

8.2: Homogeneous Systems.

A dynamical system

A stretch of desert in northwestern Mexico is populated mainly by two species of animals: coyotes and roadrunners. We wish to model the populations  $c(t)$  and  $r(t)$  of coyotes and roadrunners  $t$  years from now if the current populations  $c_0$  and  $r_0$  are known.<sup>1,2</sup>

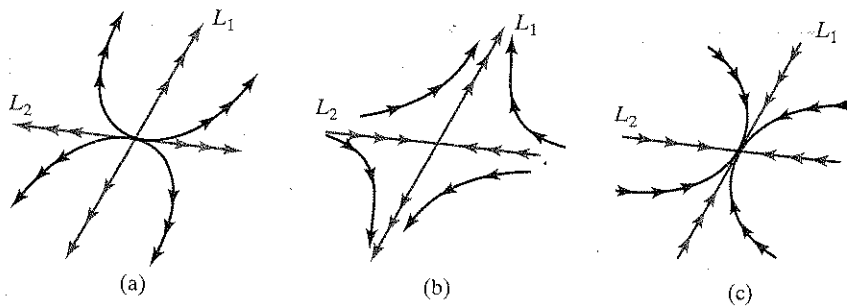


Figure 11 (a)  $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > 1$ . (b)  $\lambda_1 > 1 > \lambda_2 > 0$ . (c)  $1 > \lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > 0$ .

The general homogeneous linear 1st. order system is  $\mathbf{x}' = A\mathbf{x}$ . where  $A_{n \times n}$  is a matrix of constants.

We want to find solns. of the form:

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \\ \vdots \\ k_n \end{bmatrix} e^{\lambda t} = \mathbf{k} e^{\lambda t}$$

If such solns. exist, we call  $\lambda$  an eigenvalue and  $\mathbf{x}$  an eigenvector.

Derivation.

If  $\underline{x} = \underline{k}e^{\lambda t}$  is a soln. to  $\underline{x}' = A\underline{x}$ ,

$$\text{then } \underline{k}\lambda e^{\lambda t} = A\underline{k}e^{\lambda t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{k}\lambda = A\underline{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow A\underline{k} - \lambda\underline{k} = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow A\underline{k} - \lambda I\underline{k} = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow (A - \lambda I)\underline{k} = \vec{0}$$

obviously  $\underline{k} = \vec{0}$  is a soln., but we want trivial solns. to the homogeneous eqn.

To find trivial solns, we need the cols of  $(A - \lambda I)$  to be L.D. ... that is  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$

once you find the eigenvalues, RREF  $[A - \lambda I | \vec{0}]$

to find the corresponding eigenvector(s).

CASE 1: UNIQUE REAL  $\lambda$ .

ex1:  $x' = 2x + y$   $\Rightarrow \underline{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \underline{x}$

$y' = y$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 1, \lambda = 2$$

$$\lambda = 1 : A - I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \underline{k}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = 2 : A - 2I = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \underline{k}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

ex 2:  $\mathbf{X}' = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}$

solve  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} -1-\lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -1-\lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (-1-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 1 \\ 3 & -1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & -1-\lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (-1-\lambda) \left[ (2-\lambda)(-1-\lambda) - 3 \right] + (1+\lambda)$$

$$\qquad \qquad \lambda^2 - \lambda - 5$$

$$= (-1-\lambda) \left[ \lambda^2 - \lambda - 6 \right]$$

$$= (-1-\lambda)(\lambda-3)(\lambda+2)$$

so the eigenvalues are  $-1, -2, 3$

$$\lambda = 1: \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{K}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = -2: \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1/3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{K}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = 3: \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1/3 \\ 0 & 1 & -4/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{K}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{so } \mathbf{X} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-t} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} e^{3t}$$

CASE 2:  $\lambda$  w/ multiplicity.

Eigenvalues are not necessarily unique.  $\lambda$  w/ multiplicity  $> 1$  fall into 2 categories.

(A)  $A_{n \times n}$  has  $n$  eigenvectors.

ex 3:  $X' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} X$  (symmetric)

w/ eigenvalues  $\lambda = 3$  (mult 2) and  $-3$

$\lambda = 3$ :  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & -2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  eigenvectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  &  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\lambda = -3$ :  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  eigenvector  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

These are eigenvectors of  $A$  and so the fundamental set is:

$X_1 = c_1 e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$      $X_2 = c_2 e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$      $X_3 = c_3 e^{-3t} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$X = c_1 e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 e^{-3t} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(B)  $A_{n \times n}$  has less than  $n$  eigenvectors

ex4:  $X' = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ -3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} X$

$\lambda = 2$  (mult 2)

$\lambda = 2: \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 3 \\ -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  eigenvector  $K = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Since there is only 1 eigenvector, we need to find  $P$  s.t.  $(A - \lambda I)^2 P = \vec{0}$ .

