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Lecture - 08
Solution of Linear Systems - II

Hello friend, welcome to this lecture and in this lecture we will continue our discussion of finding n linearly independent solutions of $\dot{x} = Ax$. And we have seen that we can find out n linearly independent solutions provided that we can find n linearly independent eigenvectors of the coefficient matrix A .

And we have one result in this regard that if you have n distinct eigenvalues of the coefficient matrix A then we can find out n linearly independent eigenvectors and with the help of these eigenpairs we can find out the n linearly independent solutions of $\dot{x} = Ax$, and we have seen one example. Now let us; in that example we have considered that if we have say $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$ all are distinct eigenvalues then we have found out the eigenvectors and we have written down the general solution of $\dot{x} = Ax$.

Now we move forward and let us assume that, that if we have say complex eigenvalues then how we can handle the situation.

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Complex roots

Let $\lambda = \alpha + i\beta$ be a complex eigenvalue of A then the corresponding eigenvector $v = v_1 + iv_2$ will also be a complex eigenvector and we will get a complex valued solution $x(t) = e^{\lambda t} v$ of the differential equation

$$\dot{x} = Ax. \quad (9)$$

We need to find two real-valued solutions from the above complex valued solution. For this we have the following lemma:

Lemma 6

Let $x(t) = y(t) + iz(t)$ be a complex valued solution of (9). Then, both $y(t)$ and $z(t)$ are real-valued solutions of (9).

So here let us consider that let $\lambda = \alpha + i\beta$ be a complex eigenvalue of A , right. So if we have a complex eigenvalue it may happen then the corresponding eigenvector let us assume that it is given as $v = v_1 + i v_2$ will also be a complex eigenvector. And in this case we will get a complex-valued solution that is $x(t) = e^{\lambda t} v$ of the differential equation $\dot{x} = Ax$.

But since all these problems are coming from real world problem so we are interested in real-valued solutions also. So from a complex-valued solution we need to find out the real-valued solution. So our idea is to how we can form; how we can find out to real value solution from the above complex-valued solution that is $x(t) = e^{\lambda t} v$ where λ is $\alpha + i\beta$ and v is $v_1 + i v_2$.

So from a complex solution how we can find out to real value solution that is what we wanted to discuss here. So in this we have the following Lemma that let $x(t) = y(t) + iz(t)$ be a complex-valued solution of $\dot{x} = Ax$. Then both the real part and the complex part are real-valued solution of 9. So it means that we have $x(t) = e^{\lambda t} v$ as a solution and since it is a complex solution I can write down this $y(t) + iz(t)$ where $y(t)$ is real part of this $x(t)$ and $z(t)$ is imaginary part of this.

Then this Lemma says that this $y(t)$ and $z(t)$ be two real-valued solution of 9 and we can also prove that they are linearly independent solutions. So first let us prove that these are real value solution for which we simply say that since $x(t)$ is a solution of this so it will satisfy here.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) &= y(t) + i z(t) & \lambda' &= Ax \\
 [y(t) + i z(t)]' &= A [y(t) + i z(t)] \\
 \Rightarrow y'(t) &= Ay(t) \\
 -z'(t) &= Az(t) \\
 \left. \begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re}(x(t)) &= y(t) \\ \operatorname{Im}(x(t)) &= z(t) \end{aligned} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

So let us write down $x(t) = y(t) + i z(t)$ and $x(t)$ is a solution of $\dot{x} = Ax$ so it means that $y'(t) + i z'(t)$ must be equal to A times $y(t) + i z(t)$. And if simplify the real image we separate the real imagery part we have $y'(t) = A y(t)$ and $z'(t) = A z(t)$. So it means that $y(t)$ and $z(t)$ separately satisfy the system $\dot{x} = Ax$, hence we can say that the real part real of x of t and imagery of x of t that is here it is $y(t)$ and hear this is it $z(t)$ will also be a solutions of $\dot{x} = Ax$. Okay.

So once we have this Lemma then we can see that if you have a complex solution then from that complex solution we can obtain two real-valued solution of $\dot{x} = Ax$.

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Example 3
Solve the initial value problem

$$\dot{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} x, \quad x(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (10)$$

Solution Eigenvalues of A can be calculated by characteristic equation $|A - \lambda I| = 0$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0 = (1 - \lambda)(\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 2).$$

Hence eigenvalues are $\lambda_1 = 1$ and $\lambda_{2,3} = 1 \pm i$.

