

Begin with messy computation.  
(to be cleaned up later)

EX Solve 
$$\begin{cases} x' = -x + 2y \\ y' = 2x + 2y \end{cases} \Rightarrow x' = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} x$$
 where  $x = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$

Recall Solution should look like

$$x = c_1 v_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + c_2 v_2 e^{\lambda_2 t}$$

where  $\lambda_1 v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} v_1$  &  $\lambda_2 v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} v_2$

$(v_1 e^{\lambda_1 t})'$  plug into  $\begin{matrix} -x + 2y \\ 2x + 2y \end{matrix}$

Step 1 Find  $\lambda_1$  &  $\lambda_2$  "eigenvalues"

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda x = -x + 2y \\ \lambda y = 2x + 2y \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 0 = (-1-\lambda)x + 2y & (2-\lambda) \\ 0 = 2x + (2-\lambda)y & (2) \end{cases}$$

$$0 = (-1-\lambda)(2-\lambda)x - 2 \cdot 2x$$

$x \neq 0 \Rightarrow 0 = (\lambda^2 - \lambda - 6)x$

"characteristic equation"  $\Rightarrow 0 = \lambda^2 - \lambda - 6$   
 $0 = (\lambda - 3)(\lambda + 2)$

$\lambda = 3, -2$  ← Eigenvalues.

$e^{3t}$   $e^{-2t}$  in solution of DE.  
(like integrating factor:  $e^{\int \lambda dt}$ )  
more about this later...

Step 2 Find  $v_1$  &  $v_2$  "eigenvectors"

$\lambda = 3$  Plug into eigenvalue equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda x = -x + 2y \\ \lambda y = 2x + 2y \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 3x = -x + 2y \\ 3y = 2x + 2y \end{bmatrix}$$

simplify  $\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 4x = 2y \\ y = 2x \end{bmatrix}$  same line (good)

Note: Solution has  $c_1 v_1 e^{\lambda_1 t}$

so eigenvector can be anything on line  $c_1 v_1$

→ Eigenvalue equations should ALWAYS give two copies of this line (for  $2 \times 2$ )

→ pick  $x=1 \Rightarrow y=2x=2$

$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$\lambda = -2$  Plug into eigenvalue equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda x = -x + 2y \\ \lambda y = 2x + 2y \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} -2x = -x + 2y \\ -2y = 2x + 2y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mapsto \begin{bmatrix} -x = 2y \\ -4y = 2x \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{same line (good)}$$

pick  $x=1 \mapsto y = -\frac{1}{2}$

$$\underline{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \quad ??$$

Better: pick  $x=2 \mapsto y = -1$

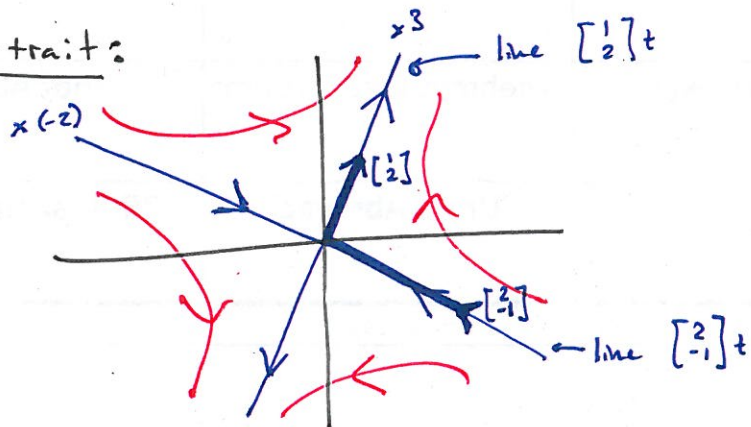
$$\underline{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \leftarrow \times 2$$

Answer:

$$\underline{x} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} e^{3t} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x = c_1 e^{3t} + 2c_2 e^{-2t} \\ y = 2c_1 e^{3t} - c_2 e^{-2t} \end{pmatrix}$$

Phase Portrait:



Let's clean this up.

