

- Homework 3 solutions posted
- MATLAB Quiz tomorrow (see Canvas announcement for details)
- Homework 4 due Thursday 11:59 pm
- If you have time, I'd appreciate it if you fill out your CAPEs (course and professor evaluations). As a newer instructor, I really appreciate the feedback. It is completely anonymous and I can't even access the evaluations until after grades are submitted anyway. The only thing I can access beforehand is how many students completed CAPEs; if more than 60% of the class completes it, I will add on 0.5% extra credit.
- Optional lecture next Thursday. I think it'll be the most fun lecture and I'll have some demonstrations as well (for both numerical differential equations and partial differential equations), so I hope you can make it! I think it will be a good lecture to synthesize what we discussed in the course and have a glimpse at what's beyond.
- Final exam is in-person; on Saturday July 30th from 7 pm to 10 pm in SOLIS 104

Def: Given an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , we say  $\vec{u} \in \mathbb{C}^n$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  with associated eigenvalue  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  if  $\vec{u} \neq \vec{0}$  and  $A\vec{u} = \lambda\vec{u}$ .

$$A\vec{u} = \lambda\vec{u}$$

$$A(c\vec{u}) = cA\vec{u} = c(\lambda\vec{u}) = \lambda(c\vec{u})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow A\vec{u} - \lambda\vec{u} = \vec{0}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (A - \lambda\mathbb{1})\vec{u} = \vec{0}$$

$\mathbb{1}$   $n \times n$  identity matrix

$\Leftrightarrow$  the  $n \times n$

matrix  $A - \lambda\mathbb{1}$  has a nontrivial kernel

$$\vec{0} \neq \vec{u} \in \ker(A - \lambda\mathbb{1})$$

$B: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  linear  $\mathbb{R}^m$   
 $\ker B = \{ \vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^k : B\vec{b} = \vec{0} \}$

$$\Leftrightarrow \det(A - \lambda\mathbb{1}) = 0 \quad \text{characteristic equation for } A$$

Consider the DE

$$(*) \quad \frac{d}{dt} \vec{x} = A\vec{x}$$

eigenvector  
 eigenvalue  
 $(\vec{u}, \lambda)$  is an eigenpair of  $A$

$$(*) \frac{d}{dt} x = Ax \quad \text{, eigenvector}$$

Suppose we know  $(\vec{u}, \lambda)$  is an eigenpair of  $A$ .

I claim  $e^{\lambda t} \vec{u}$  solves  $(*)$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(e^{\lambda t} \vec{u}) = \lambda e^{\lambda t} \vec{u}$$

$$A(e^{\lambda t} \vec{u}) = e^{\lambda t} A\vec{u} = \lambda e^{\lambda t} \vec{u} \quad \checkmark$$

This is only one solution. For  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , we expect  $n$  linearly independent solutions.

Facts from linear algebra.

Thm: Suppose  $(\vec{u}_1, \lambda_1), \dots, (\vec{u}_k, \lambda_k)$  are  $k$  eigenpairs of  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  ( $k \leq n$ ) and all of the eigenvalues are distinct.

Then,  $\{\vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_k\}$  are linearly independent

Proof:

Suppose they aren't linearly ind.

One of the eigenvectors is a nontrivial combination of the others, say  $\vec{u}_k$

$$\vec{u}_k = \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} c_j \vec{u}_j \quad \text{not all of } c_j \text{ equal } 0$$

$$A\vec{u}_k = \lambda_k \vec{u}_k \stackrel{\downarrow}{=} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} c_j \lambda_k \vec{u}_j$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^{k-1} c_j A\vec{u}_j = \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} c_j \lambda_j \vec{u}_j$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^{k-1} c_j v_j - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} c_j v_j$$

$$0 = \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \underbrace{c_j (\lambda_j - \lambda_k)}_{=0 \text{ for all } j} \vec{u}_j$$

$\rightarrow$  there exists  $j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq k-1$ , s.t.  
 $\lambda_j = \lambda_k.$  □

Careful!

