

Solving linear homogeneous system of diff. equations  
with constant coefficients.

hom. system

$u'(x) = Au(x)$ ,  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ . Note:  $u$  is  $n$ -dim, so  $u'$  too!  
Thus  $A$  is a square matrix.

Ansatz:  $u(x) = e^{\lambda x} \cdot v$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $v \in \mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $\lambda, v$  to find.

$\lambda v = Av \iff (A - \lambda I)v = 0$

$p(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I)$  (characteristic polynomial)  
 $\det(B) \neq 0$  if and only if  $B$  is a regular matrix.

$\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{C}$  eigenvalues, not always pairwise different

$(A - \lambda_k E)v_k = 0$  Determine the eigenvectors  
( $\lambda_k, \lambda_j$  different, so  $v_k, v_j$  lin. independent.)

Ansatz

Solution:  $u_n(x) = c_1 \cdot e^{\lambda_1 x} v_1 + \dots + c_n \cdot e^{\lambda_n x} v_n$ .  
(The solution is a  $n$ -dim vector space.)

3<sup>rd</sup> Exercise: (a) Find the general solution of the linear system of differential equation

$$u'(t) = \overbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}^{=: A} u(t), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$$

(b) Determine the <sup>real</sup> solution of the initial value problem

$$u'(t) = A \cdot u(t), \quad u(0) = (2, -2, 3)^T, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}.$$

Solution: (a) Show the slide.

• Eigenvalues:  $p(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I_3) \stackrel{\text{expansion}}{=} (1-\lambda)(\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 5) \stackrel{\text{completing the square}}{=} (1-\lambda)(\lambda - 1 - 2i)(\lambda - 1 + 2i).$

Thus:  $\lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 1 + 2i, \lambda_3 = 1 - 2i.$

• Eigenvectors: Following systems to solve:  $(A - \lambda_k I_3) \gamma_k = 0, \quad k=1, 2, 3.$

By Gaussian elimination we obtain: (for example):

$$\gamma_1 = (2, -3, 2)^T, \quad \gamma_2 = (0, i, 1)^T, \quad \gamma_3 = \bar{\gamma}_2, \text{ because:}$$

$$\lambda_3 = \bar{\lambda}_2. \quad \Rightarrow A \gamma_2 = \lambda_2 \gamma_2 \Rightarrow \overline{A \gamma_2} = \overline{\lambda_2 \gamma_2} = \lambda_3 \bar{\gamma}_2 \quad (*)$$

$$A \text{ is real, so } \overline{A} = A. \quad \text{That means: } \overline{A \gamma_2} = A \bar{\gamma}_2 \stackrel{(*)}{=} \lambda_3 \bar{\gamma}_2 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{\gamma}_2 \text{ is eigenvector for } \lambda_3. \quad \text{Set } \gamma_3 := \bar{\gamma}_2. \quad \text{We have done!}$$

• Complex fundamental system is

$$\left\{ \gamma_1 e^{\lambda_1 t}, \gamma_2 e^{\lambda_2 t}, \gamma_3 e^{\lambda_3 t} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} e^t, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{(1+2i)t}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{(1-2i)t} \right\}.$$

• Real fundamental system (see the calculation in 2<sup>nd</sup> exercise):

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} e^t, e^t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\sin 2t \\ \cos 2t \end{pmatrix}, e^t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \cos 2t \\ \sin 2t \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

• The general real solution of the system is:

$$u(t) = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} e^t + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\sin 2t \\ \cos 2t \end{pmatrix} e^t + c_3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \cos 2t \\ \sin 2t \end{pmatrix} e^t, \quad c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{R}!$$

(b) Initial value problem: (Thm. 2.9  $\rightarrow$  This IVP has exactly one solution (it is even cont. diff.))

$$u(0) = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c_3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}. \quad \text{This system of lin. equations has triangle structure already!}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 3 \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow c_1 = 1$$
$$\Rightarrow -3 + c_3 = -2 \Rightarrow c_3 = 1$$
$$\Rightarrow 2 + c_2 = 3 \Rightarrow c_2 = 1.$$

The unique solution of the IVP is then

$$u(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\sin(2t) \\ \cos(2t) \end{pmatrix} e^t + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \cos(2t) \\ \sin(2t) \end{pmatrix} e^t, \quad t \geq 0.$$

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