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Method to solve  $\underline{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \underline{x}$

Step 1 Find eigenvalues

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \underline{v} = \lambda \underline{v} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} a-\lambda & b \\ c & d-\lambda \end{bmatrix} \underline{v} = \underline{0}$$

$$\left( (a-\lambda)x + by = 0 \right) (d-\lambda)$$

$$- \left( cx + (d-\lambda)y = 0 \right) b$$

$$(a-\lambda)(d-\lambda)x - bcx = 0$$

$$\left[ (a-\lambda)(d-\lambda) - bc \right] x = 0$$

Characteristic equation:

$$(a-\lambda)(d-\lambda) - bc = 0$$

$$\left( \text{i.e. } \det \begin{bmatrix} a-\lambda & b \\ c & d-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = 0 \right)$$

Short-cut:  $\lambda^2 - \text{trace}(A)\lambda + \det(A) = 0$

Step 2 Find eigenvectors

plug  $\lambda$  into  $\begin{bmatrix} a-\lambda & b \\ c & d-\lambda \end{bmatrix} \underline{v} = \underline{0}$

$\rightarrow$  Rows should be multiples!

$$\underline{v} \text{ is } \perp \text{ to } \begin{bmatrix} a-\lambda \\ b \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} b \\ \lambda - a \end{bmatrix} = \underline{v}$$

slope  $\frac{a-\lambda}{b}$

slope  $= -\frac{b}{a-\lambda}$

(you could also choose some other multiple)

EX: Solve  $\underline{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -5 \\ 4 & -8 \end{bmatrix} \underline{x}$

Eigenvalues:  $\det \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & -5 \\ 4 & -8-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = 0$

$(1-\lambda)(-8-\lambda) + 20 = 0$   
 $\lambda^2 + 7\lambda + 12 = 0$

*trace*  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -5 \\ 4 & -8 \end{bmatrix} = 1-8 = -7$   
*det*  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -5 \\ 4 & -8 \end{bmatrix} = -8+20 = 12$

$(\lambda+3)(\lambda+4) = 0$   
 $\lambda = -3, -4$   $\rightsquigarrow$  ( $e^{3t}$  &  $e^{4t}$  terms in solution)

Eigenvectors: *negative reciprocal.*

$\lambda = -3$   
 $\begin{bmatrix} 1+3 & -5 \\ 4 & -8+3 \end{bmatrix} \underline{v} = 0 \rightsquigarrow \underline{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$

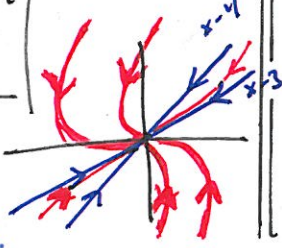
*Note: rows equal*

$\lambda = -4$   
 $\begin{bmatrix} 1+4 & -5 \\ 4 & -8+4 \end{bmatrix} \underline{v} = 0 \rightsquigarrow \underline{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$

*Note: rows equal*

(let's use  $\underline{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  instead.)

Answer:  $\underline{x} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} e^{-3t} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-4t}$



$\rightarrow$  When solutions all go in or out then they curve towards "louder" equilib. soln.

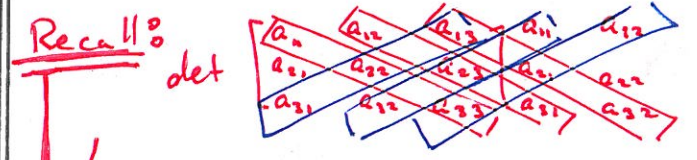
What about systems w/ >2 equations?

$\rightarrow$  Same general method works. (with some modification...)

EX: Solve  $\underline{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \underline{x}$

Eigenvalues:  $\det \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = 0$

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



If you reduce  $(1-\lambda)x + y + 2z = 0$   
 $x + (2-\lambda)y + z = 0$   
 $2x + y + (1-\lambda)z = 0$   
 to only  $x$  values by multiplying & subtr. then  $\det(\dots)$  would be  $x$  coeff.

