

Invariant Subspaces and Stability of ODEs (Lec 4)

$$\frac{dX}{dt} = AX + h(t), \quad X(0) = X_0 \quad (A \equiv \text{a constant matrix})$$

Solution:
$$X(t) = e^{At} X_0 + \int_0^t e^{A(t-s)} h(s) ds$$

Suppose A is diagonalizable, i.e.

A has n (linearly independent) eigenvectors, $\{V_i\}_{i=1}^n$

$$\} AV_i = \lambda_i V_i \quad \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ i=1 \end{matrix} \right.$$

\Rightarrow Decompose the space (\mathbb{R}^n) into n invariant subspaces (directions)

① $\{V_i\}_{i=1}^n$ forms a basis for \mathbb{R}^n

② Write $X(t) = C_1(t) V_1 + C_2(t) V_2 + \dots + C_n(t) V_n$

$$h(t) = b_1(t) V_1 + b_2(t) V_2 + \dots + b_n(t) V_n$$

substitute into equation

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\sum_i c_i(t) v_i \right) = A \left(\sum_i c_i(t) v_i \right) + \sum_i b_i(t) v_i$$

$$\sum_i \left(\frac{d}{dt} c_i(t) \right) v_i = \sum_i c_i(t) \underbrace{A v_i}_{\lambda_i v_i} + \sum_i b_i(t) v_i$$

$$\sum_i \left(\frac{d}{dt} c_i(t) \right) v_i = \sum_i \lambda_i c_i(t) v_i + \sum_i b_i(t) v_i$$

compare the coefficients for each i

$$\frac{d}{dt} c_i(t) = \lambda_i c_i(t) + b_i(t) \quad i=1, 2, \dots, n$$

↓ variation of parameter formula
Solve for each i , independently of each other

$$c_i(t) = e^{\lambda_i t} c_i(0) + \int_0^t e^{\lambda_i(t-s)} b_i(s) ds$$

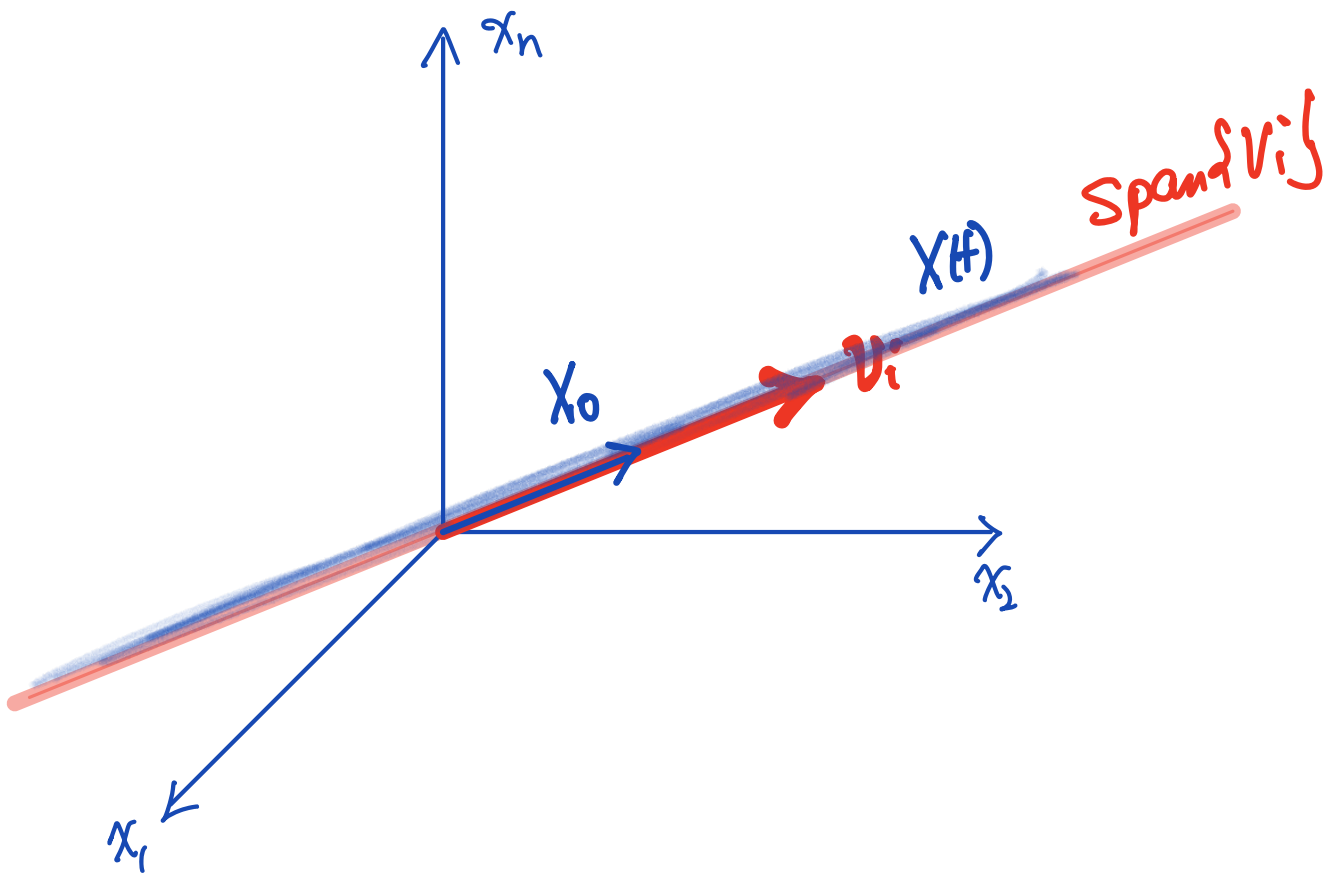
$$X(t) = \sum_i c_i(t) v_i \quad \left(X(0) = \sum_i c_i(0) v_i \right)$$

