

Solution guide for
Homework #5

3.8.3

Find all the solutions of the given differential equation:

$$\dot{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} x$$

Solution:

→ Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$. We firstly find all the eigenvalues of A and corresponding eigenvectors:

the char. polyn. for A , $p(t) = \det(tI - A) = \det \begin{pmatrix} t-3 & -2 & -4 \\ -2 & t & -2 \\ -4 & -2 & t-3 \end{pmatrix}$

$$= 2 \det \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -4 \\ -2 & t-3 \end{pmatrix} + t \det \begin{pmatrix} t-3 & -4 \\ -4 & t-3 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \det \begin{pmatrix} t-3 & -2 \\ -4 & -2 \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$= 4(6 - 2t - 8) + t((t-3)^2 - 16) = t^3 - 6t^2 - 15t - 8 =$$

$$= (t+1)(t^2 - 7t - 8) = (t+1)^2(t-8).$$

Hence, $\lambda_1 = -1$ and $\lambda_2 = 8$ are the only eigenvalues of A .

→ It is clear that $\bar{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\bar{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ are two lin.

independent eigenvectors corresponding to λ_1 .

For λ_2 , ~~we~~ if \bar{v}_3 is an eigenvector, it is clear that we may take $\bar{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1/2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

→ Thus, $e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$, and $e^{8t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1/2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ are 3

lin. independent solutions to $\dot{x} = Ax \Rightarrow$ by Exist.-Uniq. Thm

$$\underline{\underline{x(t) = c_1 e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + c_3 e^{8t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1/2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}}$$

is a general soln to the original equation.

#3.9.5

Solve the given initial-value problem:

$$\dot{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 5 & -3 \end{pmatrix} x, \quad x(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Solution:

→ Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 5 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$. Then the char. polynomial of A

is given by: $p(t) = (t-1)(t+3) + 5 = t^2 + 2t + 2 =$

$$= (t + (1+i))(t + (1-i)).$$

Thus, $\lambda_1 = (-1-i)$ and $\lambda_2 = (-1+i)$ are the only eigenvalues of A .

→ We find a complex eigenvector \bar{v}_2 corresponding to λ_2 ; let $\bar{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} a+bi \\ c+di \end{pmatrix}$, where $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$. Then we have:

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2+i & 1 \\ -5 & 2+i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a+bi \\ c+di \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} (-2a-b+c) + i(a-2b+d) = 0 \\ (-5a+2c-d) + i(-5b+c+2d) = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} b = c - 2a \\ d = 2b - a \\ 0 = 0 \\ 0 = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} c = b + 2a \\ d = 2b - a \end{cases}$$

Taking $a=1, b=0$ we get that $\bar{v}_2 = e^{(-1+i)t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2-i \end{pmatrix}$ is a complex-valued solution and hence $\operatorname{Re}\{\bar{v}_2\}$ and $\operatorname{Im}\{\bar{v}_2\}$ are both real-valued solns:

$$\operatorname{Re}\{\bar{v}_2\} = e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} \cos t \\ 2\cos t + \sin t \end{pmatrix}; \quad \operatorname{Im}\{\bar{v}_2\} = e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} \sin t \\ 2\sin t - \cos t \end{pmatrix}$$

Comparing values of these functions of t at 0 and 1 we get that they are linearly independent.

Hence, $\bar{x}(t) = C_1 e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} \cos t \\ 2\cos t + \sin t \end{pmatrix} + C_2 e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} \sin t \\ 2\sin t - \cos t \end{pmatrix}$ gives

a general solution to equation.

→ Applying initial data $\bar{x}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$, we get:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \bar{x}(0) = C_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + C_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} C_1 = 1 \\ C_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Therefore $\bar{x}(t) = e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} \cos t \\ 2\cos t + \sin t \end{pmatrix}$ is a solution to initial-value problem.

3.10.7

Solve the initial-value problem:

$$\dot{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} x, \quad x(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solution:

→ Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$. Then the char. polynomial for

A is given by: $p(t) = \det \begin{pmatrix} t-1 & -2 & 3 \\ -1 & t-1 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 & t-4 \end{pmatrix} =$

$$= (t-1)(t^2-5t+4+2) + 2(4-t-2) + 3(-1+t-1) =$$

$$= t^3 - 6t^2 + 12t - 8 = (t-2)^3$$

Thus, 2 is the only eigenvalue of A .

→ Let \bar{v}_1 be a corresponding eigenvector $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$.

$$\text{Then we get: } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\Rightarrow)$$

$$(\Rightarrow) \begin{cases} a - 2b + 3c = 0 \\ -a + b - 2c = 0 \\ -a + b - 2c = 0 \end{cases} \quad (\Rightarrow) \begin{cases} b = c \\ 2c = -a \end{cases}$$

Thus, all such eigenvectors have a form $k \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow$

\Rightarrow there exists only one eigenvector for 2 which is lin. independent; WLOG assume $\bar{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$. Then $\bar{x}_1 = e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ is a solution.

→ Proceeding to generalized eigenspace we find $\bar{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ b_1 \\ c_1 \end{pmatrix}$ lin. independent from \bar{v}_1 , s.t.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}^2 \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ b_1 \\ c_1 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (\Rightarrow) \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ b_1 \\ c_1 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (\Rightarrow)$$

$\Leftrightarrow b_1 = c_1$, and $\bar{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is a eigenvector lin. indep. from \bar{v}_1 , satisfying $(2I - A)^2(\bar{v}_2) = \bar{0}$.

Then, $\bar{x}_2 = e^{2t} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) = e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} t \\ 1+t \\ 1+t \end{pmatrix}$ is

another soln to $\dot{x} = Ax$.

→ Finally, we find \bar{v}_3 lin. indep. from \bar{v}_1 and \bar{v}_2 ,

s.t. $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}^3 \begin{pmatrix} a_2 \\ b_2 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, where $\begin{pmatrix} a_2 \\ b_2 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix}$ stands for \bar{v}_3 .

We have:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_2 \\ b_2 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}. \text{ Hence, we}$$

can choose $\bar{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

Then $\bar{x}_3 = e^{2t} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + t^2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) =$

$$= e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} t^2 + 3t \\ -t^2 + 2t \\ -t^2 + 2t + 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is another soln to } \dot{x} = Ax.$$

→ Checking for values at 0, it is obvious that $\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2, \bar{x}_3$ are lin. independent.

Then the general soln is given by:

$$\bar{x}(t) = e^{2t} \left(C_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + C_2 \begin{pmatrix} -t \\ 1+t \\ 1+t \end{pmatrix} + C_3 \begin{pmatrix} t^2 + 3t \\ -t^2 + 2t \\ -t^2 + 2t + 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

→ Using $\bar{x}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ we get:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \bar{x}(0) = e^{2t} \left(C_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + C_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + C_3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \text{ and}$$

hence $C_1 = C_2 = 1$ and $C_3 = 0$.

Thus, $\underline{\underline{x(t) = e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 1+t \\ +t \\ +t \end{pmatrix}}}$ is a soln to original problem.