

ODE 5-3

Goal: • Start applying linear algebra to ODEs

Eg: Calculate a matrix inverse:

Given a matrix A we want A^{-1} s.t.

$$(AA^{-1})v = v. \text{ Arrange this by finding } A^{-1} \text{ s.t. } AA^{-1} = I.$$

reason: if $I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ then $I \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix} = v_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + v_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + v_3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix}$

Solve for columns of A^{-1} using Gaussian elimination

$$A^{-1} = (c_1 | c_2 | c_3) \quad AA^{-1} = I = A(c_1 | c_2 | c_3) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(Ac_1 | Ac_2 | Ac_3) = \dots$$

Solve equations $Ac_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $Ac_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $Ac_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Notational shorthand:

method

$$\left(A \mid \begin{matrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{matrix} \right) \xrightarrow{GE} \left(\begin{matrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{matrix} \mid A^{-1} \right)$$

Eg: Find A^{-1} if $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 \\ 2 & -4 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 3 & 2 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -4 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{r_1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{3}r_1} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -4 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\xrightarrow{r_2 \rightarrow r_2 - r_1, r_3 \rightarrow r_3 - 2r_1} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{10}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -4 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{r_3 \rightarrow r_3 - 2r_1} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{10}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{16}{3} & -\frac{7}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

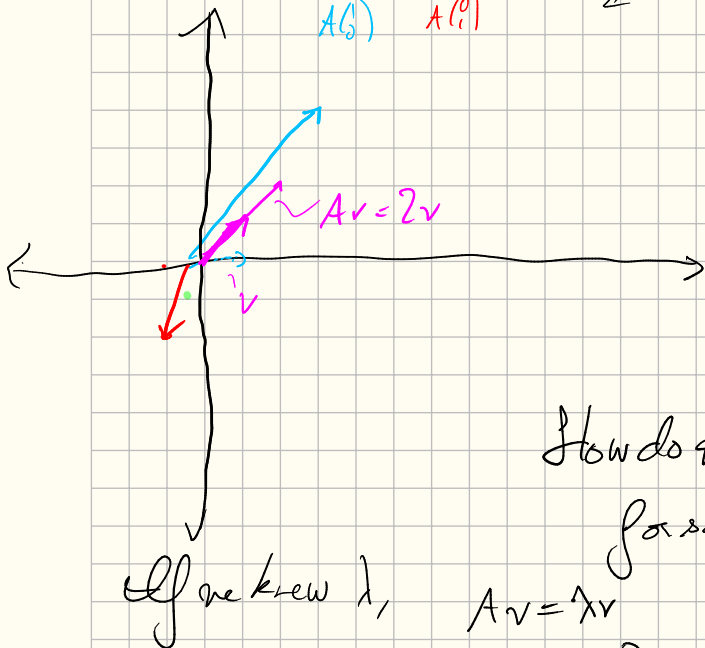
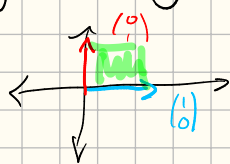
$$\xrightarrow{r_2 \rightarrow \frac{3}{10}r_2} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{10} & -\frac{1}{10} & \frac{3}{10} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{16}{3} & -\frac{7}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{r_1 \rightarrow r_1 - \frac{2}{3}r_2} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & \frac{2}{15} & \frac{2}{15} & -\frac{1}{10} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{10} & -\frac{1}{10} & \frac{3}{10} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{16}{3} & -\frac{7}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\dots} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{18} & \frac{6}{18} & \frac{6}{18} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{18} & \frac{7}{18} & \frac{1}{18} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{2}{18} & -\frac{16}{18} & -\frac{10}{18} \end{array} \right) \quad A^{-1} = \frac{1}{18} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 6 & 6 \\ -3 & 7 & 1 \\ 12 & -16 & -10 \end{pmatrix}$$

ii) Eigenvectors & eigenvalues

Why? Sometimes when we have a matrix it's a simple geometric operation, we're just using the wrong coordinates

eg: $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 4 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$
 $A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad A \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$



What happens to the vector

$$v = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} ?$$

$$Av = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 4 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3-1 \\ 4-2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

How do we find all v s.t. $Av = \lambda v$ for some λ .

