

# Matrix Analysis

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# 1 Eigenvalues, eigenvectors, and similarity

## 1.0 Introduction

1.

*Proof.* Let  $S = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : x^T x = 1\}$ , which is clearly a compact subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Consider the function  $f : x \mapsto x^T A x$ . Since,

$$\|f(x + \delta) - f(x)\| = \|(x^T A)\delta + \delta^T(Ax) + \delta^T A \delta\| \leq K\|\delta\|$$

for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and some fixed  $K$ ,  $f$  is continuous. Hence, by Weierstrass's theorem,  $f$  attains its maximum value at some point  $x \in S$ . Namely, (1.0.3) has a solution  $x$ . Therefore, there exists some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $2(Ax - \lambda x) = 0$ , implying that every real symmetric matrix has at least one real eigenvalue.  $\square$

2.

*Proof.* Let  $S = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : x^T x = 1\}$  and  $m$  be the maximum value of  $x \mapsto x^T A x$  in  $S$ . Suppose  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  and  $u \neq 0$  is its associated eigenvector, then

$$Au = \lambda u \Rightarrow u^T A u = \lambda \|u\|^2 \Rightarrow (u/\|u\|)^T A(u/\|u\|) = \lambda \Rightarrow m \geq \lambda.$$

Meanwhile, by the previous discussion,  $m$  itself is a eigenvalue of  $A$ . Hence, it is the largest real eigenvalue of  $A$ .  $\square$

## 1.1 The eigenvalue-eigenvector equation

1.

*Proof.* It follows from

$$(A^{-1} - \lambda^{-1}I)x = (A^{-1} - \lambda^{-1}A^{-1}A)x = \lambda^{-1}A^{-1}(\lambda I - A)x = 0.$$

$\square$

3.

*Proof.* Since  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$Ax = \lambda x \Rightarrow Au + iAv = \lambda u + i\lambda v$$

implies  $Au = \lambda u$  and  $Av = \lambda v$ . As  $x \neq 0$ , at least one of  $u$  and  $v$  is nonzero and therefore  $A$  has a real eigenvector associated with  $\lambda$ . It can happen that only one of  $u$  and  $v$  is an eigenvector of  $A$ , because if  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , which may happen as we discussed above, the imaginary part of  $x$  is 0. Finally, if  $x$  is a real eigenvector of  $A$ , then the eigenvalue  $\lambda$  it associated with must be real. Otherwise, at least one entry of  $\lambda x$  is not real as  $x \neq 0$ , contradicting with the fact that  $Ax$  is real.  $\square$

5.

*Proof.* Let  $p(t) = t^2 - t$ . Since  $A$  is idempotent,  $p(A) = A^2 - A = 0$ . Hence, 0 is the only eigenvalue of  $p(A)$ . By Theorem 1.1.6, the only values the eigenvalues of  $A$  can be are the zeros of  $p$ , namely, 0 and 1.

Suppose  $A$  is nonsingular, then multiplying  $A^{-1}$  on the both sides of  $A^2 = A$  yields  $A = I$ .  $\square$

7.

*Proof.* Suppose  $\lambda \in \sigma(A)$  and  $x$  is its associated eigenvector, then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= (A - \lambda I)x = x^*(A^* - \bar{\lambda}I) = x^*(A - \bar{\lambda}I) \\ \Rightarrow 0 &= x^*(A - \bar{\lambda}I)x = x^*Ax - \bar{\lambda}x^*x = (\lambda - \bar{\lambda})\|x\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\lambda = \bar{\lambda}$ , implying all eigenvalues of  $A$  are real.  $\square$

9.

*Solution.* Solve the equation  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$  and we get  $\lambda = \pm i$ .  $\square$

11.

*Proof.* If  $\text{rank}(A - \lambda I) < n - 1$ , then  $\text{adj}(A - \lambda I) = 0$  by (0.8.2) and therefore we can always choose  $y$  to be the 0 and the other parts of the proposition clearly hold. Hence, in the following discussion, we assume that  $\text{rank}(A - \lambda I) = n - 1$ .

