

# MATH 273 - Problem Set 2

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**(30 pts) Exercise 3.2.** For each of the following systems of the form  $\mathbf{X}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Part (a)

Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $A$ .

### Solution

To first find the eigenvalues, we solve the characteristic equation as follows:

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

**Case (i):**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\det \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \det \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & -\lambda \end{bmatrix} = \det = (-\lambda)(-\lambda) - (1)(1) = \lambda^2 - 1.$$

So, the eigenvalues are  $\lambda = \pm 1$ .

To find the eigenvectors, we sub in  $\lambda = 1$  and  $\lambda = -1$  into  $(A - \lambda I)\mathbf{v} = 0$  as follows:

$$\lambda = 1 \implies \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \implies v_1 = v_2.$$

$$\lambda = -1 \implies \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \implies v_1 = -v_2.$$

Eigenvectors :  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Case (ii):**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\det \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & -\lambda \end{bmatrix} = (1-\lambda)(-\lambda) - (1)(1) = -\lambda + \lambda^2 - 1.$$

$$\lambda^2 - \lambda - 1 = 0.$$

The eigenvalues are  $\lambda = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$ .

To find the eigenvectors, we sub in each eigenvalue into  $(A - \lambda I)\mathbf{v} = 0$  as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 - \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} & 1 \\ 1 & -\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0.$$

We solve this to get eigenvector  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{5}+1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , and for  $\lambda = \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}$ , we get  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{5}-1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Eigenvectors :  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{5}+1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{5}-1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Case (iii):**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\det \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & 1 \\ -1 & -\lambda \end{bmatrix} = (1-\lambda)(-\lambda) - (1)(-1) = -\lambda + \lambda^2 + 1.$$

$$\lambda^2 - \lambda + 1 = 0.$$

The eigenvalues are  $\lambda = \frac{1 \pm i\sqrt{3}}{2}$ .

To find the eigenvectors, we sub in each eigenvalue into  $(A - \lambda I)\mathbf{v} = 0$  as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 - \frac{1+i\sqrt{3}}{2} & 1 \\ -1 & -\frac{1+i\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0.$$

We solve to get eigenvector  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1+i\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ , and for  $\lambda = \frac{1-i\sqrt{3}}{2}$ , we get  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1-i\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ .

Eigenvectors :  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1+i\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1-i\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Case (iv):**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\det \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & 1 \\ -1 & 3-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = (1-\lambda)(3-\lambda) - (1)(-1) = \lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 4.$$

The eigenvalues are  $\lambda = 2$  (repeated eigenvalue).

For  $\lambda = 2$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \implies v_1 = v_2.$$

Eigenvector :  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Case (v):**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\det \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} - \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & 1 \\ -1 & -3-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = \lambda^2 + 2\lambda - 4.$$

The eigenvalues are  $\lambda = -1 \pm \sqrt{5}$ .

To find the eigenvectors, we sub in each eigenvalue into  $(A - \lambda I)\mathbf{v} = 0$  as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 - (-1 + \sqrt{5}) & 1 \\ -1 & -3 - (-1 + \sqrt{5}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{5} & 1 \\ -1 & -2 - \sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0.$$

We solve to get eigenvector  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix}$ , and for  $\lambda = -1 - \sqrt{5}$ , we get  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -\sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix}$ .

Eigenvectors :  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -\sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Case (vi):**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\det \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} - \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & -1-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = \lambda^2 - 0\lambda - 2.$$

The eigenvalues are  $\lambda = \pm\sqrt{2}$ .

To find the eigenvectors, we sub in each eigenvalue into  $(A - \lambda I)\mathbf{v} = 0$  as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1-\sqrt{2} & 1 \\ 1 & -1-\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0.$$

We solve to get eigenvector  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}+1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and for  $\lambda = -\sqrt{2}$ , we get  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}+1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Eigenvectors :  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}+1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}+1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Part (b)**

Find the matrix  $T$  that puts  $A$  in canonical form.

**Solution**

**Case (i):**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

The eigenvalues of  $A$  are  $\lambda = \pm 1$ , and the eigenvectors are  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . We form the matrix  $T$  using these eigenvectors:

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then, the canonical form of  $A$  is as follows:

$$T^{-1}AT = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Case (ii):**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

The eigenvalues of  $A$  are  $\lambda = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$ , and the eigenvectors are  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{5}+1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{5}-1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . We form the matrix  $T$  as follows:

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{5}+1 & \sqrt{5}-1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The canonical form of  $A$  is as follows:

$$T^{-1}AT = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Case (iii):**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

The eigenvalues of  $A$  are  $\lambda = \frac{1 \pm i\sqrt{3}}{2}$ , and the eigenvectors are  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1+i\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1-i\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ . We form the matrix  $T$  as follows:

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1+i\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1-i\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

The canonical form of  $A$  is as follows:

$$T^{-1}AT = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1+i\sqrt{3}}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1-i\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Case (iv):**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

The eigenvalue of  $A$  is  $\lambda = 2$  (repeated). The eigenvector is  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . To find the generalized eigenvector, we solve the following:

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

We let  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then, we get the following:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We solve to get  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , and we then form the matrix  $T$  as follows:

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The canonical form of  $A$  is as follows:

$$T^{-1}AT = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Case (v):**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$

