

# Lec 13

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We start with some review of certain topics:

Definition: Given a  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ , we say that the number  $\lambda$  (real or complex) is an eigenvalue of  $A$  if there exists a non  $\vec{0}$  vector  $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $A\vec{v}$   
 $A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$  In this case the vector  $\vec{v}$  is called an eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda$ .

Note that  $A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v} \Rightarrow A\vec{v} - \lambda\vec{v} = \vec{0}$   
 $\Rightarrow \underbrace{(A - \lambda I_n)}_{n \times n} \vec{v} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow A - \lambda I_n$  is not

invertible  $\Rightarrow \boxed{\det(A - \lambda I_n) = 0}$  This is called the Char. Eq. of  $A$

If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ . The set of all eigenvectors (plus  $\vec{0}$ ) of  $\lambda$  is the set of solutions to the homogeneous system  $[A - \lambda I \mid \vec{0}]$

The set of all eigenvectors corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda$  (plus  $\vec{0}$ ) is called the eigenspace

Corresponding to  $\lambda$ , denoted by  $E_\lambda$

$$E_\lambda = \left\{ \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid (A - \lambda I_n) \vec{v} = \vec{0} \right\}$$

**Ex 1** Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find the eigenvalues of  $A$ . For each eigenvalue, find a basis for the corresponding eigenspace!

**Sol** The char. Eq. of  $A$  is  $\det(A - \lambda I_2) = 0$

$$A - \lambda I_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & 1 \\ 4 & 1-\lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A - \lambda I_2) = (1-\lambda)^2 - 4 \Rightarrow \lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda+1)(\lambda-3) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = -1, \lambda = 3$$

eigenvalues of  $A$

for  $\lambda = -1$   $[A - \lambda I | \vec{0}] = [A + I | \vec{0}]$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1+1 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 1+1 & 0 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{Row reduction}} \begin{array}{cc} x_1 & x_2 \\ \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

$x_2$  is free

$$x_2 = t$$

$$x_1 + \frac{1}{2}t = 0$$

$$x_1 = -\frac{1}{2}t$$

$$\text{So } E_{-1} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2}t \\ t \end{bmatrix} ; t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} t ; t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$= \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  forms a basis of  $E_{-1}$

For  $\lambda = 3$

$$[A - 3I_2 | \vec{0}]$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1-3 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 1-3 & 0 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad \text{Row reduction}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad \begin{array}{l} x_2 = t \\ x_1 - \frac{1}{2}t = 0 \\ x_1 = \frac{1}{2}t \end{array}$$

$$\text{So } E_3 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}t \\ t \end{bmatrix}, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

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$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  form a basis of  $E_3$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & -1 \\ 4 & 1-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}}_{A - \lambda I} = 0$$

$$(1 - \lambda)^2 - (4)(-1) = \lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 5 = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 - (4)(1)(5)}}{2} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{-16}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{i^2 16}}{2} = \frac{2 \pm 4i}{2} = 1 \pm 2i$$

For  $\lambda_1 = 1 + 2i$

$$[A - \lambda_1 I \mid \vec{0}]$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 - (1 + 2i) & -1 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 - (1 + 2i) & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$= \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} -2i & -1 & 0 \\ 4 & -2i & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{4} R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2 \end{array}$$

$$= \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -\frac{1}{2}i & 0 \end{array} \right] 2i R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2$$

$$= \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -\frac{1}{2}i & 0 \\ -2i & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} 2iR_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ \sim \end{array}$$

$$-\frac{1}{2}i(2i) = -i^2 = -(-1) = 1$$

$$= \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -\frac{1}{2}i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$x_2$  is free variable

$$x_2 = t$$

$$x_1 - \frac{1}{2}it = 0$$

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{2}it$$

$$E_{\lambda_1} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}it \\ t \end{bmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$= \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

