

Step-1

Consider the following equation:

$$\frac{d^2 u}{dt^2} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 4 \\ 4 & -5 \end{bmatrix} u$$

The objective is to find the eigenvalues λ and frequencies ω , and the general solution of the above equation.

Step-2

Find the eigenvalues for matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 4 \\ 4 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$ by using the equation,

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A - \lambda I) &= 0 \\ \det \begin{bmatrix} -5 - \lambda & 4 \\ 4 & -5 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} &= 0 \\ (-5 - \lambda)(-5 - \lambda) - (16) &= 0 \\ (-5 - \lambda)^2 - 16 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (-5 - \lambda)^2 &= 16 \\ -5 - \lambda &= \pm\sqrt{16} \\ -5 - \lambda &= \pm 4 \\ -5 - \lambda &= -4 \quad (\text{or}) \quad -5 - \lambda = 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda = -1 \quad (\text{or}) \quad \lambda = -9$$

Therefore, the eigenvalues for matrix A are $\lambda_1 = \boxed{-1}$ and $\lambda_2 = \boxed{-9}$.

Step-3

The eigenvector for $\lambda_1 = -1$ can be evaluated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} (A - \lambda_1 I)x &= 0 \\ \begin{bmatrix} -5 + 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -5 + 1 \end{bmatrix} x &= 0 \\ \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 4 \\ 4 & -4 \end{bmatrix} x &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \left(\text{By } R_2 + R_1 \rightarrow R_2, -\frac{1}{4}R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \right)$$

The reduced system is,

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 - x_2 &= 0 \\ x_1 &= x_2 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

The eigenvector for $\lambda_1 = -1$ is $x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Step-4

The eigenvector for $\lambda_2 = -9$ can be evaluated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} (A - \lambda_2 I)x &= 0 \\ \begin{bmatrix} -5+9 & 4 \\ 4 & -5+9 \end{bmatrix} x &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} x = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \left(\text{By } R_2 - R_1 \rightarrow R_2, \frac{1}{4}R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \right)$$

The reduced system is,

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + x_2 &= 0 \\ x_1 &= -x_2 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -x_2 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The eigenvector for $\lambda_2 = -9$ is $x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Step-5

If the matrix A has negative eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ and if $\omega_j = \sqrt{-\lambda_j}$, then general solution of $\frac{d^2 u}{dt^2} = Au$ is,

$$u(t) = (a_1 \cos \omega_1 t + b_1 \sin \omega_1 t)x_1 + \dots + (a_n \cos \omega_n t + b_n \sin \omega_n t)x_n$$

Here, the frequencies $\omega_j = \sqrt{-\lambda_j}$.

Step-6

Substitute -1 for λ_1 in the equation $\omega_1 = \sqrt{-\lambda_1}$.

$$\omega_1 = \sqrt{-(-1)} \\ = 1$$

Substitute -9 for λ_2 in equation $\omega_2 = \sqrt{-\lambda_2}$.

$$\omega_2 = \sqrt{-(-9)} \\ = \sqrt{9} \\ = 3$$

Therefore, the frequencies are $\omega_1 = 1$ and $\omega_2 = 3$.

Step-7

Put the values $x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \omega_1 = 1, \omega_2 = 3$ in the following equation to get the general solution.

$$u(t) = (a_1 \cos \omega_1 t + b_1 \sin \omega_1 t)x_1 + \dots + (a_n \cos \omega_n t + b_n \sin \omega_n t)x_2$$

$$u(t) = (a_1 \cos t + b_1 \sin t) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + (a_2 \cos 3t + b_2 \sin 3t) \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$