{13}a_{31} + a_{22}a_{33} - a_{23}a_{32} \\ \gamma &= -(a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} - a_{11}a_{23}a_{32} - a_{12}a_{21}a_{33} + a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} + a_{13}a_{21}a_{32} - a_{13}a_{22}a_{31}) \end{aligned}$$

Thus by solving the characteristic equation

$$\lambda^3 + \alpha\lambda^2 + \beta\lambda + \gamma = 0$$

we will have the general solution for

$$x_1 = C_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + C_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} + C_3 e^{\lambda_3 t}$$

from which we obtain  $x_2$  by using equation (4) and  $x_3$  in turn by using any one of the original equations. Notice it can be shown by direct computation that

$$\lambda^3 + \alpha\lambda^2 + \beta\lambda + \gamma = 0$$

is actually  $\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I}) = 0$ , that is, roots to the characteristic polynomial of

$$(D^3 + \alpha D^2 + \beta D + \gamma)x_1 = 0$$

are actually the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$ . The same can be said to  $x_2$  or  $x_3$ . So in practice, instead of manipulating every time, we can use eigenvalues to find  $x_1$ , then use the equations obtained from elimination to obtain  $x_2$  and  $x_3$  for a  $3 \times 3$  system.

For this particular question, since  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 1$ ,

$$x_1 = (C_1 + C_2 t + C_3 t^2) e^t$$

In this case, it is easier to work out  $x_3$  first. Using the first equation of system (3),

$$(D - 3)x_1 - x_3 = 0 \implies x_3 = (D - 3)x_1$$

Using the exponential shift law, we have

$$\begin{aligned} x_3 &= (D - 3) (C_1 + C_2 t + C_3 t^2) e^t \\ &= e^t (D - 2) (C_1 + C_2 t + C_3 t^2) \\ &= [(C_2 - 2C_1) + 2(C_3 - C_2)t - 2C_3 t^2] e^t \end{aligned}$$

From equation (4) and exponential shift law, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (-2D - (3 \cdot (-2) - 1 \cdot (-3)))x_1 - (1D - (1 \cdot 1 - (-2) \cdot 0))x_2 &= 0 \\ (-2D + 3)x_1 - (D - 1)x_2 &= 0 \\ -2 \left( D - \frac{3}{2} \right) (C_1 + C_2 t + C_3 t^2) e^t &= (D - 1)x_2 \\ -2e^t \left( D - \frac{1}{2} \right) (C_1 + C_2 t + C_3 t^2) &= (D - 1)x_2 \\ -2e^t \left[ \left( C_2 - \frac{1}{2}C_1 \right) + \left( 2C_3 - \frac{1}{2}C_2 \right) t - \frac{1}{2}C_3 t^2 \right] &= (D - 1)x_2 \end{aligned}$$

Since the third-order equation that leads to  $x_2$  has the same eigenvalues, we know

$$x_2 = (C_1^* + C_2^* t + C_3^* t^2) e^t$$

using which, we have

$$\begin{aligned} -2e^t \left[ \left( C_2 - \frac{1}{2}C_1 \right) + \left( 2C_3 - \frac{1}{2}C_2 \right) t - \frac{1}{2}C_3 t^2 \right] &= (D - 1) (C_1^* + C_2^* t + C_3^* t^2) e^t \\ &= e^t D (C_1^* + C_2^* t + C_3^* t^2) \\ &= e^t (C_2^* + 2C_3^* t) \end{aligned}$$

from which we conclude  $C_3 = 0$  to avoid a contradiction and

$$C_2^* = -2 \left( C_2 - \frac{1}{2}C_1 \right) = -2C_2 + C_1 \quad C_3^* = - \left( 2C_3 - \frac{1}{2}C_2 \right) = \frac{1}{2}C_2$$

while  $C_1^*$  is arbitrary. Therefore, solution is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x} &= e^t \begin{bmatrix} C_1 + C_2 t \\ C_1^* + (C_1 - 2C_2)t + \frac{1}{2}C_2 t^2 \\ C_2 - 2C_1 - 2C_2 t \end{bmatrix} \\ &= C_1 e^t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ t \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{2}C_2 e^t \begin{bmatrix} 2t \\ t^2 - 4t \\ 2 - 4t \end{bmatrix} + C_1^* e^t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

where  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  and  $C_1^*$  are arbitrary constants. This case shows, when  $\mathbf{A}$  is not diagonalizable, we have complications in the form of the general solution.

