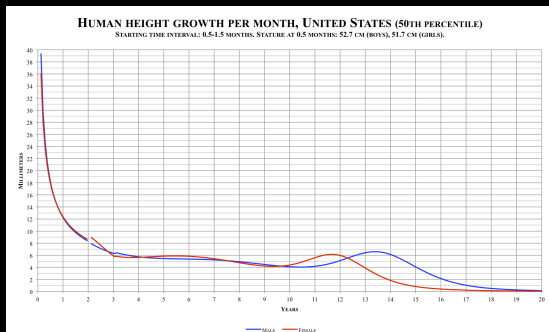


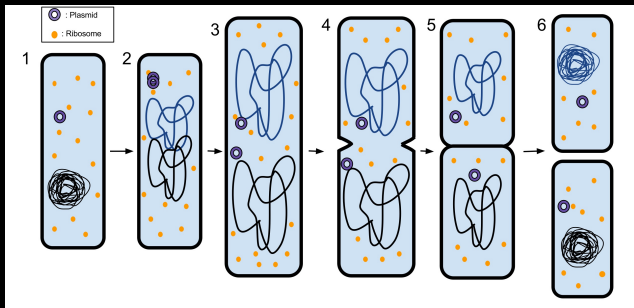
# Solution of LTI State-Space Equations

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# Population dynamics

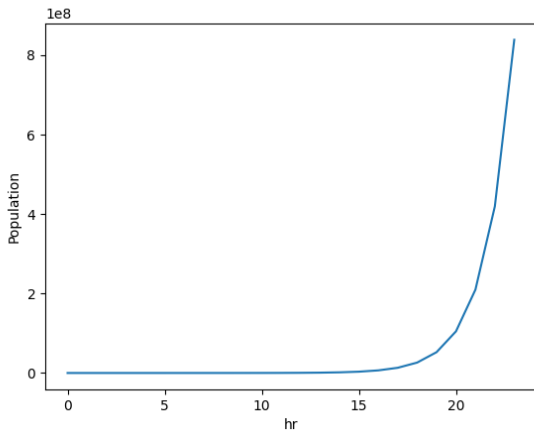
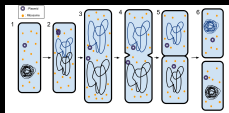


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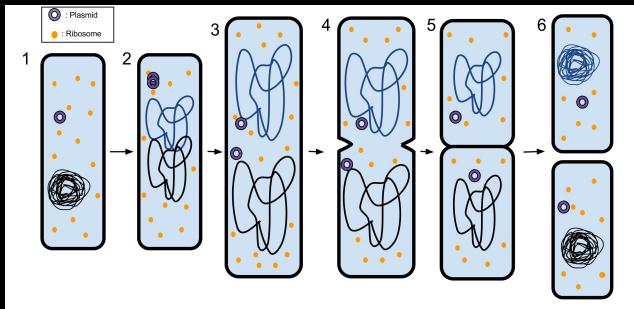
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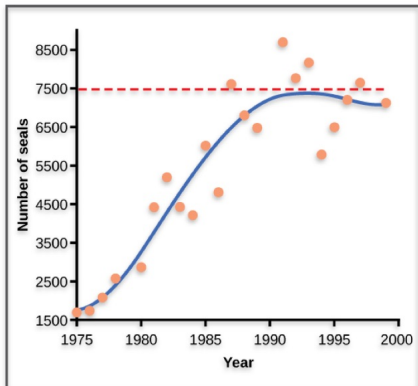
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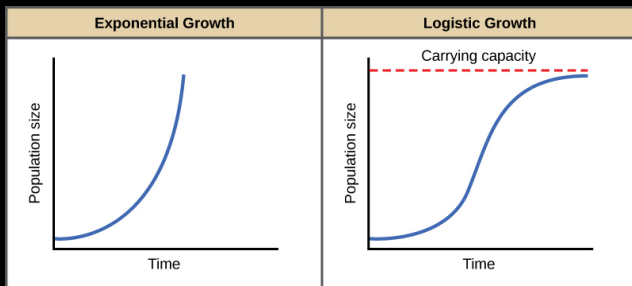
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# The exponential function and population dynamics



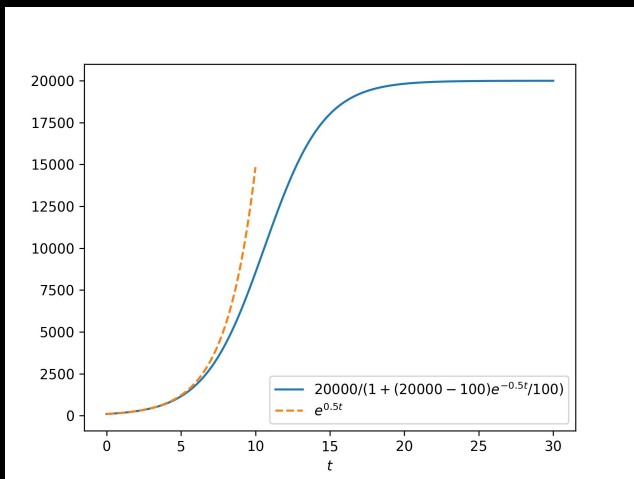
- ▶ more general population dynamics (w/ infinite resources)

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = \overbrace{(\text{birth rate} - \text{death rate})}^r N \Rightarrow N(t) = e^{rt} N(0)$$

- ▶ logistic growth (w/ limited resources in reality)

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = r \frac{K - N}{K} N \Rightarrow N(t) = \frac{KN_0 e^{rt}}{(K - N_0) + N_0 e^{rt}} = \frac{K}{1 + \frac{K - N_0}{N_0} e^{-rt}}$$

