

## SOLUTION

## Section 4.5 – Multiple Eigenvalues Solutions

### Exercise

Find the general solution  $\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ -1 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$

### Solution

$$|A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} -2 - \lambda & 1 \\ -1 & -4 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 + 6\lambda + 9 = 0 \quad \text{The eigenvalues are: } \lambda_{1,2} = -3 \quad (\text{multiplicity } 2)$$

$$(A + 3I)^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(A - \lambda I)^2 \vec{v}_2 = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \vec{v}_2 = \vec{0} \text{ and } \vec{v}_2 \text{ is a nonzero vector, we can let } \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

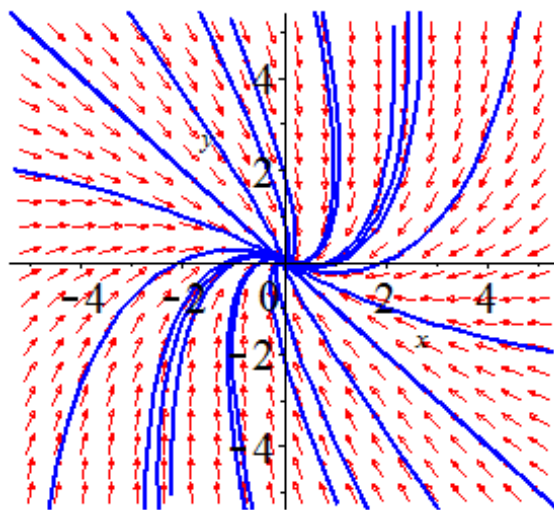
$$(A + 3I)\vec{v}_2 = \vec{v}_1 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \vec{v}_1$$

$$\vec{x}_1(t) = \vec{v}_1 e^{\lambda t} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{x}_2(t) = (\vec{v}_1 t + \vec{v}_2) e^{\lambda t}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} \vec{x}_1(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-3t} \\ \vec{x}_2(t) = \begin{pmatrix} t+1 \\ -t \end{pmatrix} e^{-3t} \end{cases}$$

The general solution:  $\vec{x}(t) = c_1 \vec{x}_1(t) + c_2 \vec{x}_2(t)$

$$\begin{cases} x_1(t) = (c_1 + c_2 + c_2 t) e^{-3t} \\ x_2(t) = (-c_1 - c_2 t) e^{-3t} \end{cases}$$



### Exercise

Find the general solution  $\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$

### Solution

$$|A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} 3 - \lambda & -1 \\ 1 & 1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 2 = 0 \quad \text{The eigenvalues are: } \lambda_{1,2} = 2 \quad (\text{multiplicity } 2)$$

$$(A - 2I)^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(A - \lambda I)^2 \vec{v}_2 = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \vec{v}_2 = \vec{0} \text{ and } \vec{v}_2 \text{ is a nonzero vector, we can let } \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

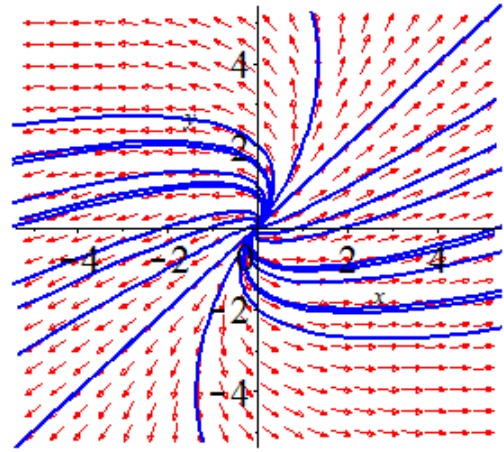
$$(A - 2I)\vec{v}_2 = \vec{v}_1 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \vec{v}_1$$

$$\vec{x}_1(t) = \vec{v}_1 e^{\lambda t} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{x}_2(t) = (\vec{v}_1 t + \vec{v}_2) e^{\lambda t}$$

$$\begin{cases} \vec{x}_1(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{2t} \\ \vec{x}_2(t) = \begin{pmatrix} t+1 \\ t \end{pmatrix} e^{2t} \end{cases}$$