The eigenvalues of  $A$  are  $\lambda = -1 \pm \sqrt{5}$ , and the eigenvectors are  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -\sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix}$ . We form the matrix  $T$  as follows:

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \sqrt{5} & -\sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix}.$$

The canonical form of  $A$  is as follows:

$$T^{-1}AT = \begin{bmatrix} -1 + \sqrt{5} & 0 \\ 0 & -1 - \sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Case (vi):**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

The eigenvalues of  $A$  are  $\lambda = \pm\sqrt{2}$ , and the eigenvectors are  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} + 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2} + 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . We form the matrix  $T$  as follows:

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} + 1 & -\sqrt{2} + 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The canonical form of  $A$  is as follows:

$$T^{-1}AT = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & -\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Part (c)**Find the general solution of both  $\mathbf{X}' = A\mathbf{X}$  and  $\mathbf{Y}' = (T^{-1}AT)\mathbf{Y}$ .**Solution**

**Case (i):**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

The eigenvalues of  $A$  are  $\lambda = \pm 1$ , the eigenvectors are  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and the general solution of  $\mathbf{X}' = A\mathbf{X}$  is thereby as follows:

$$\mathbf{X}(t) = c_1 e^t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

For  $\mathbf{Y}' = (T^{-1}AT)\mathbf{Y}$ , where  $T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $T^{-1}AT = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ , the solution is as follows:

$$\mathbf{Y}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} y_1(t) \\ y_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 e^t \\ c_2 e^{-t} \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Case (ii):**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

The eigenvalues are  $\lambda = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$ , the eigenvectors are  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{5} + 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{5} - 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , and the general solution of  $\mathbf{X}' = A\mathbf{X}$  is thereby as follows:

$$\mathbf{X}(t) = c_1 e^{\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}t} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{5} + 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^{\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}t} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{5} - 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

For  $\mathbf{Y}' = (T^{-1}AT)\mathbf{Y}$ , where  $T$  is formed from the eigenvectors and  $T^{-1}AT = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ , the solution is as follows:

$$\mathbf{Y}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 e^{\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}t} \\ c_2 e^{\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}t} \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Case (iii):**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

The eigenvalues are  $\lambda = \frac{1 \pm i\sqrt{3}}{2}$ , the eigenvectors are  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1+i\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1-i\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ , and the general solution of  $\mathbf{X}' = A\mathbf{X}$  is as follows:

$$\mathbf{X}(t) = c_1 e^{\frac{1+i\sqrt{3}}{2}t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1+i\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^{\frac{1-i\sqrt{3}}{2}t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1-i\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

For  $\mathbf{Y}' = (T^{-1}AT)\mathbf{Y}$ , where  $T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1+i\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1-i\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$  and  $T^{-1}AT = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1+i\sqrt{3}}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1-i\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ , solution is as follows:

$$\mathbf{Y}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 e^{\frac{1+i\sqrt{3}}{2}t} \\ c_2 e^{\frac{1-i\sqrt{3}}{2}t} \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Case (iv):**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

The eigenvalue is  $\lambda = 2$  (repeated) w/ eigenvector  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , the generalized eigenvector is  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , and the general solution of  $\mathbf{X}' = A\mathbf{X}$  is as follows:

$$\mathbf{X}(t) = c_1 e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 t e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

For  $\mathbf{Y}' = (T^{-1}AT)\mathbf{Y}$ , where  $T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $T^{-1}AT = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , the solution is as follows:

$$\mathbf{Y}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} y_1(t) \\ y_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 e^{2t} + c_2 t e^{2t} \\ c_2 e^{2t} \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Case (v):**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$

The eigenvalues are  $\lambda = -1 \pm \sqrt{5}$ , the eigenvectors are  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -\sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix}$ , and the general solution of  $\mathbf{X}' = A\mathbf{X}$  is as follows:

$$\mathbf{X}(t) = c_1 e^{(-1+\sqrt{5})t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^{(-1-\sqrt{5})t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -\sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix}.$$

For  $\mathbf{Y}' = (T^{-1}AT)\mathbf{Y}$ , where  $T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \sqrt{5} & -\sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix}$  and  $T^{-1}AT = \begin{bmatrix} -1+\sqrt{5} & 0 \\ 0 & -1-\sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix}$ , solution is as follows:

$$\mathbf{Y}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 e^{(-1+\sqrt{5})t} \\ c_2 e^{(-1-\sqrt{5})t} \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Case (vi):**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

The eigenvalues are  $\lambda = \pm\sqrt{2}$ , the eigenvectors are  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}+1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}+1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and the general solution of  $\mathbf{X}' = A\mathbf{X}$  is as follows:

$$\mathbf{X}(t) = c_1 e^{\sqrt{2}t} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}+1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^{-\sqrt{2}t} \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}+1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

For  $\mathbf{Y}' = (T^{-1}AT)\mathbf{Y}$ , where  $T = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}+1 & -\sqrt{2}+1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $T^{-1}AT = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & -\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$ , the solution is as follows:

$$\mathbf{Y}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 e^{\sqrt{2}t} \\ c_2 e^{-\sqrt{2}t} \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Part (d)**

Sketch the phase portraits of both systems.

