

Fundamental & Defective Matrices

Call the solution to  $\dot{x} = A(t)x$ ,  $x_1^{(1)}, \dots, x_n^{(n)}$ . Denote "the fundamental matrix" as  $\Psi(t) = x^{(1)} \dots x^{(n)} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1^{(1)} & \dots & x_1^{(n)} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ x_n^{(1)} & \dots & x_n^{(n)} \end{pmatrix}$

Notice this means  $x = c_1 x^{(1)} + \dots + c_n x^{(n)} = \Psi(t) \vec{c}$ . For initial value problems, i.e.  $x(t_0) = x_0$  we have

$$\vec{c} = \Psi^{-1}(t_0) x^0, \text{ thus } x = \Psi(t) \Psi^{-1}(t_0) x^0$$

Thus we have a 1st order matrix system  $\Psi'(t) = A(t) \Psi(t)$ .

We also have the "special" fundamental matrix denoted by:  $\Phi(t) = \Psi(t) \Psi^{-1}(t_0)$

If we solve for  $\Phi(t)$ , we have  $x = \Phi(t) x_0$ .

Matrix Exponentials

$\dot{x} = Ax$  has " $x = \exp(At)$ " as a solution, by "Taylor expansion"

$$x = \exp(At) = I + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{A^n t^n}{n!}$$

It follows that the above solves  $\frac{d}{dt} x = Ax$  &  $\exp(0) = I$ , thus by uniqueness

$$\Phi = \exp(At) \text{ \& } x = \exp(At) x^0$$

Ex. 7.7-#12 Solve:  $\dot{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} x$ ,  $x(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  by using  $\Phi(t)$

Well, find eigenvals,  $P(\lambda) = (\lambda+1)^2 + 4 = \lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 5 \Rightarrow \lambda_{\pm} = -1 \pm 2i$

eigenvectors can be found to be  $\vec{\lambda}_+ = \begin{pmatrix} 2i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{\lambda}_- = \begin{pmatrix} -2i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\therefore \Psi(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 2i e^{(-1+2i)t} & -2i e^{(-1-2i)t} \\ e^{(-1+2i)t} & e^{(-1-2i)t} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \Psi(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 2i & -2i \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \Psi^{-1}(0) = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} -i & 2 \\ i & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi(t) = \Psi(t) \Psi^{-1}(0) = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \exp[(-1+2i)t] + 2 \exp[(-1-2i)t] & i \exp[(-1+2i)t] - i \exp[(-1-2i)t] \\ i \exp[(-1+2i)t] - i \exp[(-1-2i)t] & 2 \exp[(-1+2i)t] + 2 \exp[(-1-2i)t] \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus:  $\vec{x} = \Phi(t) \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

What about repeated roots? This is slightly deeper than what you may have seen, so we proceed with care.

We have  $\dot{x} = Ax$  & we suppose  $P_A(\lambda) = (\lambda - \lambda_k)^k \dots$   
 $\uparrow$   $\lambda_k$  is repeated  $k$  times

If we can find  $k$  eigenvectors, then the diagonalization theorem holds & the fundamental solution follows.

If we can't find  $k$  eigenvectors, then the diagonalization theorem does not hold! But

Jordan Normal Form:  $\begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \delta_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$  where  $\delta = 1$  or  $0$

Then If alg multiplicity  $\neq$  geo multiplicity for  $\lambda_k$ , then we can create eigenvectors to account for the difference. Namely if we only have  $n$  eigenvectors, we can create  $k-n$  "generalized eigenvectors".  
 Then for such an  $A$  that is "defective", we have

$$A = \Lambda J \Lambda^{-1}$$

where  $J$  is a Jordan block matrix.

I.e.  $J = \begin{pmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & J_{\lambda_k} \end{pmatrix}$  where  $D = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $J_{\lambda_k} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_k & 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & \lambda_k \end{pmatrix}$

$\therefore$  for repeated roots,  $\dot{x} = Ax \Leftrightarrow \dot{y} = Jy$  ( $x = \Lambda^{-1}y$ )

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \dot{y}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{y}_n \\ \vdots \\ \dot{y}_k \\ \vdots \\ \dot{y}_{k-1} \\ \vdots \\ \dot{y}_k \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 y_1 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_n y_n \\ \lambda_k y_k + y_{k+1} \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_k y_{k-1} + y_k \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_k y_k \end{pmatrix}$$

solving this system from the bottom up show us (using first order linear theory) that

$$\vec{y}_k = \vec{c}_k + \sum_{m=1}^{k-1} t^m \exp(\lambda_k t)$$

Now what about  $\Lambda^{-1} \vec{c}_m$ ? We found they were eigenvectors before do we have some thing similar?