The general solution:  $\vec{x}(t) = c_1 \vec{x}_1(t) + c_2 \vec{x}_2(t)$

$$\begin{cases} x_1(t) = (c_1 + c_2 + c_2 t) e^{2t} \\ x_2(t) = (c_1 + c_2 t) e^{2t} \end{cases}$$



### Exercise

Find the general solution  $\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$

### Solution

$$|A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & -2 \\ 2 & 5-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 - 6\lambda + 9 = 0$$

The eigenvalues are:  $\lambda_{1,2} = 3$  (multiplicity 2)

$$(A - 3I)^2 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(A - \lambda I)^2 \vec{v}_2 = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \vec{v}_2 = \vec{0} \quad \text{and } \vec{v}_2 \text{ is a nonzero vector, we can let } \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

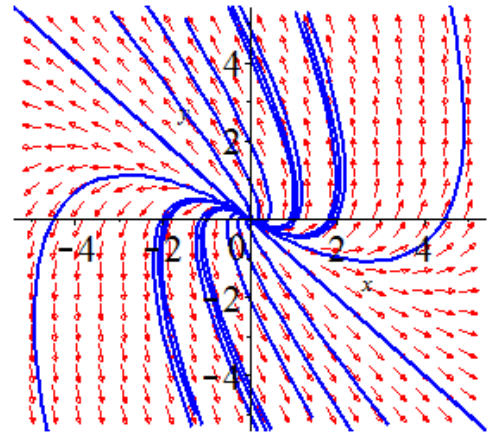
$$(A - 3I)\vec{v}_2 = \vec{v}_1 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \vec{v}_1$$

$$\vec{x}_1(t) = \vec{v}_1 e^{\lambda t} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{x}_2(t) = (\vec{v}_1 t + \vec{v}_2) e^{\lambda t}$$

$$\begin{cases} \vec{x}_1(t) = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} e^{3t} \\ \vec{x}_2(t) = \begin{pmatrix} -2t+1 \\ 2t \end{pmatrix} e^{3t} \end{cases}$$

The general solution:  $\vec{x}(t) = c_1 \vec{x}_1(t) + c_2 \vec{x}_2(t)$

$$\begin{cases} x_1(t) = (-2c_1 + c_2 - 2c_2 t) e^{3t} \\ x_2(t) = (2c_1 + 2c_2 t) e^{3t} \end{cases}$$



### Exercise

Find the general solution  $\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$

### Solution

$$|A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & -1 \\ 1 & 5-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 - 8\lambda + 16 = 0 \quad \text{The eigenvalues are: } \lambda_{1,2} = 4 \quad (\text{multiplicity } 2)$$

$$(A - 4I)^2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(A - \lambda I)^2 \vec{v}_2 = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \vec{v}_2 = \vec{0} \text{ and } \vec{v}_2 \text{ is a nonzero vector, we can let } \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

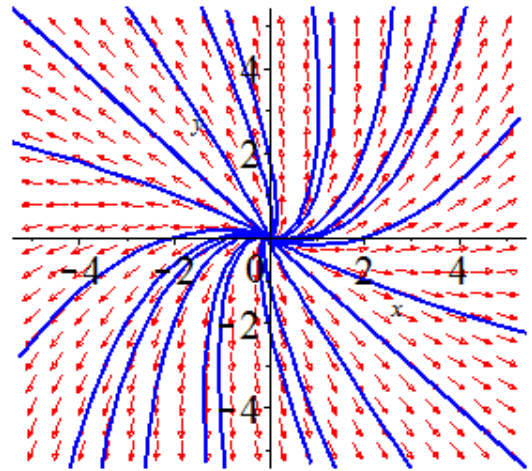
$$(A - 2I) \vec{v}_2 = \vec{v}_1 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \vec{v}_1$$

$$\vec{x}_1(t) = \vec{v}_1 e^{\lambda t} \text{ and } \vec{x}_2(t) = (\vec{v}_1 t + \vec{v}_2) e^{\lambda t}$$

$$\begin{cases} \vec{x}_1(t) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{4t} \\ \vec{x}_2(t) = \begin{pmatrix} -t+1 \\ t \end{pmatrix} e^{4t} \end{cases}$$

