

Sec 4.6: Complex Eigenvalues

Ex1. Use an example from the Linear Algebra Review and Thm 1 to get a fundamental matrix for the system

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 2-\lambda & 3 \\ -3 & 2-\lambda \end{pmatrix} = (2-\lambda)(2-\lambda) + 9$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{Y}' &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \vec{Y} \\ (2-\lambda)^2 &= -9 \\ \text{not possible, imaginary no.} \end{aligned}$$

using formula $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = \frac{4 \pm 6i}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_1 &= 2+3i \\ \lambda_2 &= 2-3i \\ \text{complex conjugates} \\ (a+bi)(a-bi) &= a^2+b^2 \\ a\lambda^2+b\lambda+c &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Find Eigenvectors

For $\lambda_1 = 2+3i$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2-(2+3i) & 3 \\ -3 & 2-(2+3i) \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3i & 3 \\ -3 & -3i \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} (-3iv_1 + 3v_2 = 0) \cdot (-i) &= \\ (-3v_1 + 3iv_2 = 0) & \end{aligned}$$

Is it possible to get a real-valued fundamental matrix?

$$\rightarrow -3iv_1 + 3v_2 = 0 \Rightarrow v_2 = iv_1 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix}$$

For $\lambda_2 = 2-3i$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2-(2-3i) & 3 \\ -3 & 2-(2-3i) \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3i & 3 \\ -3 & 3i \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} 3iv_1 + 3v_2 &= 0 \\ -3v_1 + 3iv_2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{pmatrix}$$

Euler's Formula $e^{\pm xi} = \cos(x) \pm i \sin(x)$
 $i^2 = -1$

Eigen pairs

$$(2+3i, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix})$$

$$(2-3i, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{pmatrix})$$

$$C(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} v_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} v_2 = c_1 e^{(2+3i)t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{(2-3i)t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$e^{2t} e^{3it} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix} = e^{2t} \left[\cos(3t) + i \sin(3t) \right] \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix} = e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} \cos(3t) + i \sin(3t) \\ i \cos(3t) + i^2 \sin(3t) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= e^{2t} \left[\begin{pmatrix} \cos(3t) \\ -\sin(3t) \end{pmatrix} + i \begin{pmatrix} \sin(3t) \\ \cos(3t) \end{pmatrix} \right] \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} \vec{y}_1(t) &= \begin{pmatrix} e^{2t} \cos(3t) \\ -e^{2t} \sin(3t) \end{pmatrix} \\ \vec{y}_2(t) &= \begin{pmatrix} e^{2t} \sin(3t) \\ e^{2t} \cos(3t) \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned} \left. \vphantom{\begin{pmatrix} \cos(3t) \\ -\sin(3t) \end{pmatrix}} \right\} \text{Fundamental set of real valued solutions}$$

Real valued general solution is

$$\vec{y} = c_1 \vec{y}_1 + c_2 \vec{y}_2$$

$$e^{\pm \pi i} = \cos(\pi) \pm j \sin(\pi)$$

Important Remarks:

(i) Complex eigenvalues always occur in conjugated pairs. If \vec{v} is an eigenvector associated to $\lambda = \alpha + \beta i$, then $\bar{\vec{v}}$ is an eigenvector associated to $\bar{\lambda} = \alpha - \beta i$.

(ii) The procedure given in the previous example always works for 2×2 and 3×3 matrices. That means, if λ is a complex eigenvalue and \vec{v} is an eigenvector associated to λ , then the construction of the real fundamental matrix depends on the column vector

$$e^{\lambda t} \vec{v}.$$

Ex2. Let A be a 2×2 matrix with real entries such that $A \cdot \begin{bmatrix} i \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = (3+2i) \begin{bmatrix} i \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$. Then, the real-valued solution of the i.v.p. $\vec{Y}' = A \cdot \vec{Y}$, $\vec{Y}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ is:

a) $e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \cos(2t) + 2 \sin(2t) \\ 4 \cos(2t) - 4 \sin(2t) \end{bmatrix}$

b) $e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \cos(2t) - 4 \sin(2t) \\ 4 \cos(2t) + 2 \sin(2t) \end{bmatrix}$

c) $e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \cos(2t) + 4 \sin(2t) \\ 4 \cos(2t) - 2 \sin(2t) \end{bmatrix}$

d) $e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \cos(2t) - 2 \sin(2t) \\ 4 \cos(2t) + 4 \sin(2t) \end{bmatrix}$

$$\vec{y}' = A \vec{y}$$

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2x2

$A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v} \Leftrightarrow (\lambda, \vec{v})$ is an eigenvector

Euler's Formula

$$C(t) = e^{(3+2i)t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = e^{3t} e^{2it} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = e^{3t} (\cos(2t) + i \sin(2t)) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$= \begin{pmatrix} i e^{3t} \cos(2t) + i^2 e^{3t} \sin(2t) \\ -e^{3t} \cos(2t) - i e^{3t} \sin(2t) \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} -e^{3t} \sin(2t) \\ -e^{3t} \cos(2t) \end{pmatrix}}_{\vec{y}_1(t)} + i \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} e^{3t} \cos(2t) \\ -e^{3t} \sin(2t) \end{pmatrix}}_{\vec{y}_2(t)}$$

General Real Valued Solution

$$\vec{y}(t) = C_1 \vec{y}_1(t) + C_2 \vec{y}_2(t)$$

$$\vec{y}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = C_1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + C_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} C_2 \\ -C_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C_2 = 2 \quad C_1 = -4$$