

Homework 16 MATH 308, Solution of
 Bonus: problem 3 a (three ways)

Problem 3

$$X' = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_A X$$

a) Eigenvalues:

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 2-\lambda & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (1-\lambda)((2-\lambda)(-\lambda)+1) =$$

$$= (1-\lambda) \frac{-2\lambda + \lambda^2 + 1}{(\lambda-1)^2} = -(\lambda-1)^3 = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$\lambda = 1$ is an eigenvalue of algebraic multiplicity 3

b) Find geom multiplicity of $\lambda = 1$ by analyzing the system

$$(A - I)v = 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\begin{cases} 2v_1 + v_2 - v_3 = 0 \\ v_2 - v_3 = 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow 2 \text{ indep equations} - \text{intersection of two different planes through the origin} = \text{a line} \Rightarrow \text{geom multiplicity} = 1$$

\Rightarrow geom multiplicity = 1 ($<$ alg. multiplicity)

c) Now I will present all three methods of solutions for this type of problems discussed in class

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Way one

c 1.ii) In this case the space $E_\lambda^{(2)}$ of generalized eigenvectors of order 2 has dimension 2 and the space $E_\lambda^{(3)}$ of generalized eigenvectors of order 3 has dimension 3, i.e. it is the whole \mathbb{R}^3 ($\Leftrightarrow (A-I)^3=0$ (check it))

Choose any w which is not in $E_\lambda^{(2)}$, i.e. such that $(A-I)^2 w \neq 0$. For this we need to calculate

$$(A-I)^2 w = (A-I)^2 = (A-I)(A-I) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 2 + (-1) \cdot 0 & 2 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 1 + (-1) \cdot 1 & 2 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot (-1) + (-1) \cdot (-1) \\ 0 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 2 + (-1) \cdot 0 & 0 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 1 + (-1) \cdot 1 & 0 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot (-1) + (-1) \cdot (-1) \end{pmatrix} w$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow (A-I)^2 w = 0 \Leftrightarrow 2w_1 = 0 \Leftrightarrow w_1 = 0 \rightarrow \text{this is the equation for the plane } E_\lambda^{(2)}$$

Take any $w = \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \end{pmatrix}$ s.t. $w_1 \neq 0$, for example

$$w = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$Av = v$$

$$Aw' = v + w'$$

$$Aw = w' + w$$

$$\Rightarrow B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{tB} = e^{t \begin{pmatrix} 1 & t & \frac{t^2}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & t \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}$$

Jordan block

of size 3 for $\lambda = 1$

$$\Rightarrow (v \ w' \ w) e^{t \begin{pmatrix} 1 & t & \frac{t^2}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & t \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}} =$$

$$= \left(e^t v, e^t (t v + w'), e^t \left(\frac{t^2}{2} v + t w' + w \right) \right)$$

is the fundamental matrix of our system \Rightarrow

$$\text{gen solution} = e^t \left(c_1 v + c_2 (t v + w') + c_3 \left(\frac{t^2}{2} v + t w' + w \right) \right)$$

$$= e^t \left(c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \left(t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) + c_3 \left(t^2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$= e^t e^t \begin{pmatrix} c_3 \\ c_3 t^2 + 2(c_2 + c_3)t + 2(c_1 + c_2) \\ c_3 t^2 + 2c_2 t + 2c_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Way 2 Here instead of starting with w which

in $E_\lambda^{(3)} (= \mathbb{R}^2)$ but not in $E_\lambda^{(2)}$ we fix some

eigen vector v and then solve the chain of systems

$$\begin{aligned} (A - I)w^1 &= v \quad (\text{for } w^1) \\ (A - I)w &= w^1 \quad (\text{for } w) \end{aligned}$$

c 2.i) Fix an eigenvector v . The eigenvectors

satisfy the system $\begin{cases} v_1 = 0 \\ v_2 = v_3 \end{cases}$ (see page 6)

Take, for example, $v_3 = 1 \Rightarrow v_2 = 1 \Rightarrow v = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is an eigenvector

c 2.ii) Find w^1 such that

$$(A - I)w^1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The corresponding augmented matrix is

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow \text{if } w^1 = \begin{pmatrix} w_1^1 \\ w_2^1 \\ w_3^1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ then}$$

$$\begin{cases} 2w_1^1 + w_2^1 - w_3^1 = 1 \\ w_2^1 - w_3^1 = 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} w_1^1 = 0 \\ w_2^1 = w_3^1 + 1 \end{cases}$$

As expected, we have infinite many solutions here but we need only one of them

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We can fix w_3' and then find w_2' from the second equation of (***). For example take $w_3' = 0 \Rightarrow$

$$w_2' = 1 \Rightarrow w' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(3 iii) Find w such that

$$(A - I)w = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

If $w = \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \end{pmatrix}$ then this is equivalent to

$$\begin{cases} 2w_1 + w_2 - w_3 = 1 \\ w_2 - w_3 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} w_1 = \frac{1}{2} \\ w_2 = w_3 \end{cases}$$

Again here we have many choices. Take for

example $w_3 = 0 \Rightarrow w_2 = 0 \Rightarrow w = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow$

(3 iv) Repeat the procedure of way 1 (see subitem (1 iii)) with the obtained basis (v, w', w)

(note that the vectors of the basis obtained here is exactly $\frac{1}{2}$ of the vector obtained in way one)

In this way you will get the answer

$$e^t \left(\tilde{c}_1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \tilde{c}_2 \left(t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) + \tilde{c}_3 \left(t^2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

which defines the same set of solutions as the answer obtained in way 1 (with $\tilde{c}_1 = 2c_1$, $\tilde{c}_2 = 2c_2$, $\tilde{c}_3 = 2c_3$)

Way 3 Using the fact that $(A-I)^3 = 0$ ($\Leftrightarrow E_{\lambda}^{(3)} = \mathbb{R}^3$)

We can calculate e^{At} directly:

$$e^{tA} = e^t e^{t(A-I)} = e^t \left(I + (A-I)t + \frac{(A-I)^2 t^2}{2} + \frac{(A-I)^3 t^3}{6} + \dots \right) = e^t \left(I + (A-I)t + \frac{(A-I)^2 t^2}{2} \right) = 0, \text{ because } (A-I)^3 = 0$$

$$= e^t \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} t + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \frac{t^2}{2} \right) =$$

$$= e^t \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2t+t^2 & 1+t & -t \\ t^2 & t & 1-t \end{pmatrix}. \text{ This is a fundamental matrix}$$

Therefore the general solution is

$$e^t \left(\tilde{c}_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2t+t^2 \\ t^2 \end{pmatrix} + \tilde{c}_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1+t \\ t \end{pmatrix} + \tilde{c}_3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -t \\ 1-t \end{pmatrix} \right) =$$

$$= e^t \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{c}_1 \\ \tilde{c}_1 t^2 + (2\tilde{c}_1 + \tilde{c}_2 - \tilde{c}_3)t + \tilde{c}_2 \\ \tilde{c}_1 t^2 + (\tilde{c}_2 - \tilde{c}_3)t + \tilde{c}_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Remark It defines the same set of solutions as the answer of way one (see page 9) with

$$\begin{cases} c_1 = \frac{1}{2} \tilde{c}_3 \\ c_2 = \frac{1}{2} (\tilde{c}_2 - \tilde{c}_3) \quad (\text{check!}) \\ c_3 = \tilde{c}_1 \end{cases}$$