

$$7.6.9 \quad x' = Ax; \quad x(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -5 \\ 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Assume } x = \xi e^{\lambda t}; \quad x' = \lambda \xi e^{\lambda t}$$

$$\text{Substitute into DE: } \lambda \xi e^{\lambda t} = A \xi e^{\lambda t}$$

$$\text{Characteristic equation: } (A - \lambda I) \xi = 0$$

We need the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the characteristic equation.

$$\text{Get eigenvalues: } \det(A - \lambda I) = 0$$

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 1-\lambda & -5 \\ 1 & -3-\lambda \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} -(1-\lambda)(3+\lambda) + 5 &= 0 \\ \lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$= \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 8}}{2}$$

$$= -1 \pm i$$

$$\rightarrow \lambda^{(1)} = -1 - i, \quad \lambda^{(2)} = -1 + i$$

and we have complex eigenvalues.

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One eigenvector is all we need, since A is \mathbb{R} , we have $x^{(1)} = \overline{x^{(1)}}$.

$$\text{For } \lambda = \lambda^{(1)} = -1 - i: (A - \lambda^{(1)}I) \xi^{(1)} = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2+i & -5 \\ 1 & -2+i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow (2+i)\xi_1 - 5\xi_2 &= 0 \\ \xi_1 + (-2+i)\xi_2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

These equations are the same (multiply 2nd equation by $(2+i)$). So we have one equation and two unknowns.

$$\xi_2 \text{ is arbitrary; } \xi_2 = 1 \rightarrow \xi_1 = 2 - i$$

A complex valued solution to the DE is

$$x^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 2-i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-(1+i)t}$$

Aside:

$$\text{Since } x^{(2)} = \overline{x^{(1)}}, \text{ we know } x^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 2+i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-(1-i)t}$$

7.6.9 (continued) We want \mathbb{R} valued solutions, so let's find the real and imaginary parts of $x^{(1)}$. These will be \mathbb{R} , and will satisfy the DE, providing our two \mathbb{R} valued solutions.

$$x^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 2-i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-(1+i)t}$$
$$= \left[\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + i \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] \left[e^{-t} (\cos t - i \sin t) \right]$$

$$= e^{-t} \left[\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cos t + \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \sin t \right]$$
$$+ i e^{-t} \left[\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cos t - \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \sin t \right]$$
$$= e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \cos t - \sin t \\ \cos t \end{pmatrix} + i e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} -\cos t - 2 \sin t \\ \sin t \end{pmatrix}$$

Two linearly independent solutions of the DE are

$$x^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \cos t - \sin t \\ \cos t \end{pmatrix} e^{-t}$$

$$x^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos t + 2 \sin t \\ \sin t \end{pmatrix} e^{-t}$$

which are \mathbb{R} valued. The general solution is

$$x = C_1 x^{(1)} + C_2 x^{(2)}$$

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(continued)

Use the I.C. to determine the constants:

$$x(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

which is equivalent to

$$1 = 2c_1 + c_2$$

$$1 = c_1$$

$\Rightarrow c_1 = 1$, $c_2 = -1$, and the solution to the IVP is

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \begin{pmatrix} 2\cos t - \sin t \\ \cos t \end{pmatrix} e^{-t} - \begin{pmatrix} \cos t + 2\sin t \\ \sin t \end{pmatrix} e^{-t} \\ &= e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} \cos t - 3\sin t \\ \cos t - \sin t \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

As $t \rightarrow \infty$ $e^{-t} \rightarrow 0$. The cosine and sine will oscillate, so the solution will spiral towards zero as $t \rightarrow \infty$.