

## Final Review

- 5.3 - Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors
  - know how to find them for a given matrix  $A$ :

① Solve the characteristic equation:

$$|A - \lambda I| = 0$$

to get the e-values

② For each eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$ , solve the system

$$(A - \lambda_i I) \vec{v}_i = \vec{0}$$

to get the corresponding eigenvector(s)

Note: For a repeated e-value, it is possible to get 1 or more corresponding e-vectors!

Note: E-vectors are not unique. Any nonzero multiple of an e-vector is also an e-vector, so if you can multiply to get rid of fractions, you should.

- know the shortcuts: If  $A$  is upper or lower triangular, the e-values appear along the main diagonal.

For  $2 \times 2$  systems, the characteristic equation simplifies to

$$|A - \lambda I| = \lambda^2 - (\text{Tr} A)\lambda + |A| = 0$$

- know how e-stuff applies to DE's of the form  $\vec{x}' = A \vec{x}$

Ex: Find the e-stuff for

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad |A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} -2-\lambda & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda(\lambda+3)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 0, -3$$

\textcircled{2} For  $\lambda_1 = 0$ :

$$(A - 0I)\vec{v}_1 = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} v_1 - v_3 &= 0 \\ v_2 - v_3 &= 0 \\ v_3 &\text{ is free} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{v} = r \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For  $\lambda_2 = -3$ :

$$(A + 3I)\vec{v}_2 = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow v_1 + v_2 + v_3 = 0$$

$v_2$  is free  
 $v_3$  is free

$$\Rightarrow \vec{v} = r \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Practice Problems: #1-16, 19-34

• 5.4 - Coordinates and Diagonalization

- know that "coordinates" means: given a basis  $B = \{\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2, \dots, \vec{b}_n\}$ , the coordinates of a vector  $\vec{v}$  relative to  $B$  are the constants  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n$  in

$$\vec{v} = \beta_1 \vec{b}_1 + \beta_2 \vec{b}_2 + \dots + \beta_n \vec{b}_n.$$

The coordinate vector of  $\vec{v}$  relative to  $B$  is

$$\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_n \end{bmatrix}_B$$

- know how to perform a change of basis: given a basis  $B = \{\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2, \dots, \vec{b}_n\}$ , the change of coordinate matrix is

$$M_B = \left[ \vec{b}_1 \mid \vec{b}_2 \mid \dots \mid \vec{b}_n \right]$$

To express the vector  $\vec{v}$  in the basis  $B$ :

$$\vec{v}_B = M_B^{-1} \vec{v}$$

- know the steps for diagonalizing a matrix A:

① Find the e-values  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  of A, and the corresponding e-vectors  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n$ .

② Construct D:

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2 & \\ 0 & & \dots \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

③ Construct P:

$$P = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c|c} \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 & \dots & \vec{v}_n \end{array} \right]$$

in the same order as the e-values!

To check your work: verify that

$$AP = PD$$

Important note! An  $n \times n$  matrix A is only diagonalizable if A has  $n$  linearly independent e-vectors!

Practice Problems: #1-12, 25-48

• b.1 - Theory of Linear DE Systems

- the  $n \times n$  system  $\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$  must have  $n$  linearly independent solutions  $\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \dots, \vec{x}_n$

- the fundamental matrix is formed by putting  $\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \dots, \vec{x}_n$  as the columns:

$$X(t) = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c} \vec{x}_1(t) & \vec{x}_2(t) & \dots & \vec{x}_n(t) \end{array} \right]$$

Ex: The system

$$\vec{x}'(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}(t)$$

has linearly independent solutions

$$\vec{x}_1(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ e^{3t} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{x}_2(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{2t} \\ e^{2t} \\ e^{2t} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{x}_3(t) = \begin{bmatrix} e^t \\ e^t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

so the fundamental matrix is

$$X(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2e^{2t} & e^t \\ 0 & e^{2t} & e^t \\ e^{3t} & e^{2t} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- the general solution to  $\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$  is

$$\vec{x}(t) = X(t)\vec{c},$$

where  $X(t)$  is the fundamental matrix, and  $\vec{c}$  is a vector of arbitrary constants.