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# Code for sketching phase portraits of both systems for cases i-vi

# Matrices for cases i-vi
matrices_cases = {
    "Case (i)": np.array([[0, 1], [1, 0]]),
    "Case (ii)": np.array([[1, 1], [1, 0]]),
    "Case (iii)": np.array([[1, 1], [-1, 0]]),
    "Case (iv)": np.array([[1, 1], [-1, 3]]),
    "Case (v)": np.array([[1, 1], [-1, -3]]),
    "Case (vi)": np.array([[1, 1], [1, -1]]),
}

# Corresponding canonical forms ( $T^{-1} A T$ )
canonical_forms = {
    "Case (i)": np.array([[1, 0], [0, -1]]),
    "Case (ii)": np.array([[1.618, 0], [0, -0.618]]),
    "Case (iii)": np.array([[0.5 + 0.866j, 0], [0, 0.5 - 0.866j]]),
    "Case (iv)": np.array([[2, 1], [0, 2]]),
    "Case (v)": np.array([[-1 + 2.236, 0], [0, -1 - 2.236]]),
    "Case (vi)": np.array([[1.414, 0], [0, -1.414]]),
}

fig, axes = plt.subplots(6, 2, figsize=(15, 25))
axes = axes.flatten()

# Plotting each case
for i, (case, A) in enumerate(matrices_cases.items()):
    plot_phase_portrait(A, f"{case} - Original System", axes[2 * i]) # Original

    plot_phase_portrait(canonical_forms[case], f"{case} - Canonical System", axes
                        [2 * i + 1]) # Canonical
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

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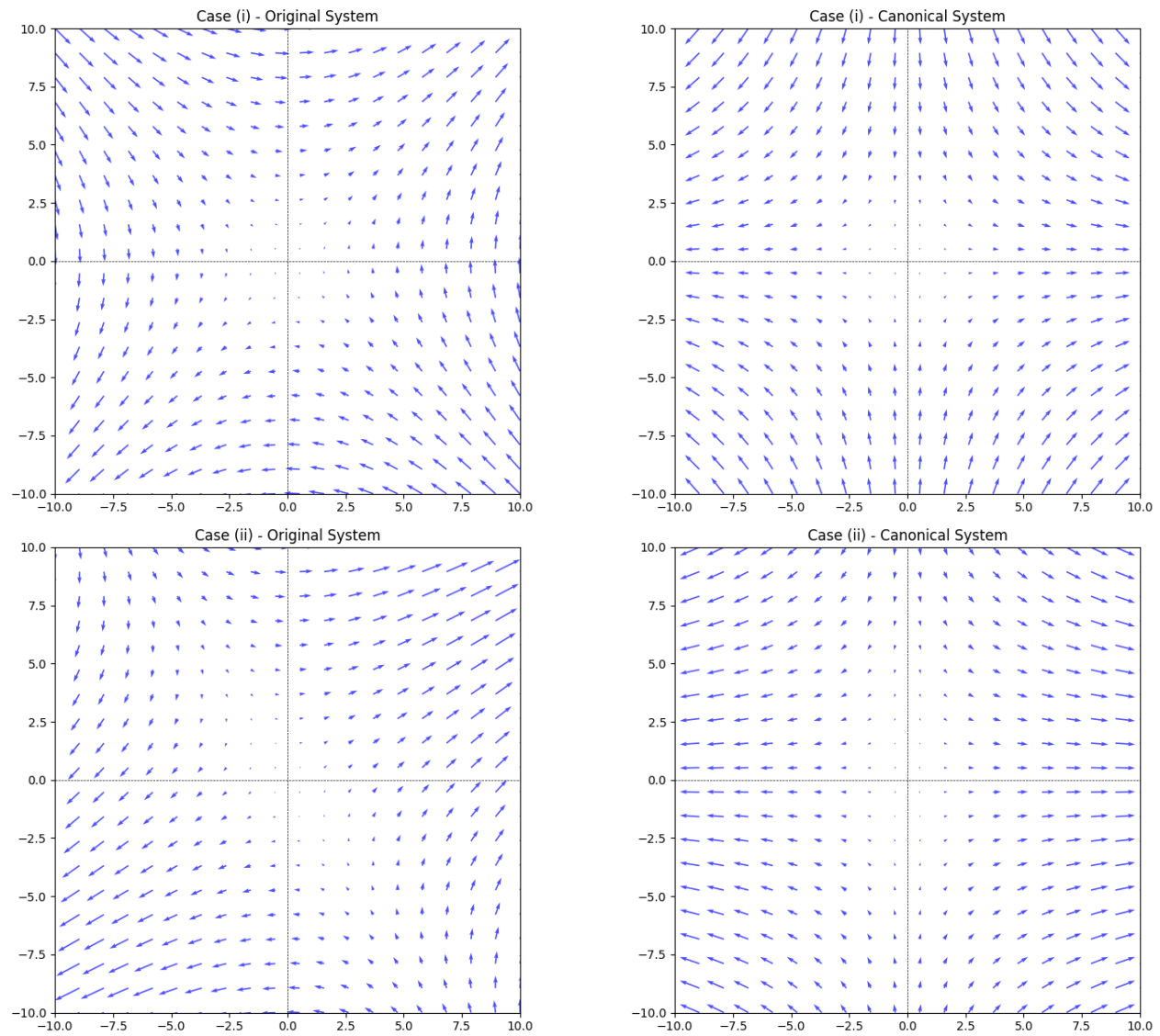


