

### Math 33b, Winter 2013, Tonći Antunović - Homework 8

From the textbook solve the problems:

Section 9.2: 2, 8, 18, 24, 34, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56 and 58.

And also the problems below:

**Problem 1.** Find the solution of the initial value problem  $y' = Ay$ ,  $y(0) = y_0$  where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad y_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Solution:** The characteristic polynomial is

$$p(\lambda) = \det \begin{pmatrix} \lambda + 3 & 2 \\ -2 & \lambda - 2 \end{pmatrix} = \lambda^2 + \lambda - 2.$$

The zeros of this polynomial are  $\lambda_1 = 1$  and  $\lambda_2 = -2$  so these are eigenvalues. The eigenvectors for the eigenvalue  $\lambda_1 = 1$  are the non-zero vectors in the nullspace of

$$A - I = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

which are multiples of the vector  $(1, -2)^T$ . The eigenvectors for the eigenvalue  $\lambda_2 = -2$  are the non-zero vectors in the nullspace of

$$A + 2I = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix},$$

which are multiples of the vector  $(2, -1)^T$ . The general solution of the equation  $y' = Ay$  is

$$y = C_1 e^t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + C_2 e^{-2t} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then

$$y(0) = C_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + C_2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} C_1 + 2C_2 \\ -2C_1 - C_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

so we need  $C_1 + 2C_2 = 1$  and  $-2C_1 - C_2 = 1$ , which gives  $C_1 = -1$  and  $C_2 = 1$ . Then the solution is

$$y = e^t \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + e^{-2t} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Problem 2.** Find the solution of the initial value problem  $y' = Ay$ ,  $y(0) = y_0$  where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad y_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Solution:** The characteristic polynomial is

$$p(\lambda) = \det \begin{pmatrix} \lambda + 1 & 1 \\ -1 & \lambda + 3 \end{pmatrix} = \lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 4,$$

so there is only one eigenvalue  $\lambda_1 = -2$ . The eigenvectors are non-zero vectors in the nullspace of

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

which are multiples of vector  $(1, 1)^T$ . Then

$$e^{-2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad e^{-2t}(v_2 + t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix})$$

form a fundamental solution set, where  $(A + 2I)v_2 = (1, 1)^T$ . We can take  $v_2 = (2, 1)^T$  so

$$e^{-2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad e^{-2t}(\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix})$$

form a fundamental solution set, and the general solution is given as

$$y = C_1 e^{-2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + C_2 e^{-2t}(\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}).$$

Since

$$y(0) = C_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + C_2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} C_1 + 2C_2 \\ C_1 + C_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

we get  $C_1 = 4$  and  $C_2 = -1$  so the solution is

$$y = 4e^{-2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - e^{-2t}(\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}) = e^{-2t}(\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix})$$

**Problem 3.** Find the solution of the initial value problem  $y' = Ay$ ,  $y(0) = y_0$  where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -17 & -5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad y_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Solution:** The characteristic polynomial is

$$p(\lambda) = \det(\lambda I - A) = \det \begin{pmatrix} \lambda - 3 & -1 \\ 17 & \lambda + 5 \end{pmatrix} = \lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 2,$$

and the zeros are  $-1 + i$  and  $-1 - i$ . For  $\lambda_1 = -1 + i$  we set

$$(A - (-1 + i)I)v = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 4 - i & 1 \\ -17 & -4 - i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

One possible choice is  $z_1 = 1$  and  $z_2 = -4 + i$  and we obtain a complex solution

$$\begin{aligned} y &= e^{(-1+i)t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 + i \end{pmatrix} = e^{-t}(\cos t + i \sin t) \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} + i \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &= e^{-t} \left( \cos t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} - \sin t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) + i e^{-t} \left( \cos t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \sin t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \right). \end{aligned}$$

The general solution is now obtained by taking linear combinations of the real and the imaginary part.

$$y = C_1 e^{-t} \left( \cos t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} - \sin t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) + C_2 e^{-t} \left( \cos t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \sin t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

Then we have

$$y(0) = C_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} + C_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

which gives  $C_1 = 1$  and  $C_2 = 4$  so the solution is

$$\begin{aligned} y &= e^{-t} \left( \cos t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} - \sin t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) + 4e^{-t} \left( \cos t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \sin t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &= e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} \cos t + 4 \sin t \\ -5 \sin t \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 4.** Find all pair of real valued functions  $(x_1, x_2)$  which satisfy

$$x_1' = 5x_1 - 2x_2, \quad x_2' = 2x_1.$$

**Solution:** Writting the system in the vector form we get

$$y = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad y' = Ay,$$

where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The characteristic polynomial is

$$p(\lambda) = \det \begin{pmatrix} \lambda - 5 & 2 \\ -2 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} = \lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 4.$$

The eigenvalues are zeros of the characteristic polynomial  $\lambda_1 = 1$  and  $\lambda_2 = 4$ . The eigenvectors for  $\lambda_1 = 1$  are non-zero vectors in the nullspace of the matrix

$$A - I = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

which are multiples of the vector  $(1, 2)^T$ . The eigenvectors for  $\lambda_2 = 4$  are non-zero vectors in the nullspace of the matrix

$$A - 4I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

which are multiples of the vector  $(2, 1)^T$ . The general solution of  $y' = Ay$  is then

$$y = C_1 e^t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + C_2 e^{4t} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Therefore,

$$x_1 = C_1 e^t + 2C_2 e^{4t}, \quad x_2 = 2C_1 e^t + C_2 e^{4t}.$$

**Problem 5.** Write down the matrix  $A$  such that the differential equation  $y' = Ay$  has the general solution

$$y = e^t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + e^{-2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Solution:** From the form of the solution we see that the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

has eigenvalues 1 and  $-2$  and the corresponding eigenvectors

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

So we need

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

and

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = -2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

This gives the equations

$$a + b = 1, \quad c + d = 1, \quad a + 2b = -2, \quad c + 2d = -4,$$

which after solving give  $a = 4$ ,  $b = -3$ ,  $c = 6$  and  $d = -5$  so

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ 6 & -5 \end{pmatrix}.$$