Practice Problems: # 5-8, 17-22

• b.2 - Linear Systems w/ Real Eigen values

- For a 2x2 system  $\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$  with linearly independent e-vectors  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2$ , the general solution is

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

- For a 2x2 system  $\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$  w/ only one e-vector  $\vec{v}$ , first find a generalized e-vector: by solving  $(A - \lambda I)\vec{u} = \vec{v}$

Then the general solution is

$$\vec{x}(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda t} \vec{v} + c_2 e^{\lambda t} (t\vec{v} + \vec{u})$$

Practice Problems: #9-32

6.3 Linear Systems w/ Nonreal E-values

- Nonreal e-values always come in pairs:  
 $\lambda = \alpha \pm i\beta$

the corresponding e-vectors also come in pairs:

$$\vec{v} = \vec{p} \pm i\vec{q}$$

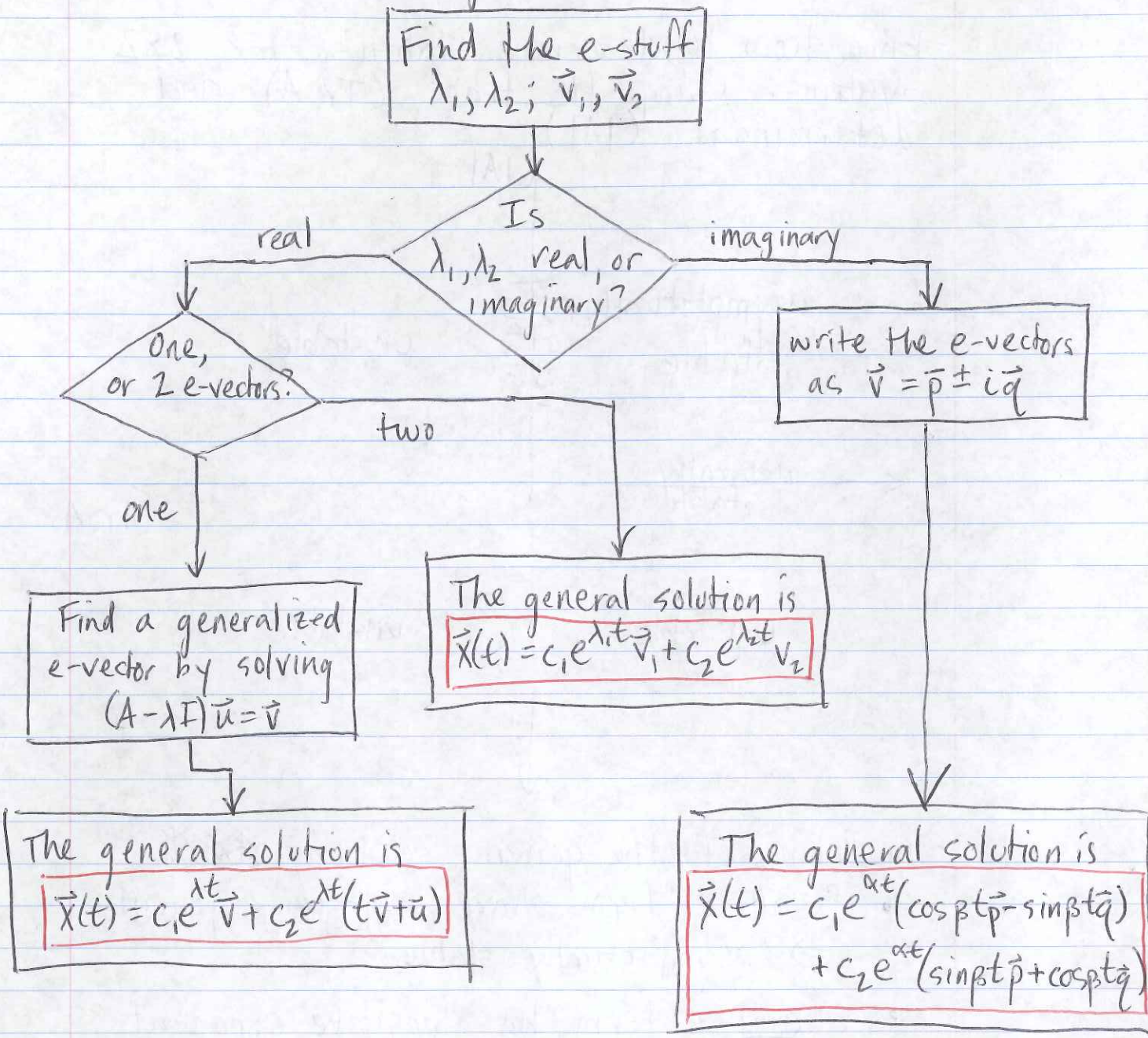
- In the 2x2 case, the solution to  $\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$  is

