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Problem 1

State the definitions of

(a) skew-symmetric matrix (1p)

*Answer:*A square matrix \mathbf{A} is called skew-symmetric if $\mathbf{A}^T = -\mathbf{A}$.

(b) orthogonal matrix (1p)

*Answer:*A square matrix \mathbf{A} is called orthogonal if $\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{A}^T$.

(c) rank of matrix (1p)

*Answer:*The rank of a matrix \mathbf{A} is the highest order of nonzero minor(s).

(d) “eigenvalue” and “eigenvector” (1p)

*Answer*Let \mathbf{A} be a square matrix. A nonzero vector \mathbf{x} is called an *eigenvector* of the matrix \mathbf{A} , if $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$; λ is an *eigenvalue* of the matrix \mathbf{A} , corresponding to this eigenvector.

(e) vector norm (1p)

*Answer*A vector norm for the vector \mathbf{x} is a number (denoted by $\|\mathbf{x}\|$) satisfying the following properties:a) $\|\mathbf{x}\|$ is a nonnegative real numberb) $\|\mathbf{x}\| = 0$ if and only if $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ c) $\|k\mathbf{x}\| = |k| \|\mathbf{x}\|$ d) $\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\| \leq \|\mathbf{x}\| + \|\mathbf{y}\|$.

(f) condition number (1p)

*Answer:*The condition number $\kappa(\mathbf{A})$ of a non-singular square matrix \mathbf{A} is $\kappa(\mathbf{A}) = \|\mathbf{A}\| \cdot \|\mathbf{A}^{-1}\|$.**Problem 2**

(a) Show that

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} a & b & 0 & 0 \\ c & d & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e & f \\ 0 & 0 & g & h \end{pmatrix} = \det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{pmatrix} \quad (2p)$$

(b) Transform the quadratic form $Q(x_1, x_2) = -x_1^2 - x_2^2 + 4x_1x_2$ to the principal axis form.

(4p)

Solution

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(a) This directly is follow from the Laplace theorem.

Let us select 2 first rows. The only non-zero minor contained in these rows is $\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}$. Its

cofactor is $\begin{vmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{vmatrix} \cdot (-1)^{3+4+3+4}$. Thus the determinant of the block matrix of this problem is

equal to the determinant of the blocks, $\det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{pmatrix}$.

(b) The matrix of the quadratic form is $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$. Its eigenvalues are:

$$|\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{E}| = \begin{vmatrix} -1-\lambda & 2 \\ 2 & -1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda+1)^2 - 4 = \lambda^2 + 2\lambda - 3 = (\lambda+3)(\lambda-1) = 0.$$

Eigenvalues are $\lambda_1=1, \lambda_2=-3$.

Thus, the principal axis form is $Q = \tilde{x}_1^2 - 3\tilde{x}_2^2$. In order to find the matrix of transformation to the new coordinates, we have to find eigenvectors.

$\lambda_1=1$. $(\mathbf{A}-\lambda\mathbf{E})\mathbf{X}_1=0$, or $\begin{pmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$. The eigenvector is $\mathbf{X}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, the normalized

eigenvector is $\mathbf{e}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

For $\lambda_2=-3$, $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$. The eigenvector is $\mathbf{X}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$, the normalized eigenvector is

$\mathbf{e}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$.

Therefore, the transformation to the new coordinates is $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{C}\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$, $\mathbf{C} = (\mathbf{e}_1 \quad \mathbf{e}_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$.

Problem 3

Find a general solution of the system $\mathbf{y}'(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y}(t)$, $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ (6p)

Solution.

The eigenvalues and eigenvectors are computed in Problem 5. Characteristic equation: $\det(\mathbf{A}-\lambda$

$$\mathbf{E})=0, \text{ i.e. } \begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & 5 & 3 \\ 0 & 2-\lambda & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (3-\lambda)(2-\lambda)(1-\lambda) = 0.$$

Consequently, eigenvalues of this matrix are $\lambda_1=3, \lambda_2=2, \lambda_3=1$.

The eigenvectors can be found by solving the equation $(\mathbf{A}-\lambda_i \mathbf{E})\mathbf{x}=0$.

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$$\underline{\lambda_1=3} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 5 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

From the 3rd equation, $x_3=0$. From the 2nd equation $-x_2+6x_3=0$, it follows that $x_2=0$ too. Therefore, we can choose $x_1=1$. Thus, the eigenvector $\mathbf{V}_1=[1 \ 0 \ 0]^T$.

$$\underline{\lambda_2=2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

From the 3rd equation, $x_3=0$. From the 1st equation $x_1+5x_2=0$, it follows that $x_1=-5x_2$. Consequently, the eigenvector $\mathbf{V}_2=[5 \ -1 \ 0]^T$.

$$\underline{\lambda_3=1} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

From the 2nd equation $x_2+6x_3=0$ we get $x_2=-6x_3$. From the 1st equation $2x_1+5x_2+3x_3=0$, it follows that $x_1 = -5/2x_2 - 3/2x_3 = -5/2(-6x_3) - 3/2x_3 = 27/2x_3$. Consequently, the eigenvector $\mathbf{V}_3=[27 \ -12 \ 2]^T$.