The converse is not true

eigenvector

$$\lambda_1 = 1 \text{ with } \vec{u}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2 = 1 \text{ with } \vec{u}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

ex/ Every symmetric matrix  $A = A^T$   $\begin{pmatrix} \text{ex} \\ 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$   
 $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , has  $n$  real eigenvalues  
 and  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors.

ex/ Find the general solution for

$$\frac{d}{dt} \vec{x} = A \vec{x}, \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A - \lambda I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 1-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$0 = \det(A - \lambda \mathbf{1}) = (1 - \lambda)^2 - 1$$

quadratic  
polynomial in  
 $\lambda$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 1 \pm 1 = 0 \text{ or } 2$$

$$\lambda_1 = 0, \quad \lambda_2 = 2$$

↑  
eigenvec  $\vec{u}_1$       ↑  
eigenvec  $\vec{u}_2$

$$(A - \lambda_1 \mathbf{1}) \vec{u}_1 = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_{11} \\ u_{12} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_{11} + u_{12} \\ u_{11} + u_{12} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Choose one value  $u_{12} = 1$

$$\Rightarrow u_{11} = -u_{12} = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{u}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(A - \lambda_2 \mathbf{1}) \vec{u}_2 = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_{21} \\ u_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Choose  $u_{22} = 1$

$$u_{21} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{u}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

General solution is

$$\vec{x}(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{u}_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \vec{u}_2 \quad \leftarrow$$

Why lin. ind?  $\vec{x}(0) = \vec{x}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^2$

$$\vec{x}_0 = \vec{x}(0) = c_1 \vec{u}_1 + c_2 \vec{u}_2$$

$$= \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \vec{u}_1 & \vec{u}_2 \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{P}} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_P$  invertible  $\Leftrightarrow \vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2$  are lin. ind.

ex  $ax'' + bx' + cx = 0 \quad (a \neq 0)$

$$x'' + \frac{b}{a}x' + \frac{c}{a}x = 0$$

$$x' = v$$

$$v' = x'' = -\frac{b}{a}v - \frac{c}{a}x$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} x \\ v \end{pmatrix}}_{\vec{y}} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} v \\ -\frac{b}{a}v - \frac{c}{a}x \end{pmatrix}}_A = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{c}{a} & -\frac{b}{a} \end{pmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} x \\ v \end{pmatrix}}_{\vec{y}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \vec{y} = A\vec{y}$$

Eigenvalues of A

$$0 = \det(A - \lambda \mathbb{1}) = \det \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ -\frac{c}{a} & -\frac{b}{a} - \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \lambda^2 + \frac{b}{a}\lambda + \frac{c}{a} \quad \text{roots from quadratic formula}$$

$$\lambda_{\pm} = \frac{-b}{2a} \pm \frac{\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \quad \text{assume } b^2 - 4ac \neq 0$$

eigenvectors  $\vec{u}_{\pm}$

$$(A - \lambda_{\pm} \mathbb{1}) \vec{u}_{\pm} = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\lambda_{\pm} & 1 \\ -\frac{c}{a} & -\frac{b}{a} - \lambda_{\pm} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_{\pm,1} \\ u_{\pm,2} \end{pmatrix} = \vec{0}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{c}{a} & -\frac{b}{a} - \lambda_{\pm} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_{\pm 1} \\ u_{\pm 2} \end{pmatrix} = \vec{0}$$

$$u_{\pm 1} = 1 \Rightarrow u_{\pm 2} = \lambda_{\pm} \quad \vec{u}_{\pm} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \lambda_{\pm} \end{pmatrix}$$

general solution

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{y}(t) &= c_1 e^{\lambda_+ t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \lambda_+ \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{\lambda_- t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \lambda_- \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} c_1 e^{\lambda_+ t} + c_2 e^{\lambda_- t} \\ c_1 \lambda_+ e^{\lambda_+ t} + c_2 \lambda_- e^{\lambda_- t} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ v(t) \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

