# MAT303: Calc IV with applications

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**Last time: Matrix exponentials**

- Review matrix inverses
- Fundamental matrix solutions
  - Solve for all initial conditions ‘simultaneously’.
- Matrix Exponentials as matrix solutions
  - Especially easy to compute when the matrix is nilpotent.

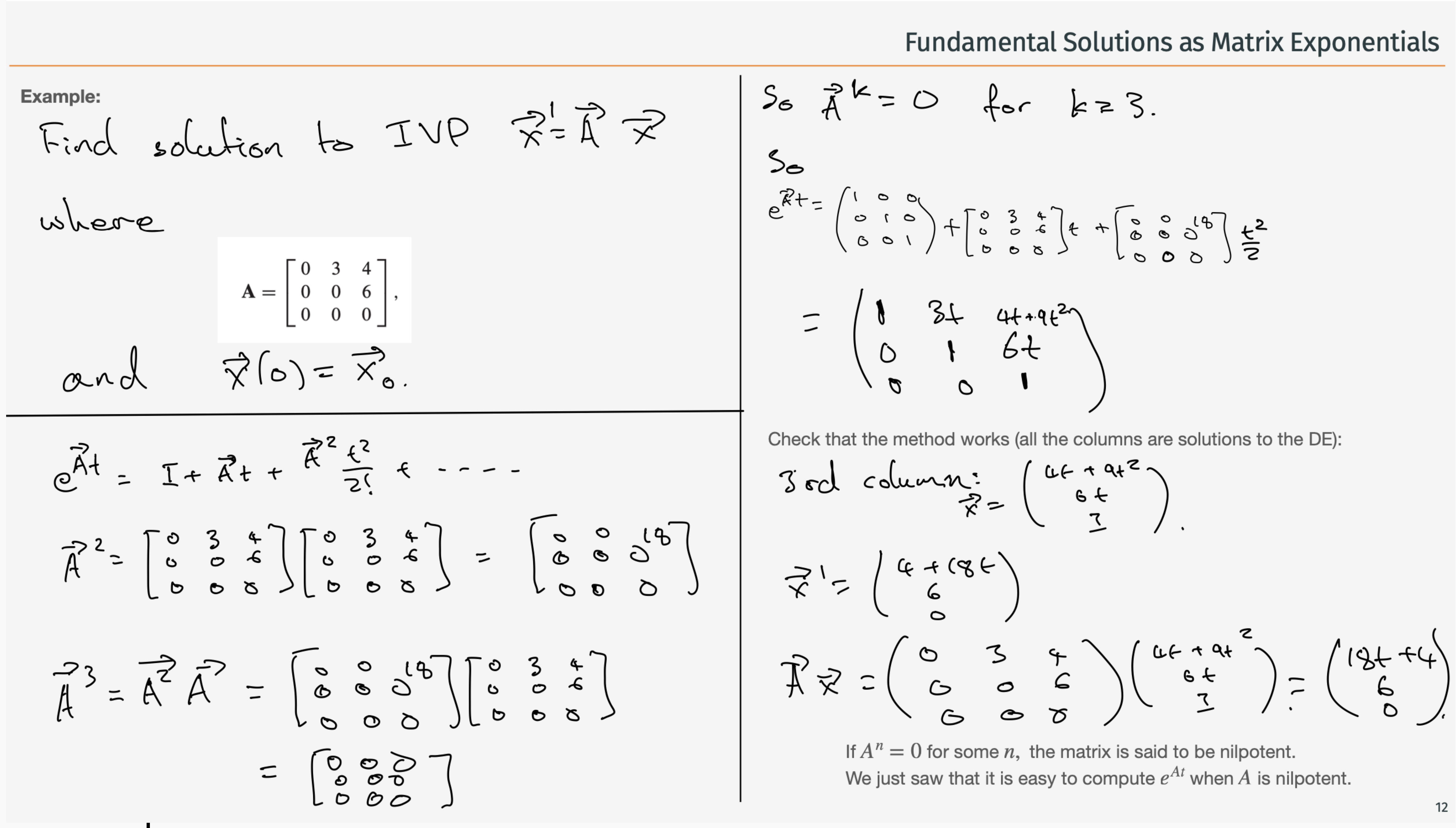
**Today:**

- More examples of matrix exponentials.
  - How to compute them if the matrix is not nilpotent?