$\lambda_1 = 1$
 $\lambda_2 = 1 + i$
 $\lambda_3 = 1 - i$

$(1 - \lambda) [(1 - \lambda)^2 + 1] = 0$
 $(1 - \lambda) [1 + \lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 1] = 0$

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

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So now let's consider the following example. So solve the initial value problem $\dot{x} = Ax$ where A is given as $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $x(0)$ is $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$. So here let us focus on finding the particular example rather than finding the general solution. Of course you can find out the particular solution after fixing the constant C_1, C_2, C_3 . So let us see how we can find out a particular solution of the system $\dot{x} = Ax$ where $x(0)$ is given as $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

So first thing is we need to find out the eigenvalues and eigenvectors. So let us calculate the eigenvalues here. So you find out characteristic equation, characteristic equation $A - \lambda I =$ determinant of this is $=0$ so $\begin{vmatrix} 0 - \lambda & 1 \\ -1 & 0 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$ so determinant of this is $=0$ so $1 - \lambda$ times you can write down $1 - \lambda$ whole square $+ 1$ and that is all it is $=0$ and you can simplify $1 - \lambda^2 + 1 = 2 - 2\lambda = 0$.

And you can write down this has $1 - \lambda^2 + 2\lambda = 0$. So this is your characteristic equation. And here you can find out one root from this and that is $\lambda = 1$. And you can find out the second root from this that is $\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 2 = 0$. And when you solve this we can get a complex root that is $1 + i$.

So let us denote this as $\lambda_2 = 1 + i$ and $\lambda_3 = 1 - i$. So, because they come in a conjugate pair basically, so now let us find out the eigenvectors. Now it is also obvious here that $1 + i$ and $1 - i$ are all distinct eigenvalues. So here one thing is very much sure that we will get linearly independent eigenvectors. So first let us find out the eigenvectors.

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- For eigenvalue $\lambda_1 = 1$, Let the corresponding eigenvector is $V = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix}$

then $(A - I)V = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$. $\therefore \begin{matrix} -v_3 = 0 \checkmark \\ v_2 = 0 \checkmark \end{matrix}$

which gives $V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and hence a real valued solution of the differential equation (10) corresponding to $\lambda_1 = 1$ is given as $x_1(t) = e^t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

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So for eigenvalue $\lambda_1 = 1$. Let assume the corresponding eigenvector is given by $V_1 \ V_2 \ V_3$ and we can find $V_1 \ V_2 \ V_3$ solving this $A - \lambda_1 I v = 0$. So $\lambda_1 = 1$, so we have $0 \ 0 \ 0$; $0 \ 1 \ -1$; $0 \ 10 \ 0 * V_1 \ V_2 \ V_3 = 0 \ 0 \ 0$. So if you simplify this is = what that $-V_3 = 0$, $V_2 = 0$. So it means that here the $V_1 \ V_2 \ V_3$ then V_2 and V_3 must be 0 so the only possibility left out is that V_1 is arbitrary, so V_1 is arbitrary so let us take V_1 as value 1.

So we can say that $V = 100$ is an eigenvector corresponding to $\lambda_1 = 1$. The corresponding solution is given by $x_1(t) = e^t$ to the power $\lambda_1 t$ that is e^t to the power $t * 1 \ 0 \ 0$. So here one real value solution is obtained by this.

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- For $\lambda = 1 + i$, eigenvector $U = U_1 + iU_2$ can be found by solving the following system of linear equation

$(A - (1 + i)I)U = \begin{pmatrix} -i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -i & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

$$\begin{aligned} (-i)u_1 + 0.u_2 + 0.u_3 &= 0 & \Rightarrow u_1 = 0 \\ 0.u_1 - i.u_2 - u_3 &= 0 & \Rightarrow -iu_2 - u_3 = 0 \\ 0.u_1 + u_2 - iu_3 &= 0 & \Rightarrow u_2 = iu_3 \end{aligned}$$

which gives a complex eigenvector $U = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$. $\therefore U = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ $\begin{matrix} u_2 = i \\ u_3 = -ix_i = 1 \end{matrix}$

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Now second real valued solution we want to find out but here we have a complex root that is $\lambda = 1 + i$. Now eigenvector responding, eigenvector we are writing $u_1 + i u_2$ and the eigenvector we can find out like $(A - \lambda I) \cdot u = 0$. So $(A - (1+i)I)u = 0$ is $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$. So this is what $-u_1 - u_2 = 0$; $-u_1 - u_2 = 0$; $u_2 = -u_1$. So first equation gives you that $u_1 = 0$. And second equation gives you that $-u_2 - u_3 = 0$.