The general solution:  $\vec{x}(t) = c_1 \vec{x}_1(t) + c_2 \vec{x}_2(t)$

$$\begin{cases} x_1(t) = (-c_1 + c_2 - c_2 t) e^{4t} \\ x_2(t) = (c_1 + c_2 t) e^{4t} \end{cases}$$



### Exercise

Find the general solution  $\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ -7 & 9 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$

### Solution

$$|A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 0 & 0 \\ -7 & 9-\lambda & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (9-\lambda)(2-\lambda)^2 = 0$$

The eigenvalues are:  $\lambda_1 = 9$   $\lambda_{2,3} = 2$

For  $\lambda_1 = 9 \Rightarrow (A - 9I) \vec{v}_1 = \vec{0}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -7 & 0 & 0 \\ -7 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & -7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} a=0 \\ c=0 \end{matrix} \rightarrow \vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{x}_1(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{9t}$$

For  $\lambda_{2,3} = 2 \Rightarrow (A - 2I)\vec{v}_2 = 0$

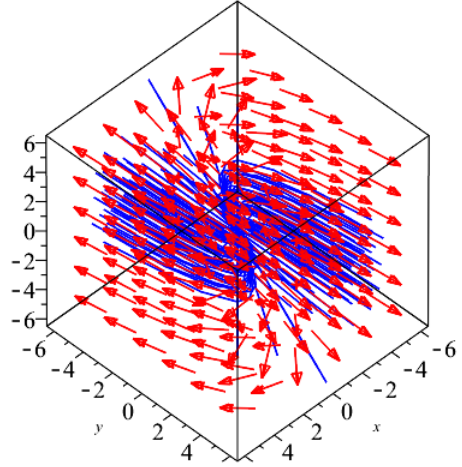
$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -7 & 7 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow -a+b+c=0$$

Let  $b=0 \Rightarrow a=c=1 \rightarrow \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{x}_2(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{2t}$

Let  $c=0 \Rightarrow a=b=1 \rightarrow \vec{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{x}_3(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{2t}$

The general solution:  $\vec{x}(t) = c_1 \vec{x}_1(t) + c_2 \vec{x}_2(t) + c_3 \vec{x}_3(t)$

$$\begin{cases} x_1(t) = (c_2 + c_3) e^{2t} \\ x_2(t) = c_1 e^{9t} + c_3 e^{2t} \\ x_3(t) = c_2 e^{2t} \end{cases}$$



### Exercise

Find the general solution  $\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 12 & 0 \\ -18 & -5 & 0 \\ 6 & 6 & 13 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$

### Solution

$$\begin{aligned} |A - \lambda I| &= \begin{vmatrix} 25 - \lambda & 12 & 0 \\ -18 & -5 - \lambda & 0 \\ 6 & 6 & 13 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (25 - \lambda)(-5 - \lambda)(13 - \lambda) + 216(13 - \lambda) \\ &= (13 - \lambda)(-125 - 20\lambda + \lambda^2 + 216) \\ &= (13 - \lambda)(\lambda^2 - 20\lambda + 91) \\ &= (13 - \lambda)(\lambda - 13)(\lambda - 7) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

The eigenvalues are:  $\lambda_1 = 7$   $\lambda_{2,3} = 13$

For  $\lambda_1 = 7 \Rightarrow (A - 7I)\vec{v}_1 = 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 18 & 12 & 0 \\ -18 & -12 & 0 \\ 6 & 6 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 3a = -2b \\ a + b + c = 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} a = 2 \\ b = -3 \\ c = -2 + 3 = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow \vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{x}_1(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{7t}$$