**Using matrix exponential to solve DEs**

1. Rewrite in matrix form $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$
2. Find $e^{\mathbf{A}t}$
3. Solution is $\mathbf{x} = e^{\mathbf{A}t}\mathbf{x}_0$ where $\mathbf{x}_0$ is the initial condition.

$$e^{\mathbf{A}t} = \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A}\,t + \mathbf{A}^2\,\frac{t^2}{2!} + \cdots + \mathbf{A}^n\,\frac{t^n}{n!} + \cdots .$$



We've just seen that computing $e^{\mathbf{A}t}$ is useful for solving systems of DEs.

Here are some facts that help us compute $e^{\mathbf{A}t}$.

**Definition of matrix exponential:**

$$e^{\mathbf{A}t} = \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A}\,t + \mathbf{A}^2\,\frac{t^2}{2!} + \cdots + \mathbf{A}^n\,\frac{t^n}{n!} + \cdots .$$

**Nilpotent** $\mathbf{A}$ : Just use the definition, it will be a finite sum because $\mathbf{A}^n$ eventually.

**Diagonal** $\mathbf{A}$:

**Commutativity:** If $\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{BA}$, then $e^{\mathbf{A}+\mathbf{B}} = e^{\mathbf{A}}e^{\mathbf{B}}$.

**Exponential of zero matrix:** $e^{\mathbf{0}} = \mathbf{I}$ .

**Inverse of exponential:** $\left(e^{\mathbf{A}}\right)^{-1} = e^{-\mathbf{A}}$

**Diagonal matrix always commute with all other matrices:**

Suppose

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Fact:** whenever a matrix $\mathbf{A}$ only has one eigenvalue $\lambda$, we can always write $\mathbf{A} = \lambda\mathbf{I} + (\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I})$
and the first term is always diagonal and the second term is always nilpotent.

Thus, when a matrix only has one eigenvalue, we can easily compute $e^{\mathbf{A}t}$ as in this example.

Recall (from last lecture)

**THEOREM 2 Matrix Exponential Solutions**

If $\mathbf{A}$ is an $n \times n$ matrix, then the solution of the initial value problem

$$\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}, \qquad \mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{x}_0 \tag{26}$$

is given by

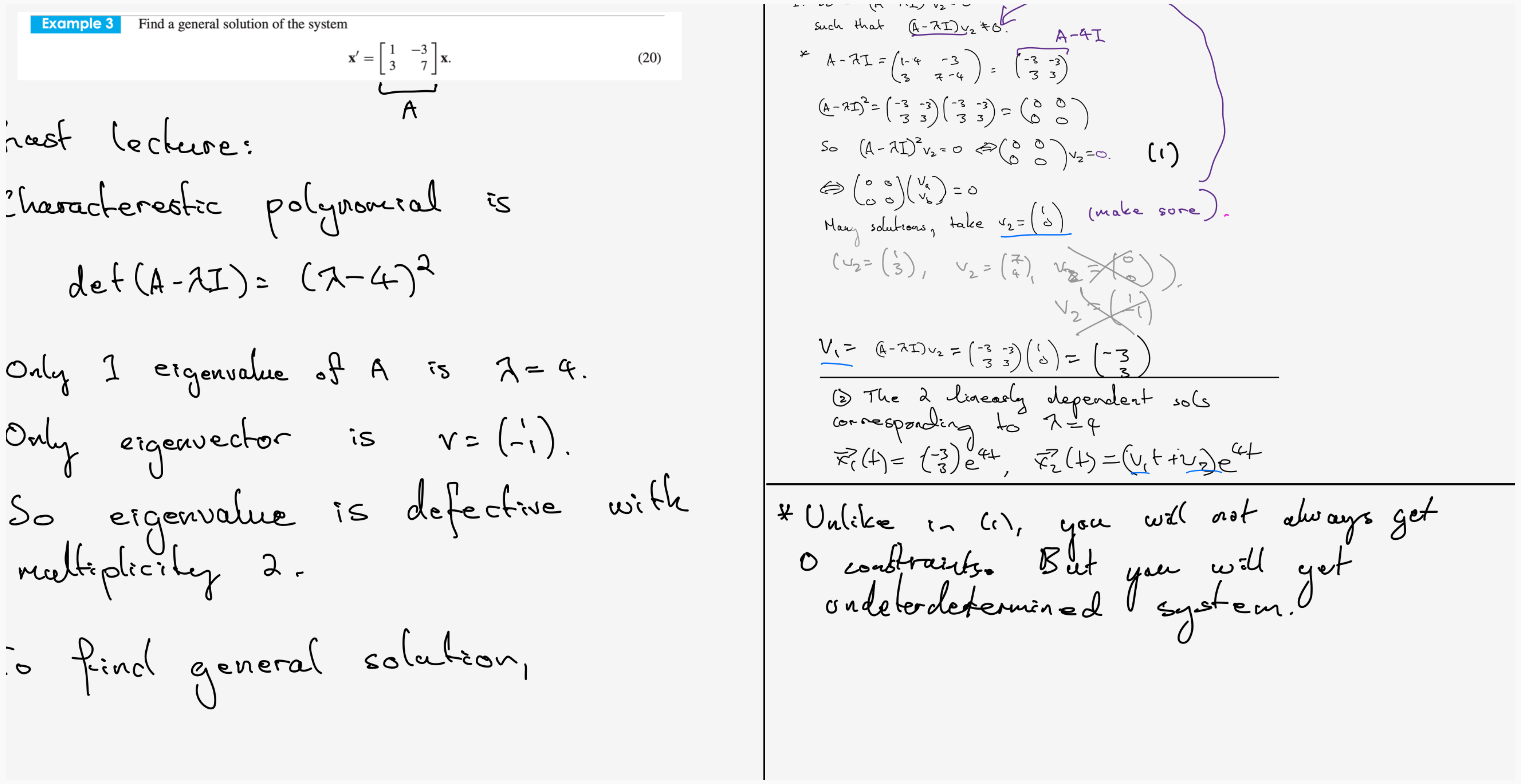
$$\mathbf{x}(t) = e^{\mathbf{A}t}\mathbf{x}_0, \tag{27}$$