So you can say that u_3 is equal to $-i u_2$ and second and third last equation is that $u_2 = -i u_3$. So you have $u_3 = -i u_2$ and $u_2 = i u_3$. So let us take u_3 as a 1 and you can find out u_2 as i and you can check whether it is satisfying here. So u_3 you are getting as $-i \cdot i$ so that is 1 here, so it means that it is satisfying. So it means that your u is coming out to be $u_1 = 0$, $u_2 = i$ and $u_3 = 1$. So $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is your eigenvector that is u . So u is written as $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ as a eigenvector.

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$\lambda = 1 + i, z = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Thus

$$\tilde{x}(t) = y(t) + iz(t) = e^{(1+i)t} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ i \\ i \end{bmatrix} = e^{(1+i)t} \left[\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + i \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right]$$

is a complex valued solution of (10). Calculation the real and imaginary part of $\tilde{x}(t)$ we have the following two linearly independent solutions of (10):

$y(t) = e^t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\sin t \\ \cos t \end{bmatrix}$ and $z(t) = e^t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \cos t \\ \sin t \end{bmatrix}$.

$y(t) = e^t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\sin t \\ \cos t \end{bmatrix}$ $z(t) = e^t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \cos t \\ \sin t \end{bmatrix}$ $i z(t) = e^t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ i \cos t \\ i \sin t \end{bmatrix}$

So you can find out the solution complex eigenvector complex solution has $y(t) + z(t) = e^{(1+i)t} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ i \\ i \end{bmatrix}$ to the power $1 + i t$ * $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and 1 here. So now we can simplify this. We can simplify as writing here as this is nothing but $\cos t + i \sin t$ and here we have say 0; say $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 0$ say i and this is 0 and from this week and find out the real and imaginary part. We can write down here this as i times here it is 1 only.

Then we can write down the solution real part you can simply say that it is you can simplified is $\cos t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ right, here you will get $-\sin t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$; this is the real part and imaginary part will be

cos of t 01 0 and imagery part is also here it is sin t 001, so it is imagery part. So your y(t) is given as you can write down sorry e to the power t is missing here. So your y(t) is coming out to be e to the power t.

And it is what let me write it here 0 -sin and cos of t so real part is given as e to the power t * 0 -sin t cos t that is written here and z(t) you can find out about t times, what is your solution 0 as cos of t and it is sin t. So your immediate solution is given by z(t) * e to the power t 0 cos t sin t. And you can easily verify that these are linearly independent solutions for that you can simply take t=0 if you take t=0 your y(0) will be what y(0)=0 0 and 1 and z(0) is coming out to be 0 1 and 0 and you can check that these are linearly independent vectors in 3.

So it means that y(t) and z(t) are also linearly independent solution of x dash=Ax. And if you look at here we have not solve for lambda = 1-I because if you solve for lambda = 1-I you will also get the same real and imaginary part. So here in the case of complex root we take one root say among the pairs you take one say one element let us say lambda = 1 + I and with this we try to find out complex solution and then we can find out to real solution given by y(t) and 2(t). So now we have three linearly independent solutions given to us.

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Therefore, the general solution of (10) is given as

$$x(t) = c_1 e^t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\sin t \\ \cos t \end{pmatrix} + c_3 e^t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \cos t \\ \sin t \end{pmatrix} \Big|_{t=0} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Using the initial condition $x(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ we have $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 1$ and solution

$x(t)$ of the initial value problem (10) can be written as

$$x(t) = e^t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \cos t - \sin t \\ \cos t + \sin t \end{pmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 = 1 \\ c_3 = 1 \\ c_2 = 1 \end{cases}$
 $x' = Ax, x(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

So we can write down a general solution has C1 e to the power t * 1 0 0 + C2 e to the power t * 0 -sin t cos t + C3e to the power t 0 cos t sin t., so this is your general solution we can write it like

this. But we want to find out a particular solution it means that we want to find out a solution with satisfy the initial condition given at 0 as $x(0)$ as 111. So now with the help of this we can fix our C_1 and C_2 and C_3 .

So we can fix that let us say that $x(0)$ means that $t=0$ we have it is 111. So if you look at look at this here to C_1 and here we have 0 so $C_1=1$ and if look at the second thing here we have 0 so we cannot get anything here also we will get 0. Here we will get $C_3=1$. And if you look at the third entry that it is zero here it is you will get C_2 and here also you will get. So C_2 is also got. So it means that here C_1 C_2 C_3 all are one and you can find; we can find out the particular solution by putting C_1 C_2 C_3 as 111.

And we can write down the solution has e to the power t is common in everyone, so you can write down e to the power t out so it is 1, so 1 at first place. Second place it is $-\sin t + \cos t$, so $\cos t - \sin t$ and in third place we have $\cos t + \sin t$, so we have this think. So this is the solution of $x' = Ax$ with the initial condition that $x(0)$ is 1 1 1. And we can check that it is actually a solution of this.