**Question6** (1 points)

Prove the following theorem.

Let  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  be  $n \times n$  matrices, then the matrix product

$$\mathbf{AB} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{BA}$$

have the same eigenvalues.

**Solution:**

1M If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{AB}$  and  $\mathbf{x}$  is the corresponding eigenvector,

$$\mathbf{ABx} = \lambda \mathbf{x},$$

then

$$\mathbf{BABx} = \lambda \mathbf{Bx} \implies \mathbf{BAy} = \lambda \mathbf{y}, \quad \text{where } \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{Bx}.$$

Thus, as long as  $\mathbf{y} \neq \mathbf{0}$  for nonzero  $\mathbf{x}$ ,  $\mathbf{y}$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{BA}$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .

However, if  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$  for a nonzero  $\mathbf{x}$ , then  $\mathbf{Bx} = \mathbf{0} \implies \mathbf{ABx} = \mathbf{0}$  and

$$\mathbf{0} = \lambda \mathbf{x}, \quad \text{for nonzero } \mathbf{x}$$

thus  $\lambda = 0$  must be the eigenvalue. If  $\lambda = 0$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{AB}$ , then  $\mathbf{AB}$  must be singular. If  $\mathbf{AB}$  is singular, then  $\mathbf{BA}$  must be singular as well, which means  $\lambda = 0$  is also an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{BA}$ .

**Question7** (1 points)

Determine whether  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  is singular. If  $\mathbf{A}$  is not singular, find  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ .

**Solution:**

1M The determinant of  $\mathbf{A}$  tells whether it is singular.

$$\begin{aligned} \det(\mathbf{A}) &= a_{11}C_{11} + a_{12}C_{12} + a_{13}C_{13} \\ &= 1 \cdot (-1)^{1+1}(-2-1) + (-1) \cdot (-1)^{1+2}(-1+2) + 0 \cdot (-1)^{1+3}(1+4) \\ &= -2 \end{aligned}$$

thus it is invertible/nonsingular, and

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(\mathbf{A})} \mathbf{C}^T = -\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 5 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Question8** (2 points)

Prove the following theorem.

Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix, then

1.  $\lambda^{-1}$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  if  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible and  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
2.  $\mathbf{A}$  is singular if and only if  $\lambda = 0$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

**Solution:**

1M Let  $\mathbf{x}$  be an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , then

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x} \implies \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\lambda\mathbf{x} \implies \mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{x} \implies \lambda^{-1}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{x}$$

thus  $\lambda^{-1}$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ . Suppose  $\mathbf{A}$  is singular, then

$$\det(\mathbf{A}) = 0$$

which means there is a choice of  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ , not simultaneously zero, such that

$$\begin{aligned} x_1\mathbf{a}_1 + x_2\mathbf{a}_2 + \dots + x_n\mathbf{a}_n &= \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} &= \mathbf{0}\mathbf{x} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{a}_i$  are the  $i$ th column of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $x_i$  are the  $i$ th element of  $\mathbf{x}$ . Since  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\lambda = 0$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Now suppose  $\lambda = 0$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$ , then there is a nonzero vector  $\mathbf{x}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} &= \mathbf{0}\mathbf{x} \\ x_1\mathbf{a}_1 + x_2\mathbf{a}_2 + \dots + x_n\mathbf{a}_n &= \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$

which means the columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  are linearly dependent, and  $\det(\mathbf{A}) = 0$ .

