

## MAT274    HW7

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READINGS: §5.2, 5.5, 5.6 OF EDWARDS & PENNEY

1. (10') Note that you **don't** need to completely solve the system in this problem. By calculating the eigenvalues only, prove that all solutions to

$$x'(t) = 2x - 5y, \quad y'(t) = 4x - 2y$$

are  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ -periodic, i.e.

$$x\left(t + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = x(t), \quad y\left(t + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = y(t).$$

Then, sketch a phase portrait on the  $x - y$  plane. The direction of arrows can be determined by studying the signs of  $dx/dt$ ,  $dy/dt$  at sample points, e.g.  $x = 1, y = 0$  and  $x = 0, y = 1$ .

**Solution.** The coef matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ 4 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

has charactersitic equation

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 2 - \lambda & -5 \\ 4 & -2 - \lambda \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$

That is

$$\lambda^2 + 16 = 0$$

and therefore the eigenvalues are purely imaginary

$$\lambda_1 = 4i, \quad \lambda_2 = -4i.$$

Let  $\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_2$  be the associated eigenvectors so that the general solution to the original system is

$$(1) \quad \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix} = e^{4it}\vec{v}_1 + e^{-4it}\vec{v}_2.$$

Note that the only  $t$ -dependence of the solution is via the  $e^{4it}$  and  $e^{-4it}$  terms. Both of them are  $0.5\pi$ -periodic. In fact, by the Euler's formula

$$e^{4it} = \cos(4t) + i \sin(4t), \quad e^{-4it} = \cos(4t) - i \sin(4t)$$

and both  $\cos(4t)$  and  $\sin(4t)$  are  $0.5\pi$ -periodic since, for example,

$$\cos(4(t + 0.5\pi)) = \cos(4t + 2\pi) = \cos(4t).$$

Therefore, for any solution of the form (1) must be  $0.5\pi$ -periodic.

The phase portrait look like concentric ellipses that are elongated and tilted towards the 1st and 3rd quadrants. The direction of the solution curve is counter-clockwise since, for example, at  $x = 1, y = 0$ , we have  $dx/dt = 2$  and  $dy/dt = 4$ . For an ellipse this indicates the direction of the arrows is counterclockwise.

2. (25') Knowing the eigenpairs of the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -2, & 5 \\ 3, & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

are

$$\lambda_1 = -7, \quad \vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2 = 1, \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix},$$

solve the nonhomogeneous system

$$\begin{cases} x'(t) = -2x + 5y + \frac{14}{1 + e^{7t}} \\ y'(t) = 3x - 4y - \frac{14}{1 + e^{7t}} \end{cases}$$

with initial data  $x(0) = 10, y(0) = 6$ . The answer is

$$\begin{cases} x(t) = 2e^{-7t} \ln(1 + e^{7t}) + 10e^t \\ y(t) = -2e^{-7t} \ln(1 + e^{7t}) + 6e^t \end{cases}$$

but you have to show all your work.

**Solution.** Note that the answer given above has typos in the coefficients of  $e^t$ .

They will be re-evaluated below.

First, the fundamental matrix associate with the *homogeneous* system is

$$(2) \quad M(t) = (e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{v}_1, e^{\lambda_2 t} \vec{v}_2) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-7t} & 5e^t \\ -e^{-7t} & 3e^t \end{pmatrix}$$

By variation of parameters, we assume the NONhomogeneous solution is

$$\vec{x}(t) = M(t)\vec{c}(t).$$

Plug into the original system  $\frac{d}{dt}\vec{x}(t) = A\vec{x}(t) + \vec{f}(t)$

$$(3) \quad \frac{d}{dt}(M(t)\vec{c}(t)) = AM(t)\vec{c}(t) + \vec{f}(t).$$

Apply to the LHS the product rule and the fact that any fundamental matrix satisfies the *homogeneous* system  $\frac{d}{dt}M(t) = AM(t)$ ,

$$\frac{d}{dt}(M(t)\vec{c}(t)) = \frac{d}{dt}M\vec{c} + M\frac{d}{dt}\vec{c} = AM\vec{c} + M\frac{d}{dt}\vec{c}.$$