Now moving on; so it means that we have discussed the case, when we the roots are distinct. First case was distinct and real and second case when distinct but complex. And we have; we have seen one, one example in each case. Now let us move in the case when we have equal roots. Because in case of distinct root we have the guarantee that the corresponding eigenvectors are linearly independent eigenvectors and we can find out the solutions. But in case of equal roots that theorem will not be applicable.

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Solution of Homogeneous Equations: Equal roots

✓ If the characteristic polynomial of A does not have n distinct roots, then A may or may not have n linearly independent eigenvectors.

Example 4

✓ In this example we consider 3 different matrix A , B and C , each one is having same set of repeated eigenvalues but number of linearly independent eigenvectors are different in each case.

(a) Let $A = I_{3 \times 3} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

$$|A - \lambda I| = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3$$

We can easily check that A has three repeated eigenvalues $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 1$ and hence Theorem 3 is not applicable here.



And we can say that, we can consider the thing that if the characteristic polynomial of a does not have n distinct roots, then A may or may not have n linearly independent eigenvectors. So that we can understand from this following example, so in this example we considered three different matrices say A B and C .

Each one is having same set of eigenvalues of course repeated eigenvalues. But number of linearly independent eigenvectors are different in each case. So let us say with this example we try to see that in case when we have repeated eigenvalues then there is no guarantee at all that it has n linearly independent eigenvectors or not. So let us consider the following example, so first example let us take A as identity matrix say of 3×3 . So we have $1 \ 0 \ 0; 0 \ 1 \ 0; 0 \ 0 \ 1$.

And we can see that A has three repeated eigenvalues we can check that eigenvalues of this we have to write down $A - \lambda I = 0$ so this implies that $\lambda_1 = 1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3$, so we; here we have three repeated eigenvalues that is each is equal to 1. And hence the previous theorem that distinct eigenvalues will give you linearly independent eigenvectors will not be applicable here.

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But still we can find 3 linearly independent eigenvectors of A given as follows:

$$v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } v_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad \lambda_1=1 \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b) Consider now the matrix

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (B-I)v=0 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Here also, we can easily check that B has three repeated eigenvalues

$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 1$ same as before, but this time we can find only 2 linearly

independent eigenvectors given as $u_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, and $u_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

But still in this case we can find out three linearly independent eigenvectors of A given as follows. How we can say, you take $\lambda = 1$ and look at $(A - I)v = 0$ and here we have $0 \ 0 \ 0; 0 \ 0 \ 0; 0 \ 0 \ 0$ and $v_1 \ v_2 \ v_3$. So here we can have 3 linearly independent solutions and it is given as v_1 as $1 \ 0 \ 0$; v_2 as $0 \ 1 \ 0$ and v_3 as $0 \ 0 \ 1$. So in this case do we have repeated eigenvalues, but still we have linearly independent eigenvectors.

And we want three linearly independent eigenvectors and we are getting three linearly independent eigenvectors. Now consider the second matrix. Here in diagonal entries it is all one, only one entry is a non-zero because in our previous case only the diagonal entries are non-zero rest are all 0. But here we have just perturbed our identity matrix and we simply took one non-zero value at this 1 2 place. So B is just a perturbation case of A.

So here also we can check this since it is say upper triangular matrix we can easily check that the eigenvalues are nothing but diagonal entries. So 1 1 1 is also repeated eigenvalues in this case also. In this case also we have repeated eigenvalues and each one is = 1. But here we have only two linearly independent solutions, how we can check; we can simply say $(B - I)v = 0$. Let us solve this and here we have $0 \ 1 \ 0; 0 \ 0 \ 0; 0 \ 0 \ 0$ and here we have $v_1 \ v_2 \ v_3 = 0$. So here we simply say that your v_2 has to be 0.

So this means that condition is V_2 has to be 0 so we have two free variable that is V_1 and V_3 and we can simplify we can find out to linearly independent solution as $1\ 0\ 0$ and $0\ 0\ 1$. So here we have three repeated eigenvalues but in this case rather than having three linearly independent eigenvectors we have only two linearly independent eigenvectors. So here we simply perturbed our identity matrix by at only one position but the result is very say disappointing that here we are not able to get three linearly independent eigenvectors.

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(c) Consider now the matrix

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Here again, we can easily check that C has three repeated eigenvalues $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 1$ same as before, but now we can find only 1 linearly independent eigenvectors given as $w_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$. $b=0, c=0$

Now consider one more case, here we again perturbed our matrix B . And in place of having; in only one place we have changed in B but now here we change the value at two different places that is in diagonal as well as the above diagonal entries are also known non-zero. So here again since it is upper triangular matrix eigenvalues are nothing but the diagonal entries that is $1\ 1\ 1$, so here again three repeated eigenvalues given as $1\ 1\ 1$.

