

MATB44 Week 8 Notes

1. Review of linear algebra:

a) System of eqns:

- Consider the following:

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2$$

:

$$a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + \dots + a_{nn}x_n = b_n$$

We can write it in matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & & \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

in variable form

Note: All vectors will have a small horizontal line above.

I.e. \bar{x} means that x is a vector.

We wrote the original system of eqns into this form: $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$ where

- A is a matrix of the coefficients

- \bar{x} is a vector of the variables/unknowns.

- \bar{b} is a vector of the answers.

E.g. 1 Convert the following system of eqns to $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$ form.

$$\begin{aligned} 3x_1 + 2x_2 &= 1 \\ 4x_1 - 7x_2 &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

Soln:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 4 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \quad \bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \bar{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 4 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Given a system of equations, we will have 1 of 3 possibilities for the number of solns:
 - No soln
 - Exactly 1 Soln
 - Infinitely many solns
- A system of eqns is called **homogeneous** if all the values in \bar{b} are 0 and **non-homogeneous** if there is at least 1 non-zero value in \bar{b} .
- If we have a homogeneous system of eqns, we are guaranteed to have the **trivial soln** which is $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n = 0$.
I.e. The **trivial soln** occurs when all the values in $\bar{x} = 0$.

- For a homogeneous system of eqn, we will have 1 of 2 possibilities for the number of solns:
 - a) Exactly one soln, the trivial soln
 - b) Infinitely many non-trivial solns in addition to the trivial soln.

- b) The determinant of a matrix:
 - Recall that the determinant only works for square matrices, so assume that all matrices in this section are square matrices, unless otherwise stated.
 - Denoted as $\det(A)$ where A is a square matrix.
 - If $\det(A) = 0$, then A is singular while if $\det(A) \neq 0$, then A is non-singular.
 - Given a system of eqns:
 - a) If A is non-singular, there will be exactly 1 soln to the system.
 - b) If A is singular, there will either be no soln or infinitely many solns to the system.
 - Given a homogeneous system of eqns:
 - a) If A is non-singular, then there will be exactly 1 soln, the trivial soln.
 - b) If A is singular, there will be infinitely many solns.
 - Given a matrix A :
 - a) If A is non-singular, then the vectors in A are linearly independent.
 - b) If A is singular, then the vectors in A are linearly dependent.

- c) Eigenvalues and eigenvectors:
- Denoted as $A\bar{x} = \lambda\bar{x}$ where
 - a) A is a matrix
 - b) \bar{x} is the eigenvector.
 - c) λ is the eigenvalue.

- If we have $A\bar{x} = \lambda\bar{x}$, then

$$\rightarrow A\bar{x} = \lambda I\bar{x} \text{ (where } I \text{ is the identity matrix)}$$

$$\rightarrow A\bar{x} - \lambda I\bar{x} = 0$$

If \bar{x} is non-zero, we can solve for λ using the determinant.

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

Note: $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$ is called the characteristic eqn.

E.g. 2 Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the given matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 \\ -1 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Soln:

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

$$\left| \begin{array}{cc} 2-\lambda & 7 \\ -1 & -6-\lambda \end{array} \right| = 0$$

$$(2-\lambda)(-6-\lambda) - (-1)(7) = 0$$

$$-12 - 2\lambda + 6\lambda + \lambda^2 + 7 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 + 4\lambda - 5 = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$= \frac{-4 \pm 6}{2} \rightarrow \lambda_1 = -5, \lambda_2 = 1$$

Now we will find the eigenvector for each eigenvalue.

$$\lambda_1 = -5$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 - (-5) & 7 & 0 \\ -1 & -6 - (-5) & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{matrix} R_1 \text{ (Row 1)} \\ R_2 \text{ (Row 2)} \end{matrix}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 7 & 7 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{matrix} R_1 \\ R_2 \end{matrix}$$

Divide R_1 by 7 and R_2 by -1.