Figure 1: Plots of Original and Canonical Forms of Case i and ii



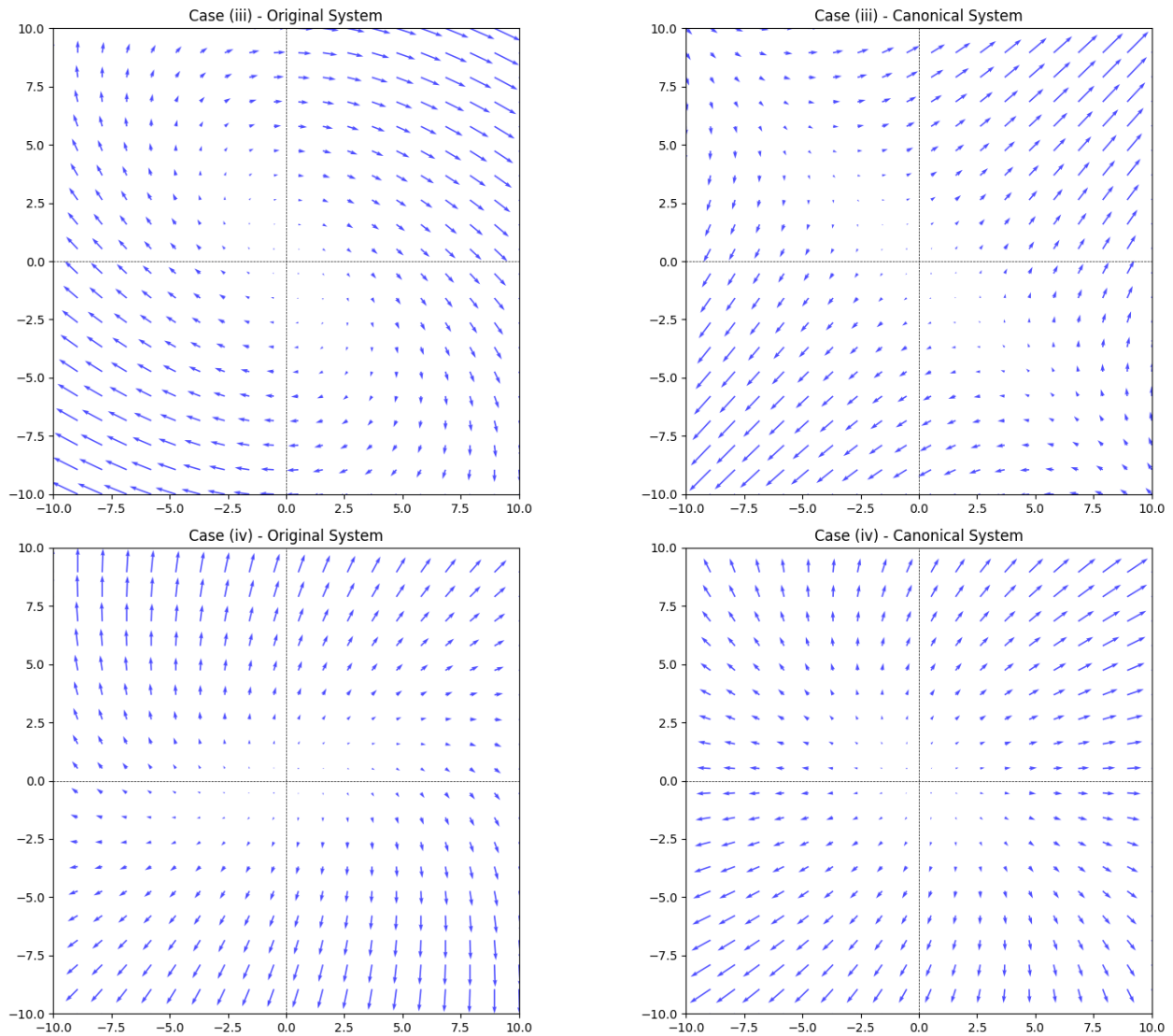


Figure 2: Plots of Original and Canonical Forms of Case iii and iv

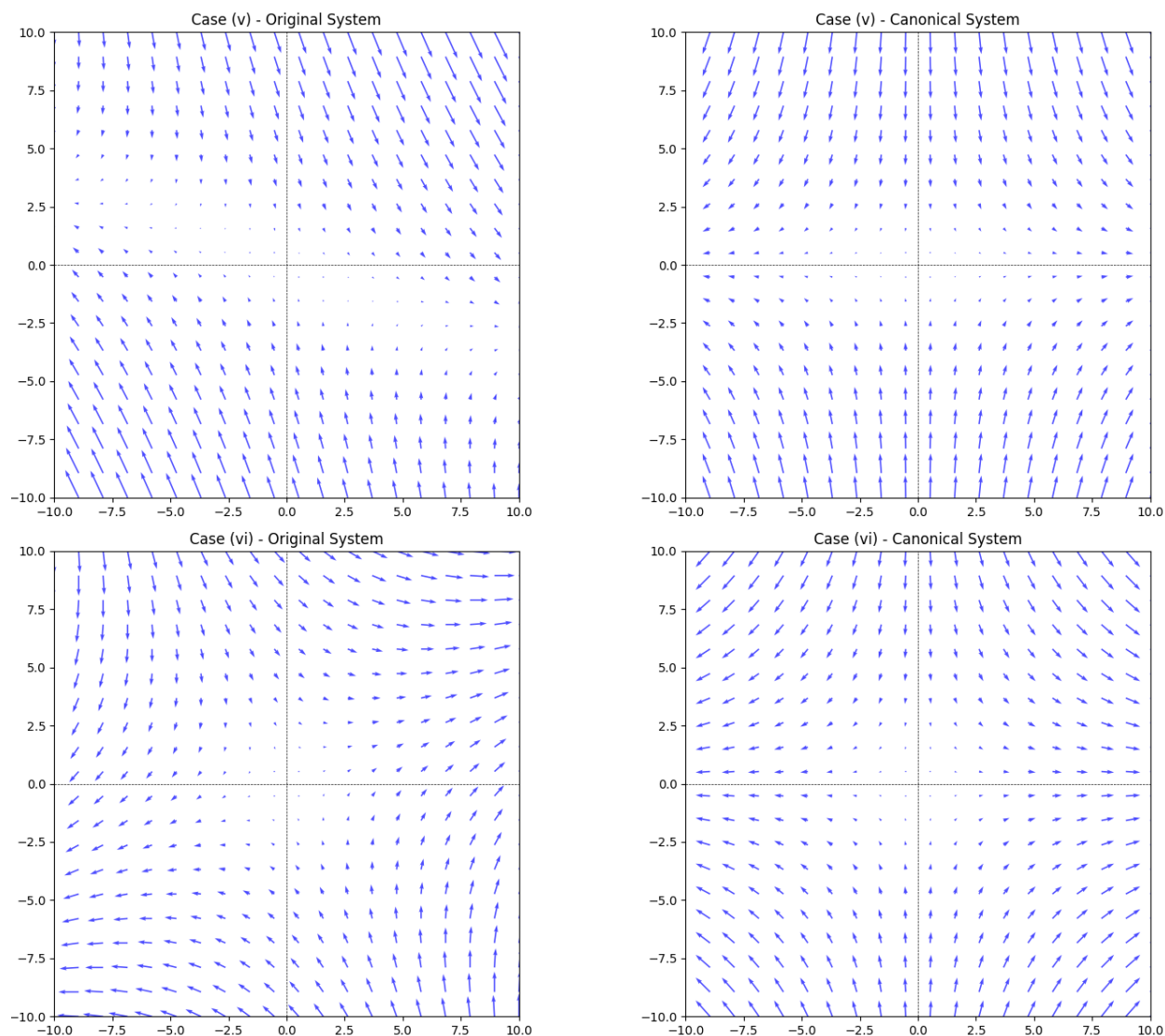


Figure 3: Plots of Original and Canonical Forms of Case v and vi

**(10 pts) Exercise 3.3.** Find the general solution of the following harmonic oscillator equations:

**Part (a)**

$$x'' + x' + x = 0$$

**Solution**

The characteristic equation for  $x'' + x' + x = 0$  is as follows:

$$\lambda^2 + \lambda + 1 = 0.$$

We solve for  $\lambda$  using the quadratic formula as follows:

$$\lambda = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{-3}}{2} = \frac{-1}{2} \pm i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}.$$

The roots are the complex conjugates as follows:  $\lambda = \frac{-1}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$  and  $\lambda = \frac{-1}{2} - i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ .

The general solution is as follows:

$$x(t) = e^{-\frac{1}{2}t} \left( C_1 \cos \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t \right) + C_2 \sin \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t \right) \right),$$

**Part (b)**

$$x'' + 2x' + x = 0$$