**Question9** (1 points)

Suppose  $\lambda_1 = 4$  and  $\lambda_2 = -3$  are the eigenvalues of an unknown  $2 \times 2$  matrix

$$\mathbf{A}$$

and the corresponding eigenvectors, respectively, are

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find the eigenvalues and the corresponding eigenspaces for the matrix

$$\mathbf{A}^3$$

**Solution:**



1M Considering the powers of  $\mathbf{A}$ ,

$$\mathbf{A}^3 \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^2 \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^2 \lambda \mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{A} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{A} \lambda \mathbf{x} = \lambda^2 \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \lambda^3 \mathbf{x}$$

So the eigenvalues are

$$4^3 = 64 \quad \text{and} \quad (-3)^3 = -27$$

and corresponding eigenvectors are,

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Question10** (1 points)

Verify that the following matrix is diagonalizable

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & -2 \\ -3 & -2 & -6 \\ 3 & 6 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

and find an invertible matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  such that the following is a diagonal matrix

$$\mathbf{P}^{-1} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P}$$

**Solution:**

1M To determine whether it is diagonalizable, we have to solve the eigenvalue problem, and see whether there are 3 linearly independent eigenvectors.

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = 0 \implies -(\lambda - 4)^2(\lambda - 3) = 0 \implies \lambda_{1,2} = 4 \quad \lambda_3 = 3$$

Solving  $(\mathbf{A} - 4\mathbf{I}) \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ , we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 & -2 \\ -3 & -6 & -6 \\ 3 & 6 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \implies x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 = 0 \implies \mathbf{x} = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving  $(\mathbf{A} - 3\mathbf{I}) \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ , we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 & -2 \\ -3 & -5 & -6 \\ 3 & 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \implies \begin{cases} 3x_1 + x_3 = 0 \\ x_2 + x_3 = 0 \end{cases} \implies \mathbf{x} = \gamma \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since there are 3 linearly independent eigenvectors,  $\mathbf{A}$  is diagonalizable, and

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

is a matrix that diagonalizes  $\mathbf{A}$ .

**Question11** (1 points)

Find the general solution of the following system,

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2+i \\ -1 & -1-i \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$$

**Solution:**

1M Solving the eigenvalue problem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = 0 &\implies (2 - \lambda)(-1 - i - \lambda) + (2 + i) = 0 \\ &\implies \lambda^2 + (i - 1)\lambda - i = 0 \\ &\implies (\lambda - 1)(\lambda + i) = 0 \\ &\implies \lambda_1 = 1 \quad \lambda_2 = -i \end{aligned}$$

Solving  $(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I})\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ , we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2+i \\ -1 & -2-i \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \implies x_1 + (2+i)x_2 = 0 \implies \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2+i \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving  $(\mathbf{A} + i\mathbf{I})\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ , we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2+i & 2+i \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \implies x_1 + x_2 = 0 \implies \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note the derivation on L23P16 is applicable to  $\mathbb{C}^n$  as well since we didn't assume anything regarding  $\mathbf{A}$ , thus the general solution is given by

$$\mathbf{x} = C_1 e^t \begin{bmatrix} 2+i \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + C_2 e^{-it} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Question12** (1 points)

Solve the given initial value problem, then describe the behaviour of the solution as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}, \quad \mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 5 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution:**

1M This system is diagonalizable. So the easiest way is to use the formula

$$\mathbf{x} = C_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \mathbf{v}_1 + C_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + C_n e^{\lambda_n t} \mathbf{v}_n$$

where  $\lambda_i$  are the eigenvalues and  $\mathbf{v}_i$  are the corresponding eigenvectors. However, let me show you one more method. Don't blink!

$$\mathcal{L}[\dot{\mathbf{x}}] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \mathcal{L}[\mathbf{x}]$$

where  $\mathcal{L}$  denotes the Laplace transform operator, that is,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}[\dot{x}_1] &= -\mathcal{L}[x_3] & -7 + sX_1(s) &= -X_3(s) \\ \mathcal{L}[\dot{x}_2] &= 2\mathcal{L}[x_1] & \implies -5 + sX_2(s) &= 2X_1(s) \\ \mathcal{L}[\dot{x}_3] &= -\mathcal{L}[x_1] + 2\mathcal{L}[x_2] + 4\mathcal{L}[x_3] & -5 + sX_3(s) &= -X_1(s) + 2X_2(s) + 4X_3(s)\end{aligned}$$