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{matrix} R_1 \\ R_2 \end{matrix}$$

$$R_2 - R_1$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$x_1 + x_2 = 0 \rightarrow x_1 = -x_2$$

$$\rightarrow x_2 = -x_1$$

$$\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ -x_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Notice that there is an infinite number of solns.

Furthermore, notice that the rows of $A - \lambda I$ are linearly dependent.

These are expected as $A - \lambda I$ is singular.

$$\lambda_2 = 1$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 2-1 & 7 & 0 \\ -1 & -6-1 & 0 \end{array} \right] R_1 \text{ (Row 1)} \\ R_2 \text{ (Row 2)}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 7 & 0 \\ -1 & -7 & 0 \end{array} \right] R_1 \\ R_2$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] R_2 + R_1$$

$$x_1 + 7x_2 = 0 \rightarrow x_1 = -7x_2$$

$$\bar{x}^1 = \begin{bmatrix} -7x_2 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{x}^1 = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ -x_1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{x}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} -7x_2 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

\bar{x}^1 and \bar{x}^2 are linearly dependent.

2. Systems of Linear Eqns With Constant Coefficients:

- Has the form $\bar{x}' = A\bar{x} + \bar{g}$

Note: We say the system is homogeneous if $\bar{g} = \bar{0}$ and non-homogeneous if $\bar{g} \neq \bar{0}$.

- We will focus on homogeneous systems first.

3. Homogeneous Systems:

- Has the form $\bar{x}' = A\bar{x}$

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- Let $\bar{x} = e^{\lambda t} \bar{z}$, where \bar{z} is a vector.

$$\bar{x}' = r e^{\lambda t} \bar{z}$$

$$A\bar{x} = e^{\lambda t} A\bar{z}$$

$$\bar{x}' = A\bar{x}$$

$$r e^{\lambda t} \bar{z} = e^{\lambda t} A\bar{z}$$

$$r\bar{z} = A\bar{z} \quad \leftarrow \text{Eigenvector eqn}$$

$$(A - rI)\bar{z} = 0$$

Note: The system has a non-trivial soln iff $\det(A - rI) = 0$.

- A homogeneous eqn has unique, non-trivial solns iff the $\det(A - rI)$ is 0.
- Since the characteristic eqn will use the quadratic formula, we have 3 cases:
 1. 2 real, distinct eigenvalues
 2. Repeated eigenvalues
 3. Complex eigenvalues

Note: In all cases, we will have 2 eigenvalues and 2 eigenvectors.

Note: Each eigenvalue will have an eigenvector.

Case 1: 2 real, distinct eigenvalues

E.g. 3 Solve $\bar{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \bar{x}$

Soln:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & -2-\lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$= 4 + 4\lambda + \lambda^2 - 1$$

$$= \lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 3 \rightarrow \lambda_1 = -3, \lambda_2 = -1$$

$$(A - \lambda I) \bar{z} = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{Called Eigenvalue Eqn}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 - (-3) & 1 \\ 1 & -2 - (-3) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \leftarrow \text{when } \lambda_1 = -3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$z_1 + z_2 = 0$$

$z_1 + z_2 = 0 \leftarrow$ Recall that if matrix A is non-singular, the rows of A are linearly dependent. Hence, we will always get a redundant term.

$$z_1 = -z_2$$

Let $z_1 = 1 \rightarrow z_2 = -1$
 Eigenvector = $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow$ Call this \bar{z}^1 .

When $\lambda_2 = -1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 - (-1) & 1 \\ 1 & -2 - (-1) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-z_1 + z_2 = 0$$

$z_1 - z_2 = 0 \leftarrow$ Redundant

$$z_1 = z_2$$

$$\text{Let } z_1 = 1 \rightarrow z_2 = 1.$$

Eigenvector = $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow$ Call this \bar{z}^2 .

Note: If you have 2 diff eigenvalues, you have 2 diff, linearly independent eigenvalues.