**Solution**

The characteristic equation for  $x'' + 2x' + x = 0$  is as follows:

$$\lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 1 = 0.$$

$$(\lambda + 1)^2 = 0.$$

The root is the repeated real root that follows:

$$\lambda = -1.$$

The general solution is as follows:

$$x(t) = (C_1 + C_2 t)e^{-t},$$

**(10 pts) Exercise 4.1.** Consider the one-parameter family of linear systems given by:

$$\mathbf{X}' = \begin{bmatrix} a & \sqrt{2} + \frac{a}{2} \\ \sqrt{2} - \frac{a}{2} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}.$$

**Part (a)**

Sketch the path traced out by this family of linear systems in the trace-determinant plane as  $a$  varies.

**Solution**

The trace  $\text{tr}(A)$  and determinant  $\det(A)$  of the matrix  $A$  are as follows:

$$\text{tr}(A) = a, \quad \det(A) = - \left( \sqrt{2} + \frac{a}{2} \right) \left( \sqrt{2} - \frac{a}{2} \right) = - \left( 2 - \frac{a^2}{4} \right) = \frac{a^2}{4} - 2.$$

The path traced in the trace-determinant plane as  $a$  varies is given parametrically by the following:

$$(\text{tr}(A), \det(A)) = \left( a, \frac{a^2}{4} - 2 \right).$$

This represents a parabola opening upwards with its vertex at  $(0, -2)$  and symmetry about the  $\text{tr}(A)$ -axis shown below:

