

11/27 - Application of exponential of matrices

truncation: $e^{tB} \vec{v} = I\vec{v} + tB\vec{v} + \frac{t^2}{2!} B^2 \vec{v} + \dots + \frac{t^k}{k!} B^k \vec{v} + \dots$

suppose B is a "singular" matrix

then there exists a \vec{v} st. $B\vec{v} = 0$

1) if $B\vec{v} = 0$, then $e^{tB} \vec{v} = \vec{v} + 0 + 0 + \dots$

2) if $B^2 \vec{v} = 0$, then $e^{tB} \vec{v} = \vec{v} + tB\vec{v}$

\vdots

k) if $B^k \vec{v} = 0$, then $e^{tB} \vec{v} = \vec{v} + tB\vec{v} + \frac{t^2}{2!} B^2 \vec{v} + \dots + \frac{t^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} B^{k-1} \vec{v}$

recall: $\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$

if we let $x(t) = e^{tA} \vec{v}$ then

$$\frac{d}{dt}(e^{tA}) = Ae^{tA}$$

$$\vec{x}' = \frac{d}{dt}(e^{tA} \vec{v}) = \frac{d}{dt}(e^{tA}) \vec{v} = Ae^{tA} \vec{v} = A\vec{x}$$

$$\text{let } \vec{x}_1 = e^{tA} \vec{v}_1, \quad \vec{x}_1(0) = \vec{v}_1$$

\vdots

$$\vec{x}_n = e^{tA} \vec{v}_n, \quad \vec{x}_n(0) = \vec{v}_n$$

$\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n$ are lin ind $\Rightarrow \vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \dots, \vec{x}_n$ E/U

fact: e^{tA} is generally hard to compute

instead we choose $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n$ linearly independent calculate $\vec{x}_i = e^{tA} \vec{v}_i$

motivation: suppose λ is an eigenvalue

$$tA = \lambda tI + t(A - \lambda I) \quad : A - \lambda I \text{ is a singular matrix}$$

$$e^{tA} = e^{\lambda tI + t(A - \lambda I)}$$

$$= e^{\lambda tI} e^{t(A - \lambda I)} = e^{\lambda tI} e^B \quad (\text{b/c } \lambda tI \text{ commutes with } t(A - \lambda I))$$

if we choose \vec{v} be the eigenvector associated w/ λ

$$e^{tA} \vec{v} = e^{\lambda tI} e^{t(A - \lambda I)} \vec{v} = e^{\lambda tI} (e^{tB} \vec{v}) = e^{\lambda tI} \cdot \vec{v} \xrightarrow{\text{trunc}} (A - \lambda I) \vec{v} = 0 \xrightarrow{\text{eigen}} B\vec{v} = 0$$

$$= e^{\lambda t} I \vec{v} = e^{t\lambda} \vec{v}$$

$$\lambda tI = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda t & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$e^{\lambda tI} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda t} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & e^{\lambda t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= e^{\lambda t} I$$

similarly, if $(A - \lambda I) \vec{w}^2 = 0$

$$\text{then } e^{tA} \vec{w} = e^{\lambda t} I e^{t(A - \lambda I)} \vec{w} = e^{\lambda t} (\vec{w} + t(A - \lambda I) \vec{w})$$

we choose $\vec{w} \in \ker((A - \lambda I)^2)$ and $\vec{w} \notin \ker(A - \lambda I)$