

Lecture #20: Intro to Homog. Systems

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We will consider first order homogeneous linear systems given by

$$\vec{x}' = \vec{P}(t) \vec{x}$$

Let $p(t) = A$ be a matrix w/ entries that are csts

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = A \vec{x}$$

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 Coeff matrix

We are dealing w/ systems of n eqns w/ n unknowns
 We can extend our theory for one eqns to systems.

For $n=1$: $\frac{dx}{dt} = ax$, $a \neq 0$

Which has soln of the form $x(t) = x_0 e^{rt}$

Where the only constant soln is $x=0$.

So for a system of ODEs we seek solns of the form

$$\vec{x} = \vec{\xi} e^{rt} = \begin{bmatrix} \xi_1 e^{rt} \\ \xi_2 e^{rt} \end{bmatrix}$$

We want this to be a soln to $\frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = A \vec{x}$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{r \vec{\xi} e^{rt}}_{\frac{d\vec{x}}{dt}} = A \underbrace{\vec{\xi} e^{rt}}_{\vec{x}}$$

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Canceling e^{rt} terms (since $e^{rt} \neq 0$)

$$\Rightarrow A\vec{\xi} = r\vec{\xi}$$

$$\Rightarrow (A - rI)\vec{\xi} = 0$$

This last statement is only true if

$$\det(A - rI) = 0$$

In other words, r must be an eigenvalue and $\vec{\xi}$ the eigenvector corresponding to r

Thm (7.4.1) Principle of Superposition

If the vector fcn's $\vec{X}^{(1)}(t)$ & $\vec{X}^{(2)}(t)$ are solns of the system $\vec{X}' = \vec{P}(t)\vec{X}$ then the linear combination

$$C_1\vec{X}^{(1)}(t) + C_2\vec{X}^{(2)}(t)$$

is also a soln for any constants C_1, C_2

For a system of n eqns then for n properly chosen solns If $\vec{X}^{(1)}(t), \dots, \vec{X}^{(n)}(t)$ are solns to the system then

$$\vec{X} = C_1\vec{X}^{(1)}(t) + \dots + C_n\vec{X}^{(n)}(t)$$

is also a soln.

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Then the matrix

$$\begin{aligned} X(t) &= \begin{bmatrix} \vec{x}^{(1)}(t) & \vec{x}^{(2)}(t) & \dots & \vec{x}^{(n)}(t) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} x_{11}(t) & x_{12}(t) & \dots & x_{1n}(t) \\ \vdots & & & \\ x_{n1}(t) & \dots & \dots & x_{nn}(t) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Will have linearly independent columns iff $\det(X) \neq 0$. The determinant of this matrix is the Wronskian. So $X(t)$ will have linearly indep. columns for every value for which

$$W[\vec{x}^{(1)}(t) \dots \vec{x}^{(n)}(t)] = \det(X) \neq 0$$

Thm (7.4.2)

If vector fns $\vec{x}^{(1)}, \dots, \vec{x}^{(n)}$ are linearly independent solns of the system $\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$ for each pt in interval $a < t < b$ then each soln $\vec{x} = \vec{\phi}(t)$ of the system can be expressed as a linear combination of $\vec{x}^{(1)}, \dots, \vec{x}^{(n)}$

$$\vec{\phi}(t) = c_1 \vec{x}^{(1)}(t) + \dots + c_n \vec{x}^{(n)}(t)$$

in exactly one way.

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Def Any set of linearly independent set of solns $\vec{x}^{(1)}, \dots, \vec{x}^{(n)}$ is the Fundamental set of solns.