But here if you want to find out say eigenvector corresponding to $\lambda = 1$ then we have $0\ 1\ 0; 0\ 0\ 1; 0\ 0\ 0$ and here we want to find out ABC as $0\ 0\ 0$, so here we condition is $B=0$ and $C=0$. So here, $B=0$ and $C=0$ is fixed so only one eigenvector is possible that is $1\ 0\ 0$. So we have seen that three cases basically. In both the cases having same set of repeated eigenvalues that is $1\ 1\ 1$. All the three are 3×3 matrices.

But in one case, we have three linearly independent eigenvectors in another case we have to linearly independent eigenvectors and in the last case we have only one linearly independent eigenvectors. So here we cannot how we check that we are dealing with which kind of a matrix that is A B or C. So in this case when we have repeated eigenvalues it is quite difficult to find out n linearly independent eigenvectors.

Of course we are not denying that in some cases we may have n linearly independent eigenvectors. But it is quite difficult to check whether our matrix given matrix falling in that particular category.

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So if we consider the following three linear system of equations

$$x' = Ax, x' = Bx \text{ and } x' = Cx,$$

where A, B and C are the matrix defined above in the example (4), then we have, respectively 3, 2 and 1 linearly independent solutions of the form $e^t V$, where $V_{3 \times 1}$ is a constant vector.

So in case of equal roots, we need to have some other method to find the general solution.

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So if we consider the following three linear system of equation that is $x' = Ax$; $x' = Bx$ and $x' = Cx$, where A, B and C are the matrix define in the example 4. Then in this case we have only 3 in the first case, 2 in second case and 1 linearly independent solution of the form $e^t v$, where v is 3×1 is a constant vector. So in first case we have 3 linear independent solution, second case we have 2 linearly independent solution and third case we have one linearly independent solution.

So this means that only in first case we can write down the general solution but in second and third case we may not write down the general solution in this particular situation. So we need to find out the remaining linearly independent solution of this system $x' = Bx$ and $x' = Cx$.

Why? Because we have already have the guarantee that the solution space of $\dot{x} = Bx$ and $\dot{x} = Cx$ has a dimension and so there exist n linearly independent solution.

The only thing is that in this coming situation we may not be able to find out in this particular form that is e to the power $t \cdot v$. So now in case of equal roots we need to have some other method to find out the general method, general solution.

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General solution

Suppose that the $n \times n$ matrix A has only $k < n$ linearly independent eigenvectors. Then, the vector differential equation

$$\dot{x} = Ax. \quad e^{\lambda t} v \quad (11)$$

has only k linearly independent solutions of the form $x(t) = e^{\lambda t} v$, for every constant vector v .

Now we need to find remaining $n - k$ linearly independent solution of (11).


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Suppose that $n \times n$ matrix A has only k which is $\leq < n$ linearly independent eigenvectors. So it means that we have system $\dot{x} = Ax$. But we are able to find out only k linearly independent eigenvectors; we not able to find out the n linearly independent eigenvectors. So it means that some of them must be repeated eigenvalues. So in this case we have only k linearly independent solution given in this in the form of e to the power in the form of e to the power λt and v .

So now; for a given constant vector v . Now we need to find out remaining $n-k$ linearly independent solution of this system $\dot{x} = Ax$.

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Similar to the scalar case we may try $x(t) = e^{At}v$ as a solution. Let the matrix A be an $n \times n$ matrix then the function e^{At} may be defined as the limit of the following series

$$e^{At} = I + At + \frac{A^2 t^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{A^n t^n}{n!} + \dots \quad (12)$$

provided the series of matrices converges.

It can be shown that the infinite series (12) converges uniformly for all t , in fact the following inequality is true

$$\|e^{At}\| \leq e^{\|A\|t}, \text{ for each fixed but arbitrary } t.$$

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- $x' = Ax$
- $x(t) = e^{At}v$
- $x(t) = e^{At} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$
- $x(t) = e^{At} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$
- $\|A\| = \sup \|a_i\|$
- $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{A^i t^i}{i!}$
- $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{A^i t^i}{i!} \leq \frac{\|A\|^n t^n}{n!} = \frac{M_n}{n!}$
- $\sum M_n = e^{-1}$
- $\{S_n\} \rightarrow e^{At}$

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So here we get the idea from the scalar case as we have pointed out that we have $x' = Ax$ then the solution is given as $x(t) = e^{At} * \text{constant}$. So in first case what we try to do here, we take that this C in place of constant value, if we replace this C/A vector it means that $x(t) = e^{At} * v$ then under what condition this will serve as a solution. And we have shown that this will act as a solution provided that this A, v is an eigenpair of A .