Invariant Subspaces

Consider $\frac{d}{dt} X = AX$, $X(0) = X_0$ *just one term*

Suppose initially ($t=0$) $X_0 = c_i v_i \in \text{Span}\{v_i\}$

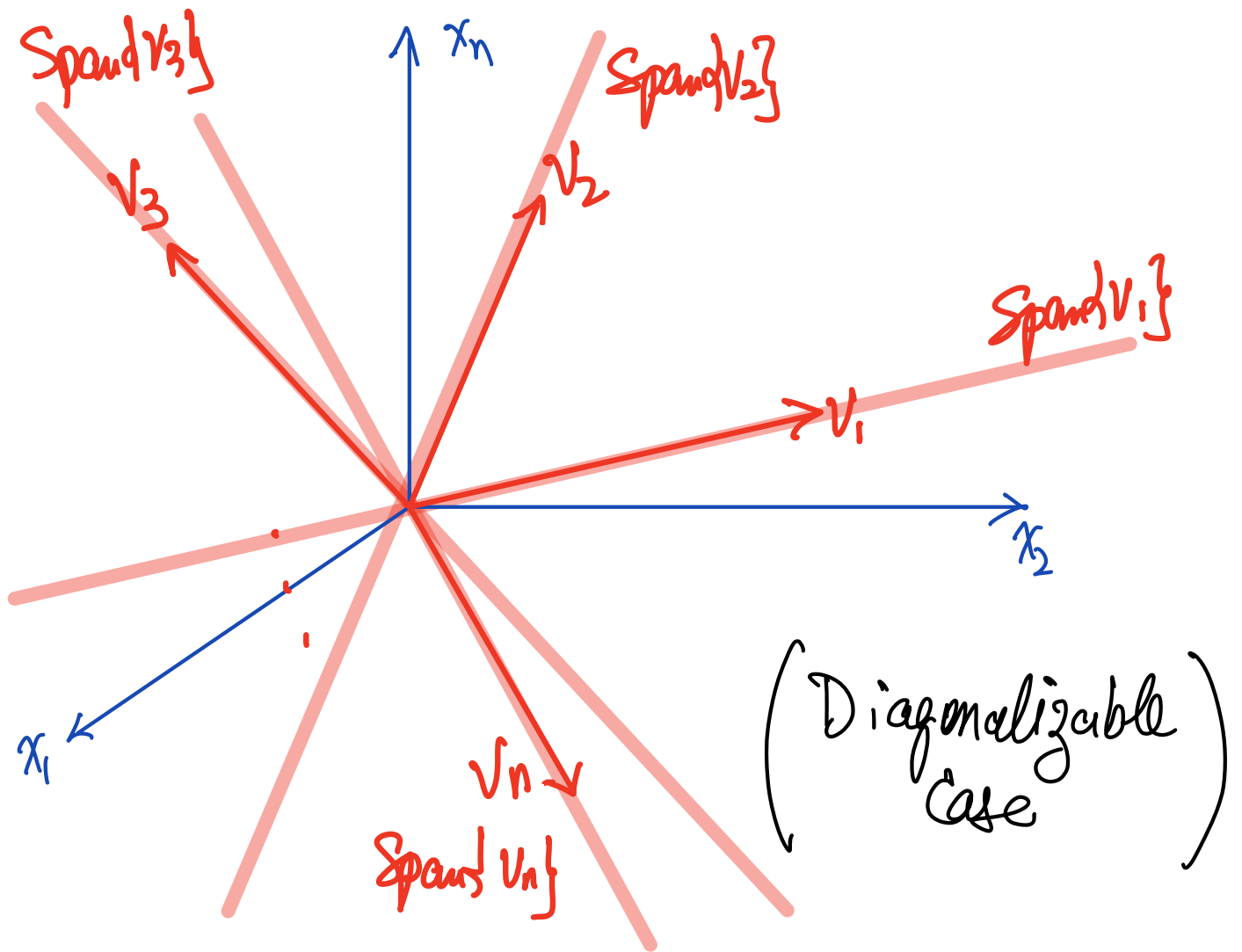
Then $X(t) \in \text{Span}\{v_i\}$ for all t