Let  $k=2$ , then if  $\lambda$  is the eigenvalue,  $\vec{\lambda}$  the eigenvector

$$x^{(1)} = \vec{\lambda} \exp(\lambda t), \quad x^{(2)} = \vec{\lambda} t \exp(\lambda t) + \vec{\zeta} \exp(\lambda t)$$

where  $\vec{\zeta}$  is the generalized eigenvector, it satisfies  $(A - \lambda I)\vec{\zeta} = \vec{\lambda}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Indeed } \dot{x} = Ax &\Rightarrow \vec{\lambda} e^{\lambda t} + \lambda \vec{\lambda} t e^{\lambda t} + \lambda \vec{\zeta} e^{\lambda t} = A \vec{\lambda} t e^{\lambda t} + A \vec{\zeta} e^{\lambda t} \\ &\Rightarrow \vec{\lambda} + \lambda \vec{\zeta} = A \vec{\zeta} \Leftrightarrow \vec{\lambda} = (A - \lambda I) \vec{\zeta} \end{aligned}$$

In general we have  $\vec{\zeta}_i$  where  $(A - \lambda I)\vec{\zeta}_i = \vec{\lambda}_i + \dots + \vec{\lambda}_n + \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} \vec{\zeta}_j$   
with this we can show

$$x^{(n-k)} = (\vec{\lambda}_1 + \dots + \vec{\lambda}_n) \frac{t^k}{k!} \exp(\lambda t), \dots, x^{(n)} = \vec{\zeta}_k \exp(\lambda t)$$

(Ex. 7.8-#7) Solve:  $\dot{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ 4 & -7 \end{pmatrix} x$ ,  $x(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

① eigenvalues  $P(\lambda) = \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & -4 \\ 4 & -7-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda-1)(\lambda+7) + 16 = \lambda^2 + 6\lambda + 9 = (\lambda+3)^2$

$\therefore P(\lambda) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \lambda = -3$

② eigenvectors:

$$\text{Ker} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -4 \\ 4 & -4 \end{pmatrix} = \text{span} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{\lambda} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

③ generalized eigenvectors

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & -4 \\ 4 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \vec{\zeta} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{\zeta} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

④ Plug into formula

$$x(t) = A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \exp(-3t) + B t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \exp(-3t) + B \begin{pmatrix} 1/4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{-3t}$$

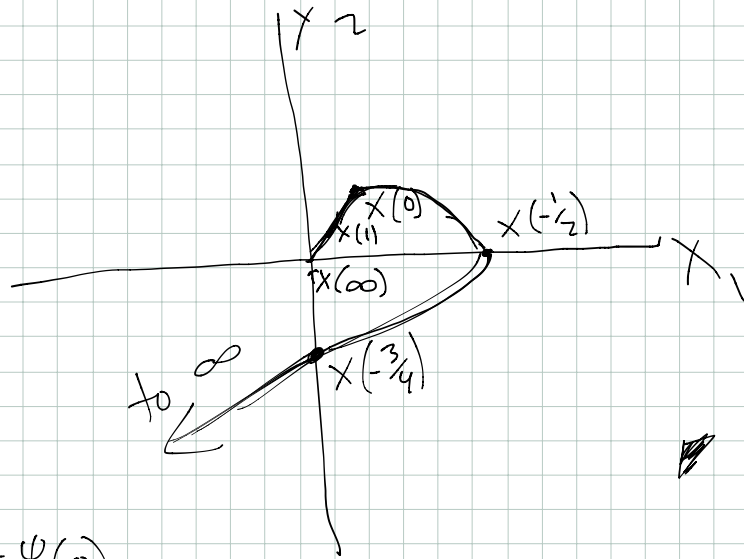
⑤ Initial Data

$$x(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A + B/4 \\ A \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow A = 2, B = 4$$

⑥ Done!

$$x(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 3+4t \\ 2+4t \end{pmatrix} \exp(-3t)$$

b) draw the trajectory of  $x(t)$



Remark,  $\Lambda = \Psi(0)$

(Ex 7.8-#11) Solve:

$$\dot{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -4 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 6 & 2 \end{pmatrix} x, \quad x(0) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ -30 \end{pmatrix}$$

① eigenvalues are 1 & 2 (read off diagonal)

② eigenvectors are

$$\lambda = 1 \Rightarrow \text{Ker} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -4 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 6 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \text{span} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -1 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = 2 \Rightarrow \text{Ker} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -4 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \text{span} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

③ generalized eigenvectors,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -4 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 6 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xi = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \xi = \begin{pmatrix} 1/4 \\ 7/8 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

④ plug into formula

$$x(t) = A \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -1 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} e^t + A \begin{pmatrix} 1/4 \\ 7/8 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} e^t + B \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} e^t + C \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{2t}$$

⑤ Initial data

$$x(0) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ -30 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A/4 \\ 3/8A - B \\ B + C \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow A = -4, B = -\frac{11}{2}, C = 3$$

⑥ Put it all together.

$$x(t) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 4t+2 \\ -2t-33 \end{pmatrix} \exp(t) + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \exp(2t)$$

Quiz: If  $\Psi(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 3e^t & e^t \\ 2e^t & e^t \end{pmatrix}$  for  $\dot{x} = Ax$ , find  $\exp(At)$ .

Well, we know  $\phi(t) = \Psi(t)\Psi^{-1}(0) = \exp(At)$  by uniqueness of the ODE solution. Thus:

$$\Psi(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \Psi^{-1}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \exp(At) = \begin{pmatrix} 3e^t & e^t \\ 2e^t & e^t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3e^t - 2e^t & 3e^t - 3e^t \\ 2e^t - 2e^t & 3e^t - 2e^t \end{pmatrix}$$