So corresponding to system $x' = Ax$, this $x(t) = e^{At}v$ will work has a solution provided that this Av is an eigenpair of matrix A . And we have seen that this will work very fine provided that A has n distinct eigenvalues. Now and in case of repeated eigenvalues we may not have n linearly independent solution. Then our ideas now look at this component, so here we have two component a C and this.

Here in the first case we have generalized the C as eigenvector; C as a vector and we try to work with this kind of a function has a solution. Now in place of this now let us generalize this, in place of these let us try to see what happened; can we define this kind of a solution where $x(t) = e^{At}v$, where v is $n \times 1$ and e^{At} is something similar to e^{At} in scalar case.

Now here how we define this matrix and whether this defined or not, so we may try first of all that $x(t) = e^{At}v$ as a solution and let the matrix AV is $n \times n$ matrix and then the

function e to the power At maybe define as a limit of the following series. Because here we are taking the motivation from the scalar case and we know that in the scalar case our solution e to the power At is nothing but $1 + At + A^2 t^2 / \text{factorial } 2$ and so on. So in case of when this A , small a is replaced by matrix then can we have e to the power At as $I + At + A^2 t^2 / \text{factorial } 2$ and so on.

Can we have similar kind of structure? And if it is, if you have this solution; if we have this kind of structure will it; will it work as a solution of the system $\dot{x} = Ax$. So here we may define this as a limit of this infinite series provided that this infinite series converge. So here first thing we need to work whether this infinite series converge or not. So to show that this infinite series converge or not we use the criteria that is quasi method of criteria, so for that let us consider this S_n as summation $I=1$ to say n this $A^i t^i / \text{factorial } i$, this as a sequence of matrices.

So here this S_n is a sequence of matrices. And if you recall we have discussed the under what condition this S_n will converge to a limit. So here we say that this will converge to a limit which we call this has e to the power At . So first thing we want to show whether this will converge or not.

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$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists n_0 \forall n, m \geq n_0$
 $|x_n - x_m| < \epsilon$
 $\forall n, m \geq n_0$
 $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists n_0 \forall n, m \geq n_0$
 $\|S_n - S_m\| < \epsilon$
 $\{S_n\}$
 $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{A^i t^i}{i!}$
 $\|A+B\| \leq \|A\| + \|B\|$
 $m > n$
 $\|S_n - S_m\| = \left\| \sum_{i=n+1}^m \frac{A^i t^i}{i!} \right\|$
 $\leq \sum_{i=n+1}^m \frac{\|A^i\| t^i}{i!} < \epsilon$

For that, if you look at that we have one result in case of scalar thing that X_n is a sequence where X_n is a sequence of partial sum it will converge provided that it satisfies the quasi criteria that for

every $\epsilon > 0$ they exist n_0 such that modulus of $X_n - X_m$ is $< \epsilon$ for every $n, m >$ or not. If you have this kind of criteria, then the X_n will converge and converge to some limit let us call this S_n . So we are using the similar kind of result for S_n here so $S_n - S_m < \epsilon$ for every $\epsilon > 0$, we need to find out n_0 such, this is true for every $n, m >$ or $= n_0$.

So only thing is that here the modulus is replaced by norm here. Is that okay? So here we want to check that whether this $S_n - S_m$, S_n this sequence S_n of matrices forms a quasi; satisfy a quasi criteria or not. So where S_n is define as summation, let us $I=1$ to n , A to power i t to the power i upon factorial i . This will satisfy the quasi criteria or not.

So if you look at the $S_n - S_m$ let us assume that m is bigger than n . Since m is not equal to n so let us assume one way. So norm of this is equal to norm of summation, here it is $i=n+1$ to m , A to the power $i + i/$ factorial i . Now we want to show that this is ≤ 1 . So here we can use any of the norm and we can simply say that here we using this norm of $A+B$ is \leq norm of A +norm of B . So we are using this summation, so we can write down this as summation $I=n+1$ to m and norm of $A_i t_i$ factorial i , factorial i .

So now this norm of A_i is some number because norm is a function from space to real line. So all these are; so it basically reduces to your sequence of real numbers and we simply say that if this can be made arbitrary small then we are done then S_n is a quasi; satisfy the quasi criteria and we are done. But if you look at this modulus of norm of 3^i this can be further less than this.