If we knew λ ,

$$Av = \lambda v$$

$$Av - \lambda v = 0$$

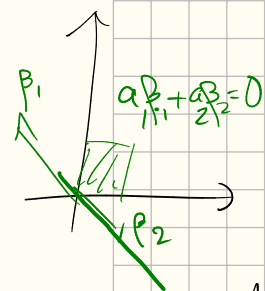
$$(A - \lambda I)v = 0$$

can solve using G.E.

Fact: The equation $Bv = 0$ (B is $n \times n$) has a solution $v \neq 0$ if and only if $\det(B) = 0$.

DJ: (otherwise B^{-1} exists, $v = B^{-1}(0) = 0$) Other direction follows from geometry: write fact that $\det(B) = 0 \Rightarrow$ linear relation between columns

i.e. $\exists a_1, \dots, a_n$ s.t. if $B = \begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ \beta_1 & \dots & \beta_n \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix}$ $\det B = 0$
 $a_1 \beta_1 + \dots + a_n \beta_n = 0$, then $v = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix}$ $Bv = 0$



Conclusion: $Av = \lambda v$ has solutions $v \neq 0$ if and only if $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$

Def: $\det(A - \lambda I)$ is called the characteristic polynomial of A .

DJ: The roots of $\det(A - \lambda I)$ are the eigenvalues λ_i of A .

Def: Eigenvectors ξ_λ with eigenvalue λ are vectors ξ_λ s.t. $A\xi_\lambda = \lambda\xi_\lambda$.

Ex: (iv) Find eigenvectors and eigenvalues of

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 4 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{char. poly.} = \det(A - \lambda I) = \det\left(\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 4 & -2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}\right)$$

$$= \det\begin{pmatrix} 3-\lambda & -1 \\ 4 & -2-\lambda \end{pmatrix} = (3-\lambda)(-2-\lambda) - (-1) \cdot 4$$

$$= -6 + 2\lambda - 3\lambda + \lambda^2 + 4$$

$$= -2 - \lambda + \lambda^2$$

$$= (\lambda - 2)(\lambda + 1)$$

eigenvalues are $2, -1$

Find eigenvectors:

$$\lambda = 2: (A - 2I)\xi_2 = 0$$

$$\left[\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 4 & -2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}\right]\xi_2 = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 4 & -4 \end{pmatrix}\xi_2 = 0$$

$$\xi_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

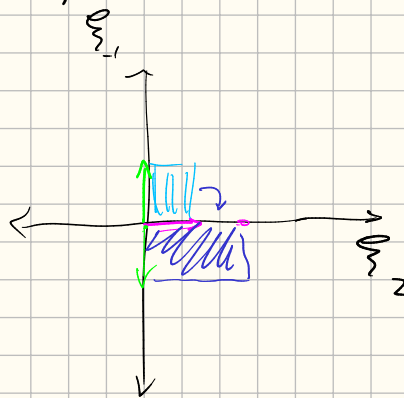
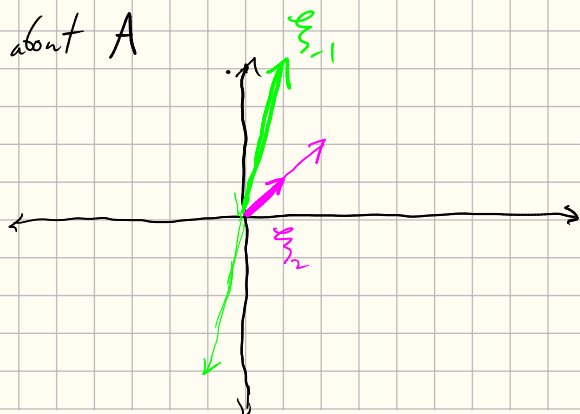
$$\lambda = -1: [A - (-1)I]\xi_{-1} = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3+1 & -1 \\ 4 & -2+1 \end{pmatrix}\xi_{-1} = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ 4 & -1 \end{pmatrix}\xi_{-1} = 0$$

