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★ Rewrite as a matrix equation =

$$\frac{dx_1}{dt} = -\frac{1}{50}x_1$$

$$\frac{dx_2}{dt} = \frac{1}{50}x_1 - \frac{2}{75}x_2$$

$$\frac{dx_3}{dt} = \frac{2}{75}x_2 - \frac{1}{25}x_3$$

(System is stable b/c eigenvalues are all negative. Comput's exponentially decay over time)

Transition

Matrix A:  $\frac{dx}{dt} = Ax$ , where  $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{50} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{50} & -\frac{2}{75} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2}{75} & -\frac{1}{25} \end{bmatrix}$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$$

Matrix solutions:  $\lambda_1 = -0.04$ ,  $\lambda_2 = -0.0267$ ,  $\lambda_3 = -0.02$  (Eigenvalues)

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0.1961 \\ 0 & 0.4472 & 0.5883 \\ 1 & 0.8944 & 0.7845 \end{bmatrix}$$

(Eigenvectors in columns of V)

1.) use the eigenvalue

2.) compute  $A - \lambda I$

3.) solve  $(A - \lambda I)\vec{v} = \vec{0}$

4.) Extract the eigen vector from solution set

(Diagonal Matrix D)

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} -0.04 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.0267 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -0.02 \end{bmatrix}$$

★ Checking with eigenvector Decomposition

$$V^{-1}AV = D = \begin{bmatrix} -0.04 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.0267 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -0.02 \end{bmatrix}$$

(Verified the decomposition by checking  $V^{-1}AV = D$ .)

Shows we can solve the system using

$$x(t) = Ve^{Dt}V^{-1}x_0$$

Since the product gives a diagonal matrix D, this confirms that the matrix A is diagonalizable.