□

## Complex eigenvalues/vectors (9.6)

Eigenvalues arise as roots to polynomial

⇒ Complex eigenvalues ( $\text{Im}(\lambda) \neq 0$ )  
come in conjugate pairs

Let  $\lambda = \alpha + i\beta$  be an eigenvalue of  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

with eigen vector  $\vec{u} = \vec{a} + i\vec{b}$

Then,  $\lambda^* = \alpha - i\beta$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$   
with eigenvector  $\vec{u}^* = \vec{a} - i\vec{b}$

proof:

$$A \vec{u} = \lambda \vec{u}$$

$$(A \vec{u})^* = (\lambda \vec{u})^*$$

$$A \vec{u}^* = \lambda^* \vec{u}^*$$

$$A = A^T$$

□

$$\boxed{A \vec{u}^* = \lambda^* \vec{u}^*} \quad \square$$

For a  $2 \times 2$  matrix w/ complex eigenvalues,  
have general solution

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{x}(t) &= C_1 e^{\lambda t} \vec{u} + C_2 e^{\lambda^* t} \vec{u}^* & \lambda &= \alpha + i\beta \\ & & \vec{u} &= \vec{a} + i\vec{b} \\ &= C_1 e^{\alpha t} e^{i\beta t} (\vec{a} + i\vec{b}) + C_2 e^{\alpha t} e^{-i\beta t} (\vec{a} - i\vec{b}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} e^{i\beta t} (\vec{a} + i\vec{b}) &= (\cos \beta t + i \sin \beta t) (\vec{a} + i\vec{b}) \\ &= (\cos(\beta t) \vec{a} - \sin(\beta t) \vec{b}) + i (\sin(\beta t) \vec{a} + \cos(\beta t) \vec{b}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-i\beta t} (\vec{a} - i\vec{b}) &= (\cos(\beta t) - i \sin(\beta t)) (\vec{a} - i\vec{b}) \\ &= (\cos(\beta t) \vec{a} - \sin(\beta t) \vec{b}) - i (\sin(\beta t) \vec{a} + \cos(\beta t) \vec{b}) \end{aligned}$$

Real form of gen. solution

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \vec{x}(t) &= d_1 e^{\alpha t} (\cos(\beta t) \vec{a} - \sin(\beta t) \vec{b}) \\ &\quad + d_2 e^{\alpha t} (\sin(\beta t) \vec{a} + \cos(\beta t) \vec{b}) \end{aligned}$$

Def: A matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is called diagonalizable if there exists an invertible matrix  $P \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  and a diagonal matrix  $D \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  st.

$$\underline{A = P D P^{-1}}$$

$\Leftrightarrow$  A has  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors  $\vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_n$  & eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$

$$\vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_n \text{ \& eigenvectors } \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$$
$$P = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{u}_1 & \dots & \vec{u}_n \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix} \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A\vec{x} = \underbrace{PDP^{-1}}_{\text{}} \vec{x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \vec{x} = A\vec{x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \vec{x} = PDP^{-1}\vec{x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \underbrace{(P^{-1}\vec{x})}_{\vec{y}} = D \underbrace{(P^{-1}\vec{x})}_{\vec{y}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \vec{y} = D\vec{y}$$

Eigenvectors/values of  $A$  in  $\frac{d}{dt} \vec{x} = A\vec{x}$  describe fundamental modes of the system.

They allow us to decompose complicated dynamics into linear superpositions of decoupled (or noninteracting) modes.