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{x} &= C_1 e^{r_1 t} \bar{z}_1 + C_2 e^{r_2 t} \bar{z}_2 \\ &= C_1 e^{-3t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + C_2 e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

E.g. 4 Solve $\dot{\bar{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \bar{x}$

Soln:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1-\tau & 1 \\ 4 & 1-\tau \end{bmatrix} \\ = (1-\tau)^2 - (1)(4) \\ = \tau^2 - 2\tau + 1 - 4 \\ = \tau^2 - 2\tau - 3 \\ \tau_1 = 3, \tau_2 = -1$$

When $\tau = 3$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1-\tau & 1 \\ 4 & 1-\tau \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-2z_1 + z_2 = 0$$

$$4z_1 - 2z_2 = 0 \leftarrow \text{Redundant}$$

$$2z_1 = z_2$$

$$\text{Let } z_1 = 1 \rightarrow z_2 = 2$$

$$\bar{z}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \text{Eigenvector}$$

When $r = -1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1-r & 1 \\ 4 & 1-r \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2z_1 + z_2 = 0$$

$$4z_1 + 2z_2 = 0 \leftarrow \text{Redundant}$$

$$2z_1 = -z_2$$

$$\text{Let } z_1 = 1. \rightarrow z_2 = -2.$$

$$\vec{z^2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{x} &= C_1 e^{rt} \vec{z^1} + C_2 e^{r_2 t} \vec{z^2} \\ &= C_1 e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + C_2 e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

E.g. 5 Solve $\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$

Soln:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3-r & -2 \\ 2 & -2-r \end{vmatrix} = (3-r)(-2-r) - (-4) \\ = -6 - 3r + 2r + r^2 + 4 \\ = r^2 - r - 2$$

$$r = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$= \frac{1 \pm 3}{2}$$

$$= 2 \text{ or } -1$$

When $r = 2$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3-r & -2 \\ 2 & -2-r \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$z_1 - 2z_2 = 0$$

$$2 - 4z_2 = 0 \leftarrow \text{Redundant}$$

$$z_1 = 2z_2$$

$$\text{Let } z_1 = 1, z_2 = 2.$$

$$\bar{z^1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

When $r = -1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$4z_1 - 2z_2 = 0$$

$$2z_1 - z_2 = 0 \leftarrow \text{Redundant}$$

$$2z_1 - z_2 = 0$$

$$2z_1 = z_2$$

$$\text{Let } z_1 = 2, z_2 = 1$$

$$\bar{z^2} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{x} &= C_1 e^{r_1 t} \bar{z^1} + C_2 e^{r_2 t} \bar{z^2} \\ &= C_1 e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + C_2 e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Case 2: Repeated Eigenvalues

E.g. 6 Solve $\dot{\bar{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ 4 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \bar{x}$

Soln:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1-\tau & -4 \\ 4 & -7-\tau \end{vmatrix} = (1-\tau)(-7-\tau) + 16$$

$$= -7 - \tau + 7\tau + \tau^2 + 16$$

$$= \tau^2 + 6\tau + 9$$

$$= (\tau+3)^2$$

$$\tau_1 = \tau_2 = -3$$

When $\tau = -3$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1+3 & -4 \\ 4 & -7+3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -4 \\ 4 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$4z_1 - 4z_2 = 0$$

$$z_1 = z_2$$

$$\text{Let } z_1 = 1, z_2 = 1.$$

$$\bar{z}^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

To find \bar{z}^2 , we need a generalized eigenvector.

$$x_1 = e^{-3t} \bar{z}^1$$

$$x_2 = t e^{-3t} \bar{z}^1 + e^{-3t} \bar{p}, \text{ where } \bar{p} \text{ is an unknown vector.}$$

Recall: $(A - \lambda I)\bar{z} = 0$ is called the eigenvector eqn.

$(A - \lambda I)\bar{p} = \bar{z}$ is called the generalized eigenvector eqn.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1+3 & -4 \\ 4 & -7+3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cdot \\ \cdot \end{bmatrix}$$

$$4p_1 - 4p_2 = 1$$

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$$p_1 - p_2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$p_1 = \frac{1}{4} + p_2$$

We can choose a few diff values for p_1 .

$$1. p_1 = 1 \rightarrow p_2 = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$2. p_1 = 0 \rightarrow p_2 = -\frac{1}{4}$$

Note: We can only let $x_i = 0$ if we have a non-homogeneous eqn. If we have a homogeneous eqn, we can't.

