

Solve the equation

$$\frac{d}{dt}\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$$

using the eigenvectors

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 8 - \sqrt{2}i \\ -1 - 4\sqrt{2}i \\ 9 + 3\sqrt{2}i \end{bmatrix}$$

- Using

$$\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

we get

$$A\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and the solution is $\lambda = -2$, giving us our first solution

$$\vec{x}^1(t) = e^{\lambda t} \vec{v}_\lambda = e^{-2t} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Using

$$\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 - \sqrt{2}i \\ -1 - 4\sqrt{2}i \\ 9 + 3\sqrt{2}i \end{bmatrix}$$

we get

$$A\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 8 - \sqrt{2}i \\ -1 - 4\sqrt{2}i \\ 9 + 3\sqrt{2}i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -6 + 9\sqrt{2}i \\ 9 + 3\sqrt{2}i \\ -15 + 6\sqrt{2}i \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 8 - \sqrt{2}i \\ -1 - 4\sqrt{2}i \\ 9 + 3\sqrt{2}i \end{bmatrix}$$

and the solution is $\lambda = -1 + \sqrt{2}i$, giving us our complex solution

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{z}(t) &= e^{(-1+\sqrt{2}i)t} \begin{bmatrix} 8 - \sqrt{2}i \\ -1 - 4\sqrt{2}i \\ 9 + 3\sqrt{2}i \end{bmatrix} = e^{-t} \left(\cos(\sqrt{2} t) + i \sin(\sqrt{2} t) \right) \left(\begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -1 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} + i \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2} \\ -4\sqrt{2} \\ 3\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 8 \cos(\sqrt{2} t) + \sqrt{2} \sin(\sqrt{2} t) \\ -\cos(\sqrt{2} t) + 4\sqrt{2} \sin(\sqrt{2} t) \\ 9 \cos(\sqrt{2} t) - 3\sqrt{2} \sin(\sqrt{2} t) \end{bmatrix} + i e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2} \cos(\sqrt{2} t) + 8 \sin(\sqrt{2} t) \\ -4\sqrt{2} \cos(\sqrt{2} t) - \sin(\sqrt{2} t) \\ 3\sqrt{2} \cos(\sqrt{2} t) + 9 \sin(\sqrt{2} t) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

giving us the two real solutions

$$\vec{x}^2(t) = e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 8 \cos(\sqrt{2} t) + \sqrt{2} \sin(\sqrt{2} t) \\ -\cos(\sqrt{2} t) + 4\sqrt{2} \sin(\sqrt{2} t) \\ 9 \cos(\sqrt{2} t) - 3\sqrt{2} \sin(\sqrt{2} t) \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{x}^3(t) = e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2} \cos(\sqrt{2} t) + 8 \sin(\sqrt{2} t) \\ -4\sqrt{2} \cos(\sqrt{2} t) - \sin(\sqrt{2} t) \\ 3\sqrt{2} \cos(\sqrt{2} t) + 9 \sin(\sqrt{2} t) \end{bmatrix}$$

- The general solution is

$$\vec{x}(t) = c_1 e^{-2t} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} 8 \cos(\sqrt{2} t) + \sqrt{2} \sin(\sqrt{2} t) \\ -\cos(\sqrt{2} t) + 4\sqrt{2} \sin(\sqrt{2} t) \\ 9 \cos(\sqrt{2} t) - 3\sqrt{2} \sin(\sqrt{2} t) \end{bmatrix} + c_3 e^{-t} \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2} \cos(\sqrt{2} t) + 8 \sin(\sqrt{2} t) \\ -4\sqrt{2} \cos(\sqrt{2} t) - \sin(\sqrt{2} t) \\ 3\sqrt{2} \cos(\sqrt{2} t) + 9 \sin(\sqrt{2} t) \end{bmatrix}$$