Equate it with the RHS of (3) and cancell out the  $AM\vec{c}$  terms

$$M(t)\frac{d}{dt}\vec{c}(t) = \vec{f}(t)$$

i.e. upon inverting  $M(t)$  and integration

$$(4) \quad \vec{c}(t) = \int M^{-1}(t)\vec{f}(t) dt.$$

Recall the definition of  $M(t)$  in (2) and calculate its inverse

$$\begin{aligned} M^{-1} &= \frac{1}{\det M} \begin{pmatrix} 3e^t & -5e^t \\ e^{-7t} & e^{-7t} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{8e^{-6t}} \begin{pmatrix} 3e^t & -5e^t \\ e^{-7t} & e^{-7t} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \begin{pmatrix} 3e^{7t} & -5e^{7t} \\ e^{-t} & e^{-t} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Plug this into (4) and replace  $\vec{f}(t)$  with the actual nonhomogeneous terms in the original system  $\vec{f} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{14}{1+e^{7t}} \\ -\frac{14}{1+e^{7t}} \end{pmatrix}$ , we arrive at

$$\vec{c}(t) = \int \frac{1}{8} \begin{pmatrix} 3e^{7t} & -5e^{7t} \\ e^{-t} & e^{-t} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{14}{1+e^{7t}} \\ -\frac{14}{1+e^{7t}} \end{pmatrix} dt = \int \begin{pmatrix} \frac{14e^{7t}}{1+e^{7t}} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} dt$$

To evaluate the integral of  $\frac{14}{1+e^{7t}}$ , we use substitution  $u = 1 + e^{7t}$  and thus  $du = 7e^{7t}dt$ ,

$$\int \frac{14}{1+e^{7t}} dt = \int \frac{2}{u} du = 2 \ln |u| + C = 2 \ln(1 + e^{7t}) + C_1.$$

Thus,

$$\vec{c}(t) = \int \begin{pmatrix} \frac{14e^{7t}}{1+e^{7t}} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} dt = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \ln(1 + e^{7t}) + C_1 \\ C_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

All in all, we found the vector  $\vec{c}(t)$  in the assumed form  $\vec{x}(t) = M(t)\vec{c}(t)$ , therefore the general solution is (using (2))

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{x}(t) &= M(t)\vec{c}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-7t} & 5e^t \\ -e^{-7t} & 3e^t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \ln(1 + e^{7t}) + C_1 \\ C_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 2e^{-7t} \ln(1 + e^{7t}) \\ -2e^{-7t} \ln(1 + e^{7t}) \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} e^{-7t} & 5e^t \\ -e^{-7t} & 3e^t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Now, to find constants  $C_1, C_2$ , we plug in the initial condition  $x(0) = 10, y(0) = 6$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \ln 2 \\ -2 \ln 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 10 - 2 \ln 2 \\ 6 + 2 \ln 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -5 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 10 - 2 \ln 2 \\ 6 + 2 \ln 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \ln 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

and the specific solution should be

$$\vec{x}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 2e^{-7t} \ln(1 + e^{7t}) + 10e^t - (2 \ln 2)e^{-7t} \\ -2e^{-7t} \ln(1 + e^{7t}) + 6e^t + (2 \ln 2)e^{-7t} \end{pmatrix}.$$

3. ( $5 \times 5'$ ) Note that in this problem, we intentionally **avoid** any trigonometric functions but instead work with complex numbers directly.

Consider a  $3 \times 3$  system of DE

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ x_3(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ x_3(t) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let  $\vec{x}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ x_3(t) \end{pmatrix}$  be the unknown vector and

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

be the coefficient matrix.

(a) Show that the characteristic equation is

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = -\lambda^2(\lambda + 2) + 16,$$

and then, show that the eigenvalues of  $A$  are  $\lambda_1 = 2$ ,  $\lambda_2 = -2 + 2i$ ,  $\lambda_3 = -2 - 2i$ .

**Solution.**  $\det(A - \lambda I) = \det \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 - \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & -\lambda \end{pmatrix}$ . Use your favorite method

to calculate the determinant of a  $3 \times 3$  matrix.

To verify the solution, we first note that 2 is an obvious root. Then, we only need to verify  $\lambda_2$  is a root since  $\lambda_3$  is its complex conjugate and every coefficients in the characteristic equation  $-\lambda^2(\lambda + 2) + 16 = 0$  is real.