That is  $(A - \lambda I)K = \vec{0}$

and  $(A - \lambda I)^2 P = \vec{0}$

(requires two steps to get to  $\vec{0}$ )

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so solve  $[A - \lambda I \mid K]$

$\text{ref} \left( \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 3 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & -1/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

so  $P = \begin{bmatrix} -1/3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$y_1 = e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$y_2 = t e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} -1/3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$X = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} e^{2t} + c_2 \left[ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} t e^{2t} + \begin{bmatrix} -1/3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} e^{2t} \right]$

CASE 3: Complex  $\lambda$

I'm gonna take a slightly different approach from the ex.

(0) Start:  $\underline{x}' = A\underline{x}$ ,  $A_{n \times n}$

(1)  $\lambda = \alpha \pm \beta i$  are eigenvalues w/ corresponding

$\underline{x}_1 = e^{\lambda t} \underline{k} = e^{(\alpha + i\beta)t} (\underline{a} + i\underline{b})$  eigenvectors  $\underline{k}$  &  $\overline{\underline{k}}$

$\underline{x}_2 = e^{\overline{\lambda}t} \overline{\underline{k}} = e^{(\alpha - i\beta)t} (\underline{a} - i\underline{b})$  where  $\underline{k} = \underline{a} + i\underline{b}$

(2) Focus on  $\underline{x}_1$

$\underline{x}_1 = e^{\alpha t} (\cos \beta t + i \sin \beta t) (\underline{a} + i\underline{b})$

$= e^{\alpha t} ((\cos \beta t \underline{a} - \sin \beta t \underline{b}) + i(\sin \beta t \underline{a} + \cos \beta t \underline{b}))$   
 $= \underline{\tilde{x}}_1 + i \underline{\tilde{x}}_2$

(3) Recall  $\underline{x}_1$  is a soln:

$\underline{x}'_1 = A \underline{x}_1$

$\Rightarrow \underline{\tilde{x}}'_1 + i \underline{\tilde{x}}'_2 = A \underline{\tilde{x}}_1 + i A \underline{\tilde{x}}_2$

$\Rightarrow \underline{\tilde{x}}'_1 = A \underline{\tilde{x}}_1$  and  $\underline{\tilde{x}}'_2 = A \underline{\tilde{x}}_2$

(4) The soln:

$\underline{\tilde{x}}_1 = e^{\alpha t} (\cos \beta t \underline{a} - \sin \beta t \underline{b})$

$\underline{\tilde{x}}_2 = e^{\alpha t} (\sin \beta t \underline{a} + \cos \beta t \underline{b})$

ex5! Find a general soln. of  $\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -5 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$

Find the eigenvalues.

$$0 = \begin{vmatrix} -2-\lambda & -5 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -(2+\lambda)(2-\lambda) + 5$$

$$= \lambda^2 + 1$$

$\Rightarrow \lambda = \pm i$

Find one complex eigenvector (for  $\lambda = -i$ )

$$A + iI = \begin{bmatrix} -2+i & -5 \\ 1 & 2+i \end{bmatrix} = 0 \pm i(-1)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2+i \\ 1 & 2+i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2+i \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

eigenvector is  $\begin{bmatrix} -2-i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + i \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Fundamental set.

$$\vec{x}_1 = e^{0t} \cos(-t) \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - e^{0t} \sin(-t) \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x}_2 = \sin(-t) \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \cos(-t) \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

and  $\vec{x} = c_1 \left( \sin(t) \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \cos(t) \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$

$$+ c_2 \left( \cos(t) \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \sin(t) \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

ex 6: Find the general soln. of  $\underline{X}' = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \underline{X}$  8.2  
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Find the eigenvalues

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \begin{vmatrix} -1-\lambda & 2 \\ -1 & -3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 5 \\ \Rightarrow \lambda &= \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 4(1)(5)}}{2} \\ &= -2 \pm i \end{aligned}$$

Find the eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda = -2 + i$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1-i & 2 \\ -1 & -1-i \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1+i \\ -1 & -1-i \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1+i \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

w/ eigenvector:  $\begin{bmatrix} -1-i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + i \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

The fundamental set:

$$\underline{X}_1 = e^{-2t} \left( \cos t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \sin t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$\underline{X}_2 = e^{-2t} \left( \sin t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \cos t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$