

## Homework Assignment 7 in Differential Equations, MATH308-SPRING 2017

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*Topics covered: The case of complex eigenvalues (section 7.6), Matrix exponential (section 7.7), Repeated eigenvalues (the case of  $n = 2$ ) (section 7.8)*

1. Given the following system of linear differential equations:

$$\begin{cases} x_1' &= 4x_1 - 2x_2 \\ x_2' &= 4x_1 + 8x_2 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

- (a) Find the general solution of the system (3).  
(b) If  $x(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{pmatrix}$  is a solution of (3), what is the limit of  $x(t)$  as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$ . Does this limit depend on initial conditions?  
(c) Find the solution of the system (3) satisfying the initial conditions:  $x_1(0) = -3$ ,  $x_2(0) = 5$ .

2. Given the following system of linear differential equations:

$$\begin{cases} x_1' &= -11x_1 - 6x_2 + 2x_3 \\ x_2' &= 14x_1 + 9x_2 - 2x_3 \\ x_3' &= -12x_1 - 7x_2 + x_3 \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

- (a) It is known that 3 is an eigenvalue of the corresponding matrix. Find the general solution of the system (2).

- (b) Find all  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$  such that if  $x(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ x_3(t) \end{pmatrix}$  is the solution of the system (2) with initial condition  $x(0) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \alpha_3 \end{pmatrix}$  then  $x(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$ .

- (c) Find all  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3$  such that if  $x(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ x_3(t) \end{pmatrix}$  is the solution of the system (2) with initial condition  $x(0) = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \beta_3 \end{pmatrix}$  then  $x(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow -\infty$ .

3. (a)  $N = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Calculate  $e^{tN}$  using the definition of the matrix exponential. (Hint: Certain power of  $N$  vanish)

- (b) Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$  Calculate  $e^{tA}$  (Hint: use that  $A = \lambda I + N$ , the previous item, and the fact that if  $AB = BA$ , then  $e^{A+B} = e^A e^B$ )

4. Given the following system of linear differential equations:

$$\begin{cases} x_1' &= -3x_1 + x_2 \\ x_2' &= -x_1 - 5x_2 \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

- (a) Find the general solution of the system (3).  
(b) If  $x(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{pmatrix}$  is a solution of (3), what is the limit of  $x(t)$  as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$ . Does this limit depend on initial conditions?  
(c) Find the solution of the system (3) satisfying the initial conditions:  $x_1(0) = 2$ ,  $x_2(0) = -1$ .