Solving this algebraic system, we have

$$\begin{aligned}X_1(s) &= -\frac{-7s^2 + 33s + 10}{(s^2 - 1)(s - 4)} \\ X_2(s) &= -\frac{-5s^2 + 6s + 71}{(s^2 - 1)(s - 4)} \\ X_3(s) &= \frac{5s^2 + 3s + 28}{(s^2 - 1)(s - 4)}\end{aligned}$$

Using the final-value theorem, we have

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{x}(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s\mathbf{X}(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \begin{bmatrix} 7 - X_3(s) \\ 5 + 2X_1(s) \\ 5 - X_1(s) + 2X_2(s) + 4X_3(s) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Don't panic or roll your eyes! This method is not examinable.

### Question13 (1 points)

Find the solution of

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$$

where the coefficient matrix is  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 & 0 & 1 \\ -5 & 1 & -4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  which can be diagonalized by

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & -2 & -8 & 0 \\ -10 & 1 & 1 & 15 & 0 \\ -5 & 1 & 2 & 10 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

### Solution:

1M Since the coefficient matrix is given to be diagonalizable, the solution must be

$$\mathbf{x} = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \mathbf{v}_2 + c_3 e^{\lambda_3 t} \mathbf{v}_3 + c_4 e^{\lambda_4 t} \mathbf{v}_4 + c_5 e^{\lambda_5 t} \mathbf{v}_5$$

where  $c_i$  are arbitrary constants,  $\lambda_i$  are eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_i$  are columns of  $\mathbf{P}$ , thus only the eigenvalues need to be determined. Since  $\mathbf{P}$  as well as  $\mathbf{A}$  are given

$$\mathbf{P}\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{P} \implies \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{v}_i$$

We can use a row of  $\mathbf{A}$  and columns of  $\mathbf{P}$  to find eigenvalues, for example,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -5 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda_1 \cdot 2 \implies \lambda_1 = 0$$

Similarly, we obtain

$$\lambda_2 = 2, \quad \lambda_3 = 3, \quad \lambda_4 = 1$$

and note  $\lambda_5$  can be found using the fourth row of  $\mathbf{A}$  and the fifth column of  $\mathbf{P}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda_5 \cdot 1 \implies \lambda_5 = 1$$

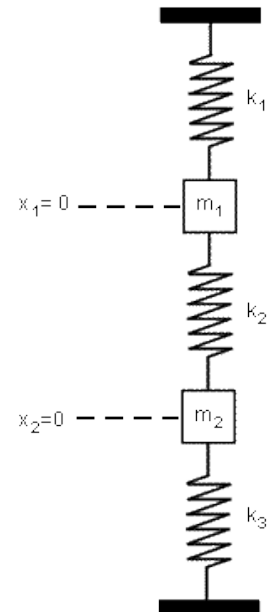
**Question14** (1 points)

Consider the spring-mass system beside. The two masses,  $m_1 = m_2 = 1$ , are constrained by the three springs whose constants are  $k_1 = k_2 = k_3 = 1$ . If no external force is on the system and no damping force is present, By Newton's second law we can write the following equations for the coordinates  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  of the two masses:

$$\begin{aligned} m_1 \frac{d^2 x_1}{dt^2} &= k_2(x_2 - x_1) - k_1 x_1 \\ &= -(k_1 + k_2)x_1 + k_2 x_2 \\ m_2 \frac{d^2 x_2}{dt^2} &= -k_3 x_2 - k_2(x_2 - x_1) \\ &= k_2 x_1 - (k_2 + k_3)x_2. \end{aligned}$$