$$\xi_{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Conclusion about A



Ex: Calculate an eigenvalue λ corresponding
eigenvector of $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 \\ 2 & -4 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

char poly: $\det \begin{pmatrix} 3-\lambda & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 4-\lambda & 1 \\ 2 & -4 & -1-\lambda \end{pmatrix} =$

$$(3-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 4-\lambda & 1 \\ -4 & -1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4-\lambda \\ 2 & -4 \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$(3-\lambda)[(4-\lambda)(-1-\lambda)+4] - 2(-1-\lambda-2) + 2(-4-8+2\lambda) =$$

$$-\lambda^3 + (3+4-1)\lambda^2 + (-2+3+4-4+2+4)\lambda + 6$$

$\parallel \lambda$

$$-\lambda^3 + 6\lambda^2 - 11\lambda + 6 = 0$$

$\lambda = 1$ is a root (others using long division)

Find eigenvector ξ_λ by solving

$\lambda = 1$: $(A - I)\xi_\lambda = 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ -2 & -4 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \xi_\lambda = 0 \quad \text{Notice: } \text{col}_1 = \text{col}_3$$

so: $\xi_\lambda = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ since $(A-I)\xi_\lambda = \text{col}_1 - \text{col}_3 = 0$

Why are we doing all of this?

Remark: For linear equations, linear changes of coordinates can drastically simplify your equation. (We can also solve some non-linear equations)

Ex: $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3y-x}{4y-2x}$

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non-linear

\rightsquigarrow becomes a system
of equations

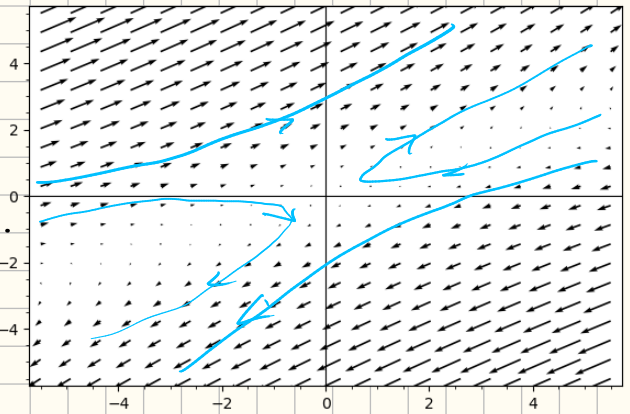
$y = x_1$
 $x = x_2$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx_1}{dt} = 3x_1 - x_2 \\ \frac{dx_2}{dt} = 4x_1 - 2x_2 \end{cases}$$

This is linear, we can write it as a matrix equation

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 4 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

OK $\frac{dx}{dt} = Ax$ $x(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{pmatrix}$



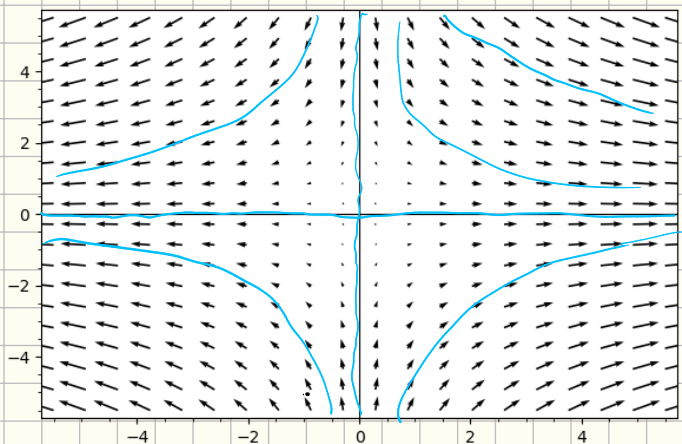
We already know these are the wrong coordinates