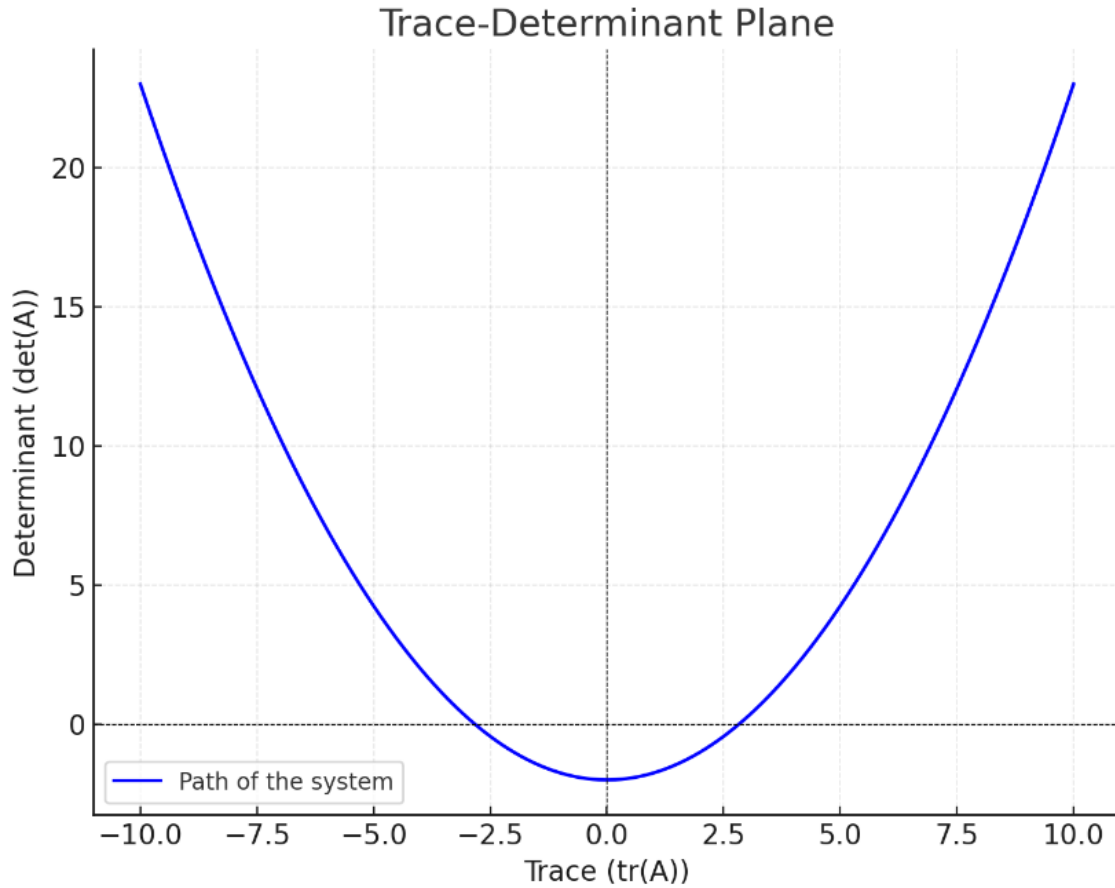


Figure 4: Trace-Determinant Plane of Linear System

**Part (b)**

Discuss any bifurcations that occur along this path and compute the corresponding values of  $a$ .

**Solution**

Bifurcations occur when the nature of eigenvalues of the system changes, which corresponds to transitions b/w different types of fixed points. These transitions can be analyzed using the trace-determinant plane.

The eigenvalues of the matrix  $A$  are given as follows:

$$\lambda = \frac{\text{tr}(A)}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{\text{tr}(A)}{2}\right)^2 - \det(A)}.$$

We sub in  $\text{tr}(A) = a$  and  $\det(A) = \frac{a^2}{4} - 2$  as follows:

$$\lambda = \frac{a}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{a^2}{4} - 2\right)} = \frac{a}{2} \pm \sqrt{2}.$$

1. **Change from Real to Complex Eigenvalues:** This occurs when the discriminant of the eigenvalues changes sign as follows:

$$\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2 - \det(A) = \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{a^2}{4} - 2\right) = 2.$$

B/c the discriminant is always positive ( $2 > 0$ ), there are no transitions to complex eigenvalues.

2. **Degenerate Eigenvalues:** Degeneracy occurs when both eigenvalues are equal, which happens when the square root term vanishes:

$$\sqrt{\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2 - \det(A)} = 0.$$

$$\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2 - \det(A) = 0.$$

We sub in  $\det(A) = \frac{a^2}{4} - 2$  as follows:

$$\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{a^2}{4} - 2\right) = 0 \implies 2 = 0.$$

So, bifurcations occur at  $a = \pm\sqrt{2}$ . The bifurcations correspond to changes in the stability or nature of the fixed point as  $a$  varies. The critical values of  $a$  where these occur are  $\pm\sqrt{2}$ .

**(15 pts)** Let  $M$  be the space of  $n \times n$  complex matrices. Define

$$\|A\| = \sup_{|\mathbf{x}|=1} |A\mathbf{x}|,$$

where  $|\cdot|$  is the standard Euclidean norm on  $\mathbb{C}^n$ .

**Part (a)**

Prove that  $\|\cdot\|$  is a norm on  $M$ .

