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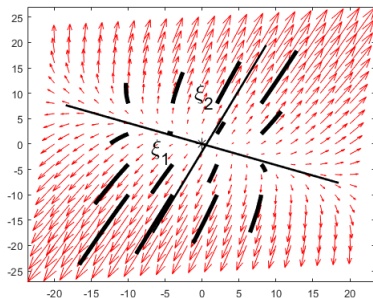


Figure:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 4 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The corresponding eigenvectors are $\xi_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\xi_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$. So the general solution is

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^t + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} e^{-5t} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Solve and sketch:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

For matrix $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ here are the general formulas for its eigenvalues and eigenvectors:

$$\lambda = \frac{\text{Tr}(A)}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\text{Tr}(A)^2 - 4\det(A)}$$

and if $c \neq 0$ (cf. for other cases see notes) then

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$$\mathbf{x}(t) = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} e^{-t} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^t + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ 8 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}.$$

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Consider the system

$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} a & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_1(t) &= \xi_1 e^{(\lambda + i\mu)t} \\
 &= (a + ib)e^{\lambda t}(\cos(\mu t) + i\sin(\mu t)) \\
 &= e^{\lambda t}(a\cos(\mu t) - b\sin(\mu t)) + ie^{\lambda t}(b\cos(\mu t) + a\sin(\mu t)).
 \end{aligned}$$

similarly for x_2 .

$$x = c_1 e^{\lambda t}(a\cos(\mu t) - b\sin(\mu t)) + c_2 e^{\lambda t}(b\cos(\mu t) + a\sin(\mu t))$$

We first compute its eigenvalues: $\lambda^2 - a\lambda + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{a \pm \sqrt{a^2 - 4}}{2}$. So to explore the complex case we assume that $a^2 < 4$.

Let ξ_1, ξ_2 be the corresponding eigenvectors: $\xi_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \xi_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

Solve and sketch:

$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Solve and sketch for the

$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$$

different values of a that give different behaviour:

$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} a & 1 \\ -1 & a \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

We first compute its eigenvalues: $\lambda = a - i, a + i$.

Let ξ_1, ξ_2 be the corresponding eigenvectors:

$$\xi_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \xi_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Repeated eigenvalues

$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$$

Repeated eigenvalues

- 1 We first find the eigenvalues:

$$\lambda = \frac{\text{Tr}(\mathbf{A})}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\text{Tr}(\mathbf{A})^2 - 4 \det(\mathbf{A})} = 2$$

and so we have a repeated eigenvalue.

- 2 Second, we find the corresponding eigenvector:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 - \lambda & -1 \\ 1 & 3 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \implies \boldsymbol{\xi} = \begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- ① Assuming the solution is of the form $\mathbf{x}_2 := \boldsymbol{\xi} e^{\lambda t} \cdot t + \boldsymbol{\eta} e^{\lambda t}$ and plugging into our ODE we obtain:

$$(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}_2) \boldsymbol{\eta} = \boldsymbol{\xi} \implies \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \lambda & -1 \\ 1 & 3 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \eta_1 \\ \eta_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Solving this system gives us:

$$\eta_1 + \eta_2 = -1 \implies \boldsymbol{\eta} = \begin{pmatrix} k \\ -k - 1 \end{pmatrix} = k \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix},$$

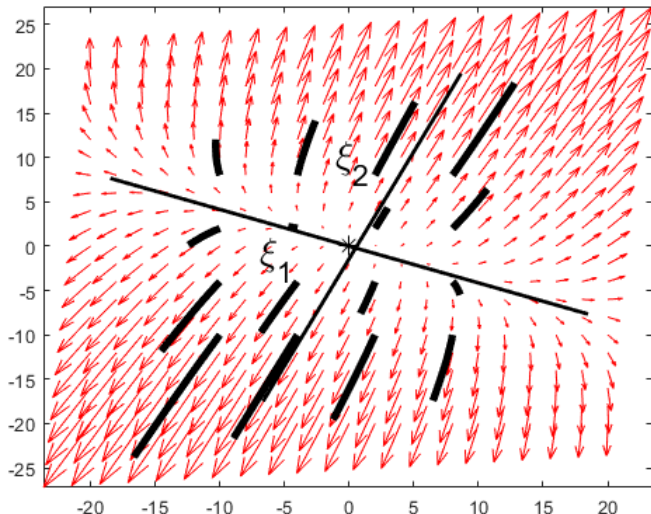
where k is any real number. We can rewrite $\boldsymbol{\eta}$ as:

$$\boldsymbol{\eta} = k \boldsymbol{\xi} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore, the general solution is:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x} &= c_1 \mathbf{x}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{x}_2 \\ &= c_1 e^{2t} \boldsymbol{\xi} + c_2 (\boldsymbol{\xi} e^{2t} \cdot t + \boldsymbol{\eta} e^{2t}) \\ &= c_1 e^{2t} \boldsymbol{\xi} + c_2 \left[\boldsymbol{\xi} e^{2t} \cdot t + \left\{ k \boldsymbol{\xi} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} e^{2t} \right] \\ &= e^{2t} \left[(c_1 + k c_2) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} t + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \right].\end{aligned}$$

The vector $\xi_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ dominates the long term behaviour due to the extra term $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} t$ (provided we do not choose $c_2 = 0$). So we see that, essentially, all solutions are diverging away from the linear span of $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$.



- 1 We first find the repeated eigenvalue λ and its eigenvector ξ . So the first term of the solution will be $\mathbf{x}_1 := \xi e^{\lambda t}$.
- 2 For the second term we make the ansatz

$$\mathbf{x}_2 := \xi e^{\lambda t} \cdot t + \eta e^{\lambda t}.$$

1 Plugging this into our system $\mathbf{x}'(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t)$ we obtain the system:

$$(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}_2)\boldsymbol{\eta} = \boldsymbol{\xi}.$$

2 By determining $\boldsymbol{\eta}$ we obtain:

$$\mathbf{x} = c_1 \mathbf{x}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{x}_2 = c_1 \boldsymbol{\xi} e^{\lambda t} + c_2 (\boldsymbol{\xi} e^{\lambda t} \cdot t + \boldsymbol{\eta} e^{\lambda t}).$$

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