For  $\lambda_{2,3} = 13 \Rightarrow (A - 13I)V = 0$

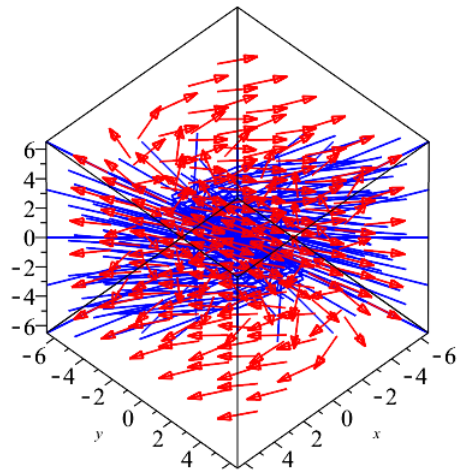
$$\begin{pmatrix} 12 & 12 & 0 \\ -18 & -18 & 0 \\ 6 & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow a = -b$$

Let  $c = 0$  &  $a = 1, b = -1 \rightarrow \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{x}_2(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{13t}$

Let  $c = 1 \Rightarrow a = b = 0 \rightarrow \vec{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{x}_3(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{13t}$

The general solution:  $\vec{x}(t) = c_1 \vec{x}_1(t) + c_2 \vec{x}_2(t) + c_3 \vec{x}_3(t)$

$$\begin{cases} x_1(t) = 2c_1 e^{7t} + c_2 e^{13t} \\ x_2(t) = -3c_1 e^{7t} - c_2 e^{13t} \\ x_3(t) = c_1 e^{7t} + c_3 e^{13t} \end{cases}$$



### Exercise

Find the general solution  $\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 & -4 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$

### Solution

$$\begin{aligned} |A - \lambda I| &= \begin{vmatrix} -3-\lambda & 0 & -4 \\ -1 & -1-\lambda & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (-3-\lambda)(-1-\lambda)(1-\lambda) + 4(-1-\lambda) \\ &= (-1-\lambda)(\lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 1) \\ &= -(\lambda + 1)^3 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

The eigenvalues are:  $\lambda_{1,2,3} = -1$  (multiplicity 3)

For  $\lambda = -1 \Rightarrow (A + I)V = 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & -4 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow a = -2c \rightarrow V = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The defect of  $\lambda = -1$  is 2.

$$(A+I)^2 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & -4 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & -4 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$(A+I)^2 \vec{v}_3 = 0$ , therefore any nonzero vector  $\vec{v}_3 = [1 \ 0 \ 0]^T$  will be a solution

$$\vec{v}_2 = (A+I)\vec{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & -4 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

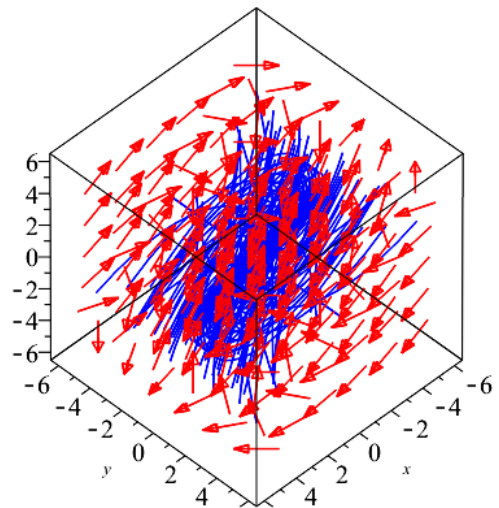
$$\vec{v}_1 = (A+I)\vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & -4 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} \vec{x}_1(t) = \vec{v}_1 e^{-t} \\ \vec{x}_2(t) = (\vec{v}_1 t + \vec{v}_2) e^{-t} \\ \vec{x}_3(t) = \left( \frac{1}{2} \vec{v}_1 t^2 + \vec{v}_2 t + \vec{v}_3 \right) e^{-t} \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \vec{x}_1(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{-t} \\ \vec{x}_2(t) = \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} t + \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) e^{-t} \\ \vec{x}_3(t) = \left( \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} t^2 + \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} t + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) e^{-t} \end{cases}$$