and this solution is unique.

**Example 6** Use an exponential matrix to solve the initial value problem

$$\mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}\mathbf{x}, \quad \mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 19 \\ 29 \\ 39 \end{bmatrix}. \tag{29}$$

Another example, same one we did last lecture using a different method:



**Example 3** Find a general solution of the system

$$\mathbf{x}' = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}}_{A}\mathbf{x}. \qquad (20)$$

Last lecture:

Characteristic polynomial is

$\det(A-\lambda I) = (\lambda-4)^2$

Only 1 eigenvalue of A is $\lambda = 4$.

Only eigenvector is $v = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$.

So eigenvalue is defective with multiplicity 2.

To find general solution,

such that $(A-\lambda I)v_2 \neq 0$.

$A - 4I$

* $A - \lambda I = \begin{pmatrix} 1-4 & -3 \\ 3 & 7-4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -3 \\ 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

$(A-\lambda I)^2 = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -3 \\ 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} -3 & -3 \\ 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

So $(A-\lambda I)^2 v_2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} v_2 = 0$. (1)

$\Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} v_a \\ v_b \end{pmatrix} = 0$

Many solutions, take $v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ (make sure).

$v_1 = (A-\lambda I)v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -3 \\ 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

② The 2 linearly dependent sols corresponding to $\lambda = 4$

$\vec{x}_1(t) = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} e^{4t}, \quad \vec{x}_2(t) = (v_1 t + v_2)e^{4t}$

* Unlike in (1), you will not always get 0 constraints. But you will get underdetermined system.

We see that there is only one eigenvalue $\lambda = 4$, so

We have, from last lecture:

**THEOREM 1 Fundamental Matrix Solutions**

Let $\mathbf{\Phi}(t)$ be a fundamental matrix for the homogeneous linear system $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$. Then the [unique] solution of the initial value problem

$$\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}, \quad \mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{x}_0 \tag{7}$$

is given by

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{\Phi}(t)\mathbf{\Phi}(0)^{-1}\mathbf{x}_0. \tag{8}$$

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and this solution is unique.

Therefore:

Summary: we have seen that matrix exponentials can be used to solve DEs.

However, we only know how to compute matrix exponentials for some matrices.

We can go the other direction and solve DEs to find matrix exponentials.

**Today:**

- More examples of matrix exponentials.
  - How to compute them if the matrix is not nilpotent?
  - We see that it is easy as long as A=diagonal + nilpotent
  - Actually whenever A only has one eigenvalue, we can write it as diagonal + nilpotent.
- We see that we can use DE solutions to find matrix exponentials.

**Eigenvalue method**

1. Rewrite in matrix form $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$
2. Use the guess $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{v}e^{\lambda t}$, get the eigenvalue problem $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \lambda \mathbf{v}$
3. Find the eigenvalues
   1. Form the characteristic polynomial $\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = 0$
   2. The roots of this polynomial are the eigenvalues $\lambda$
4. Find the eigenvectors corresponding to each $\lambda$
5. Write down the solutions, solve for initial conditions if applicable.

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