a basis for  $E_{\lambda_1}$

For  $\lambda_2 = 1 - 2i$

$$[A - \lambda_2 I_2 \mid \vec{0}]$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 - (1 - 2i) & -1 & \mid & 0 \\ 4 & 1 - (1 - 2i) & \mid & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2i & -1 & \mid & 0 \\ 4 & 2i & \mid & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} R_2/4 \rightarrow R_2 \\ R_2 \leftrightarrow R_1 \end{array}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2}i & \mid & 0 \\ 2i & -1 & \mid & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} -2iR_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \end{array}$$

$$-2i \left(\frac{1}{2}i\right) = -i^2 = -(-1) = 1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2}i & \mid & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mid & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_2 = t$$

$$x_1 + \frac{1}{2}it = 0$$

$$x_1 = -\frac{1}{2}it$$

$$E_{\lambda_2} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2}i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} t ; t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

Remark: Any complex vector  $\vec{V}$  can be written as  $\vec{V} = \vec{V}_1 + i\vec{V}_2$  where  $\vec{V}_1, \vec{V}_2$  are real vectors!

**Ex/**  $\vec{V} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 + 2i \\ 5 + 5i \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{V}_1} + i \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{V}_2}$

$$\vec{V}_1 = \text{Re}(\vec{V}), \quad \vec{V}_2 = \text{Im}(\vec{V})$$

↑  
real part
↑  
Imaginary part

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Definition: If  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ :

$$e^{\alpha + i\beta} = e^{\alpha} \cos \beta + i e^{\alpha} \sin \beta$$

In this chapter we look at systems of first order ODE's of the form:

$$\begin{cases} y_1' = a_{11}y_1 + a_{12}y_2 + \dots + a_{1n}y_n + f_1(x) \\ y_2' = a_{21}y_1 + a_{22}y_2 + \dots + a_{2n}y_n + f_2(x) \\ \vdots \\ y_n' = a_{n1}y_1 + a_{n2}y_2 + \dots + a_{nn}y_n + f_n(x) \end{cases}$$

Where  $a_{ij}$  is a constant and

$f_1(x), \dots, f_n(x)$  are given functions.

Ex

$$\begin{cases} y_1' = 2y_1 - 3y_2 + y_3 + e^x \\ y_2' = y_3 + \sin x \\ y_3' = -2y_1 + 2y_2 - 4y_3 + \ln x \end{cases}$$

Solving system (S) means finding a function

$y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$  Satisfying all the equations in (S).

$$\text{Let } \vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then } \vec{y}' = \begin{bmatrix} y_1' \\ y_2' \\ \vdots \\ y_n' \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}; \vec{f}(x) = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(x) \\ f_2(x) \\ \vdots \\ f_n(x) \end{bmatrix}$$

Then the system (S) can be written as.

$$\vec{y}' = A\vec{y} + \vec{f}(x)$$

- If  $\vec{f}(x) = \vec{0}$ , the system is called homogeneous
- If  $\vec{f}(x) \neq \vec{0}$ , " " Non-homogeneous

As we saw in the previous chapter, the general solution to the system (NH) is of the form:

$$\vec{y} = \vec{y}_H + \vec{y}_P \quad \text{where}$$

•  $\vec{y}_H$  is a solution to the corresponding homogeneous system:  $\vec{y}' = A\vec{y}$  (H)

•  $\vec{y}_P$  is a particular solution to (NH)

### Homogeneous systems

In this course, we only deal with systems

where  $A$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix.

$$y' = A\vec{y} \quad (H)$$

Try  $\vec{y} = \vec{V} e^{\lambda x}$  where  $\vec{V}$  is a constant vector

$$\vec{y}' = \lambda \vec{V} e^{\lambda x} \quad \text{back to (H)}$$

$$\vec{y}' = \lambda \vec{V} e^{\lambda x} \quad \text{back to (H)}$$

$$\cancel{\lambda \vec{V} e^{\lambda x}} = A \cancel{\vec{V} e^{\lambda x}} \Rightarrow A \vec{V} = \lambda \vec{V}$$

$\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  and  $\vec{V}$  is an eigen vector