Apply the full-rank factorization and we get  $\text{adj}(A - \lambda I) = \alpha xy^*$  for some nonzero  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $x, y \in \mathbb{C}^n$ . Replacing  $x$  with  $\alpha x$  and  $\alpha$  with 1 proves the first part.

Suppose  $\text{adj}(A - \lambda I) = [\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n]$ , then

$$(A - \lambda I) \text{adj}(A - \lambda I) \Rightarrow (A - \lambda I)\beta_k = 0 \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots, n),$$

implying that  $\beta_k$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  associated with  $\lambda$  as long as it is nonzero.  $\square$

13.

*Proof.* If  $\text{rank } A < n - 1$ , then  $x$  is always an eigenvector of  $\text{adj } A$  associated with 0 as  $\text{adj } A = 0$ . Hence, we may assume that  $\text{rank } A = n - 1$ . Then  $\text{adj } A = (\det A)A^{-1}$ . By Exercise 1,  $x$  is an eigenvector of  $A^{-1}$  and therefore an eigenvector of  $\text{adj } A$ .  $\square$

## 1.2 The characteristic polynomial and algebraic multiplicity

2.

*Proof.* Suppose  $A = [a_{ij}]_{m,n} = [\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n]^T$  and  $B = [b_{ij}]_{n,m} = [\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n]$ , then

$$\text{tr}(AB) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \beta_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m a_{ij} b_{ji} = \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n b_{ji} a_{ij} = \text{tr}(BA).$$

Hence, for nonsingular  $S \in M_n$ ,  $\text{tr}(S^{-1}AS) = \text{tr}(S(S^{-1}A)) = \text{tr}(A)$ .

For  $A \in M_n$ ,  $\det(S^{-1}AS) = \det(S)\det(S^{-1})\det(A) = \det(A)$ , which means the determinant function on  $M_n$  is similarity invariant.  $\square$

4.

*Proof.* It follows immediately from the fact that  $\sigma(A) \subset \{0, 1\}$  and  $S_k(A)$  is the sum of some  $\prod \lambda_{i_j}$ .  $\square$

6.

*Proof.*  $\text{rank}(A - \lambda I) = n - 1$  implies the matrix  $A - \lambda I$  is singular, and therefore  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ . However, it may not have multiplicity 1. For example<sup>1</sup>, suppose

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<sup>1</sup>Thanks to Zhihan Jin, one of my classmates.

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .  $\text{rank } A = 1$  but 0, the only eigenvalue of  $A$  is of multiplicity 2.  $\square$

8.

*Proof.*  $p_{A+\lambda I}(t) = \det(tI - (A + \lambda I)) = \det((t - \lambda)I - A) = p_A(t - \lambda)$  and hence the eigenvalues of  $A + \lambda I$ , the zeros of  $p_{A+\lambda}(t)$ , are  $\lambda_1 + \lambda, \dots, \lambda_n + \lambda$ .  $\square$

10.

*Proof.* Since  $p_A(t)$  has  $n$  roots and non-real roots of a polynomial come in pairs, at least one of the roots is real. Hence,  $A$  has at least one real eigenvalue.  $\square$

12. TODO

14.

*Proof.* Suppose  $C = \begin{bmatrix} \mu & 0 \\ * & B \end{bmatrix}$ . By the exercise on p52,

$$p_A(t) = (t - \lambda)p_C(t) = (t - \lambda)p_{C^T}(t) = (t - \lambda)(t - \mu)p_B(t).$$

$\square$

16.