The general solution:

$$\vec{x}(t) = c_1 \vec{x}_1(t) + c_2 \vec{x}_2(t) + c_3 \vec{x}_3(t)$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1(t) = (-2c_2 + c_3 - 2c_3 t) e^{-t} \\ x_2(t) = \left( \frac{1}{2} c_3 t^2 - (c_3 + c_2) t - c_2 - c_1 \right) e^{-t} \\ x_3(t) = (c_2 + c_3 t) e^{-t} \end{cases}$$



### Exercise

Find the general solution  $\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$

### Solution

$$\begin{aligned} |A - \lambda I| &= \begin{vmatrix} -1-\lambda & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1-\lambda & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (-3-\lambda)(-1-\lambda)(1-\lambda) + 4(-1-\lambda) \\ &= (-1-\lambda)(\lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 1) \\ &= -(\lambda+1)^3 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

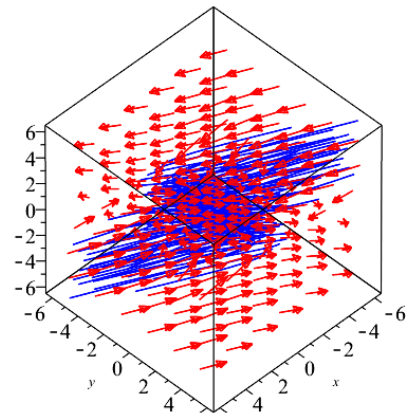
The eigenvalues are:  $\lambda_{1,2,3} = -1$  (multiplicity 3). The defect of  $\lambda = -1$  is 2.

$$\begin{aligned} (A+I)^2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ (A+I)^3 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \vec{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{v}_2 = (A+I)\vec{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ Contradict the rule } \vec{v}_2 \neq 0. \text{ Then, let assume } \rightarrow \vec{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\vec{v}_2} &= (A+I)\vec{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} & \underline{\vec{v}_1} &= (A+I)\vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases} \vec{x}_1(t) = \vec{v}_1 e^{-t} \\ \vec{x}_2(t) = (\vec{v}_1 t + \vec{v}_2) e^{-t} \\ \vec{x}_3(t) = \left( \frac{1}{2} \vec{v}_1 t^2 + \vec{v}_2 t + \vec{v}_3 \right) e^{-t} \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \vec{x}_1(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{-t} \\ \vec{x}_2(t) = \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} t + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) e^{-t} \\ \vec{x}_3(t) = \left( \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} t^2 + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} t + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) e^{-t} \end{cases}$$



The general solution: 
$$\begin{cases} x_1(t) = \left( c_1 + c_2 t + \frac{1}{2} c_3 t^2 \right) e^{-t} \\ x_2(t) = \left( 2c_2 + c_3 + 2c_3 t \right) e^{-t} \\ x_3(t) = \left( c_2 + c_3 t \right) e^{-t} \end{cases}$$

$$\vec{x}(t) = c_1 \vec{x}_1(t) + c_2 \vec{x}_2(t) + c_3 \vec{x}_3(t)$$

### Exercise

Find the general solution  $\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -5 & -1 & -5 \\ 4 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$

### Solution

$$\begin{aligned} |A - \lambda I| &= \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 0 & 1 \\ -5 & -1-\lambda & -5 \\ 4 & 1 & -2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = -\lambda(-1-\lambda)(-2-\lambda) - 5 - 4(-1-\lambda) - 5\lambda \\ &= -\lambda(-1-\lambda)(-2-\lambda) - 1 - \lambda \\ &= (-1-\lambda)(\lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 1) \\ &= -(\lambda+1)^3 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

The eigenvalues are:  $\lambda_{1,2,3} = -1$  (multiplicity 3)

The defect of  $\lambda = -1$  is 2.

$$(A + I)^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -5 & 0 & -5 \\ 4 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -5 & 0 & -5 \\ 4 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 & 0 \\ -25 & -5 & 0 \\ -5 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

