

7.3 The Eigenvalue Method (continued)

$\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$ if A is constant matrix, $n \times n$

then there are n eigenvalue / eigenvector pairs

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$$

$$\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n$$

n solutions: $e^{\lambda_i t} \vec{v}_i$

general solution: linear combo of them

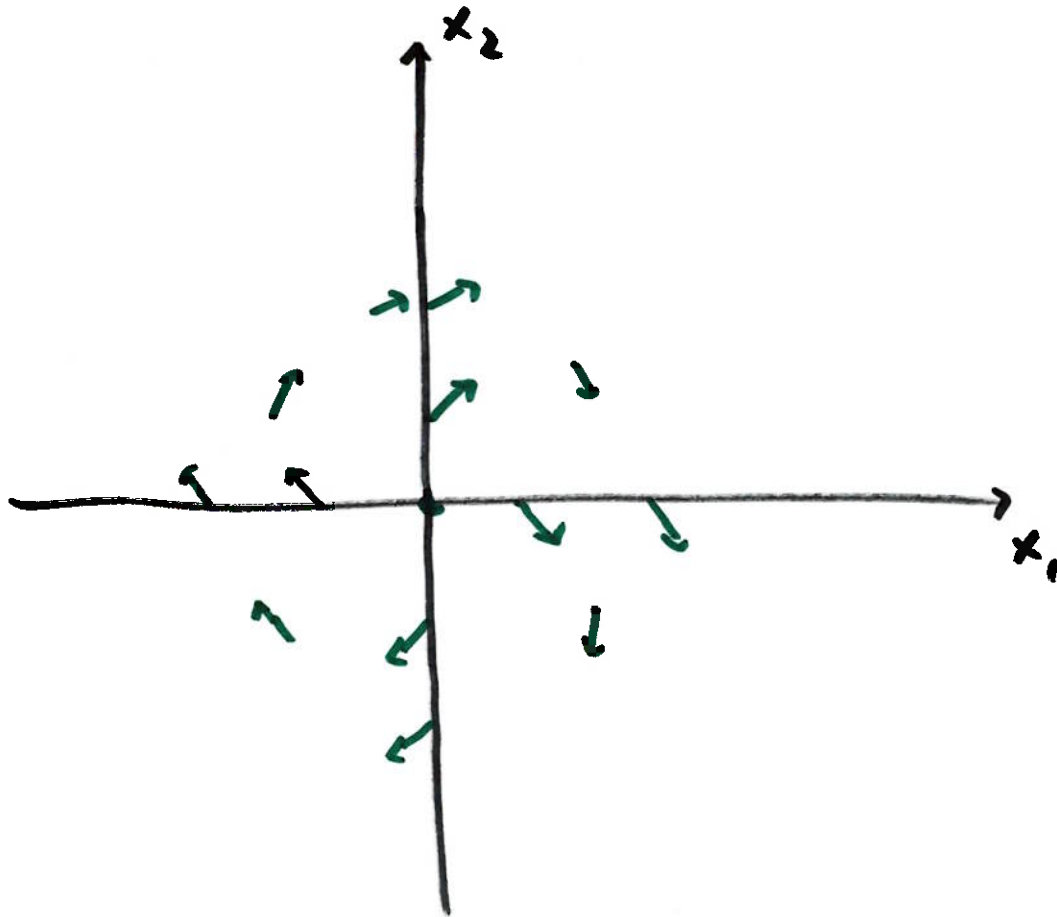
$$\vec{x}(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{v}_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_n e^{\lambda_n t} \vec{v}_n$$

