

Behaviour of solutions

Which of following statements best capture the large-time behaviour of the solutions of the system

$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}?$$

- A. The solutions are unbounded but not oscillating.
- B. The solutions always oscillate between fixed bounds.
- C. Each solution approaches a constant value as $t \rightarrow \infty$.
- D. A solution is always unbounded, but may or may not be oscillating.

Write down the general solution of the system of ODE-s on the previous page.

Answer: The characteristic roots are $1, 1 \pm 2i$. The solution is

$$\mathbf{x} = c_1 e^t \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \cos 2t \\ \sin 2t \end{pmatrix} + c_3 e^t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \sin 2t \\ -\cos 2t \end{pmatrix}.$$

Repeated eigenvalues

The system $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$, where

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ -3 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

has

- A. one eigenvalue with three linearly independent eigenvectors
- B. one eigenvalue with two linearly independent eigenvectors
- C. one eigenvalue with one linearly independent eigenvectors
- D. one eigenvalue with no eigenvectors
- E. two distinct eigenvalues.

Find the eigenvalue(s) and eigenvector(s) of the previous system, and use it to find a solution to the system, namely

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} e^{2t}.$$

How would you find the remaining solutions?