

Matgeo Presentation - Problem 12.388

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Question

For the matrix $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$, ONE of the normalized eigenvectors is given as
(ME 2012)

a) $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$

b) $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$

c) $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{\sqrt{10}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \end{pmatrix}$

d) $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \end{pmatrix}$

Solution

Given

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.1)$$

For matrix \mathbf{A} the characteristic polynomial is given by

$$|\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}| = 0 \quad (0.2)$$

$$\text{char}\mathbf{A} = \begin{vmatrix} 5 - \lambda & 3 \\ 1 & 3 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (0.3)$$

$$\implies (5 - \lambda)(3 - \lambda) - 3 = 0 \quad (0.4)$$

$$\implies \lambda^2 - 8\lambda + 12 = 0 \quad (0.5)$$

$$\implies (\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 6) = 0 \quad (0.6)$$

Thus, the eigen values are given by

$$\lambda_1 = 6 \text{ and } \lambda_2 = 2 \quad (0.7)$$

Solution

For λ_1 , the augmented matrix formed from the eigenvalue-eigenvector equation is

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 + R_1} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.8)$$

Hence, the normalized eigenvector is

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.9)$$

For λ_2 , the augmented matrix formed from the eigenvalue-eigenvector equation is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - \frac{1}{3} \times R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.10)$$

Hence, the normalized eigenvector is

$$\mathbf{v}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.11)$$

Conclusion

The normalized eigen vectors are

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{\sqrt{10}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.12)$$

C Code: eigen.c

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>

int main() {
    FILE *fp;
    fp = fopen("eigen.dat", "w");
    if (fp == NULL) {
        printf("Error opening file!\n");
        return 1;
    }
    // Eigenvalues are already known: 1=6, 2=2
    // We'll compute the corresponding eigenvectors.

    // Eigenvector for 1 = 6 --> [3, 1]
    double v1x = 3, v1y = 1;
    double norm1 = sqrt(v1x*v1x + v1y*v1y);
    v1x /= norm1;
    v1y /= norm1;

    // Eigenvector for 2 = 2 --> [1, -1]
    double v2x = 1, v2y = -1;
    double norm2 = sqrt(v2x*v2x + v2y*v2y);
    v2x /= norm2;
    v2y /= norm2;
    fprintf(fp, "Normalized Eigenvectors:\n");
    fprintf(fp, "For 1=6: (%.6f, %.6f)\n", v1x, v1y);
    fprintf(fp, "For 2=2: (%.6f, %.6f)\n", v2x, v2y);

    fclose(fp);

    printf("Eigenvectors written to eigen.dat\n");
    return 0;
}
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Python: solution.py

```
import numpy as np
from sympy import Matrix

# Define the matrix
A = np.array([[5, 3],
              [1, 3]], dtype=float)

# --- Using NumPy ---
# Eigen decomposition
eigenvalues, eigenvectors = np.linalg.eig(A)

print("Using NumPy:")
for i in range(len(eigenvalues)):
    vec = eigenvectors[:, i]
    # Normalize vector
    norm_vec = vec / np.linalg.norm(vec)
    print(f"Eigenvalue: {eigenvalues[i]:.0f} --> Normalized eigenvector: {norm_vec}")

# --- Using SymPy (symbolic check) ---
M = Matrix([[5, 3],
            [1, 3]])

eigs = M.eigenvects()

print("\nUsing SymPy:")
for val, mult, vecs in eigs:
    for v in vecs:
        # Normalize with sympy
        v_normalized = v.normalized()
        print(f"Eigenvalue: {val} --> Normalized eigenvector: {v_normalized}")
```