

LECTURE 29: GENERALIZED COMPLEX EIGENVECTORS...

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We saw last class that complex eigenvectors for $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ come in conjugate pairs. For a 2×2 matrix A with $Av = \lambda v$ where $v = a + ib$ and $\lambda = \alpha + i\beta$ we also have $Av^* = \lambda^* v^*$ and $v^* = a - ib$, $\lambda^* = \alpha - i\beta$. Such a matrix can be

(1.) complex diagonalized by $P = [v | v^*]$
to similarity transform to $P^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda^* \end{bmatrix}$

(2.) transformed to real Jordan form via

$$\gamma = [a | b] \text{ for which } [\gamma]^{-1}A[\gamma] = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ -\beta & \alpha \end{bmatrix}}_{R_2(\alpha + i\beta)}$$

We should discuss how to construct the real solution

to $\frac{dx}{dt} = Ax$ in the case A has $\lambda = \alpha \pm i\beta$ as above.

Last time we calculated $e^{tJ} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos t & \sin t \\ -\sin t & \cos t \end{bmatrix}$

so since e^{tJ} is solution matrix for $\frac{dx}{dt} = Jx$

we should expect sines and cosines. We need the following identity to unravel this problem,

Euler's Identity: $e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$

Then calculate $e^{(\alpha + i\beta)t} = e^{\alpha t + i\beta t}$
 $= e^{\alpha t} e^{i\beta t}$
 $= e^{\alpha t} (\cos \beta t + i \sin \beta t)$

COMPLEX SOLUTION \Rightarrow PAIR OF REAL SOLUTIONS

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$$\text{If } z = x + iy \text{ then } \frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt} + i \frac{dy}{dt}$$

thus whenever $\frac{dz}{dt} = Az$ we find

$$\frac{dx}{dt} + i \frac{dy}{dt} = A(x+iy) = \underline{Ax} + i \underline{Ay}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = Ax \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = Ay$$

Th^m/ If $z = x + iy$ solves $\frac{dz}{dt} = Az$ then both x and y are real solutions of $\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = A\vec{r}$

Consider $Av = \lambda v$ where $\lambda = \alpha + i\beta$ and $v = a + ib$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}(e^{\lambda t} v) &= \lambda e^{\lambda t} v \\ &= e^{\lambda t} \lambda v \\ &= e^{\lambda t} Av \\ &= A(e^{\lambda t} v) \end{aligned}$$

YES, THE CALCULUS STILL WORKS WHEN $\lambda = \alpha + i\beta$

Thus $z = e^{\lambda t} v$ is a complex solⁿ of $\frac{dx}{dt} = Ax$.

$$\begin{aligned} z &= e^{\alpha t} (\cos \beta t + i \sin \beta t) (a + ib) \\ &= e^{\alpha t} \underbrace{(\cos \beta t)a - (\sin \beta t)b}_x + i e^{\alpha t} \underbrace{(\sin \beta t)a + (\cos \beta t)b}_y \end{aligned}$$

Th^m/ If $v = a + ib$ has eig

Th^m/ Given $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ has complex eigenvector $v = a + ib$ with $\lambda = \alpha + i\beta$ the differential eqⁿ $\frac{dx}{dt} = Ax$ has real solutions

$$e^{\alpha t} ((\cos \beta t)a - (\sin \beta t)b) \text{ and } e^{\alpha t} ((\sin \beta t)a + (\cos \beta t)b)$$

[E1] $J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ has $\det(J - \lambda I) = \det \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ -1 & -\lambda \end{bmatrix} = \lambda^2 + 1$

$\lambda_1 = i$ $(J - iI) \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -i & 1 \\ -1 & -i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} -iu + v = 0 \\ v = iu \end{matrix}$

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{a_1} + i \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{b_1}$$

$$\underline{v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix}}$$

We obtain solutions with $\alpha = 0$, $\beta = 1$,

$$e^{0 \cdot t} ((\cos t) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - (\sin t) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}), e^{0 \cdot t} ((\sin t) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + (\cos t) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix})$$

This means the general real solution to

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = Jx \text{ is given by } x = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} \cos t \\ -\sin t \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} \sin t \\ \cos t \end{bmatrix}$$

Remark: this solution also could be found from $e^{tJ} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$ since

$$\text{we calculated } e^{tJ} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos t & \sin t \\ -\sin t & \cos t \end{bmatrix}.$$

(this doesn't have to happen, generally, a similarity transform makes it...)