Solve the system with the initial conditions

$$x_1(0) = 0, \quad \dot{x}_1(0) = -1, \quad x_2(0) = 0, \quad \dot{x}_2(0) = 1$$



**Solution:**

1M This is very similar to the example in Lecture 23.

$$\begin{aligned}
 m_1 \frac{d^2 x_1}{dt^2} &= -(k_1 + k_2)x_1 + k_2 x_2 \\
 m_2 \frac{d^2 x_2}{dt^2} &= k_2 x_1 - (k_2 + k_3)x_2 \\
 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} m_1 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{x}_1 \\ \ddot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} -(k_1 + k_2) & k_2 \\ k_2 & -(k_2 + k_3) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{x}_1 \\ \ddot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1/m_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/m_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -(k_1 + k_2) & k_2 \\ k_2 & -(k_2 + k_3) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{x}_1 \\ \ddot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} -(k_1 + k_2)/m_1 & k_2/m_1 \\ k_2/m_2 & -(k_2 + k_3)/m_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

Define two more functions

$$x_3 = \dot{x}_1 \quad \text{and} \quad x_4 = \dot{x}_2$$

This converts this second-order system into a first-order system

$$\begin{aligned}
 \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \dot{x}_3 \\ \dot{x}_4 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -(k_1 + k_2)/m_1 & k_2/m_1 & 0 & 0 \\ k_2/m_2 & -(k_2 + k_3)/m_2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \dot{x}_3 \\ \dot{x}_4 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

Eigenvalues are

$$\lambda_{1,2} = \pm i \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_{3,4} = \pm i\sqrt{3}$$

and the corresponding eigenvectors are

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -i \\ -i \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} i \\ i \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3}i \\ -\sqrt{3}i \\ -3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{v}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{3}i \\ \sqrt{3}i \\ -3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note they appear in complex conjugacy, so we only need to solve two cases.

To find the particular solution that satisfies the initial condition, we solve for  $c_i$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 0} \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 0} \mathbf{v}_2 + c_3 e^{\lambda_3 0} \mathbf{v}_3 + c_4 e^{\lambda_4 0} \mathbf{v}_4$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -i & i & \sqrt{3}i & -\sqrt{3}i \\ -i & i & -\sqrt{3}i & \sqrt{3}i \\ 1 & 1 & -3 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ c_4 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow c_1 = c_2 = 0, \quad c_3 = c_4 = \frac{1}{6}$$

Note multiplying the first and second equations by  $i$ , we can avoid complex algebra. Therefore

$$x_1 = \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{6} e^{\sqrt{3}it} - \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{6} e^{-\sqrt{3}it} \quad \text{and} \quad x_2 = -\frac{\sqrt{3}i}{6} e^{\sqrt{3}it} + \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{6} e^{-\sqrt{3}it}$$

$$= -\frac{\sqrt{3} \sin \sqrt{3}t}{3} \quad \quad \quad = \frac{\sqrt{3} \sin \sqrt{3}t}{3}$$

**Question15** (1 points)

Given the following

$$e^{\mathbf{A}t} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{4t} & 0 \\ te^{2t} & 0 & e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{for} \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solve the following initial-value problem

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}, \quad \mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution:**

1M Note the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is not diagonalizable, however, I have given you  $\mathbf{A}t$ , so it is just a matter of writing down the solution and compute a matrix product

$$\mathbf{x} = e^{\mathbf{A}t} \mathbf{x}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{4t} & 0 \\ te^{2t} & 0 & e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} \\ 2e^{4t} \\ 3e^{2t} + te^{2t} \end{bmatrix}$$