$$\vec{x}(t) = c_1 e^{\alpha t} (\cos \beta t \vec{p} - \sin \beta t \vec{q}) + c_2 e^{\alpha t} (\sin \beta t \vec{p} + \cos \beta t \vec{q})$$

- Check out the example in the lecture notes from July 24

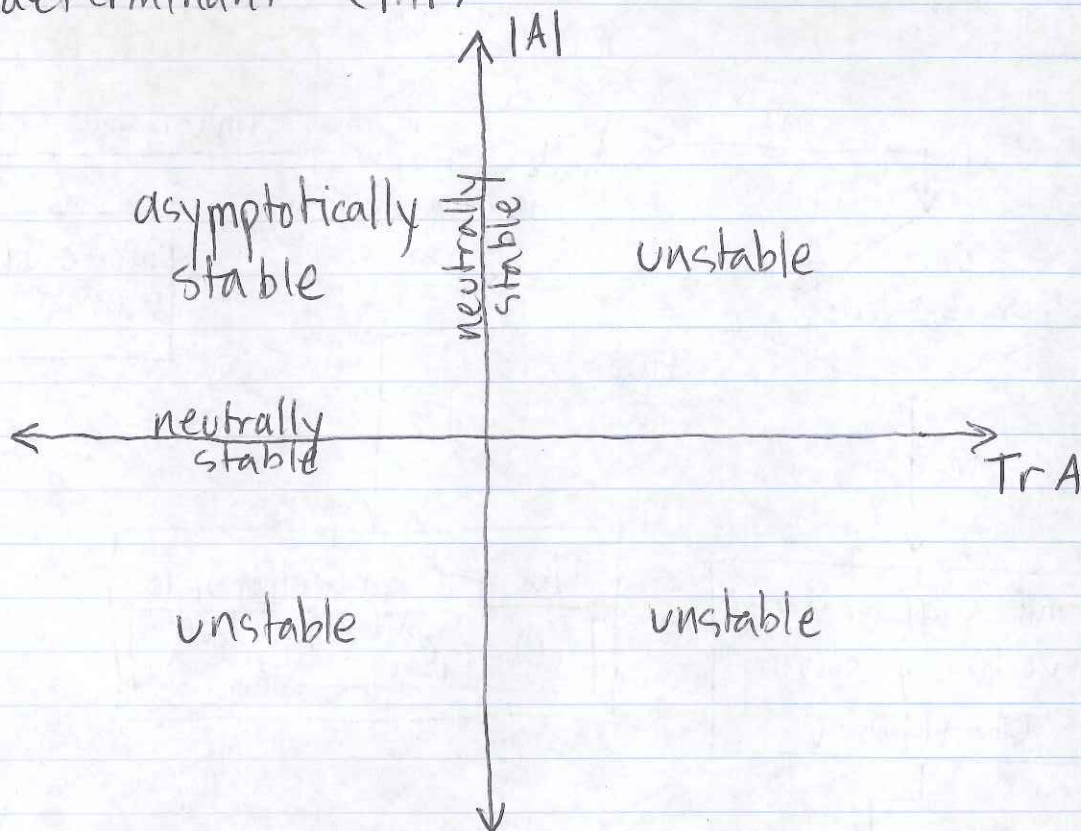
Practice Problems: #1-16

# How to find the general solution to $\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$ (2x2)



## 6.4 Stability and Linear Classification

- know how to determine stability for 2x2 systems: Using the trace ( $\text{Tr } A$ ) and determinant ( $|A|$ )



- in terms of the general solution, ~~with~~
  - if all  $e$  terms have negative exponent  $\Rightarrow$  asymptotically stable
  - if any  $e$  term has positive exponent  $\Rightarrow$  unstable
  - if all  $e$  terms have 0 exponent  $\Rightarrow$  neutrally stable

- know the classification of equilibrium points: spirals, nodes, saddles; etc.