

MATH 417

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What I said last time on differential equations also applies to complex eigenvalues (just take, say, the real part).

Example: Solve the system of linear differential equations

$$(a) \quad u' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} u.$$

$$(b) \quad u' = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} u.$$

Solution:  $u = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$   
(independent var.  $t$ )

$$(a) \quad \begin{aligned} x' &= y \\ y' &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

partially decoupled system.

$y$  is constant

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} x &= at + b \\ y &= a \end{aligned}}$$

$$(b) \quad u' = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} u$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2x + y \\ -2y \end{pmatrix}$$

$n=3$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} = J_3(\lambda)$$

$$x = e^{-2t}(at+b)$$

$$x' = \underbrace{-2e^{-2t}(at+b)}_{-2x} + \underbrace{e^{-2t}a}_y$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-2t}(at+b) \\ e^{-2t}a \end{pmatrix}$$

general Jordan block:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1' \\ \vdots \\ x_n' \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & & \lambda \end{pmatrix}}_{J_n(\lambda)} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x_1 = e^{\lambda t} \underbrace{(a_{n-1}t^{n-1} + \dots + a_0)}_{\text{polynomial of degree } \leq n-1}$$

$$x_2 = \dots$$

(Real) symmetrical matrices,

Example: diagonalise

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Solution:

$$0 = \det(\lambda I - A) = \det \begin{pmatrix} \lambda - 6 & -2 \\ -2 & \lambda - 3 \end{pmatrix} = (\lambda - 6)(\lambda - 3) - 4 = \lambda^2 - 9\lambda + 14 \\ = (\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 7)$$

$$\boxed{\lambda = 2} \quad \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -2 \\ -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\boxed{\lambda = 7} \quad \begin{pmatrix} +1 & -2 \\ -2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\boxed{\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

If  $A$  is a real symmetric matrix, then

$$A = A^T \quad (\text{by definition})$$

Suppose  $\lambda \neq \mu$  are eigenvalues, Eigenvector  $\lambda \dots u$   
 $\mu \dots v$

$$Au = \lambda u \quad Av = \mu v$$

$$\text{transpose: } v^T A^T = \mu v^T$$

$$\mu v^T u = v^T A u = v^T \lambda u = \lambda v^T u$$

$$v \cdot u = v^T u = 0$$

orthogonal = perpendicular

$\therefore$  If  $A$  is a real symmetric matrix and  $u, v$  are  
 eigenvectors of different eigenvalues then  $u \cdot v = 0$ , ( $u \perp v$ )



$$B^{-1} A B = D$$

$\nwarrow$  symmetric  $\nwarrow$  diagonal  
 $\nearrow$  has orthogonal columns.

We can also make the columns of  $B$  to have length 1:

real vector  $\rightarrow$

$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \sqrt{x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2}$$

In our example,  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

We can replace  $B$  by  $\begin{pmatrix} 2/\sqrt{5} & 1/\sqrt{5} \\ 1/\sqrt{5} & -2/\sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix}$

For  $B$ , we used  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \sqrt{2^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{5}$$

$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{5}$$

The columns are orthogonal and have length 1.

$\nwarrow$  an orthogonal matrix

We call a matrix  $B$  orthogonal if its columns are orthogonal and their lengths are 1.

Algebraically, let  $B = \begin{pmatrix} \text{column} & & \text{column} \\ u_1 & \dots & u_n \end{pmatrix}$ .

$B^T B = \begin{pmatrix} \text{rows} & & \text{rows} \\ u_1^T & & u_n^T \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 & \dots & u_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 1 \end{pmatrix} = I$

$u_i \cdot u_i = 1$   
 $u_i \cdot u_j = 0$  when  $i \neq j$ .

$u_i^T u_j = 0$  when  $i \neq j$ .

$B$  Being an orthogonal matrix is equivalent to the condition  $B^T B = I$ .

$$B^{-1} = B^T$$

Example:  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 2/\sqrt{5} & 1/\sqrt{5} \\ 1/\sqrt{5} & -2/\sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix}$   $B^T = \begin{pmatrix} 2/\sqrt{5} & 1/\sqrt{5} \\ 1/\sqrt{5} & -2/\sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix} = B^{-1}$ .  
 $\det B = -1$   $\rightarrow$  reflection by a line through the origin.  
 We could have also chosen

$B = \begin{pmatrix} 2/\sqrt{5} & -1/\sqrt{5} \\ 1/\sqrt{5} & 2/\sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix}$  Then  $B^T = \begin{pmatrix} 2/\sqrt{5} & 1/\sqrt{5} \\ -1/\sqrt{5} & 2/\sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix} = B^{-1}$ .  
 $\det B = 1$ .  $\rightarrow$  rotation around the origin.

In general, when  $B$  is an orthogonal matrix, then

$$(\det B)^2 = \det B^T \det B = \det B^T B = 1$$

$$\therefore \det B = 1 \text{ or } \det B = -1.$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}^T = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{n1} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$



Geometrically: If  $B$  is an orthogonal matrix then the linear transformation  $f(v) = Bv$  takes the standard basis  $(e_1, \dots, e_n) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  into  $n$  basis of vectors which are orthogonal and have length 1.

Orthogonal  
basis

The linear transformation  $f$  corresponding to an orthogonal matrix  $B$  preserves lengths and angles. If additionally  $\det B = 1$ , these are the transformations you can use to move a mechanical device without deforming it.



HW ①: Solve the system of linear differential equations

$$u' = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} u.$$

②: Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 3 & 12 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find an orthogonal matrix  $B$  such that  $B^T A B$  is diagonal.