Ex. 1 Solve $\frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = A\vec{x}$ where $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Find eigenvalues:

i.e. Soln to $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$

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

$$\Rightarrow (1-\lambda)^2 - 4 = 0$$

$$(1-\lambda)^2 = 4$$

$$1-\lambda = \pm 2$$

$$\lambda = 1 \pm 2 \Rightarrow \lambda = -1, 3$$

Find eigenvectors for each eigenvalue

For $\lambda = -1$

$$A + I = \begin{bmatrix} 1+1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1+1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{Solve system}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{ref}} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow x_1 + \frac{1}{2}x_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = -\frac{1}{2}x_2$$

$$\Rightarrow x_2 = -2x_1$$

So evec is

$$\vec{x}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ or } \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ or } \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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For $\lambda = 3$

$$A - 3I = \begin{bmatrix} 1-3 & 1 \\ 4 & 1-3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solve

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{ref}} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 - \frac{1}{2}x_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{1}{2}x_2$$

$$\text{or } x_2 = 2x_1$$

evec for $\lambda = 3$ is

$$\vec{x}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

So gen. soln has form

$$\vec{x}(t) = C_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{x}^{(1)} + C_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \vec{x}^{(2)}$$

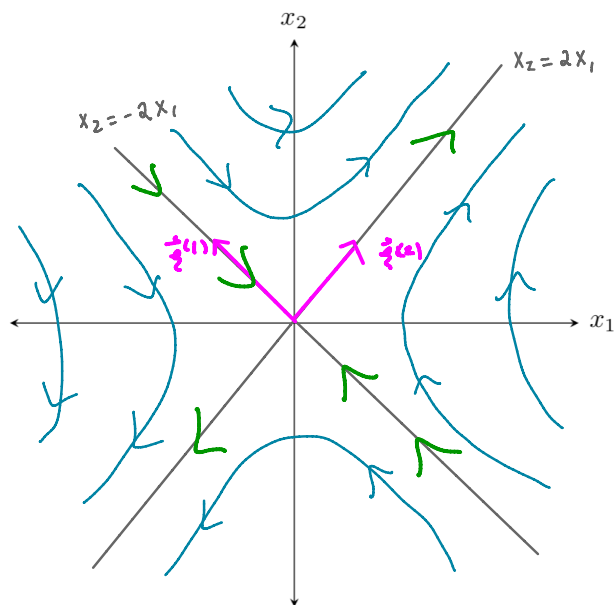
$$= C_1 e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + C_2 e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -2e^{-t} + e^{3t} \\ e^{-t} + 2e^{3t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The phase plane

For dx/dt systems, we can visualize solns on an x_1, x_2 plane known as the phase plane

Sketching representative trajectories of our system is called a phase portrait



In our example we found our evecs via the following eqns:

$$\lambda_1 = -1 : x_2 = -2x_1$$

$$\lambda_2 = 3 : x_2 = 2x_1$$

These are lines.

Origin is a saddle point

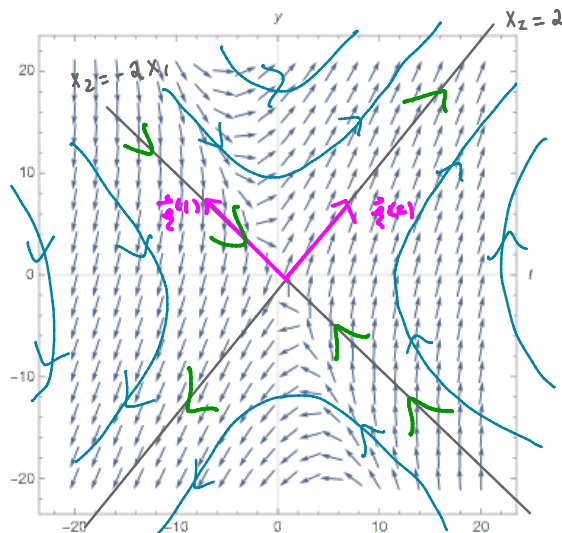
When e-val is negative: solns move toward the origin

When e-val is positive: solns move away from origin

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Looking @ the direction field along w/ our phase portrait we can see that our trajectories follow the same behavior.



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