**Solution**

To prove  $\|\cdot\|$  is a norm on  $M$ , we need to verify the properties of norms as follows:

1. **Positive Definiteness:**  $\|A\| \geq 0$  and  $\|A\| = 0$  iff  $A = 0$ .

B/c  $\|A\| = \sup_{|\mathbf{x}|=1} |A\mathbf{x}|$ , we have  $|A\mathbf{x}| \geq 0 \forall \mathbf{x}$ , and hence  $\|A\| \geq 0$ . If  $\|A\| = 0$ , then  $|A\mathbf{x}| = 0 \forall \mathbf{x}$  w/  $|\mathbf{x}| = 1$ , which implies  $A\mathbf{x} = 0$ . This means  $A = 0$ .

2. **Homogeneity:**  $\|cA\| = |c| \cdot \|A\|$  for any scalar  $c$  and matrix  $A$ .

For  $\|cA\|$ :

$$\|cA\| = \sup_{|\mathbf{x}|=1} |(cA)\mathbf{x}| = \sup_{|\mathbf{x}|=1} |c| \cdot |A\mathbf{x}| = |c| \cdot \sup_{|\mathbf{x}|=1} |A\mathbf{x}| = |c| \cdot \|A\|.$$

3. **Triangle Inequality:**  $\|A + B\| \leq \|A\| + \|B\| \quad \forall A, B \in M$ .

For  $\|A + B\|$ :

$$\|A + B\| = \sup_{|\mathbf{x}|=1} |(A + B)\mathbf{x}| \leq \sup_{|\mathbf{x}|=1} (|A\mathbf{x}| + |B\mathbf{x}|) \leq \sup_{|\mathbf{x}|=1} |A\mathbf{x}| + \sup_{|\mathbf{x}|=1} |B\mathbf{x}| = \|A\| + \|B\|.$$

**Part (b)**

Prove that:

$$\max_{j,k} |A_{jk}| \leq \|A\| \leq n \max_{j,k} |A_{jk}|.$$

**Solution**

We need to prove the double inequality  $\max_{j,k} |A_{jk}| \leq \|A\| \leq n \max_{j,k} |A_{jk}|$ .

1. **Lower Bound:**  $\|A\| \geq \max_{j,k} |A_{jk}|$ .

We consider the standard basis vector  $\mathbf{e}_k$  w/  $|\mathbf{e}_k| = 1$ . For any matrix  $A$ , the  $j$ -th component of  $A\mathbf{e}_k$  is  $A_{jk}$ , so we get as follows:

$$|A\mathbf{e}_k| \geq |A_{jk}| \quad \text{for all } j, k.$$

We take the supremum over all unit vectors  $\mathbf{x}$  as follows:

$$\|A\| = \sup_{|\mathbf{x}|=1} |A\mathbf{x}| \geq \max_{j,k} |A_{jk}|.$$

2. **Upper Bound:**  $\|A\| \leq n \max_{j,k} |A_{jk}|$ .

We let  $\mathbf{x}$  be a unit vector as follows:

$$|A\mathbf{x}|^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n \left| \sum_{k=1}^n A_{jk} x_k \right|^2.$$

We use the triangle inequality and Cauchy-Schwarz inequality as follows:

$$\left| \sum_{k=1}^n A_{jk} x_k \right| \leq \sum_{k=1}^n |A_{jk}| |x_k| \leq \max_{j,k} |A_{jk}| \sum_{k=1}^n |x_k|.$$

B/c  $\mathbf{x}$  is a unit vector,  $\sum_{k=1}^n |x_k| \leq \sqrt{n}$ , and we get as follows:

$$|A\mathbf{x}| \leq \sqrt{n} \cdot \max_{j,k} |A_{jk}|.$$

We take the supremum over all  $\mathbf{x}$  w/  $|\mathbf{x}| = 1$  to get as follows:

$$\|A\| \leq n \max_{j,k} |A_{jk}|.$$

**Part (c)**

Prove that  $(M, \|\cdot\|)$  is a Banach space (i.e., a complete normed vector space).

**Solution**

To prove  $(M, \|\cdot\|)$  is a Banach space, we w.t.s. that every Cauchy sequence of matrices in  $M$  converges to a matrix in  $M$  under norm  $\|\cdot\|$ .

We let  $\{A_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $(M, \|\cdot\|)$ . By definition of Cauchy sequence, we know the following:

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that } \|A_k - A_m\| < \epsilon \quad \forall k, m \geq N.$$

B/c the entries of the matrices  $A_k$  are in  $\mathbb{C}$ , each entry  $(A_k)_{ij}$  forms a Cauchy sequence in  $\mathbb{C}$ , which is complete. So,  $(A_k)_{ij}$  converges to some  $(A)_{ij} \in \mathbb{C}$ . We define  $A = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A_k$  entry-wise.

Next, we show that  $A_k \rightarrow A$  in the norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . For any  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists N$  s.t.  $\|A_k - A_m\| < \epsilon/2 \quad \forall k, m \geq N$ . We fix  $m$  and let  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . Then,  $A_m \rightarrow A$  entry-wise, and by continuity of the norm, we have as follows:

$$\|A_k - A\| \leq \|A_k - A_m\| + \|A_m - A\| < \epsilon/2 + \epsilon/2 = \epsilon \quad \text{for all } k \geq N.$$

So,  $A_k \rightarrow A$  in the norm  $\|\cdot\|$  and  $A \in M$ , which shows that every Cauchy sequence in  $M$  converges to a limit in  $M$ . Thus,  $(M, \|\cdot\|)$  is a Banach space.