$\text{Span}\{v_i\}$ is invariant under the dynamics

Eigenvector: $Av_i = \lambda v_i \iff (A - \lambda_i I)v_i = 0$

$E_{\lambda_i} = \text{Span}\{v_i\} = \{c v_i : c \in \mathbb{R}\} = \text{Null}(A - \lambda_i I)$



Pf (M) : from solution formula :

$$X_0 = c_i v_i \Rightarrow X(t) = e^{At} c_i v_i$$

MA :

$$X(t) = e^{At} X_0$$

$$= \left(I + \frac{At}{1!} + \frac{A^2 t^2}{2!} + \frac{A^3 t^3}{3!} + \dots \right) X_0$$

$$= \left(I + \frac{At}{1!} + \frac{A^2 t^2}{2!} + \dots \right) (c_i v_i)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= c_i(t) \left(v_i + \frac{t A v_i}{1!} + \frac{t^2 A^2 v_i}{2!} + \dots \right) \\
&= c_i(t) \left(v_i + \frac{t \lambda_i v_i}{1!} + \frac{t^2 \lambda_i^2 v_i}{2!} + \dots \right) \\
&= c_i(t) \left(1 + \frac{t \lambda_i}{1!} + \frac{(t \lambda_i)^2}{2!} + \dots \right) v_i \\
&= e^{\lambda_i t} c_i(t) v_i \in \text{Span}\{v_i\}
\end{aligned}$$

For $\frac{dX}{dt} = AX + h(t)$, $X(0) = X_0 \in \text{Span}\{v_i\}$ ^{$= c_i(0)v_i$}

If $h(t) \in \text{Span}\{v_i\}$ for all t ,

then $X(t) \in \text{Span}\{v_i\}$ for all t .

Pf (M1: from solution formula:

$$X(t) = c_i(t) v_i \quad \leftarrow \text{only one term.}$$

M2:

$$X(t) = \underbrace{e^{At} X_0}_{c_i(t) v_i} + \int_0^t \underbrace{e^{A(t-s)} h(s)}_{b_i(s) v_i} ds$$

What if A is not diagonalizable?
(eg when eigenvalues of A repeats)

① $A \rightarrow$ characteristic polynomial

$$\textcircled{2} \quad p(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I) \\ = (-1)^n (\lambda - \lambda_1)^{m_1} (\lambda - \lambda_2)^{m_2} \dots (\lambda - \lambda_k)^{m_k}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \mathbb{R}^n = E_1 \oplus E_2 \oplus \dots \oplus E_k \quad m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_k = n$$