last time: real, distinct λ 's

today: complex λ 's

let's start w/ a slope field

$$\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$$

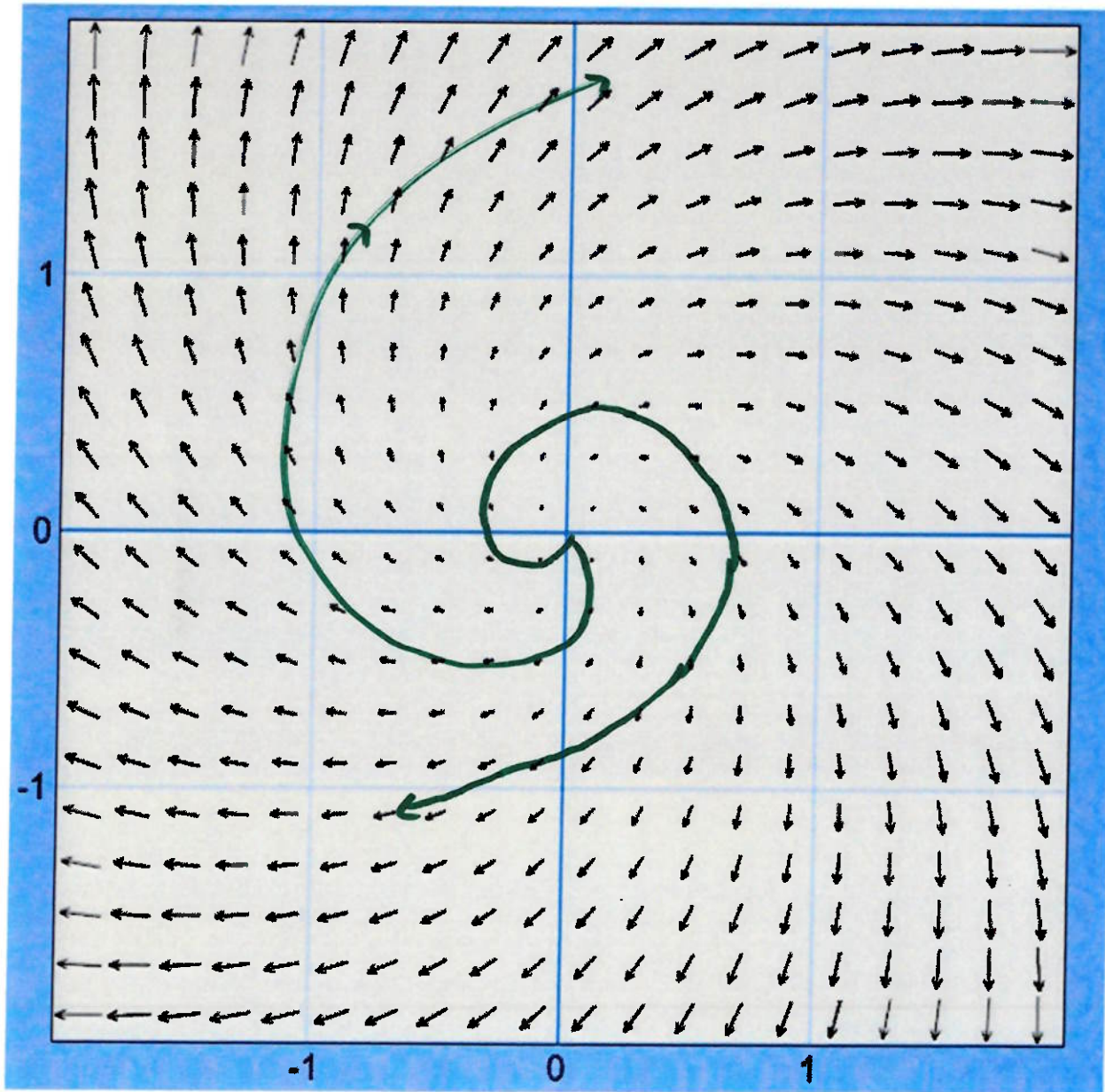


$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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complex
eigenvalues
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$$\vec{x}' = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_A \vec{x}$$

solutions are still $e^{\lambda t} \vec{v}_i$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 1 \\ -1 & 1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(1 - \lambda)^2 + 1 = 0$$

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

$$1 - \lambda = \pm i$$

$$\lambda = 1 + i, 1 - i$$

always conjugate pairs

eigenvectors:

$$\lambda = 1 + i \quad (A - \lambda I) \vec{v} = \vec{0}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -i & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -i & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\boxed{\lambda = 1 - i} \quad \begin{bmatrix} i & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & i & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \boxed{\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix}}$$

