

To compute the eigenvectors, we solve

$$(A - \lambda I) \vec{v} = \vec{0}$$

For  $\lambda_1 = 4$ ,

$$(A - \lambda_1 I) \vec{v} = \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} - 4 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 2 \\ 3 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} -3 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} -3 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow -3v_1 + 2v_2 = 0$$

$$v_1 = \frac{2}{3}v_2$$

take  $v_2 = 3$ ,  $v_1 = 2$

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\therefore \vec{Y}_1(t) = c_1 e^{4t} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

is a solution.

For  $\lambda_2 = -1$ ,

$$(A - \lambda_2 I) \vec{V}_2 = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{V}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{Y}_2(t) = c_2 e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\therefore$  The general solution of the system is

$$\vec{Y}(t) = \vec{Y}_1(t) + \vec{Y}_2(t) = c_1 e^{4t} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Given an initial condition

$$\vec{y}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 e^{4(0)} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{-1(0)} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$1 - 3/2$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 0 & -5/2 & -1/2 \end{array} \right] R_3 - 3R_1$$

$$-5/2 c_2 = -1/2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad c_2 = 1/5$$

$$c_1 + 1/2 c_2 = 1/2$$

$$c_1 = 1/2 - 1/2 c_2 = 1/2 - 1/10 = 4/10 = 2/5$$

$$\therefore \vec{y}(t) = \frac{2}{5} e^{4t} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{5} e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Example! Solve  $y_1'(t) = 2y_1 + y_2$

$$y_2'(t) = y_1 + 2y_2$$

$$\text{Let } \vec{y}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{y}'(t) = \begin{pmatrix} y_1' \\ y_2' \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{y}'(t) = A\vec{y}(t)$$

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

Let  $\lambda$  be an eigenvalue of  $A$ .

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

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

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

$$\lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 3 = 0$$

$$(\lambda-3)(\lambda-1) = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 = 3 \quad \text{or} \quad \lambda_2 = 1$$

Alternatively

$$\lambda^2 - \text{tr}(A)\lambda + \det(A) = 0$$

trace of  $A$ ,  $\text{tr}(A) =$

sum of diagonal entries

$$= 4$$

$$\det(A) = 3$$

$$\lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 3 = 0$$

For  $\lambda_1 = 3$ ,

$$(A - \lambda_1 I) \vec{V}_1 = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} - 3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

take  $v_2 = 1$ ,  $-v_1 + v_2 = 0$   
 $v_1 = v_2 = 1$

$$\vec{V}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

For  $\lambda_2 = 1$ ,

$$(A - \lambda_2 I) \vec{V}_2 = \vec{0}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{V}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\therefore$  The general solution is

$$\vec{Y}(t) = C_1 e^{3t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + C_2 e^t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Repeated Eigenvalues (defective case)

Example: Solve  $\vec{y}'(t) = A\vec{y}(t)$

where  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Compute the eigenvalues and eigenvectors.

For the eigenvalues,

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

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 1 = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 1)^2 = 0$$

$$\lambda = 1 \text{ (twice).}$$

For the eigenvector,

$$(A - \lambda I)\vec{v}_1 = \vec{0}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \vec{Y}_1(t) = C_1 e^t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

QUP.1 How do we get  $\vec{Y}_2(t)$ ?

Guess:

$$\vec{Y}_2(t) = C_2 (\vec{v}_2 + t\vec{v}_1) e^{\lambda t}.$$

How do we get  $\vec{v}_2$ ?

Sub.  $\vec{Y}_2(t)$  into the system.

$$\vec{Y}_2'(t) = A \vec{Y}_2(t)$$

$$\cancel{C_2} \lambda \vec{v}_2 e^{\lambda t} + \cancel{C_2} \vec{v}_1 e^{\lambda t} + \cancel{C_2} \lambda t \vec{v}_1 e^{\lambda t} \\ = A \left[ \cancel{C_2} (\vec{v}_2 + t\vec{v}_1) e^{\lambda t} \right]$$

$$\left( \lambda \vec{v}_2 + \vec{v}_1 + \lambda t \vec{v}_1 \right) \cancel{e^{\lambda t}} = A (\vec{v}_2 + t\vec{v}_1) \cancel{e^{\lambda t}}$$

$$\lambda \vec{v}_2 + \vec{v}_1 = A \vec{v}_2 + t \underbrace{(A \vec{v}_1 - \lambda \vec{v}_1)}_{= \vec{0}}$$

(eigenvalue problem for  $\lambda_1, \vec{v}_1$ )



$$\lambda \vec{v}_2 + \vec{v}_1 = A \vec{v}_2$$

$$A \vec{v}_2 - \lambda \vec{v}_2 = \vec{v}_1$$

$$(A - \lambda I) \vec{v}_2 = \vec{v}_1$$

We can solve this nonhomogeneous system to get  $\vec{v}_2$ .

To get  $\vec{v}_2$ , we solve

$$\left( \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - 1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow u_1 - u_2 = 1$$

$$u_1 = 1 + u_2$$

$$\text{take } u_2 = 0, \Rightarrow u_1 = 1$$

$$\therefore \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{v}_2(t) = c_2 \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right] e^t$$

⇒ the general solution is

$$\vec{v}(t) = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^t + c_2 \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right] e^t$$