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$$\|S_n - S_m\| \leq \sum_{i=n+1}^m \frac{\|A\|^i t^i}{i!} \leq \sum_{i=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{\|A\|^i t^i}{i!} \leq \tau$$

$\{S_n\}$

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$$\|S_n\| = \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{A^i t^i}{i!} \right\| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\|A\|^i t^i}{i!}$$

So we can write it here. Say norm of $S_n - S_m \leq \sum_{i=n+1}^m$. Here we have norm of $A^i t^i$ and factorial i . So here let me take this modulus of t^n . And this can be further, I can write it $i=n+1$ to infinity norm of A^i modulus of t^i upon factorial i . Now if you look at this norm of A is a particular number then this is nothing but the tail of e to the power norm of A , right. So this is the tail of this series e to the power norm of A modulus t .

We already know that for fixed t this is a convergence series, this is for the $\leq e$ power; okay so this is tail of, let me write it here, okay. So here if it is a tail of this convergence series then as tending to infinity this is tending to 0. So it means that as n is very large this can be made arbitrary small, right. So here we are using this fact that S_n is a sequence of matrices which satisfy the quasi criteria.

And hence we can say that S_n will converge to some limit and we call this limit as e to the power At . And not only this we want to show that here if you look at here S_n is basically what, S_n is $\sum_{i=1}^n A^i t^i / i!$. And we can say that this is norm of this is \leq the norm here. t^i is you can write it here $\sum_{i=1}^n$ norm of A^i modulus of t^i upon factorial i , right.

So norm of S_n is less than equal to this; so we can say that this will require later. So first thing we have proved that S_n is a sequence which satisfy the quasi criteria and hence this infinite

series will converge, right. And if this infinite series converge we can define this value as e to the power At . So we define this as e to the power At . So it means at least this term that e to the power At make sense. Now we can also show that this infinite series converges uniformly for all t . So for that we can apply the, (()) (34:39).

And if you look at in this series, what is your n th term, n th term is $A^n t^n$ upon factorial n and which basically say that norm of $A^n t^n$ to the power n upon factorial n is \leq norm of A power n modulus of t to the power n upon factorial n can call this as M_n . We already know that this summation M_n is a convergence series in fact it is a part of it is nothing but e to the power; this is; this can be written as e to the power norm of A or less $t - 1$.

So we can see that this is, this is a convergence series and hence this, hence we can say that this term let us, so it means that this summation $A^n t^n$ upon factorial n is also a convergence series, not only convergence series it is a uniformly convergence series. So we can say that using (()) (35:45) we can say that the convergence of this infinite series to e to the power At is uniform.

And we can also prove the following identity that norm of e to the power At is \leq e to the power norm of At . Here I have taken this particular example norm of A is, you can take the supremum of A_{ij} basically, modulus of A_{ij} , I have taken this. We can take any kind of; and we can prove that norm of e to the power At is \leq e to the power norm of A^*t . So we have shown that this infinite series is converge and converges uniformly to e to the power At . And limit we are defining as e to the power At .

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Since the convergence of the series (12) is uniform and hence series can be differentiated term by term. In particular

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} e^{At} &= A + A^2 t + \dots + \frac{A^{n+1}}{n!} t^n + \dots \\ &= A \left[I + At + \dots + \frac{A^n}{n!} t^n + \dots \right] \\ &= A e^{At}. \end{aligned}$$

That is $e^{At} v$ is a solution of (11) for every constant vector v , since

$$\frac{d}{dt} e^{At} v = A e^{At} v = A(e^{At} v).$$

$A_{n \times n}$
 $e^{At}_{n \times n}$
 $x' = Ax$
 $x(t) = e^{At} v$
 $x' = Ax$

Now since the convergence of this series is uniform and hence we can differentiate this series term by term and we can evaluate d/dt of e to the power At , and it is nothing but $A + A^2 t + \dots$ so on. And if we take out this A common then it is $A \cdot [I + At + \dots]$ and so on and this is nothing but e to the power At . So we can write down d/dt of A to the power At is $A e$ to the power At . So here $A e^{At}$ is $n \times n$ and e to the power At is also $n \times n$ matrices.

So, let us relate this with our system of linear equation $\dot{x} = Ax$. And we say that $e^{At} v$ where v is $n \times 1$ then this will be $n \times 1$ function then we want to show; we claim that $e^{At} v$ is a solution of $\dot{x} = Ax$ for every constant v . So d/dt of $e^{At} v = A e^{At} v$, v is just a constant we can take it out and it is nothing but $A \cdot e^{At} v$. So it means that $x(t) = e^{At} v$ is a solution of $\dot{x} = Ax$, right.

So it means that if we can calculate e^{At} for a given matrix A then we can write down the solution as $e^{At} v$. But this problem of calculating e^{At} is a very difficult problem, because first of all e^{At} is an infinite series as we have pointed out here. It is a very; it is an infinite series and calculating these infinite sum is a quite difficult.

