

Problem Set 1B: Solution to Key Problems

1. a) $y_{t+1} = 1.04y_t \Rightarrow y_0 = 100$

$$y_{t+1} - 1.04y_t = 0$$

$$r - 1.04 = 0 \quad r = 1.04 \quad y_t = \underline{C \cdot 1.04^t}$$

$$y_0 = C \cdot 1^{1.04^0} = C \cdot 1 = C = 100$$

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$$\underline{\underline{y_t = 100 \cdot 1.04^t}}$$

b) $y_{t+1} - 6y_t = 10t + 3$

$$y_t = y_t^u + y_t^p = \underline{\underline{C \cdot 6^t - 2t - 1}}$$

$$\underline{y_t^u}: \quad y_{t+1} - 6y_t = 0$$

$$r - 6 = 0 \quad r = 6 \quad \Rightarrow y_t^u = \underline{\underline{C \cdot 6^t}}$$

$$\underline{y_t^p}: \quad \begin{aligned} y_t &= At + B \\ y_{t+1} &= A(t+1) + B = At + A + B \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} (At + A + B) - (At + B) = 10t + 3 \\ (-5A)t + (A - 5B) = 10t + 3 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{c} " \\ 10 \\ " \\ 3 \end{array}$$

$$y_t^p = \underline{\underline{-2t - 1}}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} A = -2 \\ -5B = 3 \\ -5B = 5 \\ B = -1 \end{array} \right.$$

c) $y_{t+2} - 3y_{t+1} + 2y_t = 0$

$$y_t = y_t^u = \underline{\underline{C_1 + C_2 \cdot 2^t}}$$

$$\underline{y_t^u}: \quad r^2 - 3r + 2 = 0$$

$$(r-1)(r-2) = 0$$

$$\underline{r=1}, \quad \underline{r=2}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_t^u = C_1 1^t + C_2 2^t = \underline{\underline{C_1 + C_2 \cdot 2^t}}$$

d) $y_{t+2} - 5y_{t+1} + 6y_t = 2t$

$$y_t = y_t^u - y_t^p = \underline{\underline{C_1 \cdot 2^t + C_2 \cdot 3^t + t + 3/2}}$$

$$\underline{y_t^u}: \quad y_{t+2} - 5y_{t+1} + 6y_t = 0$$

$$r^2 - 5r + 6 = 0$$

$$r = 2, \quad r = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow y_t^u = \underline{\underline{C_1 \cdot 2^t + C_2 \cdot 3^t}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underline{y_t^P}: \quad & y_t = A + t \cdot \underline{b} \\
 & y_{t+1} = A(t+1) + B = A + A + A + B \\
 & y_{t+2} = A(t+2) + B = A + 2A + B
 \end{aligned}
 \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} \begin{aligned}
 & (A + 2A + B) - 5(A + A + B) \\
 & + 6(A + B) = 2t \\
 & (A - 5A + 6A)t + (2A + B - 5A - 5B + 6B) \\
 & = 2t
 \end{aligned}$$

$$y_t^P = \underline{t + \frac{3}{2}}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 (2A)t + (-3A + 2B) = 2t \\
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 \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ " \\ 0 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

$$\text{e)} \quad y_{t+2} - 4y_{t+1} + 4y_t = 1 \quad \begin{array}{c} A=1 \\ \hline B=3/2 \end{array} \quad -3 + 2B = 0$$

$$y_t = y_t^h + y_t^P = \underline{(C_1 + C_2 t) \cdot 2^t + 1}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 y_t^h: \quad r^2 - 4r + 4 = 0 \\
 r_1 = r_2 = 2
 \end{array} \quad \Rightarrow \quad y_t^h = \underline{(C_1 + C_2 t) \cdot 2^t}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 y_t^P: \quad y_t = A : \quad A - 4A + 4A = 1 \\
 \hline A=1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad y_t^P = 1
 \end{array}$$

$$\text{f)} \quad y_{t+2} + y_{t+1} - 2y_t = 6$$

$$y_t = y_t^h + y_t^P = \underline{C_1 \cdot (-2)^t + C_2 + 2t}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 y_t^h: \quad r^2 - r - 2 = 0 \\
 (r+1)(r-1) = 0 \\
 r = -1, r = 1
 \end{array} \quad \Rightarrow \quad y_t^h = C_1 \cdot (-2)^t + C_2 \cdot 1^t = \underline{C_1 \cdot (-2)^t + C_2}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 y_t^P: \quad y_t = A : \quad A + A - 2A = 6 \\
 0 \cdot A = 6 \quad \text{impossible} \rightarrow \text{multiply with } \underline{t}
 \end{array}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l}
 y_t = At \\
 y_{t+1} = A(t+1) = At + A \\
 y_{t+2} = A(t+2) = At + 2A
 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l}
 (At + 2A) + (At + A) - 2(At) = 6 \\
 0 \cdot At + 3A = 6 \\
 3A = 6 \\
 A = 2
 \end{array}$$