Consider a different system:

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} z$$

OK

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dz_1}{dt} = -z_1 \\ \frac{dz_2}{dt} = 2z_2 \end{cases}$$

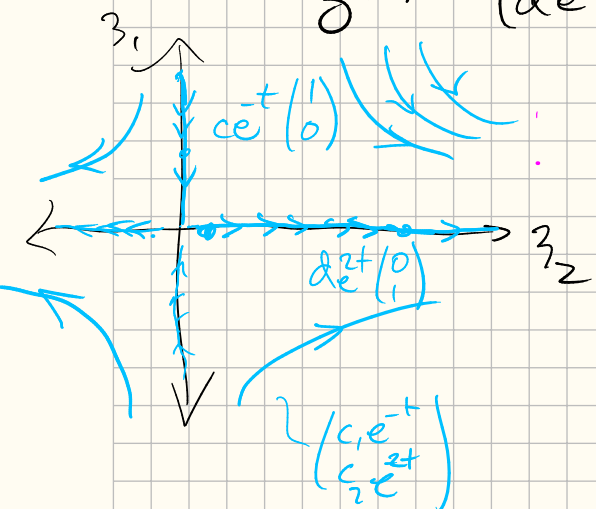


This system is uncoupled z_1 and z_2 evolve independently

Eg: If we set $z_2 = 0$ this has solutions $z_1 = ce^{-t}$ bc $\frac{dz_1}{dt} = -z_1$

as a vector $z(t) = \begin{pmatrix} ce^{-t} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = ce^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Another solution: $z(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ de^{2t} \end{pmatrix} = de^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

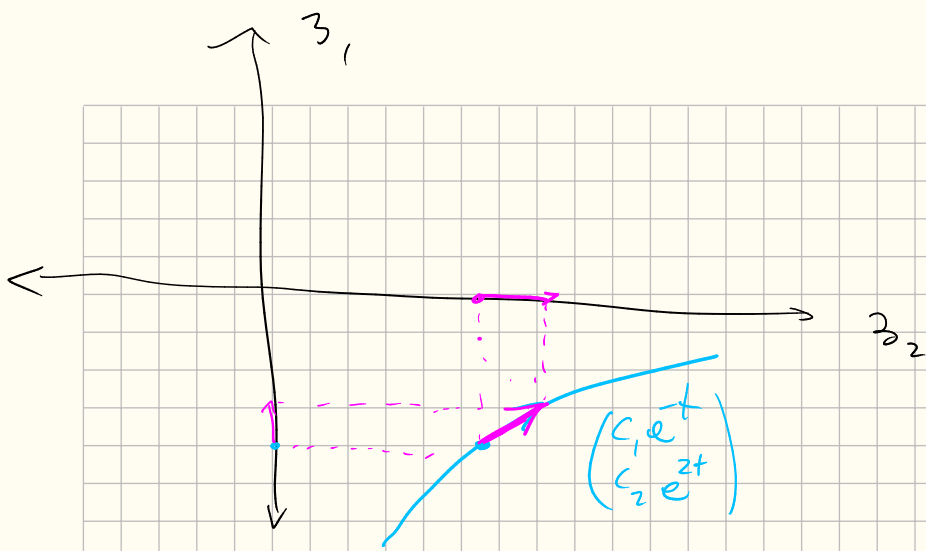


Linearity \Rightarrow Principle of superposition

\Rightarrow We get a solution

$$z(t) = c_1 e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} c_1 e^{-t} \\ c_2 e^{2t} \end{pmatrix}$$



We can determine time evolution of each coordinate z_1 & z_2 independently.