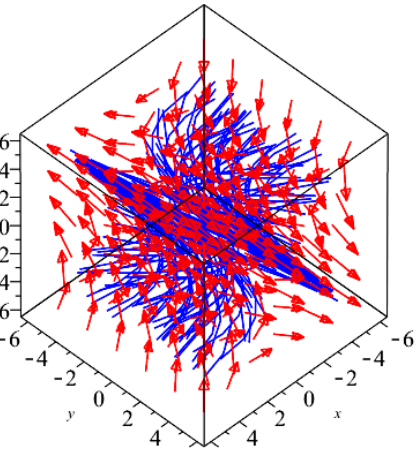
$$(A + I)^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 & 0 \\ -25 & -5 & 0 \\ -5 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -5 & 0 & -5 \\ 4 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \vec{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{\vec{v}_2} = (A + I)\vec{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -5 & 0 & -5 \\ 4 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{\vec{v}_1} = (A + I)\vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -5 & 0 & -5 \\ 4 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -25 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} \vec{x}_1(t) = \vec{v}_1 e^{-t} \\ \vec{x}_2(t) = (\vec{v}_1 t + \vec{v}_2) e^{-t} \\ \vec{x}_3(t) = \left( \frac{1}{2} \vec{v}_1 t^2 + \vec{v}_2 t + \vec{v}_3 \right) e^{-t} \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \vec{x}_1(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -25 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} e^{-t} \\ \vec{x}_2(t) = \left( \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -25 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} t + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \right) e^{-t} \\ \vec{x}_3(t) = \left( \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -25 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} t^2 + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} t + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) e^{-t} \end{cases}$$

The general solution:

$$\begin{cases} x_1(t) = \left( 5c_1 + c_2 + c_3 + 5c_2 t + c_3 t + \frac{5}{2} c_3 t^2 \right) e^{-t} \\ x_2(t) = \left( -25c_1 - 5c_2 - 25c_2 t - 5c_3 t - \frac{25}{2} c_3 t^2 \right) e^{-t} \\ x_3(t) = \left( -5c_1 + 4c_2 - 5c_2 t + 4c_3 t - \frac{5}{2} c_3 t^2 \right) e^{-t} \end{cases}$$



$$\vec{x}(t) = c_1 \vec{x}_1(t) + c_2 \vec{x}_2(t) + c_3 \vec{x}_3(t)$$



### Exercise

Find the general solution  $\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 39 & 8 & -16 \\ -36 & -5 & 16 \\ 72 & 16 & -29 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$

### Solution

$$|A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} 39 - \lambda & 8 & -16 \\ -36 & -5 - \lambda & 16 \\ 72 & 16 & -29 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (39 - \lambda)(-5 - \lambda)(-29 - \lambda) + 13032 - 1080\lambda - 9984 + 256\lambda - 8352 - 288\lambda$$

The eigenvalues are:  $\lambda_1 = -1$ ,  $\lambda_{2,3} = 3$  (multiplicity 2)

For  $\lambda_1 = -1 \Rightarrow (A + I)\vec{v}_1 = 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 40 & 8 & -16 \\ -36 & -4 & 16 \\ 72 & 16 & -28 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 5a + b - 2c = 0 \\ -9a - b + 4c = 0 \\ 18a + 4b - 7c = 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} 2a = c \\ 2b = -c \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow \vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{x}_1(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-t}$$

For  $\lambda_{2,3} = 3 \Rightarrow (A - 3I)V = 0$

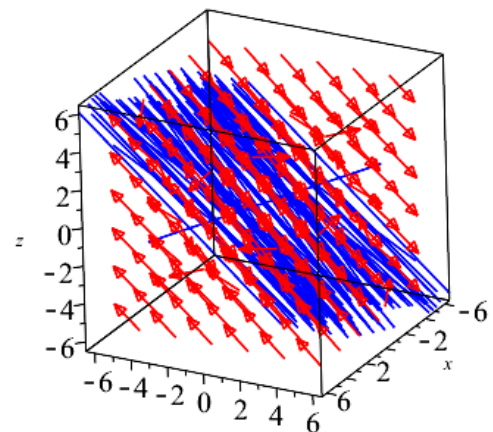
$$\begin{pmatrix} 36 & 8 & -16 \\ -36 & -8 & 16 \\ 72 & 16 & -32 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 9a + 2b - 4c = 0 \\ -9a - 2b + 4c = 0 \\ 9a + 2b - 4c = 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} 9a + 2b - 4c = 0 \\ -9a - 2b + 4c = 0 \\ 9a + 2b - 4c = 0 \end{cases}$$