# The exponential function and the logistic S curve: example



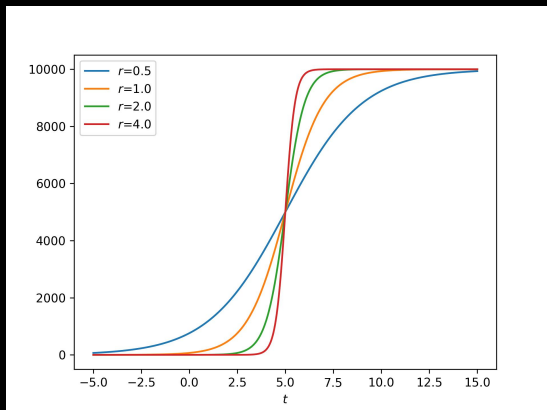
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$$1 + \frac{K - N_0}{N_0} e^{-rt}$$

can also be written as

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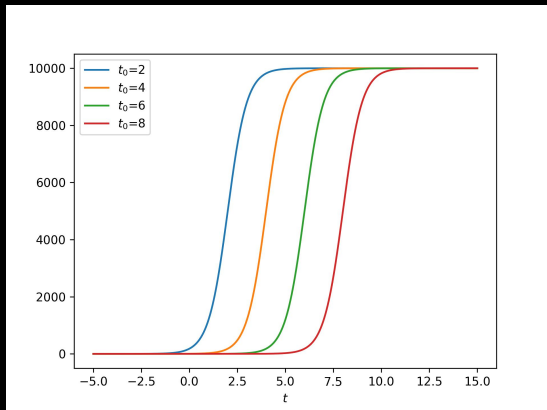
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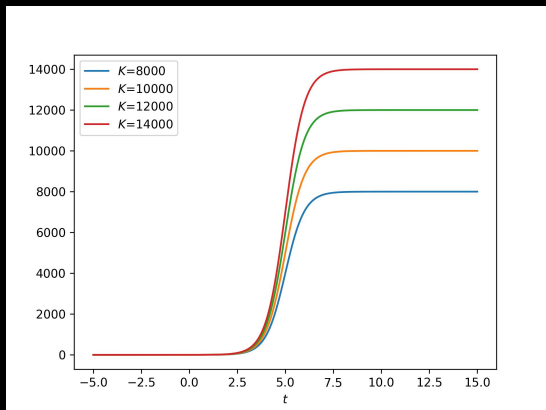
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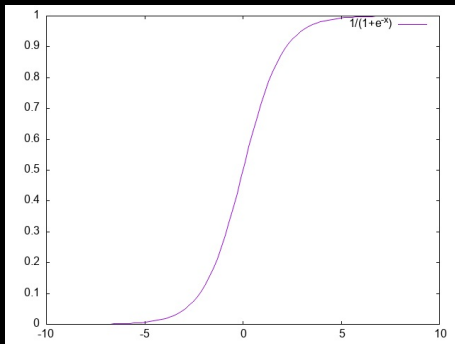
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# The logistic function in deep learning

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$$



- ▶ transforms the input variables into a probability value between 0 and 1
- ▶ represents the likelihood of the dependent variable being 1 or 0

# General LTI continuout-time state equation

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = Ax + Bu$$

$$\Sigma = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} A_{n \times n} & B_{n \times m} \\ \hline C_{n_y \times n} & D_{n_y \times m} \end{array} \right]$$

- ▶ to solve the vector equation  $\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$ , we start with the scalar case when  $x, a, b, u \in \mathbb{R}$ .

# Introduction

The Solution to  $\dot{x} = ax + bu$

- ▶ fundamental property of exponential functions

$$\frac{d}{dt}e^{at} = ae^{at}, \quad \frac{d}{dt}e^{-at} = -ae^{-at}$$

- ▶  $\dot{x}(t) = ax(t) + bu(t)$ ,  $a \neq 0 \stackrel{\because e^{-at} \neq 0}{\implies} e^{-at}\dot{x}(t) - e^{-at}ax(t) = e^{-at}bu(t)$

- ▶ namely,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \{e^{-at}x(t)\} = e^{-at}bu(t) \Leftrightarrow d \{e^{-at}x(t)\} = e^{-at}bu(t) dt$$

$$\implies e^{-at}x(t) = e^{-at_0}x(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t e^{-a\tau}bu(\tau) d\tau$$

The solution to  $\dot{x} = ax + bu$

$$e^{-at}x(t) = e^{-at_0}x(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t e^{-a\tau}bu(\tau) d\tau$$

when  $t_0 = 0$ , we have

$$x(t) = \underbrace{e^{at}x(0)}_{\text{free response}} + \underbrace{\int_0^t e^{a(t-\tau)}bu(\tau) d\tau}_{\text{forced response}}$$

# About $e$

▶  $e = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} = 2.71828\dots$

▶ also  $e = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$

▶ Python demonstration:

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import math
```

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math.e
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for ii in range(10):
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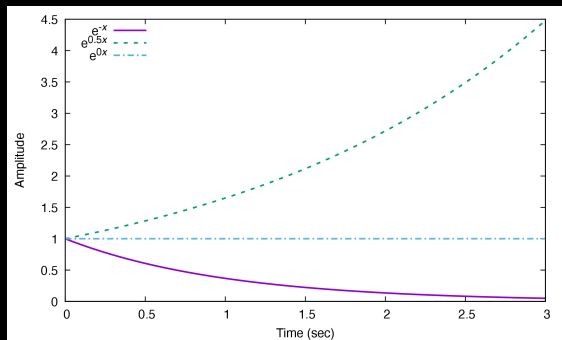
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    print(sum(1/math.factorial(k) for k in range(ii)))
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for ii in range(1,30):
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    print((1+1/ii)**ii)
```

# The solution to $\dot{x} = ax + bu$

Solution concepts of  $e^{at}x(0)$



$$e = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} = 2.71828 \dots$$

$$e^{-1} \approx 37\%$$

$$e^{-2} \approx 14\%$$

$$e^{-3} \approx 5\%$$

$$e^{-4} \approx 2\%$$

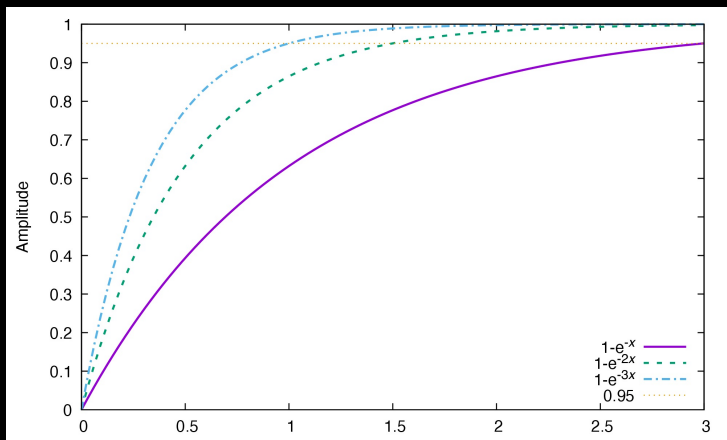
time constant  $\tau \triangleq \frac{1}{|a|}$  when  $a < 0$ : after  $3\tau$ ,  $e^{at}x(0)$ , the transient has approximately converged



# The solution to $\dot{x} = ax + bu$

Unit step response

When  $a < 0$  and  $u(t) = 1(t)$  (the step function), the solution is  $x(t) = \frac{b}{|a|}(1 - e^{at})$ .



# \* Fundamental Theorem of Differential Equations

addresses the question of whether a dynamical system has a unique solution or not.

## Theorem

Consider  $\dot{x} = f(x, t)$ ,  $x(t_0) = x_0$ , with:

- ▶  $f(x, t)$  piecewise continuous in  $t$  (continuous except at finite points of discontinuity)
- ▶  $f(x, t)$  Lipschitz continuous in  $x$  (satisfy the cone constraint:  $\|f(x, t) - f(y, t)\| \leq k(t) \|x - y\|$  where  $k(t)$  is piecewise continuous)

then there exists a unique function of time  $\phi(\cdot) : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  which is continuous almost everywhere and satisfies

- ▶  $\phi(t_0) = x_0$
- ▶  $\dot{\phi}(t) = f(\phi(t), t)$ ,  $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}_+ \setminus D$ , where  $D$  is the set of discontinuity points for  $f$  as a function of  $t$ .

# The solution to $n^{\text{th}}$ -order LTI systems

- ▶ general state-space equation

$$\Sigma : \begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) &= Ax(t) + Bu(t) \\ y(t) &= Cx(t) + Du(t) \end{cases} \quad x(t_0) = x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

- ▶ solution

$$x(t) = \underbrace{e^{A(t-t_0)}x_0}_{\text{free response}} + \underbrace{\int_{t_0}^t e^{A(t-\tau)}Bu(\tau)d\tau}_{\text{forced response}}$$

$$y(t) = Ce^{A(t-t_0)}x_0 + C \int_{t_0}^t e^{A(t-\tau)}Bu(\tau)d\tau + Du(t)$$

- ▶ in both the free and the forced responses, computing  $e^{At}$  is key
- ▶  $e^{A(t-t_0)}$ : called the transition matrix

# The state transition matrix $e^{At}$

scalar case with  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ : Taylor expansion gives

$$e^{at} = 1 + at + \frac{1}{2}(at)^2 + \cdots + \frac{1}{n!}(at)^n + \cdots$$

the transition scalar  $\Phi(t, t_0) = e^{a(t-t_0)}$  satisfies

$$\Phi(t, t) = 1 \quad (\text{transition to itself})$$

$$\Phi(t_3, t_2)\Phi(t_2, t_1) = \Phi(t_3, t_1) \quad (\text{consecutive transition})$$

$$\Phi(t_2, t_1) = \Phi^{-1}(t_1, t_2) \quad (\text{reverse transition})$$

# The state transition matrix $e^{At}$

matrix case with  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ :

$$e^{At} = I_n + At + \frac{1}{2}A^2t^2 + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}A^nt^n + \dots$$

- ▶ as  $I_n$  and  $A^i$  are matrices of dimension  $n \times n$ ,  $e^{At}$  must  $\in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$
- ▶ the transition matrix  $\Phi(t, t_0) = e^{A(t-t_0)}$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} e^{A0} &= I_n & \Phi(t, t) &= I_n \\ e^{At_1} e^{At_2} &= e^{A(t_1+t_2)} & \Phi(t_3, t_2) \Phi(t_2, t_1) &= \Phi(t_3, t_1) \\ e^{-At} &= [e^{At}]^{-1} & \Phi(t_2, t_1) &= \Phi^{-1}(t_1, t_2) \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ note, however, that  $e^{At} e^{Bt} = e^{(A+B)t}$  if and only if  $AB = BA$  (check by using Taylor expansion)

# Computing a structured $e^{At}$ via Taylor expansion

convenient when  $A$  is a diagonal or Jordan matrix

the case with a diagonal matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{bmatrix}$ :

▶  $A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3^2 \end{bmatrix}, \dots, A^n = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^n & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2^n & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3^n \end{bmatrix}$

▶ all matrices on the right side of

$$e^{At} = I + At + \frac{1}{2}A^2t^2 + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}A^nt^n + \dots$$

are easy to compute

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$$\begin{aligned} e^{At} &= I + At + \frac{1}{2}A^2t^2 + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}A^nt^n + \dots \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 t & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 t \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}\lambda_1^2 t^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2}\lambda_2^2 t^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2}\lambda_3^2 t^2 \end{bmatrix} + \dots \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \lambda_1 t + \frac{1}{2}\lambda_1^2 t^2 + \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 + \lambda_2 t + \frac{1}{2}\lambda_2^2 t^2 + \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 + \lambda_3 t + \frac{1}{2}\lambda_3^2 t^2 + \dots \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\lambda_2 t} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{\lambda_3 t} \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

# Computing a structured $e^{At}$ via Taylor expansion

the case with a Jordan matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}$ :

► decompose  $A = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}}_{\lambda I_3} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_N \Rightarrow$

$$e^{At} = e^{(\lambda I_3 t + Nt)}$$

► also,  $(\lambda I_3 t)(Nt) = \lambda Nt^2 = (Nt)(\lambda I_3 t)$  and hence  $e^{(\lambda I_3 t + Nt)} = e^{\lambda I_3 t} e^{Nt}$

► thus

$$\underline{e^{At} = e^{(\lambda I_3 t + Nt)} = e^{\lambda I_3 t} e^{Nt} \because e^{\lambda I_3 t} = e^{\lambda t I} \quad e^{\lambda t I} e^{Nt}}$$



# Computing a structured $e^{At}$ via Taylor expansion

$$A = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}}_{\lambda I_3} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_N \quad e^{At} = e^{\lambda t} e^{Nt}$$

►  $N$  is nilpotent<sup>1</sup>:  $N^3 = N^4 = \dots = 0I_3$ , yielding

$$e^{Nt} = I_3 + Nt + \frac{1}{2}N^2t^2 + \frac{1}{3!}N^3t^3 + \dots = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t & \frac{t^2}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & t \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

► thus

$$e^{At} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda t} & te^{\lambda t} & \frac{t^2}{2}e^{\lambda t} \\ 0 & e^{\lambda t} & te^{\lambda t} \\ 0 & 0 & e^{\lambda t} \end{bmatrix}$$

<sup>1</sup>“nil” ~ zero; “potent” ~ taking powers.

# Computing a structured $e^{At}$ via Taylor expansion

Example (mass moving on a straight line with zero friction and no external force)

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_A \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$x(t) = e^{At}x(0)$  where

$$e^{At} = I + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} t + \frac{1}{2!} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}} t^2 + \dots = \underline{\underline{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & t \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}}.$$

# Computing low-order $e^{At}$ via column solutions

an intuition of the matrix entries in  $e^{At}$ : consider:

$$\dot{x} = Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} x, \quad x(0) = x_0$$

$$x(t) = e^{At}x(0) = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} \underbrace{\text{1st column}}_{a_1(t)} & \underbrace{\text{2nd column}}_{a_2(t)} \end{array} \right] \begin{bmatrix} x_1(0) \\ x_2(0) \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

$$= a_1(t)x_1(0) + a_2(t)x_2(0) \quad (2)$$

observation

$$x(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow x(t) = a_1(t),$$

$$x(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow x(t) = a_2(t).$$

# Computing low-order $e^{At}$ via column solutions

$$\dot{x} = Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} x, \quad x(0) = x_0$$

hence, we can obtain  $e^{At}$  from:

► write out  $\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1(t) = x_2(t) \\ \dot{x}_2(t) = -x_2(t) \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1(t) = e^{0t}x_1(0) + \int_0^t e^{0(t-\tau)}x_2(\tau)d\tau \\ x_2(t) = e^{-t}x_2(0) \end{cases}$

► let  $x(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $\begin{cases} x_1(t) \equiv 1 \\ x_2(t) \equiv 0 \end{cases}$ , namely  $x(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

► let  $x(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $x_2(t) = e^{-t}$  and  $x_1(t) = 1 - e^{-t}$ , or more

compactly,  $x(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - e^{-t} \\ e^{-t} \end{bmatrix}$

► using (1), write out directly  $e^{At} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 - e^{-t} \\ 0 & e^{-t} \end{bmatrix}$

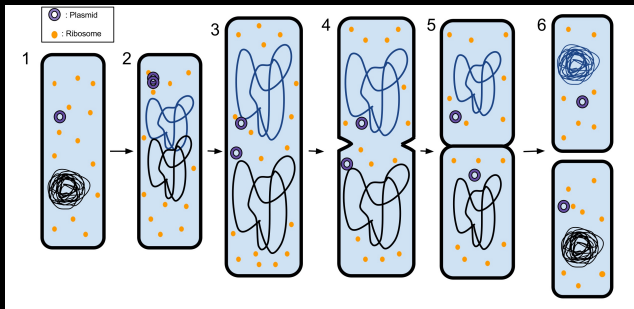
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Exercise

Compute  $e^{At}$  where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

# Recall: population dynamics



prokaryotic fission

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- ▶ after 1 day:

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- ▶ or:  $N(k+1) = 2N(k) \Rightarrow N(k) = 2^k N(0)$

# Discrete-time LTI case

discrete-time system:

$$x(k+1) = Ax(k) + Bu(k), \quad x(0) = x_0,$$

iteration of the state-space equation gives:

$$x(k) = A^{k-k_0}x(k_0) + [A^{k-k_0-1}B, A^{k-k_0-2}B, \dots, B] \begin{bmatrix} u(k_0) \\ u(k_0+1) \\ \vdots \\ u(k-1) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x(k) = \underbrace{A^{k-k_0}x(k_0)}_{\text{free response}} + \underbrace{\sum_{j=k_0}^{k-1} A^{k-1-j}Bu(j)}_{\text{forced response}}$$

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$\Phi(k, j) = A^{k-j}$ : the transition matrix:

$$\Phi(k, k) = 1$$

$$\Phi(k_3, k_2) \Phi(k_2, k_1) = \Phi(k_3, k_1) \quad k_3 \geq k_2 \geq k_1$$

$$\Phi(k_2, k_1) = \Phi^{-1}(k_1, k_2) \quad \text{if and only if } A \text{ is nonsingular}$$



# The state transition matrix $A^k$

similar to the continuous-time case, when  $A$  is a diagonal or Jordan matrix,  $A^k$  is easy

▶ diagonal matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{bmatrix} : A^k = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^k & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2^k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3^k \end{bmatrix}$

# Computing a structured $A^k$ via Taylor expansion

► Jordan canonical form

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}}_{\lambda I_3} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_N :$$

$$A^k = (\lambda I_3 + N)^k$$

$$= (\lambda I_3)^k + k (\lambda I_3)^{k-1} N + \underbrace{\binom{k}{2} (\lambda I_3)^{k-2} N^2}_{\text{2 combination}} + \underbrace{\binom{k}{3} (\lambda I_3)^{k-3} N^3 + \dots}_{N^3=N^4=\dots=0 I_3}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \lambda^k & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda^k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda^k \end{bmatrix} + k \lambda^{k-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{k(k-1)}{2} \lambda^{k-2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \lambda^k & k\lambda^{k-1} & \frac{1}{2!} k(k-1)\lambda^{k-2} \\ 0 & \lambda^k & k\lambda^{k-1} \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda^k \end{bmatrix}$$

# Computing a structured $A^k$ via Taylor expansion

## Exercise

Recall that  $\binom{k}{3} = \frac{1}{3!}k(k-1)(k-2)$ . Show

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\Rightarrow A^k = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda^k & k\lambda^{k-1} & \frac{1}{2!}k(k-1)\lambda^{k-2} & \frac{1}{3!}k(k-1)(k-2)\lambda^{k-3} \\ 0 & \lambda^k & k\lambda^{k-1} & \frac{1}{2!}k(k-1)\lambda^{k-2} \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda^k & k\lambda^{k-1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda^k \end{bmatrix}$$

## 1. Introduction

## 2. State-space solution formula

### Continuous-time case

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## 3. Explicit computation of the state transition matrix $e^{At}$

## 4. Explicit Computation of the State Transition Matrix $A^k$

## 5. Transition Matrix via Inverse Transformation

# Explicit computation of a general $e^{At}$

- ▶ why another method: general matrices may not be diagonal or Jordan
- ▶ approach: transform a general matrix to a diagonal or Jordan form, via similarity transformation

# Computing $e^{At}$ via similarity transformation

principle concept:

▶ given

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t), \quad x(t_0) = x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

▶ find a nonsingular  $T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  such that a coordinate transformation defined by  $x(t) = Tx^*(t)$  yields

$$\frac{d}{dt} (Tx^*(t)) = ATx^*(t) + Bu(t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} x^*(t) = \underbrace{T^{-1}AT}_{\triangleq \Lambda: \text{diagonal or Jordan}} x^*(t) + \underbrace{T^{-1}B}_{B^*} u(t)$$

$$x^*(0) = T^{-1}x_0$$

# Computing $e^{At}$ via similarity transformation

- ▶ when  $u(t) = 0$

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) \xrightarrow{x=Tx^*} \frac{d}{dt}x^*(t) = \underbrace{T^{-1}AT}_{\triangleq \Lambda: \text{diagonal or Jordan}} x^*(t)$$

- ▶ now  $x^*(t)$  can be solved easily: e.g., if  $\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$ , then

$$x^*(t) = e^{\Lambda t} x^*(0) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\lambda_2 t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1^*(0) \\ x_2^*(0) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} x_1^*(0) \\ e^{\lambda_2 t} x_2^*(0) \end{bmatrix}.$$

- ▶  $x(t) = Tx^*(t)$  then yields

$$x(t) = Te^{\Lambda t} x^*(0) = Te^{\Lambda t} T^{-1} x_0$$

- ▶ on the other hand,  $x(t) = e^{At} x_0 \Rightarrow$

$$e^{At} = Te^{\Lambda t} T^{-1}$$

# Similarity transformation

- ▶ existence of solutions:  $T$  comes from the theory of eigenvalues and eigenvectors in linear algebra
- ▶ if  $A$  and  $B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  are similar:  $A = TBT^{-1}$ ,  $T \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ , then
  - ▶ their  $A^n$  and  $B^n$  are also similar: e.g.,

$$A^2 = TBT^{-1}TBT^{-1} = TB^2T^{-1}$$

- ▶ their exponential matrices are also similar

$$e^{At} = Te^{Bt}T^{-1}$$

as

$$\begin{aligned} Te^{Bt}T^{-1} &= T(I_n + Bt + \frac{1}{2}B^2t^2 + \dots)T^{-1} \\ &= TI_nT^{-1} + TBtT^{-1} + \frac{1}{2}TB^2t^2T^{-1} + \dots \\ &= I + At + \frac{1}{2}A^2t^2 + \dots = e^{At} \end{aligned}$$



# Similarity transformation

- ▶ for  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , an eigenvalue  $\lambda \in \mathcal{C}$  of  $A$  is the solution to the characteristic equation

$$\boxed{\det(A - \lambda I) = 0} \quad (3)$$

- ▶ the corresponding eigenvectors are the nonzero solutions to

$$At = \lambda t \Leftrightarrow (A - \lambda I)t = 0 \quad (4)$$

# Similarity transformation

The case with distinct eigenvalues (diagonalization)

recall: when  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  has  $n$  distinct eigenvalues such that

$$Ax_1 = \lambda_1 x_1$$

$$\vdots$$

$$Ax_n = \lambda_n x_n$$

or equivalently

$$A \underbrace{[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]}_{\triangleq T} = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}}_{\Lambda}$$

$[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$  is square and invertible. Hence

$$A = T\Lambda T^{-1}, \Lambda = T^{-1}AT$$

## Example (Mechanical system with strong damping)

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}}_A \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- ▶ find eigenvalues:  $\det(A - \lambda I) = \det \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ -2 & -\lambda - 3 \end{bmatrix} = (\lambda + 2)(\lambda + 1) \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = -2, \lambda_2 = -1$

- ▶ find associate eigenvectors:

- ▶  $\lambda_1 = -2$ :  $(A - \lambda_1 I) t_1 = 0 \Rightarrow t_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$

- ▶  $\lambda_2 = -1$ :  $(A - \lambda_2 I) t_2 = 0 \Rightarrow t_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

- ▶ define  $T$  and  $\Lambda$ :  $T = [ t_1 \ t_2 ] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix},$

$$\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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►  $T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

► compute  $T^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

► compute  $e^{At} = T e^{\Lambda t} T^{-1} = T \begin{bmatrix} e^{-2t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-1t} \end{bmatrix} T^{-1} =$   
$$\begin{bmatrix} -e^{-2t} + 2e^{-t} & -e^{-2t} + e^{-t} \\ 2e^{-2t} - 2e^{-t} & 2e^{-2t} - e^{-t} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Similarity transform: diagonalization

## Physical interpretations

- ▶ diagonalized system:

$$x^*(t) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\lambda_2 t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1^*(0) \\ x_2^*(0) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} x_1^*(0) \\ e^{\lambda_2 t} x_2^*(0) \end{bmatrix}$$

- ▶  $x(t) = T x^*(t) = e^{\lambda_1 t} x_1^*(0) t_1 + e^{\lambda_2 t} x_2^*(0) t_2$  then decomposes the state trajectory into two modes parallel to the two eigenvectors.

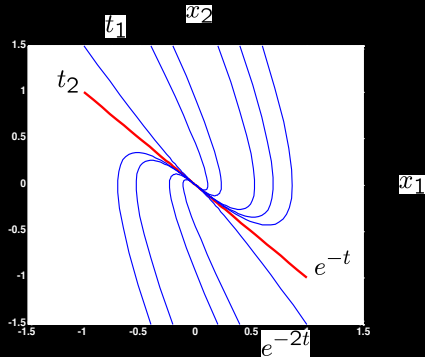
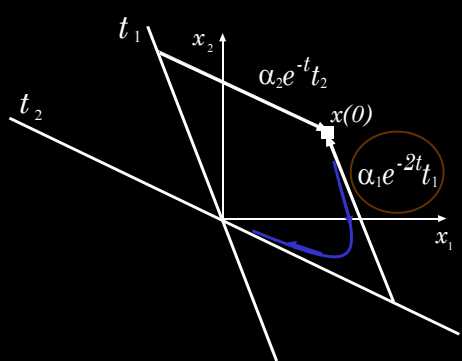
# Similarity transform: diagonalization

## Physical interpretations

- ▶ if  $x(0)$  is aligned with one eigenvector, say,  $t_1$ , then  $x_2^*(0) = 0$  and  $x(t) = e^{\lambda_1 t} x_1^*(0) t_1 + e^{\lambda_2 t} x_2^*(0) t_2$  dictates that  $x(t)$  will stay in the direction of  $t_1$
- ▶ i.e., if the state initiates along the direction of one eigenvector, then the free response will stay in that direction without “making turns”
- ▶ if  $\lambda_1 < 0$ , then  $x(t)$  will move towards the origin of the state space; if  $\lambda_1 = 0$ ,  $x(t)$  will stay at the initial point; and if positive,  $x(t)$  will move away from the origin along  $t_1$
- ▶ furthermore, the magnitude of  $\lambda_1$  determines the speed of response

# Similarity transform: diagonalization

Physical interpretations: example



# Similarity transformation

The case with complex eigenvalues

consider the undamped spring-mass system

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_A \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}, \det(A - \lambda I) = \lambda^2 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_{1,2} = \pm j.$$

the eigenvectors are

$$\lambda_1 = j : (A - jI)t_1 = 0 \Rightarrow t_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ j \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2 = -j : (A + jI)t_2 = 0 \Rightarrow t_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -j \end{bmatrix} \text{ (complex conjugate of } t_1 \text{)}.$$

hence

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ j & -j \end{bmatrix}, T^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -j \\ 1 & j \end{bmatrix}$$



# Similarity transformation

The case with complex eigenvalues

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_A \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

▶  $\lambda_{1,2} = \pm j$

▶  $T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ j & -j \end{bmatrix}, T^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -j \\ 1 & j \end{bmatrix}$

▶ we have

$$e^{At} = T e^{\Lambda t} T^{-1} = T \begin{bmatrix} e^{jt} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-jt} \end{bmatrix} T^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos t & \sin t \\ -\sin t & \cos t \end{bmatrix}.$$

# Similarity transformation

The case with complex eigenvalues

for a general  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  with complex eigenvalues  $\sigma \pm j\omega$ , by using  $T = [t_R, t_I]$ , where  $t_R$  and  $t_I$  are the real and the imaginary parts of  $t_1$ , an eigenvector associated with  $\lambda_1 = \sigma + j\omega$ ,  $x = Tx^*$  transforms  $\dot{x} = Ax$  to

$$\dot{x}^*(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma & \omega \\ -\omega & \sigma \end{bmatrix} x^*(t)$$

and

$$e^{\begin{bmatrix} \sigma & \omega \\ -\omega & \sigma \end{bmatrix} t} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{\sigma t} \cos \omega t & e^{\sigma t} \sin \omega t \\ -e^{\sigma t} \sin \omega t & e^{\sigma t} \cos \omega t \end{bmatrix}.$$

# Similarity transformation

The case with repeated eigenvalues via generalized eigenvectors

consider  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ : two repeated eigenvalues  $\lambda(A) = 1$ , and

$$(A - \lambda I) t_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} t_1 = 0 \Rightarrow t_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- ▶ No other linearly independent eigenvectors exist. What next?
- ▶  $A$  is already very similar to the Jordan form. Try instead

$$A \begin{bmatrix} t_1 & t_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} t_1 & t_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix},$$

which requires  $At_2 = t_1 + \lambda t_2$ , i.e.,

$$(A - \lambda I) t_2 = t_1 \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} t_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow t_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$t_2$  is linearly independent from  $t_1 \Rightarrow t_1$  and  $t_2$  span  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . ( $t_2$  is called a generalized eigenvector.)

# Similarity transformation

The case with repeated eigenvalues via generalized eigenvectors

for general  $3 \times 3$  matrices with  $\det(\lambda I - A) = (\lambda - \lambda_m)^3$ , i.e.,  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = \lambda_m$ , we look for  $T$  such that

$$A = TJT^{-1}$$

where  $J$  has three canonical forms:

$$\begin{aligned} i), & \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_m & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_m & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_m \end{bmatrix}, \quad iii), \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_m & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_m & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_m \end{bmatrix} \\ ii), & \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_m & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_m & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_m \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_m & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_m & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_m \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

# Similarity transformation

The case with repeated eigenvalues via generalized eigenvectors

$$i), A = TJT^{-1}, J = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_m & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_m & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_m \end{bmatrix}$$

this happens

- ▶ when  $A$  has three linearly independent eigenvectors, i.e.,  $(A - \lambda_m I)t = 0$  yields  $t_1$ ,  $t_2$ , and  $t_3$  that span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
- ▶ mathematically: when nullity  $(A - \lambda_m I) = 3$ , namely,  $\text{rank}(A - \lambda_m I) = 3 - \text{nullity}(A - \lambda_m I) = 0$ .

# Similarity transformation

The case with repeated eigenvalues via generalized eigenvectors

$$ii), A = TJT^{-1}, J = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_m & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_m & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_m \end{bmatrix} \text{ or } \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_m & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_m & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_m \end{bmatrix}$$

- ▶ this happens when  $(A - \lambda_m I)t = 0$  yields two linearly independent solutions, i.e., when nullity  $(A - \lambda_m I) = 2$

- ▶ we then have, e.g.,

$$A[t_1, t_2, t_3] = [t_1, t_2, t_3] \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_m & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_m & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_m \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [\lambda_m t_1, t_1 + \lambda_m t_2, \lambda_m t_3] = [At_1, At_2, At_3] \quad (5)$$

- ▶  $t_1$  and  $t_3$  are the directly computed eigenvectors.
- ▶ For  $t_2$ , the second column of (5) gives

$$(A - \lambda_m I) t_2 = t_1$$

# Similarity transformation

The case with repeated eigenvalues via generalized eigenvectors

$$\text{iii), } A = TJT^{-1}, \quad J = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_m & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_m & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_m \end{bmatrix}$$

- ▶ this is for the case when  $(A - \lambda_m I)t = 0$  yields only one linearly independent solution, i.e., when  $\text{nullity}(A - \lambda_m I) = 1$

- ▶ We then have

$$A[t_1, t_2, t_3] = [t_1, t_2, t_3] \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_m & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_m & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_m \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [\lambda_m t_1, t_1 + \lambda_m t_2, t_2 + \lambda_m t_3] = [At_1, At_2, At_3]$$

yielding  $(A - \lambda_m I) t_1 = 0$

$(A - \lambda_m I) t_2 = t_1$ , ( $t_2$  : generalized eigenvector)

$(A - \lambda_m I) t_3 = t_2$ , ( $t_3$  : generalized eigenvector)

## Example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \det(A - \lambda I) = \lambda^2 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0, J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

▶ two repeated eigenvalues with  $\text{rank}(A - 0I) = 1 \Rightarrow$  only one linearly independent eigenvector:  $(A - 0I)t_1 = 0 \Rightarrow t_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

▶ generalized eigenvector:  $(A - 0I)t_2 = t_1 \Rightarrow t_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

▶ coordinate transform matrix:

$$T = [t_1, t_2] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, T^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$e^{At} = Te^{Jt}T^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{0t} & te^{0t} \\ 0 & e^{0t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-t & t \\ -t & 1+t \end{bmatrix}$$



## Example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \det(A - \lambda I) = \lambda^2 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0.$$

observation:

- ▶  $\lambda_1 = 0$ ,  $t_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  implies that if  $x_1(0) = x_2(0)$  then the response is characterized by  $e^{0t} = 1$
- ▶ i.e.,  $x_1(t) = x_1(0) = x_2(0) = x_2(t)$ . This makes sense because  $\dot{x}_1 = -x_1 + x_2$  from the state equation.

## Example (Multiple eigenvectors)

Obtain the eigenvectors of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & -6 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\lambda_1 = 5, \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = -3).$$

# Generalized eigenvectors

Physical interpretation.

when  $\dot{x} = Ax$ ,  $A = TJT^{-1}$  with  $J = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_m & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_m & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_m \end{bmatrix}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= e^{At}x(0) = T \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_m t} & te^{\lambda_m t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\lambda_m t} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{\lambda_m t} \end{bmatrix} T^{-1}x(0) \\ &= T \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_m t} & te^{\lambda_m t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\lambda_m t} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{\lambda_m t} \end{bmatrix} \cancel{T^{-1}} T x^*(0) \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ if the initial condition is in the direction of  $t_1$ , i.e.,  $x^*(0) = [x_1^*(0), 0, 0]^T$  and  $x_1^*(0) \neq 0$ , the above equation yields  $x(t) = x_1^*(0)t_1 e^{\lambda_m t}$

# Generalized eigenvectors

Physical interpretation Cont'd.

when  $\dot{x} = Ax$ ,  $A = TJT^{-1}$  with  $J = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_m & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_m & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_m \end{bmatrix}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= e^{At}x(0) = T \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_m t} & te^{\lambda_m t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\lambda_m t} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{\lambda_m t} \end{bmatrix} T^{-1}x(0) \\ &= T \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_m t} & te^{\lambda_m t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\lambda_m t} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{\lambda_m t} \end{bmatrix} \cancel{T^{-1}} T x^*(0) \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ if  $x(0)$  starts in the direction of  $t_2$ , i.e.,  $x^*(0) = [0, x_2^*(0), 0]^T$ , then  $x(t) = x_2^*(0)(t_1 te^{\lambda_m t} + t_2 e^{\lambda_m t})$ . In this case, the response does not remain in the direction of  $t_2$  but is confined in the subspace spanned by  $t_1$  and  $t_2$