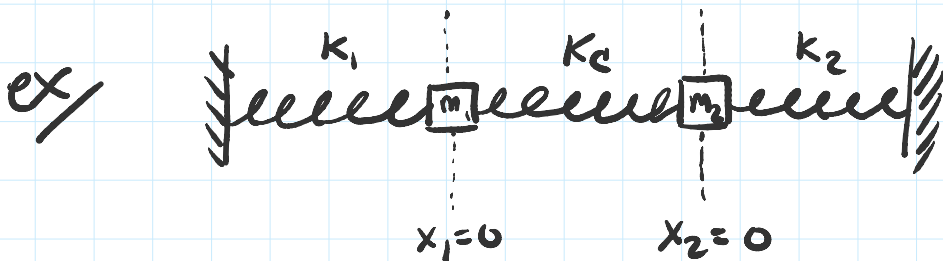
decoupled (or noninteracting) modes.

[Variation of parameters 9.7]

[What if a matrix is not diagonalizable?  
section 9.8 matrix exponential]

$$\frac{d}{dt} x = \lambda x \leftrightarrow x = e^{\lambda t}$$

$$\left[ \frac{d}{dt} \vec{x} = A \vec{x} \leftrightarrow \vec{x} = e^{At} \right]$$



$$m a = F$$

$$m_1 x_1'' = -k_1 x_1 + k_c (x_2 - x_1)$$

$$m_2 x_2'' = -k_2 x_2 - k_c (x_2 - x_1)$$

First-order system of dim 4

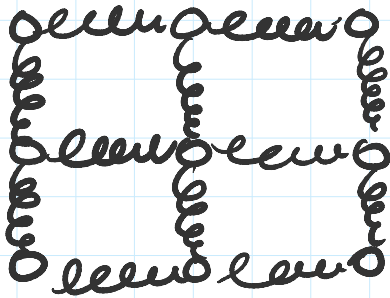
$$v_1 = x_1'$$

$$v_2 = x_2'$$

$$\vec{y}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ v_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ v_2(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ v_1 \\ x_2 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{(k_1+k_c)}{m_1} & 0 & k_c/m_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ k_c/m_2 & 0 & -\frac{(k_2+k_c)}{m_2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_A \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ v_1 \\ x_2 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

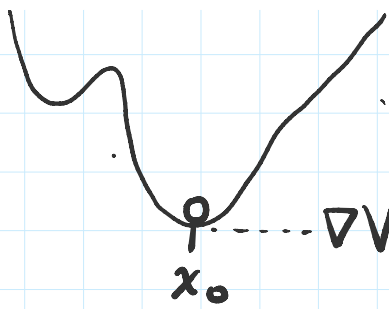
- We use such systems to describe lattices of atoms or molecules where the "springs" are the atomic forces or molecular bonds



- Why does this approximation work?

$$m \ddot{\vec{x}} = -\nabla V(\vec{x}) \quad \nabla V = \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_n} \right)^T$$

$V(x)$



$$\nabla V(\vec{x}_0) = 0$$

$$V(\vec{x}_0 + \Delta \vec{x})$$

$$= V(\vec{x}_0) + \nabla V(\vec{x}_0) \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{x}_0)$$

$$+ \sum_i \frac{1}{2} \partial_i \partial_j V(\vec{x}_0) \cdot (x_i - x_{0i})(x_j - x_{0j}) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^3)$$

In the 1d case, this looks like  $V'(x_0) = 0$  and

$$\Rightarrow V(x_0 + \Delta x) = V(x_0) + \cancel{V'(x_0)} \Delta x + \frac{1}{2} V''(x_0) \Delta x^2 + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x^3)$$

$$\Rightarrow V'(x) = \underbrace{V''(x_0)}_{> 0} (x - x_0) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x)^2$$

> 0 since  $x_0$  is a local min

$$\Rightarrow m x'' = -V'(x) = -\underbrace{V''(x_0)}_{> 0} (x - x_0) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta x)^2$$

> 0 so looks like  
a spring constant

$\Rightarrow$  Newton's law about a local min. in the potential looks like a harmonic oscillator, to first-order.