Let  $b = 0 \rightarrow 9a = 4c \quad a = 4, c = 9 \rightarrow \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{x}_2(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix} e^{3t}$

Let  $c = 0 \rightarrow 9a = -2b \quad a = -2, b = 9 \rightarrow \vec{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 9 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{x}_3(t) = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 9 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{3t}$

The general solution:  $\vec{x}(t) = c_1 \vec{x}_1(t) + c_2 \vec{x}_2(t) + c_3 \vec{x}_3(t)$

$$\begin{cases} x_1(t) = 2c_1 e^{-t} + 4c_2 e^{3t} - 2c_3 e^{3t} \\ x_2(t) = -2c_1 e^{-t} + 9c_3 e^{3t} \\ x_3(t) = c_1 e^{-t} + 9c_2 e^{3t} \end{cases}$$



### Exercise

Find the general solution  $\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$

### Solution

$$|A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2-\lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2-\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (2-\lambda)^4 = 0$$

The eigenvalues are:  $\lambda_{1,2,3,4} = 2$  (*multiplicity 4*) and defect 3.

$$(A - 2I)^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \neq 0$$

$$(A - 2I)^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \neq 0$$

$$(A - 2I)^4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \text{let } \vec{v}_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{\vec{v}_3} = (A - 2I)\vec{v}_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{\vec{v}_2} = (A - 2I)\vec{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{\vec{v}_1} = (A - 2I)\vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The general solution:

$$\vec{x}(t) = c_1 \vec{x}_1(t) + c_2 \vec{x}_2(t) + c_3 \vec{x}_3(t) + c_4 \vec{x}_4(t)$$

$$\vec{x}(t) = \left[ c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 (\vec{v}_1 t + \vec{v}_2) + c_3 \left( \frac{1}{2} \vec{v}_1 t^2 + \vec{v}_2 t + \vec{v}_3 \right) + c_4 \left( \frac{1}{3!} \vec{v}_1 t^3 + \frac{1}{2} \vec{v}_2 t^2 + \vec{v}_3 t + \vec{v}_4 \right) \right] e^{2t}$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1(t) = \left(c_1 + c_3 + c_2 t + c_4 t + \frac{1}{2}c_3 t^2 + \frac{1}{6}c_4 t^3\right)e^{2t} \\ x_2(t) = \left(c_2 + c_3 t + \frac{1}{2}c_4 t^2\right)e^{2t} \\ x_3(t) = (c_3 + c_4 t)e^{2t} \\ x_4(t) = c_4 e^{2t} \end{cases}$$

### Exercise

Find the general solution  $\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -4 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$

### Solution

$$|A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} -1-\lambda & -4 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3-\lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (1-\lambda)^4 = 0$$

The eigenvalues are:  $\lambda_{1,2,3,4} = 1$  (multiplicity 4) and defect 2.

$$(A - I)^2 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -4 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -4 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \neq 0$$

$$(A - I)^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -4 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \text{let } \vec{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{v}_2 = (A - I)\vec{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -4 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{v}_1 = (A - I)\vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -4 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{let } \vec{v}_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The general solution:

$$\vec{x}(t) = c_1 \vec{x}_1(t) + c_2 \vec{x}_2(t) + c_3 \vec{x}_3(t) + c_4 \vec{x}_4(t)$$

$$\vec{x}(t) = \left[ c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 (\vec{v}_1 t + \vec{v}_2) + c_3 \left( \frac{1}{2} \vec{v}_1 t^2 + \vec{v}_2 t + \vec{v}_3 \right) + c_4 \vec{v}_4 \right] e^t$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1(t) = (-2c_2 + c_3 - 2c_3 t)e^t \\ x_2(t) = (c_2 + c_3 t)e^t \\ x_3(t) = (c_2 + c_4 + c_3 t)e^t \\ x_4(t) = (c_1 + c_2 t + \frac{1}{2}c_3 t^2)e^t \end{cases}$$