$$y_t^P = \underline{2t}$$

2. In each case, $y_t = \begin{pmatrix} y_t \\ z_t \end{pmatrix}$ gives the system
 $y_{t+1} = A \cdot y_t + \underline{b}$ for a 2×2 -matrix A and a 2 -vector \underline{b} .
 We use eigenvalues / eigenvectors of A computed in
 Key Problem 12.1 a) - c):

$$a) \underline{y}_t = C_1 \cdot (1) \cdot 2^t + C_2 \cdot (-1) \cdot (-3)^t$$

$$b) \underline{y}_t = C_1 \cdot (4) \cdot 4^t + C_2 \cdot (-1) \cdot (-1)^t$$

c) Constant solution: $\underline{y}_{t+1} = \underline{y}_t \Leftrightarrow A\underline{y}_t + \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = \underline{y}_t$

$$A\underline{y}_t - \underline{y}_t = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(A - I)\underline{y}_t = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \underline{y}_t = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{y}_t = \begin{pmatrix} 3/4 \\ -3/4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{y}_t - 3 \underline{z}_t = 3$$

$$\underline{y}_t = \underline{z}_t = -3$$

$$\underline{y}_t = C_1 \cdot (1) \cdot 2^t + C_2 \cdot (-1) \cdot (-3)^t + \begin{pmatrix} 3/4 \\ -3/4 \end{pmatrix}$$

3. a) $p_{t+2} - 2p_{t+1} + p_t = -15$, $p_0 = 695$, $p_1 = 743$

Alt 1: $p_t = p_t^h + p_t^p = C_1 + C_2 t - 7.5 t^2 = 695 + 55.5t - 7.5t^2$

p_t^h : $r^2 - 2r + 1 = 0$

$$(r-1)^2 = 0$$

$$r_1 = r_2 = 1$$

$$p_t^h = C_1 \cdot 1^t + C_2 \cdot t \cdot 1^t = C_1 + C_2 t$$

p_t^p : $\begin{cases} p_t = C \\ p_{t+1} = C \\ p_{t+2} = C \end{cases} \quad \begin{aligned} C - 2C + C &= -15 \\ 0 \cdot C &= -15 \\ \text{no part. sol'n.} & \end{aligned}$

$\begin{cases} p_t = Ct \\ p_{t+1} = C(t+1) \\ p_{t+2} = C(t+2) \end{cases} \quad \begin{aligned} Ct(2) - 2C(t+1) + Ct &= -15 \\ 0 \cdot t + 0 &= -15 \\ \text{no part. sol'n.} & \end{aligned}$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} p_t = C t^2 \\ p_{t+1} = C (t+1)^2 \\ p_{t+2} = C (t+2)^2 \end{array} \right\} \quad \begin{aligned} C(t^2 + 4t + 4) - 2C(t^2 + 2t + 1) + Ct^2 &= -15 \\ 0 \cdot t^2 + 0 \cdot t + (4C - 2C) &= -15 \\ 2C &= -15 \quad C = -15/2 \end{aligned}$$

$$p_t^P = -\frac{15}{2} t^2 = -7.5 t^2$$

Initial conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} p_0 = 695: \quad p(0) &= C_1 + C_2 \cdot 0 - 2.5 \cdot 0^2 = 695 \quad C_1 = \underline{695} \\ p_1 = 743: \quad p(1) &= 695 + C_2 \cdot 1 - 2.5 \cdot 1^2 = 743 \\ &C_2 = 743 - 695 + 7.5 = \underline{55.5} \end{aligned}$$