The following calculation may provide some details

$$\lambda_2^2 = (-2 + 2i)^2 = (-2)^2 + 2(-2)(2i) + (2i)^2 = 4 - 8i - 4 = -8i$$

Thus,

$$-\lambda_2^2(\lambda_2 + 2) + 16 = 8i((-2 + 2i) + 2) + 16 = 8i(2i) + 16 = 0.$$

Verified!

(b) If we know the first two associated eigenvectors are

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -i \\ -1+i \end{pmatrix},$$

what is the third one  $\vec{v}_3$ ? No calculation is needed here.

**Solution.**  $\vec{v}_3$  is the complex conjugate of  $\vec{v}_2$ ,

$$\vec{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \\ -1-i \end{pmatrix}$$

(c) Construct a fundamental matrix  $M(t)$  in terms of the information give above and **don't** convert it into real form.

**Solution.**  $M(t) = (e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{v}_1, e^{\lambda_2 t} \vec{v}_2, e^{\lambda_3 t} \vec{v}_3)$ .

(d) Use the same fundamental matrix from above to find a solution fomular for the initial data

$$x(0) = x_0, \quad y(0) = y_0, \quad z(0) = z_0.$$

Again, do not convert it into real form. Use the fact

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2, & 1, & 1, \\ 1, & -i, & i, \\ 2, & -1+i, & -1-i \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.2, & 0.2, & 0.2 \\ 0.3 - 0.1i, & -0.2 + 0.4i, & -0.2 - 0.1i \\ 0.3 + 0.1i, & -0.2 - 0.4i, & -0.2 + 0.1i \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Solution.** The general solution is

$$\vec{x}(t) = M(t)\vec{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 2e^{2t} & e^{(-2+2i)t} & e^{(-2-2i)t} \\ e^{2t} & e^{(-2+2i)t}(-i) & e^{(-2-2i)t}(i) \\ 2e^{2t} & e^{(-2+2i)t}(-1+i) & e^{(-2-2i)t}(-1-i) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \\ C_3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Plug in the initial condition

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \\ z_0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2, & 1, & 1, \\ 1, & -i, & i, \\ 2, & -1+i, & -1-i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \\ C_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

and thus

$$\begin{pmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \\ C_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2, & 1, & 1, \\ 1, & -i, & i, \\ 2, & -1+i, & -1-i \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \\ z_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dots(\text{by the inverse given in the problem}) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0.2, & 0.2, & 0.2 \\ 0.3 - 0.1i, & -0.2 + 0.4i, & -0.2 - 0.1i \\ 0.3 + 0.1i, & -0.2 - 0.4i, & -0.2 + 0.1i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \\ z_0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0.2(x_0 + y_0 + z_0) \\ \text{etc} \\ \text{etc} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

So, the solution, in terms of the initial condition, is

$$(5) \quad \vec{x}(t) = M(t) \begin{pmatrix} 0.2(x_0 + y_0 + z_0) \\ \text{etc} \\ \text{etc} \end{pmatrix} = 0.2(x_0 + y_0 + z_0)e^{2t}\vec{v}_1 + (\text{etc})e^{(-2+2i)t}\vec{v}_2 + (\text{etc})e^{(-2-2i)t}\vec{v}_3$$

(e) Prove that, with the initial data symbolically specified as above, the asymptotic behavior of the solution satisfies

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (\vec{x}(t) - 0.2(x_0 + y_0 + z_0)e^{2t}\vec{v}_1) = 0.$$

Here,  $\vec{v}_1$  is the eigenvector specified in part (3b).

**Solution.** This is obvious if we use (5),

$$\vec{x}(t) - 0.2(x_0 + y_0 + z_0)e^{2t}\vec{v}_1 = (\text{etc})e^{(-2+2i)t}\vec{v}_2 + (\text{etc})e^{(-2-2i)t}\vec{v}_3$$

and since  $\vec{v}_2$  and  $\vec{v}_3$  and the “etc” terms are just constant, the  $e^{(-2+2i)t} = e^{-2t}(\cos 2t + i \sin 2t)$  and  $e^{(-2-2i)t} = e^{-2t}(\cos 2t - i \sin 2t)$  terms both tend to zero as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$  and therefore the RHS above approaches zero as well.