*Proof.*  $f(t) = \det(A + (tx)y^T) = \det A + y^T(\text{adj } A)tx = \det A + t\beta$  where  $\beta = y^T(\text{adj } A)x$ , a constant independent of  $t$ . Hence, for  $t_1 \neq t_2$

$$\frac{t_2 f(t_1) - t_1 f(t_2)}{t_2 - t_1} = \frac{t_2(\det A + t_1 \beta) - t_1(\det A + t_2 \beta)}{t_2 - t_1} = \det A.$$

For the second part, we can get from calculation that

$$f(-b) = \det(A - b[1, \dots, 1]^T[1, \dots, 1]) = (d_1 - b) \cdots (d_n - b) = q(b)$$

and  $f(-c) = q(-c)$ . Hence, if  $b \neq c$ ,

$$\det A = \frac{(-c)f(-b) - (-b)f(-c)}{(-c) - (-b)} = \frac{bq(c) - cq(b)}{b - c}.$$

Now suppose  $b = c$ . Note that  $f(t)$  is a linear function of  $t$ , which is differentiable, implying that

$$\det A = \lim_{t_2 \rightarrow t_1} \frac{t_2 f(t_1) - t_1 f(t_2)}{t_2 - t_1} = f'(t_1)t_1 - f(t_1).$$

Meanwhile, since  $q(t)$  is continuous,  $q(t) \rightarrow f(-b)$  as  $t \rightarrow b$ . Thus,

$$\det A = \lim_{c \rightarrow b} \frac{(-c)f(-b) - (-b)f(-c)}{(-c) - (-b)} = q(b) - bq'(b).$$

Let

$$A_* = \lambda I - A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & -b & \cdots & -b \\ -c & \lambda & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & -b \\ -c & \cdots & -c & \lambda \end{bmatrix}.$$

and  $q_*(t) = (\lambda - t)^n$ , then by the previous result,

$$\begin{aligned} p_A(\lambda) &= \frac{-bq_*(-c) - (-c)q_*(-b)}{-c - (-b)} = \frac{b(\lambda + c)^n - c(\lambda + b)^n}{b - c}, & \text{if } b \neq c, \\ p_A(\lambda) &= q_*(-b) - (-b)q'_*(-b) = (\lambda + b)^{n-1}(\lambda - (n-1)b), & \text{if } b = c. \end{aligned}$$

□

**18.**

*Proof.* The identity can be derived immediately from Observation 1.2.4 and the identity  $a_1 = (-1)^{n-1} \text{tr adj}(A)$ , the proof of which can be found on p53. □

**20.**

*Proof.* By (1.2.13),

$$\det(I + A) = (-1)^n p_A(-1) = (-1)^n \left( (-1)^n + \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{n-k} E_k(A) (-1)^k \right) = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^n E_k(A).$$

□

**22.**

*Proof.* Suppose

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} t & -1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & -1 \\ & & & t \end{bmatrix},$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} p_{C_n(\varepsilon)}(t) &= \det(A + [0, \dots, 0, 1]^T [-\varepsilon, 0, \dots, 0]) \\ &= \det A - \varepsilon [1, 0, \dots, 0] (\text{adj } A) [0, \dots, 0, 1]^T \\ &= \det A - \varepsilon ((\text{adj } A)[1, n]) \\ &= \det A - \varepsilon \det A[\{n\}^c, \{1\}^c] \\ &= t^n - \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

And its spectrum, namely the set of roots of  $p_{C_n(\varepsilon)}$ , is  $\{\varepsilon^{1/n} e^{2\pi i k/n} : k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ . Hence,

$$\rho(I + C_n(\varepsilon)) = 1 + \rho(C_n(\varepsilon)) = 1 + \varepsilon^{1/n}.$$

□

### 1.3 Similarity

1.

*Proof.* (a) Since  $A$  and  $B$  are diagonalizable and commute, by Theorem 1.3.21, they are simultaneously diagonalizable. Hence, there exists some nonsingular  $S \in M_n$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} A + B &= S^{-1} \operatorname{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) S + S^{-1} \operatorname{diag}(\mu_{i_1}, \dots, \mu_{i+n}) S \\ &= S^{-1} \operatorname{diag}(\lambda_1 + \mu_{i_1}, \dots, \lambda_n + \mu_{i_n}) S. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\sigma(A + B) = \{\lambda_1 + \mu_{i_1}, \dots, \lambda_n + \mu_{i_n}\}$ .

