

# Homework: Eigenvectors, Eigenvalues, Diagonalization, Orthogonal Basis and Complements

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## *Generalized Cosine*

Find  $\cos \theta$  where  $\theta$  is the angle between:

(a)  $u = (1, 3, -5, 4)$  and  $v = (2, -3, 4, 1)$  in  $\mathbf{R}^4$ ,

(b)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 8 & 7 \\ 6 & 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $\langle A, B \rangle = \text{tr}(B^T A)$ .

Use  $\cos \theta = \frac{\langle u, v \rangle}{\|u\| \|v\|}$

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## *Orthogonality*

Find  $k$  so that  $u = (1, 2, k, 3)$  and  $v = (3, k, 7, -5)$  in  $\mathbf{R}^4$  are

orthogonal.

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## *Orthogonal Complement: Basis*

Let  $W$  be the subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^5$  spanned by  $u = (1, 2, 3, -1, 2)$

and  $v = (2, 4, 7, 2, -1)$ . Find a basis of the orthogonal complement  $W^\perp$  of  $W$ .

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## Orthogonal Basis:

Let  $S$  consist of the following vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ :

$$u_1 = (1, 1, 0, -1), \quad u_2 = (1, 2, 1, 3), \quad u_3 = (1, 1, -9, 2), \quad u_4 = (16, -13, 1, 3)$$

(a) Show that  $S$  is orthogonal and a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

(b) Find the coordinates of an arbitrary vector  $v = (a, b, c, d)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  relative to the basis  $S$ .

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## Projection

Suppose  $w \neq 0$ . Let  $v$  be any vector in  $V$ . Show that

$$c = \frac{\langle v, w \rangle}{\langle w, w \rangle} = \frac{\langle v, w \rangle}{\|w\|^2}$$

is the unique scalar such that  $v' = v - cw$  is orthogonal to  $w$ .

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## Eigendecomposition $2 \times 2$ Matrix

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- Find all eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors.
  - Find a nonsingular matrix  $P$  such that  $D = P^{-1}AP$  is diagonal, and  $P^{-1}$ .
  - Find  $A^6$  and  $f(A)$ , where  $t^4 - 3t^3 - 6t^2 + 7t + 3$ .
  - Find a “real cube root” of  $A$ —that is, a matrix  $B$  such that  $B^3 = A$  and  $B$  has real eigenvalues.
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(a) First find the characteristic polynomial  $\Delta(t)$  of  $A$ :

$$\Delta(t) = t^2 - \text{tr}(A)t + |A| = t^2 - 5t + 4 = (t - 1)(t - 4)$$

The roots  $\lambda = 1$  and  $\lambda = 4$  of  $\Delta(t)$  are the eigenvalues of  $A$ . We find corresponding eigenvectors.

(i) Subtract  $\lambda = 1$  down the diagonal of  $A$  to obtain the matrix  $M = A - \lambda I$ , where the corresponding homogeneous system  $MX = 0$  yields the eigenvectors belonging to  $\lambda = 1$ . We have

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{corresponding to} \quad \begin{array}{l} x + 2y = 0 \\ x + 2y = 0 \end{array} \quad \text{or} \quad x + 2y = 0$$

The system has only one independent solution; for example,  $x = 2, y = -1$ . Thus,  $v_1 = (2, -1)$  is an eigen-

vector belonging to (and spanning the eigenspace of)  $\lambda = 1$ .

(ii) Subtract  $\lambda = 4$  down the diagonal of  $A$  to obtain

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{corresponding to} \quad \begin{array}{l} -2x + 2y = 0 \\ x - y = 0 \end{array} \quad \text{or} \quad x - y = 0$$

The system has only one independent solution; for example,  $x = 1, y = 1$ . Thus,  $v_2 = (1, 1)$  is an eigenvector belonging to  $\lambda = 4$ .

(b) Let  $P$  be the matrix whose columns are  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ . Then

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad D = P^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{where} \quad P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

(c) Using the diagonal factorization  $A = PDP^{-1}$ , and  $1^6 = 1$  and  $4^6 = 4096$ , we get

$$A^6 = PD^6P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4096 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1366 & 2230 \\ 1365 & 2731 \end{bmatrix}$$

Also,  $f(1) = 2$  and  $f(4) = 1$ . Hence,

$$f(A) = Pf(D)P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(d) Here  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt[3]{4} \end{bmatrix}$  is the real cube root of  $D$ . Hence the real cube root of  $A$  is

$$B = P\sqrt[3]{D}P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt[3]{4} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 + \sqrt[3]{4} & -2 + 2\sqrt[3]{4} \\ -1 + \sqrt[3]{4} & 1 + 2\sqrt[3]{4} \end{bmatrix}$$

## Diagonalization Symmetric Matrix

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 3 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find an orthogonal matrix  $P$  such that  $D = P^{-1}AP$  is diagonal.

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