$-\lambda^3 + 4\lambda^2 - (2+2+1)\lambda + (6-10) = 0$   
 $\uparrow$  trace(A)  $\uparrow$  det(A)

$-(\lambda-1)(\lambda+1)(\lambda-4) = 0$

$\lambda = -1, 1, 4$

Eigenvectors:

$$\lambda = -1 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1+1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2+1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1+1 \end{bmatrix} \underline{v} = \underline{0} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ \cancel{2} & \cancel{1} & \cancel{2} \end{bmatrix} \underline{v} = \underline{0}$$

One row is combination of other two.

(Can't do negative reciprocal)

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + y + 2z &= 0 \\ x + 3y + z &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Plan: Fix one variable and solve for others usually take  $x=1$

pick  $x=1$

solve for  $y$  &  $z$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 2 + y + 2z &= 0 \\ -(1 + 3y + z = 0) \cdot 2 \\ \hline -5y &= 0 \\ y &= 0 \Rightarrow 2 + 2z = 0 \\ z &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Check:  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{?}{=} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\lambda = 1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1-1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2-1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1-1 \end{bmatrix} \underline{v} = \underline{0} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \cancel{2} & \cancel{1} & \cancel{0} \end{bmatrix} \underline{v} = \underline{0}$$

Ignore bottom row =  $2x$  (middle row) - (top row)

pick  $x=1$

$$\begin{aligned} y + 2z &= 0 \\ -1 + y + z &= 0 \\ \hline -1 + z &= 0 \\ z &= 1 \Rightarrow y = -2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Check:  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{?}{=} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\lambda = 4$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1-4 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2-4 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1-4 \end{bmatrix} \underline{v} = \underline{0} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ \cancel{2} & \cancel{1} & \cancel{-3} \end{bmatrix} \underline{v} = \underline{0}$$

(Ignore bottom row =  $(-1)$ (top row) +  $(-1)$ (middle))

pick  $x=1$

$$\begin{aligned} -3 + y + 2z &= 0 \\ -2(1 - 2y + z = 0) \\ \hline -5 + 5y &= 0 \\ y &= 1 \Rightarrow 1 - 2 + z = 0 \\ z &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

actually... we could have guessed this:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Check:  $\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{?}{=} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Answer:

$$\underline{x} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^t + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{4t}$$

(Solve more problems if there is extra time)

# Initial Value Problems & Fundamental Matrix

Ex Solve

$$\underline{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 6 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \underline{x} \quad \text{with} \quad \underline{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

First we get the general solution:

Eigenvalues.  $\det \begin{bmatrix} -2-\lambda & 6 \\ -2 & 5-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = 0$

$$\lambda^2 - 3\lambda + 2 = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 1) = 0$$

$$\boxed{\lambda = 1, 2}$$

Eigenvectors.

$\lambda = 1$   
 $\begin{bmatrix} -2-1 & 6 \\ -2 & 5-1 \end{bmatrix} \underline{v} = 0$

$$\underline{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\lambda = 2$   
 $\begin{bmatrix} -2-2 & 6 \\ -2 & 5-2 \end{bmatrix} \underline{v} = 0$

$$\underline{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(check:  $\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 6 \\ -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{?}{=} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ) (check:  $\begin{bmatrix} -4 & 6 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{?}{=} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ )

General solution.

$$\underline{x} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^t + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} e^{2t}$$

Note: Alternate Form of Solution

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$$\underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2e^t & 3e^{2t} \\ e^t & 2e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^t \quad \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} e^{2t}$

This is called the "Fundamental Matrix"

$$\Psi = \begin{bmatrix} 2e^t & 3e^{2t} \\ e^t & 2e^{2t} \end{bmatrix}$$

→ Recall: Wronskian is  $\det(\Psi)$

Initial Values

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \underline{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{4-3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Answer:  $\underline{x} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^t - \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} e^{2t}$

Recall: Inverse of  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  is  $\frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$

→  $\Psi^{-1} = \frac{1}{4e^{3t} - 3e^{3t}} \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{2t} & -3e^{2t} \\ -e^t & 2e^t \end{bmatrix}$

$\uparrow$   
Wronskian!