

8F (cont'd) Applications to differential eqns.

See expmtrx.pdf for background
on matrix exponentials

Note Higher order systems correspond to first order systems in a larger number of variables.

Example. $x'' - 4y = 0$ Set $p = x'$
 $y'' + 3x = 0$ $q = y'$

Get a system of four eqns.

$$\begin{array}{ll} p' - 4y = 0 & p = x' \\ q' + 3x = 0 & q = y' \end{array}$$

Similarly $y^{(n)} + a_{n-1}y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_2y = 0$

translates into $p_1 = y'$, etc.
 $p_2 = p_1'$

$$\vdots$$
$$[p_n = p_{n-1}']$$

So we get a system of n first order eqns,
starting with these substitutions and
concluding with $p_{n-1}' + \sum_0^{n-1} a_k p_k = 0$.

Suppose A is diagonalizable.

v_1, \dots, v_n basis of eigenvectors with eigenvalues c_1, \dots, c_n .

CLAIM: The unique solution to $X' = AX$ with $X(0) = v_j$ is $e^{c_j t} v_j$.

$$\frac{d}{dt} e^{c_j t} v_j = c_j v_j e^{c_j t} = A(e^{c_j t} v_j).$$

General solution ~~then~~ with arbitrary v .

Write $v = \sum b_j v_j$ lin comb.

Solution is $\sum b_j e^{c_j t} v_j$.

EXAMPLE Solve

$$X'(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} X(t).$$

given that eigen ~~vector~~ vals are 1, 3, -2.

First find eigen ~~values~~ eigenvectors.

$$\lambda = 1 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \lambda = 3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \lambda = -2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

So the general solution is

$$\begin{pmatrix} -Me^t + Ne^{3t} - Pe^{-2t} \\ 4Me^t + 2Ne^{3t} + Pe^{-2t} \\ Me^t + Ne^{3t} + Pe^{-2t} \end{pmatrix}$$

Note that for a complex number $a+bi$ we have $e^{(a+bi)t} = e^{at} (\cos bt + i \sin bt)$.

If $a+bi$ and $a-bi$ are eigenvalues of a real matrix A , can rewrite things in terms of $e^{at} \cos bt$ & $e^{at} \sin bt$.

Example $A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

eigenvalues are $-1 \pm 2i$.

General solution $X = e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} A \cos 2t + B \sin 2t \\ -A \sin 2t + B \cos 2t \end{pmatrix}$

Identity (not hard to prove)

$$\text{If } B = P^{-1}AP \text{ and}$$

$X' = BX$ has solution $Y(t)$,
then $X' = AX$ has solution $P^{-1}Y(t)$.

This follows from $\exp(B) = P^{-1}\exp(A)P$.

In some sense this reduces analysis of solutions to case of elementary J matrices

$$\text{Note } \exp \begin{pmatrix} B & 0 \\ 0 & C \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \exp B & 0 \\ 0 & \exp C \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Example } A = \begin{pmatrix} c & 1 \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} = cI + N$$

$N^2 = 0.$

Since $(cI)N = N(cI)$ we have

$$\exp(tcI + tN) = (e^{ct}I) \cdot (I + tN)$$

can forget
higher terms since
 $N^2 = 0.$

Hence the solution with initial condition $\begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}$ is

$$e^{ct} (I + tN) \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = e^{ct} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} + t e^{ct} \begin{pmatrix} v \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

For larger Jordan blocks (say $n \times n$), the matrix $\exp(I + tN)$ becomes

$$I + N + \frac{1}{2!} N^2 + \dots + \frac{1}{(n-1)!} N^{n-1}$$

(a finite sum).

Challenge What do we get if we take

$$y^{(3)} + 3y^{(2)} + 3y' + y = 0?$$

Set up as a system of 3 first order eqns.

$$\begin{aligned} p &= y' \\ q &= y'' = p' \\ q' + 3q + 3p + y &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} y \\ p \\ q \end{pmatrix}' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -3 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y \\ p \\ q \end{pmatrix}$$

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Hint: The Jordan form
 is $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$.

(See if you can verify this!)

Compute $(A+I)^k$
 $k = 1, 2, 3$