④ $\dim(E_i) = m_i$, with basis vectors $\{v_1^i, v_2^i, \dots, v_{m_i}^i\}$

(generalized) eigenvectors which satisfy:

how to find them? $(A - \lambda_i I)^{m_i} v_j^i = 0, \quad j=1, 2, \dots, m_i$

Jordan Canonical Form

or $v_j^i \in \text{Null}((A - \lambda_i I)^{m_i})$

⑤ Generalized eigenspace

$$E_i \text{ (or } E_{\lambda_i}) = \left\{ v : (A - \lambda_i I)^{m_i} v = 0 \right\} \\ = \text{Null}((A - \lambda_i I)^{m_i})$$

Each E_i is invariant under the dynamics

$$\frac{dX}{dt} = AX$$

If $X(0) \in E_i$, then $X(t) \in E_i$ for all t

Pf $X(t) = e^{At} X_0$

$$= \left(I + \frac{At}{1!} + \frac{A^2 t^2}{2!} + \dots \right) X_0$$
$$= \left(X_0 + \frac{t AX_0}{1!} + \frac{t^2 A^2 X_0}{2!} + \dots \right)$$

If $X_0 \in E_i$ i.e. $(A - \lambda_i I)^{m_i} X_0 = 0$

then $AX_0 \in E_i$: $(A - \lambda_i I)^{m_i} AX_0$

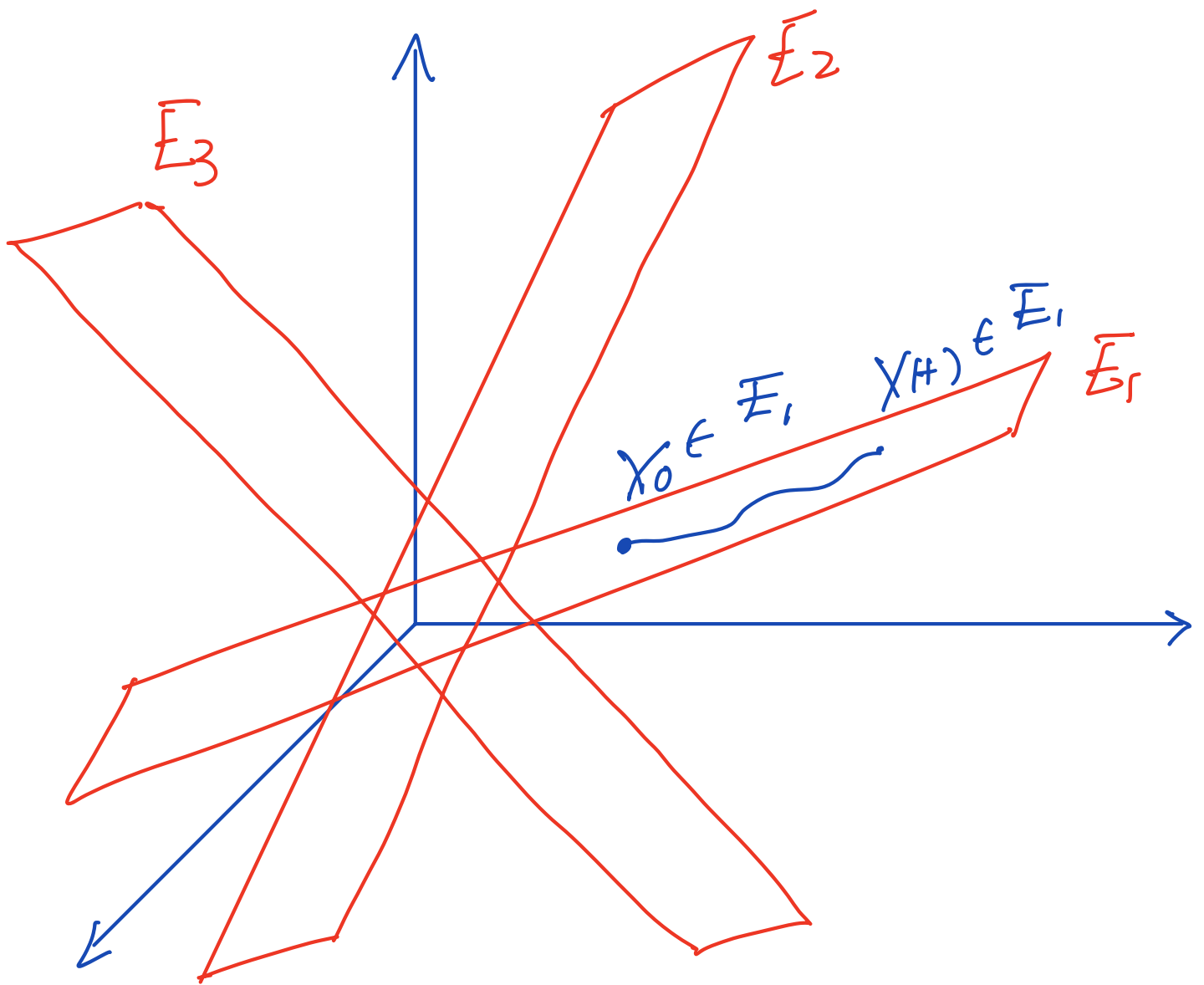
$$= A (A - \lambda_i I)^{m_i} X_0 = 0$$

$A^2 X_0 \in E_i$: $(A - \lambda_i I)^{m_i} A^2 X_0$

$$= A^2 (A - \lambda_i I)^{m_i} X_0 = 0$$

\vdots

$A^l X_0 \in E_i$



Similarly, for $\frac{dX}{dt} = AX + h(t)$,

$X(0) \in E_i$, $h(t) \in E_i$ for all t
 then $X(t) \in E_i$ for all t .

Pf.:
$$X(t) = e^{At} x_0 + \int_0^t e^{A(t-s)} h(s) ds$$

Stable, Unstable and Center Subspaces

(E_s)

(E_u)

(E_c)

For $\frac{dX}{dt} = AX, \quad X(0) = X_0$

$Av_i = \lambda v_i$

Consider an eigenspace $E_{\lambda_i} = \text{Span}\{v_i\}$, λ_i

① If $\lambda_i < 0$, $X(0) = c_i(0)v_i$,

then $X(t) = \underbrace{(e^{\lambda_i t} c_i(0))}_{\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow +\infty}$ v_i

