

## Lecture 24

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# 1] LINEAR ALGEBRA / LECTURE 24 /

TRACE: IF  $\boxed{A}$  IS A SQUARE MATRIX, THEN THE TRACE OF  $\boxed{A}$  IS DENOTED BY  $\boxed{\text{tr}(A)}$  AND IS DEFINED TO BE THE SUM OF THE ENTRIES ON THE MAIN DIAGONAL OF  $\boxed{A}$ .

EXAMPLE:

FOR  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow 0$

$$\text{tr}(A) = 4 + 1 + 1 = 6$$

LAST TIME WE SAW THAT EIGENVALUES OF  $\boxed{A} = 1, 2, 3$   
CONSIDER  $\lambda_1 \downarrow \lambda_2 \downarrow \lambda_3$

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = 1 + 2 + 3 = 6 = \text{tr}(A)$$

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ALSO NOTE THAT FROM ①

$$\det(A) = 4 + 1(2) = 6 = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3$$

2) RESULT: IF  $\boxed{A}$  IS A SQUARE MATRIX THEN  $\det(A) = \text{PRODUCT OF ITS EIGENVALUES}$ .

TRY THE FOLLOWING:

(a) SHOW THAT THE CHARACTERISTIC EQUATION OF A  $2 \times 2$  MATRIX  $\boxed{A}$  CAN BE EXPRESSED AS.  $\lambda^2 - \text{tr}(A)\lambda + \det(A) = 0 \rightarrow ①$

(b) IF  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  THEN THE SOLUTIONS OF THE CHARACTERISTIC EQUATION OF  $\boxed{A}$  ARE

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{2} \left[ (a+d) \pm \sqrt{(a-d)^2 + 4bc} \right]$$

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OF ① THEN

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = \text{tr}(A), \lambda_1 \lambda_2 = \det(A)$$

RECALL: FOR  $\alpha, \beta$  AS ROOTS  
OF  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0, a \neq 0$   
 $\alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a}$  AND  $\alpha \beta = \frac{c}{a}$

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## DIAGONALIZATION

DEFINITION: A SQUARE MATRIX  $A$  IS CALLED DIAGONALIZABLE IF THERE IS AN INVERTIBLE MATRIX  $P$  SUCH THAT  $P^{-1}AP$  IS A DIAGONAL MATRIX; THE MATRIX  $P$  IS SAID TO DIAGONALIZE  $A$ .

EXAMPLE:

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrix  $P^{-1}AP$  is highlighted in a red box. Arrows point from the labels  $P^{-1}$ ,  $A$ , and  $P$  to their respective positions in the equation.

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 0 \\ -3 & -4 & 1 \\ -3 & -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$P$  IS THE MATRIX HAVING EIGENVECTORS OF  $A$  AS ITS COLUMN VECTORS AND  $P^{-1}AP$  IS A DIAGONAL MATRIX HAVING EIGENVALUES ON THE MAIN DIAGONAL.

## Application of DIAGONALIZATION

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### THE EIGENVECTOR PROBLEM.

GIVEN AN  $n \times n$  MATRIX  $A$ , DOES THERE EXIST A BASIS FOR  $\mathbb{R}^n$  CONSISTING OF EIGENVECTORS OF  $[A]$ ?

### THEOREM 7.2.1

IF  $[A]$  IS AN  $n \times n$  MATRIX, THEN THE FOLLOWING ARE EQUIVALENT.

- (a)  $[A]$  IS DIAGONALIZABLE
- (b)  $[A]$  HAS  $n$  LINEARLY INDEPENDENT EIGENVECTORS.

PROOF: (b)  $\Rightarrow$  (a)

ASSUME THAT  $[A]$  HAS  $n$  LINEARLY INDEPENDENT EIGENVECTORS  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n$ , WITH CORRESPONDING EIGENVALUES  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ .

CONSIDER THE MATRIX  $[P]$  WITH  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n$  AS ITS COLUMN VECTORS.

i.e.

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$$P = \begin{bmatrix} P_1 & P_2 & \dots & P_n \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ P_{11} & P_{12} & \dots & P_{1n} \\ P_{21} & P_{22} & \dots & P_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ P_{n1} & P_{n2} & \dots & P_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

NOW THE **COLUMNS** OF THE **PRODUCT**  
**AP** ARE  $\underline{AP_1}, \underline{AP_2}, \dots, \underline{AP_n}$

EXTRA:

CONSIDER  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$   
AND  $P = \begin{bmatrix} P_{11} & P_{12} \\ P_{21} & P_{22} \end{bmatrix}, AP = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_{11} & P_{12} \\ P_{21} & P_{22} \end{bmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow AP = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}P_{11} + a_{12}P_{21} & a_{11}P_{12} + a_{12}P_{22} \\ a_{21}P_{11} + a_{22}P_{21} & a_{21}P_{12} + a_{22}P_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

FIRST COLUMN OF **AP** IS  $\begin{bmatrix} a_{11}P_{11} + a_{12}P_{21} \\ a_{21}P_{11} + a_{22}P_{21} \end{bmatrix}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_{11} \\ P_{21} \end{bmatrix} = \underline{AP_1}$$

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BUT  $A\underline{P}_1 = \lambda_1 \underline{P}_1$ ,  $A\underline{P}_2 = \lambda_2 \underline{P}_2, \dots,$

$A\underline{P}_n = \lambda_n \underline{P}_n$ , SO THAT

$$\begin{aligned} AP &= \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 P_{11} & \lambda_2 P_{12} & \dots & \lambda_n P_{1n} \\ \lambda_1 P_{21} & \lambda_2 P_{22} & \dots & \lambda_n P_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \lambda_1 P_{n1} & \lambda_2 P_{n2} & \dots & \lambda_n P_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} P_{11} & P_{12} & \dots & P_{1n} \\ P_{21} & P_{22} & \dots & P_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ P_{n1} & P_{n2} & \dots & P_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \\ &= PD \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow AP = PD$ , WHERE D

IS THE DIAGONAL MATRIX HAVING  
THE EIGENVALUES  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$   
ON THE MAIN DIAGONAL. SINCE THE  
COLUMN VECTORS OF P ARE LINEARLY  
INDEPENDENT, THEREFORE

RANK(P) = n SO THAT

$\det(P) \neq 0$ , Since

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RECALL THAT **RANK** IS ALSO DEFINED AS THE HIGHEST ORDER OF THE NONZERO DETERMINANT.

$\therefore P$  IS INVERTIBLE;  
THUS  $AP = PD$  CAN BE WRITTEN AS  $P^{-1}AP = D$ ; THAT IS,  
 $A$  IS DIAGONALIZABLE.

CONVERSE IS ALSO TRUE.

(a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b)

IF  $A$  IS DIAGONALIZABLE  
THEN  $A$  HAS n LINEARLY INDEPENDENT EIGENVECTORS

AND THEY FORM A

BASIS FOR  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .