

Linear Algebra

Problem Set 9

Spring 2015

Due Thursday, 4 June 2015 at 4:20 PM in EE106. This problem set covers Lecture 36-38. Free feel to work with others, but the final write-up should be entirely based on your own understanding. Be sure to print your name and student ID on your homework.

- (15pts) Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Let $\{\mathbf{u}(t), t \geq 0\}$ be a solution of the differential equation $\frac{d\mathbf{u}}{dt} = A\mathbf{u}(t)$, with $\mathbf{u}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$.
 - Find a formula for $\mathbf{u}(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \mathbf{x}_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \mathbf{x}_2$, $t \geq 0$.
 - Is this dynamical system stable, unstable or neutrally stable?
 - Find e^{At} .
- (15pts)
 - Give two reasons why the matrix exponential e^{At} is never singular: write down its inverse and write down its eigenvalues. If $A\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$ then $e^{At}\mathbf{x} = ___ \mathbf{x}$.
 - When A is skew-symmetric ($A^T = -A$), $Q = e^{At}$ is orthogonal. Prove $Q^T = e^{-At}$ from the series for $Q = e^{At}$. Then show that $Q^T Q = I$.
- (15pts) The cosine of a matrix is defined like e^A , by copying the series for $\cos t$:
$$\cos t = 1 - \frac{t^2}{2!} + \frac{t^4}{4!} - \dots \quad \cos A = I - \frac{A^2}{2!} + \frac{A^4}{4!} - \dots$$
 - If $A\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$, multiply each term times \mathbf{x} to find the eigenvalue of $\cos A$.
 - If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, find that matrix $C = \cos A$.
- (15pts)
 - Find an invertible matrix S and a matrix C of the form $C = \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}$ such that the given matrix has the form $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = SCS^{-1}$. Briefly explain the geometric interpretations of A using S and C .
 - Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}$ (a and b are real). Find the conditions on a and b so that all solutions of $\frac{d\mathbf{u}}{dt} = A\mathbf{u}$ approach zero as $t \rightarrow \infty$.
- (20pts) Show that A and B are similar by finding M so that $B = M^{-1}AM$.

- (a) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- (b) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
- (c) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- (d) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

6. (20pts) True or false, with a good reason.

- (a) A can't be similar to A^{-1} unless $A=I$.
- (b) A can't be similar to $A+I$.
- (c) If B is invertible, then AB is similar to BA .
- (d) If A is similar to B , then A^2 is similar to B^2 .
- (e) A^2 and B^2 can be similar when A and B are not similar (try $\lambda = 0, 0$).