So here we have to find out certain tools by which we can simplify our procedure to sum this infinite series in a finite term. So here, here we want to make note that if somehow we are able to

find out e to the power At then our system our solution given to with the help of e to the power At v .

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Now we want to find n linearly independent vectors v for which the infinite series $e^{At}v$ can be turned down to be a finite series and can be summed exactly. Observe that

$$e^{At}v = e^{(A-\lambda)t}e^{\lambda t}v$$

for any constant λ , as $(A-\lambda)(\lambda) = (\lambda)(A-\lambda)$.

It can be proved that $e^{A+B} = e^A e^B = e^B e^A$, when $AB = BA$. Moreover,

$$e^{\lambda t}v = \left[1 + \lambda t + \frac{\lambda^2 t^2}{2!} + \dots \right]v = \left[1 + \lambda t + \frac{\lambda^2 t^2}{2!} + \dots \right]v = e^{\lambda t}v.$$

Hence $e^{At}v = e^{\lambda t}e^{(A-\lambda)t}v$.

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- $e^{A+B} \neq e^A e^B = e^A e^B$ (circled), $AB=BA$
- $Ae^{Bt} = e^{Bt}A$
- $0 = F'(t) = e^{-(A+B)t} - e^{-(A+B)t} = 0$, $F'(t) = -(A+B)F(t)$, $F(0) = 0$

So now we want to find out n linearly independent vectors v for which this infinite series e to the power At will; can be turn down to finite series. So everything will depend on this vector v . It means that if we have to find out vector v in a way such that e to the power At v is reduced to finite series. So we need to find out this v says for every vector v it is a solution. So in particular if we put some condition on v then also this e to the power At v will be a solution of this.

And we want to choose factor v in a way such that At v is a finite series or it can be reduce in just one few term say 1 term, 2 term and so on. So here we look at e to the power At v as e to the power $A-\lambda$ t * e to the power λ t . So here one thing note down here, that here it may not be true that e to the power $A+B$ need not be true for e to the power A * e to the power B . This is very say common in terms of scalar series but in case of matrix series it may not be true. But it is true in a particular case. When $AB=BA$, right.

So in case of $AB=BA$ this e to the power $A+B$ can be written as e to the A * e to the power B . So this you can try. But in this case when $AB=BA$ you can easily prove that e to the power $A+B = e$ to the power A * e to the power B , I can take, I can give you one hint that let me e to the power

$tA + tB - e$ to the power $tA * e$ to the power tB , you take this as a function say $F(t)$ and so that this $F \text{ dash}(t) = (A+B) F(t)$. Try to show that this $F(t)$ is a solution of $F \text{ dash}(t) = (A+B) * F(t)$.

Here, please observe here e to the power tA if we find out the derivative of this it is $Ae * e$ to the power tA . Please observe here that you cannot write this as e to the power $tA * A$, right. It is not true at all. It may not be true. So here $F \text{ dash}(t) = (A+B) * F(t)$, and you can check that $F(0)$ is simply 0. So if you can show that, that $F(t)$ is a solution of this with initial condition $F(0) = 0$ then $F(t)$ has to be ideally equal to 0. And hence the result, it is true for all t , so in case of particular $240 = 1$ also and we are done.

So here, so far I am not used this condition but while proving that $F(t)$ is a solution of this initial value problem you have to use this $AB = BA$ in fact we have to show; we can show that if A and B then $A * B$ to the power Bt will also commute. So here assuming that you try at least ones, okay. So using this condition that if $AB = BA$ then e to the power $A+B = e$ to the power $A * e$ to the power B , I can write this e to the power $At + v$ as e to the power $A - \lambda I$ t^* e to the power $\lambda I t$ here, $A - \lambda I * \lambda I = \lambda I * A - \lambda I$.

So here we are using this condition. Now I can; so e to the power $At + v$ can be written as e to the power $A - \lambda I t^*$ e to the power $\lambda I tv$. And e to the power $\lambda I tv$ can be written as; we can write down this for e to the power $\lambda I t$ as $I + \lambda I t + 1$ and if you take out this I square is same as I and so on, we can take out this I and we can write down this as, this is e to the power $\lambda I t^*$ $I^* v$ is nothing but v , so we can write down this as e to the power $\lambda I tv$ is nothing but e to the power $\lambda I tv$.

So it means that you can write down e to the power $I tv = e$ to the power $\lambda I t^* A - \lambda I tv$. So here we have this simplification that if we are trying to choose v in a way such that this can be truncated in a finite number of times. So this we will continue in next lecture. Here I will stop. We will discuss this, how to choose v in a next class. Thank you very much.