Alt 2: Use $d_t = p_{t+1} - p_t$

Want from (b): $\Rightarrow d_{t+1} - d_t = (p_{t+2} - p_{t+1}) - (p_{t+1} - p_t)$

$$= p_{t+2} - 2p_{t+1} + p_t = -15$$

Difference eqn: $d_{t+1} - d_t = -15 \Rightarrow d_0 = p_1 - p_0 = 48$

$$\underline{d_{t+1} - d_t = -15, \quad d_0 = 48:}$$

$$d_0 = C - 15 \cdot 0 = 48$$

$$d_t = d_t^u + d_t^P = \underline{C - 15t}$$

$$d_t = \underline{48 - 15t}$$

$$\underline{d_t^u: \quad r-1=0} \quad \Leftrightarrow d_t^u = C \cdot 1^t = \underline{C}$$

$$\underline{d_t^P: \quad d_{t+1} - d_t = -15}$$

$$d_4 = A: \quad A - 48 = -15 \text{ impossible}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d_t &= At \\ d_{t+1} &= A(t+1) \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{aligned} (At + A) - At &= -15 \\ A &= -15 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad d_t^P = \underline{-15t}$$

$$d_t = p_{t+1} - p_t = 48 - 15t$$

$$p_t = p_t^u + p_t^P = \underline{C - 7.5t^2 + 55.5t}$$

$$p_t^u: \quad r-1=0 \quad \Leftrightarrow p_t^u = C \cdot 1^t = \underline{C}$$

$$P_t = At + B \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \quad (At + A + B) - (At + B) = 48 - 15t$$

$$P_{t+1} = A(t+1) + B \\ = At + A + B$$

$$0 \cdot t + A = 48 - 15t$$

impossible

$$P_t = (At + B)t = At^2 + Bt$$

$$P_{t+1} = A(t+1)^2 + B(t+1)$$

$$= At^2 + 2At + A + Bt + B$$

$$= At^2 + (2A+B)t + (A+B)$$

$$P_{t+1} - P_t = At^2 + (2A+B)t + (A+B) - (At^2 + Bt) \\ = (2A)t + (A+B) = 48 - 15t$$

$$2A = -15 \Rightarrow A = -15/2 = -7.5$$

$$A+B = 48 \Rightarrow B = 48 - (-15) \\ = 48 + 7.5$$

$$= 55.5$$

$$\underline{P_0 = 695}; \quad C - 7.5 \cdot 0^2 - 55.5 \cdot 0 = 695 \\ \underline{C = 695}$$

$$\underline{\underline{P_t = 695 + 55.5t - 7.5t^2}}$$

b) $d_{t+1} - d_t = -15$ (see above)
 $d_t = 48 - 15t \Rightarrow d_t > 0$ for $t < \frac{48}{15} = 3.2$, that is for $\underline{\underline{t=0,1,2,3}}$
 $d_t < 0$ for $\underline{\underline{t \geq 4}}$

4. a) $A = \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$ Eigenvalues:

$$(-3-\lambda)(\lambda^2 + 10\lambda + 24) = 0 \\ \underline{\lambda = -3}, \underline{\lambda = -4}, \underline{\lambda = -6}$$

Eigenvectors:

$$\underline{\lambda = -3}: \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}$$

$$\underline{\lambda = -4}: \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}$$

$$\underline{\lambda = -6}: \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{v_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}$$

$$\underline{y}_t = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot (-3)^t + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot (-4)^t + c_3 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot (-6)^t$$

$$\underline{y}_0 = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c_3 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} c_1 = 0 \\ c_2 = 1/2 \\ c_3 = -1/2 \end{array}$$

$$\underline{y}_t = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot (-4)^t - \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot (-6)^t$$

b) $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Eigenvalues:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2-\lambda & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (2-\lambda) \cdot [(2-\lambda)(4-\lambda)-3] - (-1) [(1-\lambda)+1]$$

$$= (2-\lambda)(\lambda^2 - 3\lambda + 2 - 3) + (2-\lambda)$$

$$= (2-\lambda)(\lambda^2 - 3\lambda - 1 + 1)$$

$$= (2-\lambda)(\lambda^2 - 3\lambda) = 0$$

$$(2-\lambda) \cdot \lambda \cdot (\lambda-3) = 0$$

$$\underline{\lambda_1 = 2}, \underline{\lambda_2 = 0}, \underline{\lambda_3 = 3}$$

Eigenvectors:

$$\underline{\lambda_1 = 2}:$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \textcircled{-1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{v_1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{\lambda_2 = 0}:$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \textcircled{-1} & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & \textcircled{5} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{v_2} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{\lambda_3 = 3}:$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \textcircled{-1} & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & \textcircled{2} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{v_3} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{y}_t = c_1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot 2^t + c_2 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \cdot 0^t + c_3 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot 3^t$$

$$\underline{y}_0 = c_1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} + c_3 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Gauss}} \begin{array}{l} c_1 = 1 \\ c_2 = 0 \\ c_3 = 1 \end{array}$$

$$\underline{y}_t = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot 2^t}_{+} + \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot 3^t}_{+}$$