Recitation 5

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Orthogonal matrices

Definition (Orthogonal matrix)

Given a dot product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$, an orthogonal matrix is a real square matrix whose columns are *orthonormal* vectors.

Recall:

- Q is an orthonormal matrix iff its inverse is Q^T.
- $\langle Qx, Qy \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle$ for all x, y with the appropriate dimensions and Q orthogonal.
- Show that $\|Qx\| = \|x\|$ for all x and Q orthogonal.

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Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n\times n}$. A **non-zero** vector $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is said to be an *eigenvector* of A is there exists $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$Av = \lambda v.$$

The scalar λ is called the *eigenvalue* (of A) associated to v. The set

$$E_\lambda(A) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \,|\, Ax = \lambda x\} = \mathrm{Ker}(A - \lambda \mathrm{Id})$$

is called the *eigenspace* of A associated to λ. The dimension of $E_\lambda(A)$ is called the multiplicity of the eigenvalue λ.

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Recall:

- If a matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ has eigenvalues $\lambda_1 < \cdots < \lambda_k$ with eigenvectors $v_1, \ldots, v_k$ resp., then $v_1, \ldots, v_k$ are linearly independent. $\implies$ A has at most n different eigenvalues.
- More strongly, if $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ has eigenvalues $\lambda_1 < \cdots < \lambda_k$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k} \text{dim}(E_{\lambda_i}(A)) \leq n$$

Note: To compute eigenvalues and eigenvectors using determinants and characteristic polynomials, see Léo's video. Recommended but optional and not covered in this recitation.

Questions: Eigendecomposition

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We say that $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is a *diagonalizable* matrix if it has has eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_n$ with linearly independent eigenvectors $v_1, \ldots, v_n$.

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