Let's go back to

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

This doesn't appear to be uncoupled at all!

We need both x_1 & x_2 to find the time evolution of $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$.

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx_1}{dt} = 3x_1 - x_2 \\ \frac{dx_2}{dt} = 4x_1 - 2x_2 \end{cases}$$

These two equations are actually the same, after a linear change of coordinates: in the 'coordinates' corresponding to the eigenvectors of A , the system decouples.

Our coordinates z_1 and z_2 are just coefficients of eigenvectors

$$\lambda_1 = -1, \lambda_2 = 2$$

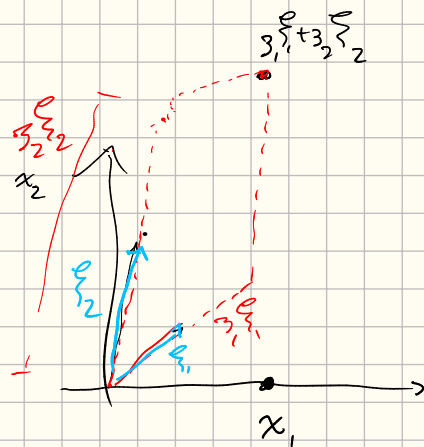
$$\mathbf{e}_{\lambda_1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{e}_{\lambda_2} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Change of coordinates

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{e}_{\lambda_1} & \mathbf{e}_{\lambda_2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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How do we use this?

Our solutions are $z(t) = \begin{pmatrix} z_1(t) \\ z_2(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 e^{-t} \\ c_2 e^{2t} \end{pmatrix}$

But $Pz = x \Rightarrow$ our solutions $x(t)$ are

$$P z(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 e^{-t} \\ c_2 e^{2t} \end{pmatrix}$$

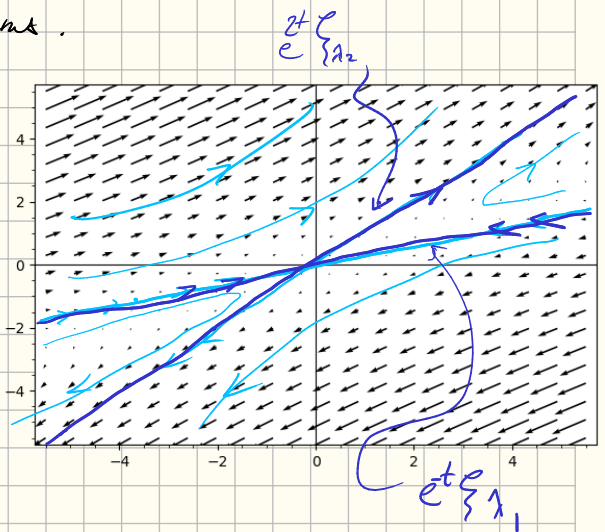
$$x(t) = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 e^{2t} \\ 4c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 e^{2t} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

is the general solution

This is a general method for solving linear systems.

rewrite this:

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= P z(t) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 & \xi_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \\ c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \xi_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \xi_2 \\ &= c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$



Theorem: The linear system (homogeneous linear 1st order system of ODEs) $\frac{dx}{dt} = Ax$ (supposing A has distinct eigenvalues)

has general solution

$$x(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \xi_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \xi_2 + \dots + c_n e^{\lambda_n t} \xi_n$$

where $\{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n\}$ are eigenvalues of A with eigenvectors $\{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n\}$.

Remark: In eigenvector coords., the system decouples.

$$\text{Eg: } \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

Step 1: Eigenvalues

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta - \lambda & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta - \lambda \end{pmatrix} = (\cos \theta - \lambda)^2 + \sin^2 \theta$$

$$= \cos^2 \theta - 2\cos \theta \lambda + \lambda^2 + \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\text{take } \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$= 1 + \lambda^2$$

$$\text{roots } i, -i \dots$$