See what happens when (1) - (2).

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cdot \\ \frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cdot \\ \cdot \end{bmatrix} = \bar{z}$$

Note: If we get 2 different \bar{p} 's, their difference will be proportional to \bar{z} .

$$\text{Let's use } \bar{p} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix}$$

$\bar{x} = te^{-3t} \bar{z} + e^{-3t} \bar{p}$ is a new soln.

Proof:

$$\bar{x}' = e^{-3t} \bar{z}' - 3te^{-3t} \bar{z} - 3e^{-3t} \bar{p}$$

$$A\bar{x} = A(te^{-3t} \bar{z} + e^{-3t} \bar{p}) \\ = te^{-3t} A\bar{z} + e^{-3t} A\bar{p}$$

Recall that $(A - rI)\bar{z} = 0$ and that $r = -3$.

Hence, $(A - (-3))\bar{z} = 0$

$$\rightarrow A\bar{z} = -3\bar{z}$$

Similarly, recall that $(A - rI)\bar{p} = \bar{z}'$ and that $r = -3$.

Hence, $(A - (-3))\bar{p} = \bar{z}'$

$$\rightarrow A\bar{p} = -3\bar{p} + \bar{z}'$$

Now, we get

$$A\bar{x} = te^{-3t}(-3\bar{z}') + e^{-3t}(-3\bar{p} + \bar{z}') \\ = -3te^{-3t}\bar{z}' - 3\bar{p}e^{-3t} + \bar{z}'e^{-3t} \\ = \bar{x}'$$

Note: You do not need to show this proof on tests/exam/quizzes/ assignments etc.

Note: \bar{z}' and \bar{p} are linearly independent. We can prove this by showing that their determinant $\neq 0$. However, we don't need to prove it and can just state it.

Since \bar{z}' and \bar{p} are linearly indep, we have 2 linearly indep solns.

$$\bar{x} = C_1 e^{-3t} \bar{z}' + C_2 (te^{-3t} \bar{z}' + e^{-3t} \bar{p})$$

Case 3: Complex Eigenvalues

E.g. 7 Solve $\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -5 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$

Soln:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1-\tau & 2 \\ -5 & -1-\tau \end{vmatrix} = (1-\tau)(-1-\tau) + 10 \\ = -1 - \tau + \tau + \tau^2 + 10 \\ = \tau^2 + 9$$

$$\tau^2 + 9 = 0$$

$$\tau^2 = -9$$

$\tau = \pm 3i$ ← Complex eigenvalues

Note: When we have complex eigenvalues, we also have complex eigenvectors.

$$(A - \tau I) \vec{z} = 0$$

When $\tau = 3i$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1-3i & 2 \\ -5 & -1-3i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(1-3i)z_1 + 2z_2 = 0$$

$$-5z_1 + (-1-3i)z_2 = 0 \leftarrow \text{Still redundant}$$

$$\text{Let } z_1 = 1. \quad z_2 = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2}i$$

$$\vec{z} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2}i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} + i \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{x} = e^{3it} \bar{z}$$

$$= (\cos(3t) + i\sin(3t)) \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1/2 \end{bmatrix} + i \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3/2 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$= \cos(3t) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1/2 \end{bmatrix} - \sin(3t) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3/2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{← Real part}$$

$$+ i \left(\cos(3t) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3/2 \end{bmatrix} + \sin(3t) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1/2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \quad \text{← Imaginary part}$$

General Soln:

$$c_1 \left(\cos(3t) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1/2 \end{bmatrix} - \sin(3t) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3/2 \end{bmatrix} \right) +$$

$$c_2 \left(\cos(3t) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3/2 \end{bmatrix} + \sin(3t) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1/2 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$