Therefore, the general solution of the system of differential equations can be written as

$$y = C_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{3t} + C_2 \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} e^{2t} + C_3 \begin{pmatrix} 27 \\ -12 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} e^t$$

Problem 4

Find critical points of the system and determine their type and stability

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = y \\ \dot{y} = x - x^2 \end{cases}$$

Solution.

From the equations $\dot{x} = \dot{y} = 0$, or $\begin{cases} y = 0 \\ x(1-x) = 0 \end{cases}$, we find the critical points of the system.

They are (0,0) and (1,0).

Consider the point (0,0). The linearized at (0,0) system is $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = y \\ \dot{y} = x \end{cases}$.

Its matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ has eigenvalues $\lambda_{1,2} = \pm 1$ (Found from the characteristic equation

$\begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 - 1 = 0$). Therefore, the critical point (0,0) is a saddle point (unstable).

Consider the point (1,0). We linearized the system at the point (1,0). Applying the linearization

formula $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = \left. \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} \right|_M \cdot (x - x_0) + \left. \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} \right|_M \cdot (y - y_0) \\ \dot{y} = \left. \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} \right|_M \cdot (x - x_0) + \left. \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y} \right|_M \cdot (y - y_0) \end{cases}$ with $f_1 = y$ and $f_2 = x - x^2$, we get

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$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = y \\ \dot{y} = -1 \cdot (x-1) \end{cases}, \text{ or } \begin{cases} \dot{\tilde{x}} = \tilde{y} \\ \dot{\tilde{y}} = -\tilde{x} \end{cases}, \text{ where } \tilde{y} = y, \tilde{x} = x-1.$$

The matrix of the linearized system $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ has eigenvalues $\lambda_{1,2} = \pm i$ (Found from the

characteristic equation $\begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ -1 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 + 1 = 0$). The eigenvalues are pure imaginary.

Therefore, the critical point (1,0) is a center (unstable).

Answer: (0,0) is a saddle point, (1,0) is a center.

Problem 5

Consider the mixed problem for heat equation

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad & \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \\ (2) \quad & u(x,0) = f(x) \\ (3) \quad & u'_x(0,t) = 0, \quad u'_x(1,t) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

(a) Substituting $u(x,t) = X(x)T(t)$, derive the ordinary differential equations $X'' + \lambda^2 X = 0$ and $T' + \lambda^2 T = 0$, where $\lambda \in \mathbf{R}$ is a constant. (1p)

Solution.

Substituting $u(x,t) = X(x)T(t)$ into equation (1), we get $X T' = X'' T$. To separate variables, we divide both sides by XT and equate to the constant $-\lambda^2$:

$$\frac{T'}{c^2 T} = \frac{X''}{X} = -\lambda^2$$

This yields two ordinary differential equations:

$$\begin{aligned} X'' + \lambda^2 X &= 0 \\ T' + \lambda^2 T &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

(b) Find the function $X(x)$ satisfying the boundary conditions derived from Eq.(3), and the constant λ . Show that the solution to the problem (1),(3) can be presented in the form

$$(4) \quad u(x,t) = B_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} B_k \exp(-\pi^2 k^2 t) \cos(\pi k x) \quad (2p)$$

Solution.

We want to find the solution of

$$(*) \quad X'' + \lambda^2 X = 0,$$

satisfying the boundary conditions $X'(0) = X'(1) = 0$. These boundary conditions are obtained from (3) under assumption $T(t) \neq 0$.

A general solution of (*) is $X(x) = A \cos \lambda x + B \sin \lambda x$.

$$X'(x) = -\lambda A \sin \lambda x + \lambda B \cos \lambda x.$$

Satisfying $X'(0) = 0$, we get $B = 0$ or $\lambda = 0$. We consider these cases separately. For $B = 0$ and satisfying $X'(1) = 0$, we get $\lambda A \sin \lambda = 0$.

Solving the equation $\sin \lambda = 0$, we get $\lambda_k = \pi k$. Hence, $X_k = \cos \pi k x$, $k = 1, 2, \dots$

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If $\lambda=0$, $X_0 = \text{const}$. Finally, the system of functions is $X_k = \{1, \cos \pi kx\}$

For each $\lambda_k \neq 0$, the solution of the equation

$$T' + \lambda_k^2 T = 0 \quad (\lambda_k = \pi k)$$

is $T_k(t) = B_k \exp(-\lambda_k^2 t)$. If $\lambda=0$, $T_0 = \text{const} = B_0$

Therefore, the solution to the problem (1), (3) can be written as

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} T_k(t) X_k(x) = B_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} B_k \exp(-\pi^2 k^2 t) \cos(\pi kx)$$

(c) Then find the solution that satisfies (2) (Find coefficients B_k). (1p)

Solution

The function $u(x, t)$ should satisfy the initial condition $u(x, 0) = f(x)$.

From (4) and (2) we obtain:

$$u(x, 0) = B_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} B_k \cos(\pi kx) = f(x).$$

Therefore, B_k are coefficients of Fourier cosine series.

(d) Find the solution to the problem (1), (2), (3), if $f(x) = 1 + \cos 2\pi x$ (2p)

Solution.

The Fourier sine coefficients of $f(x) = 1 + \cos 2\pi x$ are $B_0 = 1$, $B_2 = 1$ and $B_k = 0$ for other k .

Therefore, the solution (4) to the problem is

$$u(x, t) = 1 + \exp(-4\pi^2 t) \cos(2\pi x).$$