$\rightarrow \begin{cases} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow +\infty \\ \rightarrow (\pm)\infty \text{ as } t \rightarrow -\infty \end{cases}$

$\|X(t)\| \leq K \|X(0)\| e^{\lambda_i t}$ as $t \rightarrow +\infty$

② If $\lambda_i > 0$, $X(t) = \underbrace{(e^{\lambda_i t} c_i(0))}_{\rightarrow (\pm)\infty \text{ as } t \rightarrow +\infty}$ v_i

$\rightarrow \begin{cases} \rightarrow (\pm)\infty \text{ as } t \rightarrow +\infty \\ \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow -\infty \end{cases}$

$\|X(t)\| \leq K \|X(0)\| e^{\lambda_i t}$ as $t \rightarrow -\infty$

③ If $\lambda_i = 0$, $x(t) = \underbrace{(e^{\lambda_i t} a_i(0))}_{\text{remains bounded as } t \rightarrow \pm\infty} v_i$

Often times λ_i can be complex

$$\lambda_i = a_i + b_i i \quad a_i = \text{Re}(\lambda_i), \quad b_i = \text{Im}(\lambda_i)$$

$$a_i = \text{Re}(\lambda_i) < 0 \Rightarrow \text{same as } \textcircled{1}$$

$$a_i = \text{Re}(\lambda_i) > 0 \Rightarrow \text{same as } \textcircled{2}$$

$$a_i = \text{Re}(\lambda_i) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{same as } \textcircled{3}$$

$$e^{\lambda_i t} = e^{(a_i + i b_i)t}$$

$$= e^{a_i t} e^{i b_i t}$$

$$= \underbrace{e^{a_i t}}_{\text{bounded}} (\cos(b_i t) + i \sin(b_i t))$$

$\rightarrow \pm\infty$ as $t \rightarrow \pm\infty$

Stable Subspaces

$$E_s = \bigoplus_{\operatorname{Re} \lambda_i < 0} E_{\lambda_i}$$

Unstable Subspaces

$$E_u = \bigoplus_{\operatorname{Re} \lambda_i > 0} E_{\lambda_i}$$

Center Subspaces

$$E_c = \bigoplus_{\operatorname{Re} \lambda_i = 0} E_{\lambda_i}$$

Properties of E_s, E_u, E_c

(can be generalized)
eigenspace)