Note the solution can be written as the following

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{4t} & 0 \\ te^{2t} & 0 & e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = e^{2t} \left( t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathbf{v}_2} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathbf{w}_2} \right) + 2e^{4t} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathbf{v}_1} + 3e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathbf{v}_2}$$

where  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  are eigenvectors corresponding to  $\lambda_1 = 4$  and  $\lambda_2 = 2$ , respectively,

$$(\mathbf{A} - 4\mathbf{I}) \mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{0} \quad \text{and} \quad (\mathbf{A} - 2\mathbf{I}) \mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{0}$$

while  $\mathbf{w}_2$  is known as the **generalized eigenvector** corresponding to  $\lambda_2 = 2$ ,

$$(\mathbf{A} - 2\mathbf{I}) \mathbf{w}_2 = \mathbf{v}_2$$

and the decomposition

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{J}\mathbf{P}^{-1}$$

is known to be the Jordan form of  $\mathbf{A}$ , where  $\mathbf{P}$  contains eigenvectors and generalized eigenvectors as its columns, and  $\mathbf{J}$  is a block diagonal matrix, e.g.

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{J}\mathbf{P}^{-1}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Question16** (1 points)

Find the matrix exponential  $e^{\mathbf{B}t}$  for

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution:**

1M Solving the eigenvalue/eigenvector problem, we have

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 8 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus the matrix can be diagonalized and the matrix exponential is given by

$$e^{\mathbf{B}t} = \mathbf{P}e^{\mathbf{D}t}\mathbf{P}^{-1} = -\frac{1}{8} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 8 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^t & 0 \\ 0 & e^{9t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -8 \\ -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{1}{8} \begin{bmatrix} -8e^{9t} & -5e^t + 5e^{9t} \\ 0 & -8e^t \end{bmatrix}$$

**Question17** (3 points)

Solve the following initial value problems

(a) (1 point)

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{bmatrix} t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution:**

1M This is not diagonalizable, however, it can be solved easily by elimination.

$$x_1 = e^t - te^t - (t + 1) \quad \text{and} \quad x_2 = e^t$$

(b) (1 point)

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{bmatrix} 4e^{2t} \\ 4e^{4t} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution:**

1M This is diagonalizable,

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \left( \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

Let us use decoupling on this nonhomogeneous system,

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\mathbf{x}} &= \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \boldsymbol{\beta} \implies \dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{x} + \boldsymbol{\beta} \\ &\implies \mathbf{P}^{-1}\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{P}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\beta} \\ &\implies \dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{P}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\beta} \\ &\implies \dot{\mathbf{y}} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{y} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4e^{2t} \\ 4e^{4t} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{y} + \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{2t} + 2e^{4t} \\ 2e^{4t} - 2e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} \\ \implies y_1 &= 2y_1 + 2e^{2t} + 2e^{4t} \quad y_2 = 4y_2 + 2e^{4t} - 2e^{2t} \end{aligned}$$

Solve  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  individually, then back transform, we have

$$\begin{aligned} x_1(t) &= e^{2t} (2t + e^{2t}) - e^{4t} (2t + e^{-2t} - 1) \\ x_2(t) &= e^{2t} (2t + e^{2t}) + e^{4t} (2t + e^{-2t} - 1) \end{aligned}$$

(c) (1 point)

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{bmatrix} -\cos t \\ \sin t \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution:**

1M This is diagonalizable, however, it involves complex eigenvalues and eigenvectors

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2-i & 2+i \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -i & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{bmatrix} \left( \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} i & 1-2i \\ -i & 1+2i \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

Since  $\mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , we can simplify the formula,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x} &= e^{\mathbf{A}t} \mathbf{x}_0 + \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\mathbf{A}} \boldsymbol{\beta}(\tau) d\tau \\ &= \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)\mathbf{A}} \boldsymbol{\beta}(\tau) d\tau \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \int_0^t \begin{bmatrix} 2-i & 2+i \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-i(t-\tau)} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i(t-\tau)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i & 1-2i \\ -i & 1+2i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -e^{-\tau i} - e^{\tau i} \\ ie^{-\tau i} - ie^{\tau i} \end{bmatrix} d\tau \end{aligned}$$

After some complex algebra and integration! We have

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2t \cos(t) - 3 \sin(t) - t \sin(t) \\ t \cos(t) - \sin(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

Note we could use the steps in part (b) to solve this system as well.