### Exercise

The characteristic equation of the coefficient matrix  $A$  of the system

$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \quad \text{is } p(\lambda) = (\lambda^2 - 6\lambda + 25)^2 = 0$$

Therefore,  $A$  has the repeated complex pair  $3 \pm 4i$  of eigenvalues. First show that the complex vectors  $\vec{v}_1 = [1 \ i \ 0 \ 0]^T$  and  $\vec{v}_2 = [0 \ 0 \ 1 \ i]^T$  form a length 2 chain  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$  associated with the eigenvalue  $\lambda = 3 - 4i$ . Then calculate the real and imaginary parts of the complex-valued solutions

$$\vec{v}_1 e^{\lambda t} \quad \text{and} \quad (\vec{v}_1 t + \vec{v}_2) e^{\lambda t}$$

To find four independent real-valued solutions of  $\mathbf{x}' = A\mathbf{x}$

### Solution

$$\text{For } \lambda = 3 - 4i \Rightarrow (A - (3 - 4i)I)\vec{v}_1 = 0$$

$$A - \lambda I = \begin{pmatrix} 4i & -4 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 4i & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4i & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 4i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(A - \lambda I)^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 4i & -4 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 4i & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4i & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 4i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4i & -4 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 4i & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4i & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 4i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -32 & -32i & 8i & -8 \\ 32i & -32 & 8 & 8i \\ 0 & 0 & -32 & -32i \\ 0 & 0 & 32i & -32 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -4i & i & -1 \\ 4i & -4 & 1 & i \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & -4i \\ 0 & 0 & 4i & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -4 & -4i & i & -1 \\ 4i & -4 & 1 & i \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & -4i \\ 0 & 0 & 4i & -4 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 + iR_1} \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -4i & i & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & -4i \\ 0 & 0 & 4i & -4 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} -\frac{1}{4}R_3 \\ \frac{1}{4}R_4 \end{matrix}} \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -4i & i & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & i \\ 0 & 0 & i & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -4 & -4i & i & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & i \\ 0 & 0 & i & -1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} R_1 - iR_3 \\ R_4 - iR_3 \end{matrix}} \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -4i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{4}R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{v}_1 = [1 \ i \ 0 \ 0]^T \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{v}_2 = [0 \ 0 \ 1 \ i]^T$$

$$\vec{x}_1 = \vec{v}_1 e^{(3-4i)t} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{x}_2 = (\vec{v}_1 t + \vec{v}_2) e^{(3-4i)t} \quad e^{\alpha t i} = \text{cis} \alpha t$$

$$\vec{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{-4t} e^{3t} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} (\cos 4t - i \sin 4t) e^{3t} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos 4t - i \sin 4t \\ \sin 4t + i \cos 4t \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{3t}$$

$$\vec{x}_2 = \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} t + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix} \right) e^{-4t} e^{3t} = \begin{pmatrix} t \\ ti \\ 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix} (\cos 4t - i \sin 4t) e^{3t} = \begin{pmatrix} t \cos 4t - it \sin 4t \\ t \sin 4t + it \cos 4t \\ \cos 4t - i \sin 4t \\ \sin 4t + i \cos 4t \end{pmatrix} e^{3t}$$

The general solution:

$$x_1(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos 4t \\ \sin 4t \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{3t} \quad x_2(t) = \begin{pmatrix} -\sin 4t \\ \cos 4t \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{3t}$$

$$x_3(t) = \begin{pmatrix} t \cos 4t \\ t \sin 4t \\ \cos 4t \\ \sin 4t \end{pmatrix} e^{3t} \quad x_4(t) = \begin{pmatrix} -t \sin 4t \\ t \cos 4t \\ -\sin 4t \\ \cos 4t \end{pmatrix} e^{3t}$$