① Each of E_s, E_u, E_c is invariant under e^{At}
i.e. if $x_0 \in E_s$ (E_u, E_c),
then $e^{At}x_0 \in E_s$ (E_u, E_c)

② If $x_0 \in E_s$, then there $C, K > 0$ s.t.

$$\|e^{At}x_0\| \leq Ce^{-Kt} \|x_0\| \text{ for all } t > 0.$$

($\rightarrow 0$ exponentially fast as $t \rightarrow +\infty$)

If $x_0 \in E_u$, then there $C, K > 0$ s.t.

$$\|e^{At}x_0\| \leq Ce^{-Kt} \|x_0\| \text{ for all } t < 0.$$

($\rightarrow 0$ exponentially fast as $t \rightarrow -\infty$)

In general, it is not true that

if $x_0 \in E_c$, then $e^{At}x_0$ remains bounded.

eg. $\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} x(0) \\ y(0) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$

$\begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 + y_0 t \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \infty \text{ if } y_0 \neq 0$

$e^{At} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & t \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

③ The convergent rate constant K in general is not equal to the eigenvalues (but almost...)

eg $\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} x(0) \\ y(0) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -y \Rightarrow y(t) = e^{-t} y_0$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -x + y = -x + \underbrace{e^{-t} y_0}_{h(t)}$$

$$x(t) = e^{-t} x_0 + \int_0^t e^{-(t-s)} \underbrace{(e^{-s} y_0)}_{h(s)} ds$$

$$= e^{-t} x_0 + \int_0^t e^{-t} \cancel{e^s} \cancel{e^{-s}} y_0 ds$$

$$= e^{-t} x_0 + e^{-t} t y_0$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= e^{-t} (x_0 + t y_0)$$

$$e^{At} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-t} & t e^{-t} \\ 0 & e^{-t} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\|x(t)\| = e^{-t} \|x_0 + t y_0\| \leq C \underline{e^{-kt} \| \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{pmatrix} \|}, \quad 0 < k < 1$$

Examples of e^{At} , when A is not diagonalizable

① $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ (From solution formula, $e^{At} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$)

$$e^{At} = I + At + \frac{A^2 t^2}{2!} + \frac{A^3 t^3}{3!} + \dots$$

$A^2 = A^3 = \dots = 0$, A is nilpotent

$$= I + At = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

② $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ (From solution formula, $e^{At} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t} & t e^{-t} \\ 0 & e^{-t} \end{bmatrix}$)

$$A = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}}_D + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_N$$

$D + N$ ← diagonal ← Nilpotent
 $DN = ND, N^2 = 0$

$$e^{At} = e^{(D+N)t} = e^{Dt} e^{Nt}$$

$$= e^{Dt} \left(I + \frac{Nt}{1!} + \frac{N^2 t^2}{2!} + \dots \right)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t} & t e^{-t} \\ 0 & e^{-t} \end{bmatrix}$$

③ Jordan Canonical Form:

$$A = PJP^{-1} \quad \rightarrow \quad J = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{J_1} & & \\ & \boxed{J_2} & \\ & & \ddots \\ & & & \boxed{J_k} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$J_i = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_i & 1 & & 0 \\ & \lambda_i & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ 0 & & & \lambda_i \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\lambda_i \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{D_i = \lambda_i I} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & & \\ & 0 & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{N_i}$$

$$D_i N_i = N_i D_i, \quad N_i - \text{nilpotent}, \quad N_i^D = 0$$

$$e^{At} = P e^{Jt} P^{-1}$$

$$\downarrow \quad e^{Jt} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{J_1 t} & & \\ & \boxed{e^{J_2 t}} & \\ & & \ddots \\ & & & \boxed{e^{J_k t}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$e^{(D_i + N_i)t}$$

$$= e^{D_i t} e^{N_i t}$$

$$= \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_i t} & & & \\ & e^{\lambda_i t} & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & e^{\lambda_i t} \end{bmatrix}} \underbrace{\left(I + \frac{N_i t}{1!} + \frac{N_i^2 t^2}{2!} + \dots \right)}_{\text{at most finitely many terms,}}$$

$$= e^{\lambda_i t} I e^{N_i t}$$

$$= (e^{\lambda_i t}) e^{N_i t}$$

↑
exponential

↑
polynomial