**(15 pts)** Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a normed vector space.

**Part (a)**

Prove that if  $X$  is a Banach space, then any absolutely convergent series converges.

**Solution**

To prove this, we let  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k$  be an absolutely convergent series in  $X$  as follows:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|x_k\| < \infty.$$

We w.t.s. that the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k$  converges in  $X$ .

1. We define the partial sums  $S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n x_k$ . B/c  $X$  is a Banach space, it is complete under norm  $\|\cdot\|$ .
2. To prove convergence, we show that  $\{S_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. We let  $m > n$  as follows:

$$\|S_m - S_n\| = \left\| \sum_{k=n+1}^m x_k \right\| \leq \sum_{k=n+1}^m \|x_k\|.$$

B/c  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|x_k\| < \infty$ , for any  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t. we have as follows:

$$\sum_{k=N+1}^{\infty} \|x_k\| < \epsilon.$$

So  $\forall m, n \geq N$ , we have as follows:

$$\|S_m - S_n\| \leq \sum_{k=n+1}^m \|x_k\| < \epsilon.$$

This proves  $\{S_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ .

3. B/c  $X$  is a Banach space (complete normed space), every Cauchy sequence converges. This means  $\{S_n\}$  converges to some  $S \in X$ , which implies:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k = S.$$

Thus, any absolutely convergent series in a Banach space  $X$  converges.

**Part (b)**

Prove or disprove: if any absolutely convergent series converges, then the space is a Banach space.

**Solution**

This statement is **true**. To prove it, we show that if every absolutely convergent series in  $X$  converges, then  $X$  is a Banach space.

1. Suppose  $\{x_k\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ . By definition of a Cauchy sequence, we know the following:

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that } \|x_k - x_m\| < \epsilon \quad \forall k, m \geq N.$$

We define a series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} y_k$ , where  $y_k = x_k - x_{k-1}$  and  $x_0 = 0$ . B/c  $\{x_k\}$  is Cauchy,  $\|y_k\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , and  $\sum \|y_k\| < \infty$ , so the series is absolutely convergent.

2. By the assumption, any absolutely convergent series in  $X$  converges. So,  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} y_k$  converges to some  $z \in X$ .
3. The partial sums  $S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n y_k$  satisfy the following:

$$S_n = x_n - x_0 = x_n.$$

This means  $x_n \rightarrow z$  in  $X$ , which shows  $\{x_k\}$  converges.

B/c every Cauchy sequence in  $X$  converges,  $X$  is complete, and  $X$  is a Banach space.

**(10 pts)** Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  complex matrix. Prove that  $\det(\exp(A)) = \exp(\operatorname{tr}(A))$ , where  $\det$  denotes the determinant and  $\operatorname{tr}$  denotes the trace. [Hint: first prove it for  $A$  in a Jordan normal form.]

**Solution**

To prove  $\det(\exp(A)) = \exp(\operatorname{tr}(A))$ , we start by assuming  $A$  is in Jordan normal form. The Jordan normal form of  $A$  is as follows:

$$A = PJP^{-1},$$

where  $P$  is an invertible matrix and  $J$  is the Jordan matrix.

**Step 1: Matrix Exponential of a Jordan Matrix:**

For a Jordan block  $J_k$  of size  $k$ , the exponential  $\exp(J_k)$  can be computed as follows:

$$\exp(J_k) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{J_k^m}{m!}.$$

B/c  $J_k$  is upper triangular,  $J_k^m$  remains upper triangular, and the diagonal entries of  $\exp(J_k)$  are  $e^\lambda$ , where  $\lambda$  is the eigenvalue associated with  $J_k$ .

So, the matrix  $\exp(J)$  for the entire Jordan matrix  $J$  is also upper triangular, and the diagonal entries of  $\exp(J)$  are  $e^{\lambda_1}, e^{\lambda_2}, \dots, e^{\lambda_n}$ , where  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  are the eigenvalues of  $A$ .

**Step 2: Determinant of  $\exp(J)$ :**

The determinant of an upper triangular matrix is the product of its diagonal entries, which yields the following:

$$\det(\exp(J)) = e^{\lambda_1} e^{\lambda_2} \cdots e^{\lambda_n} = \exp(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \cdots + \lambda_n) = \exp(\operatorname{tr}(J)).$$

**Step 3: Transform Back to  $A$ :**

B/c  $A = PJP^{-1}$ , we get as follows:

$$\exp(A) = P \exp(J) P^{-1}.$$

We can then use the multiplicative property of determinants as follows:

$$\det(\exp(A)) = \det(P \exp(J) P^{-1}) = \det(P) \det(\exp(J)) \det(P^{-1}) = \det(\exp(J)) = \exp(\operatorname{tr}(J)).$$

**Step 4: Trace of  $A$ :**

The trace is invariant under similarity transformations, so  $\operatorname{tr}(A) = \operatorname{tr}(J)$ , and we get as follows:

$$\det(\exp(A)) = \exp(\operatorname{tr}(A)).$$