\vec{v} 's are also in conjugate pairs

two solutions in the form $e^{\lambda t} \vec{v}$

$$\lambda = 1 + i, \quad \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$e^{\lambda t} \vec{v} = e^{(1+i)t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix}$$

Euler's formula: $e^{it} = \cos t + i \sin t$

$$= e^t e^{it} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix} = e^t (\cos t + i \sin t) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= e^t \begin{bmatrix} \cos t + i \sin t \\ -\sin t + i \cos t \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{e^t \begin{bmatrix} \cos t \\ -\sin t \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{real part}} \oplus i \underbrace{e^t \begin{bmatrix} \sin t \\ \cos t \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{imaginary part}}$$

repeat for $\lambda = 1 - i$, $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix}$

$$e^{(1-i)t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix} = e^t e^{i(-t)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= e^t (\cos t - i \sin t) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= e^t \begin{bmatrix} \cos t - i \sin t \\ -\sin t - i \cos t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \underbrace{e^t \begin{bmatrix} \cos t \\ -\sin t \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{real part}} \ominus i \underbrace{e^t \begin{bmatrix} \sin t \\ \cos t \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{imaginary part}}$$

again, complex conjugate pairs.

complex λ 's: one solution is $\vec{u} + i\vec{v}$ and the other is $\vec{u} - i\vec{v}$

just like w/ scalar equations, we use the real and imaginary parts of either solution as the fundamental solutions for the general solution.

one solution: $\vec{u} + i\vec{v}$

general solution: $C_1 \vec{u} + C_2 \vec{v}$ (no i)

here, the general solution to $\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$ is

$$\vec{x}(t) = C_1 e^t \begin{bmatrix} \cos t \\ -\sin t \end{bmatrix} + C_2 e^t \begin{bmatrix} \sin t \\ \cos t \end{bmatrix}$$

complex λ 's \rightarrow spirals \rightarrow cosines + sines

there is a complication: how we choose eigenvector

example

$$\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$$

$$\lambda = \pm i$$

work out one solution, identify real and imaginary parts

let's choose $\lambda = -i$

solve $(A - \lambda I)\vec{v} = 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} i & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & i & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \quad b \text{ is free: } b = r \quad a = ib = ir$$

$$\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} ir \\ r \end{bmatrix} = r \begin{bmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{choose ANY } r \neq 0$$

$$\text{if } r = -i, \quad \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{if } r = i, \quad \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

let's work out the solution using these choices

$$\text{start w/ } \lambda = -i, \quad \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} e^{\lambda t} \vec{v} &= e^{-it} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix} = (\cos t - i \sin t) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos t - i \sin t \\ -\sin t - i \cos t \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \cos t \\ -\sin t \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{u}} - i \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \sin t \\ \cos t \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{v}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{general solution: } \vec{x} = C_1 \begin{bmatrix} \cos t \\ -\sin t \end{bmatrix} + C_2 \begin{bmatrix} \sin t \\ \cos t \end{bmatrix}$$

repeat w/ $\lambda = -i$, $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$e^{\lambda t} \vec{v} = e^{-it} \begin{bmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= (\cos t - i \sin t) \begin{bmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} i \cos t + \sin t \\ \cos t - i \sin t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \sin t \\ \cos t \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{u}} + i \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \cos t \\ -\sin t \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{v}}$$

general solution: $\vec{x} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} \sin t \\ \cos t \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} \cos t \\ -\sin t \end{bmatrix}$

these two solutions are the same even though they look different

example

$$\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 9 & -1 & 2 \\ -9 & 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$$

possibilities: 3 real λ 's (distinct or repeated) (next time)
2 complex and one real

$$\lambda = 3, -1+i, -1-i$$

$$\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 9 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4-i \\ -9+2i \\ 17 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4+i \\ -9-2i \\ 17 \end{bmatrix}$$

general solution is formed the same way

$$e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 9 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \lambda = 3, \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 9 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

then work out either $e^{(-1+i)t} \begin{bmatrix} -4-i \\ -9+2i \\ 17 \end{bmatrix}$

or $e^{(-1-i)t} \begin{bmatrix} -4+i \\ -9-2i \\ 17 \end{bmatrix}$ and get the real and imag parts