## Example

Obtain eigenvalues of  $J$  and  $e^{Jt}$  by inspection:

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

# Explicit computation of $A^k$

everything in getting the similarity transform applies to the DT case:

$$A^k = T\Lambda^k T^{-1} \text{ or } A^k = TJ^k T^{-1}.$$

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$J$	$J^k$
$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^k & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2^k \end{bmatrix}$
$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda^k & k\lambda^{k-1} & \frac{1}{2!}k(k-1)\lambda^{k-2} \\ 0 & \lambda^k & k\lambda^{k-1} \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda^k \end{bmatrix}$
$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda^k & k\lambda^{k-1} & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda^k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3^k \end{bmatrix}$
$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma & \omega \\ -\omega & \sigma \end{bmatrix}$	$r^k \begin{bmatrix} \cos k\theta & \sin k\theta \\ -\sin k\theta & \cos k\theta \end{bmatrix}$ $r = \sqrt{\sigma^2 + \omega^2}$ $\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{\omega}{\sigma}$

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## Example

Write down  $J^k$  for  $J = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} -10 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -10 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -100 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -100 \end{bmatrix}.$$

## 1. Introduction

## 2. State-space solution formula

### Continuous-time case

The solution to  $\dot{x} = ax + bu$

The solution to  $n^{\text{th}}$ -order LTI systems

The state transition matrix  $e^{At}$

Computing  $e^{At}$  when  $A$  is diagonal or in Jordan form

### Discrete-time LTI case

The state transition matrix  $A^k$

Computing  $A^k$  when  $A$  is diagonal or in Jordan form

## 3. Explicit computation of the state transition matrix $e^{At}$

## 4. Explicit Computation of the State Transition Matrix $A^k$

## 5. Transition Matrix via Inverse Transformation



# Transition matrix via inverse transformation

Continuous-time system

state eq.

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t), x(0) = x_0$$

solution

$$x(t) = \underbrace{e^{At} x(0)}_{\text{free response}} + \underbrace{\int_0^t e^{A(t-\tau)} Bu(\tau) d\tau}_{\text{forced response}}$$

transition matrix

$$e^{At}$$

On the other hand, from Laplace transform:

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t) \Rightarrow X(s) = \underbrace{(sI - A)^{-1} x(0)}_{\text{free response}} + \underbrace{(sI - A)^{-1} BU(s)}_{\text{forced response}}$$

Comparing  $x(t)$  and  $X(s)$  gives

$$\boxed{e^{At} = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \{ (sI - A)^{-1} \}} \quad (6)$$

# Example

## Example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma & \omega \\ -\omega & \sigma \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} e^{At} &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \begin{bmatrix} s - \sigma & -\omega \\ \omega & s - \sigma \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \right] \\ &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{(s - \sigma)^2 + \omega^2} \begin{bmatrix} s - \sigma & \omega \\ -\omega & s - \sigma \end{bmatrix} \right\} \\ &= e^{\sigma t} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\omega t) & \sin(\omega t) \\ -\sin(\omega t) & \cos(\omega t) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

# Transition matrix via inverse transformation (DT case)

Discrete-time system

state eq.  $x(k+1) = Ax(k) + Bu(k), x(0) = x_0$

solution  $x(k) = \underbrace{A^k x(0)}_{\text{free response}} + \underbrace{\sum_{j=0}^{(k-1)} A^{(k-1-j)} Bu(j)}_{\text{forced response}}$

transition matrix

transition matrix  $A^k$

On the other hand, from Z transform:

$$X(z) = (zI - A)^{-1} zx(0) + (zI - A)^{-1} BU(s)$$

Hence

$$\boxed{A^k = \mathcal{Z}^{-1} \{ (zI - A)^{-1} z \}} \quad (7)$$

# Example

## Example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma & \omega \\ -\omega & \sigma \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A^k &= \mathcal{Z}^{-1} \left\{ z \begin{bmatrix} z - \sigma & -\omega \\ \omega & z - \sigma \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \right\} \\ &= \mathcal{Z}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{z}{(z - \sigma)^2 + \omega^2} \begin{bmatrix} z - \sigma & \omega \\ -\omega & z - \sigma \end{bmatrix} \right\} \\ &= \mathcal{Z}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{z}{z^2 - 2r \cos \theta z + r^2} \begin{bmatrix} z - r \cos \theta & r \sin \theta \\ -r \sin \theta & z - r \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \right\} \\ &\quad , \quad r = \sqrt{\sigma^2 + \omega^2}, \quad \theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{\omega}{\sigma} \\ &= r^k \begin{bmatrix} \cos k\theta & \sin k\theta \\ -\sin k\theta & \cos k\theta \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

## Example

Consider  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0.7 & 0.3 \\ 0.1 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} & (zI - A)^{-1} z \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{z(z-0.5)}{(z-0.8)(z-0.4)} & \frac{0.3z}{(z-0.8)(z-0.4)} \\ \frac{0.1z}{(z-0.8)(z-0.4)} & \frac{z(z-0.7)}{(z-0.8)(z-0.4)} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{0.75z}{z-0.8} + \frac{0.25z}{z-0.4} & \frac{0.75z}{z-0.8} - \frac{0.75z}{z-0.4} \\ \frac{0.25z}{z-0.8} - \frac{0.25z}{z-0.4} & \frac{0.25z}{z-0.8} + \frac{0.75z}{z-0.4} \end{bmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow A^k &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.75(0.8)^k + 0.25(0.4)^k & 0.75(0.8)^k - 0.75(0.4)^k \\ 0.25(0.8)^k - 0.25(0.4)^k & 0.25(0.8)^k + 0.75(0.4)^k \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$