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Defⁿ/ If $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ has complex eigenvalue $\lambda = \alpha + i\beta$ and there are nonzero vectors (complex) v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k for which $(A - \lambda I)v_1 = 0$ and $(A - \lambda I)v_j = v_{j-1}$ for $j = 2, \dots, k$ then v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k is a k -chain of complex e -vectors and v_j is generalized complex e -vector of order j for each $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$

Notice complex conjugation shows complex k -chains come in conjugate pairs

$$(A - \lambda I)v_j = v_{j-1} \Rightarrow (A - \lambda^* I)v_j^* = v_{j-1}^*$$

Given a 2-chain with $\lambda = \alpha + i\beta$

magic formula for e^{tA} still works for λ complex

$$(A - \lambda I)v_1 = 0, \quad (A - \lambda I)v_2 = v_1$$

$$z_1 = e^{\lambda t} v_1, \quad z_2 = e^{\lambda t} (v_2 + t v_1)$$

we can extract 4 real solutions from this pair of complex solutions.

$\frac{dx}{dt} = Ax$ has general solution, supposing $\lambda = \alpha + i\beta$ and $v_1 = a_1 + i b_1$ and $v_2 = a_2 + i b_2$

$$x = c_1 e^{\alpha t} (\cos \beta t a_1 - \sin \beta t b_1) + c_2 e^{\alpha t} (\sin \beta t a_1 + \cos \beta t b_1) \\ + c_3 e^{\alpha t} (\cos \beta t [a_2 + t a_1] - \sin \beta t [b_2 + t b_1]) \\ + c_4 e^{\alpha t} (\sin \beta t [a_2 + t a_1] + \cos \beta t [b_2 + t b_1])$$

E2 $A \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 4}$ with

$$(A - \lambda I)v_1 = 0$$

$$(A - \lambda I)v_2 = v_1$$

$$(A - \lambda^* I)v_1^* = 0$$

$$(A - \lambda^* I)v_2^* = v_1^*$$

If we use $P = [v_1 | v_2 | v_1^* | v_2^*]$ then

$$P^{-1}AP = J_2(\lambda) \oplus J_2(\lambda^*) = \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} \lambda & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & \lambda^* & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda^* \end{array} \right]$$

However, if we instead use the real matrix $[a_1 | b_1 | a_2 | b_2] = Q$ from $v_1 = a_1 + ib_1, v_2 = a_2 + ib_2$, for $\lambda = \alpha + i\beta$,

$$Q^{-1}AQ = \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} \alpha & \beta & 1 & 0 \\ -\beta & \alpha & 0 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & \alpha & \beta \\ 0 & 0 & -\beta & \alpha \end{array} \right]$$

$R_4(\alpha + i\beta)$

REAL JORDAN
4x4
BLOCK FOR
 $\lambda = \alpha + i\beta$

Th^m/ If $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ then there exists a basis β formed by union of real and complex k -chains (real & imag. parts) for which

$$[\beta]^{-1}A[\beta] = J_1 \oplus J_2 \oplus \dots \oplus J_s$$

and each J_i is either a real Jordan $J_{k_i}(\lambda)$ or $R_{k_i}(\alpha_i + i\beta_i)$

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E3) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ can show $\lambda = 2 \pm i$, $v = \begin{bmatrix} -1+i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

E4) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ can show $\lambda = 2 \pm 3i$, $v = \begin{bmatrix} 1+3i \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

E5) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -8 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ can show $\lambda = 2 \pm 2i$, $v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2-2i \end{bmatrix}$

E6) $A = \begin{bmatrix} -8 & -12 & -6 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 7 & 12 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$