(b) By Exercise 1.1.6,  $\sigma(B) = \{0\}$ , completing the proof.

(c)  $\sigma(AB) = \{\lambda_1 \mu_{i_1}, \dots, \lambda_n \mu_{i_n}\}$ , because

$$S^{-1}(AB)S = (S^{-1}AS)(S^{-1}BS) = \operatorname{diag}(\lambda_1 \mu_{i_1}, \dots, \lambda_n \mu_{i_n}).$$

□

3.

*Proof.*

$$\sum_{k=0}^n a_k A^k = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k \Lambda^k = 0^n S^{-1} (a_k \Lambda^k) S = S^{-1} p(\Lambda) S.$$

□

5.

*Proof.* Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = I$ . Clear that  $A$  and  $B$  commute but are not simultaneously diagonalizable since  $A$  can not be diagonalized. This does not violate 1.3.12 because in 1.3.12,  $A$  and  $B$  are required to be diagonalizable. □

7.

*Proof.* Suppose  $B = \operatorname{diag}(b_1, \dots, b_n)$ , then clear that  $A = \operatorname{diag}(\sqrt{b_1}, \dots, \sqrt{b_n})$  is a square root of  $B$ .

Assume that such  $A$  exists, then by Theorem 1.1.6,  $\sigma(A) = \{0\}$ , implying that

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a \\ b & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore,

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} ab & 0 \\ 0 & ab \end{bmatrix} \neq B.$$

Contradiction. □

9.

*Proof.* By Theorem 1.3.22,  $AB$  and  $BA$  have the same eigenvalues. And as similar matrices are of the same rank,  $AB$  and  $BA$  are not similar. □

11.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $A, B \in M_n$  commute and  $Ax = \lambda x$  where  $x \neq 0$  and  $k$  the is the smallest integer such that  $B^k x \in \text{span}\{x, Bx, \dots, B^{k-1}x\} = \mathcal{S}$ . For every  $u = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} x_i B^i x \in \mathcal{S}$ ,  $Bu$  is a linear combination of  $\sum_{i=0}^{k-2} x_i B^{i+1}x$  and  $x_{k-1} B^k x \in \mathcal{S}$ . Hence  $Bu \in \mathcal{S}$  and therefore  $\mathcal{S}$  is  $B$ -invariant. By Observation 1.3.18, there exists some  $0 \neq y \in \mathcal{S}$  which is an eigenvector of  $B$ . Meanwhile, since

$$A \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} x_i B^i x = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} x_i (AB^i)x = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} x_i B^i \lambda x = \lambda \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} x_i B^i x,$$

every nonzero vector in  $\mathcal{S}$  is a eigenvector of  $A$  and so does  $y$ . Hence,  $A$  and  $B$  have a common eigenvector  $y$ .

Now we argue by induction on  $m$ , the size of the finite commuting family  $\mathcal{F} = \{A_1, \dots, A_m\}$ . Suppose that  $y \neq 0$  is a common eigenvector of  $A_1, \dots, A_{m-1}$  and let  $k$  be the smallest integer such that  $A_m^k y \in \text{span}\{y, A_m y, \dots, A_m^{k-1} y\} = \mathcal{S}$ . Then by some argument similar to the previous one,  $\mathcal{S}$  is  $A_m$ -invariant and hence contains a eigenvector  $z$  of  $A_m$ . Meanwhile, since  $A_i$  and  $A_m$  commute, every nonzero vector in  $\mathcal{S}$  is an eigenvector of  $A_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m-1$  and so does  $z$ , concluding that matrices in a finite commuting families share a common eigenvector.

$M_n$  is linear space of dimension  $n^2$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  is a subspace of  $M_n$  since for any  $A, B, C \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $a, b \in \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$(aA + bB)C = a(AC) + b(BC) = a(CA) + b(CB) = C(aA + bB).$$

Let  $\mathcal{B} = \{B_1, \dots, B_k\}$  be a basis of  $\mathcal{F}$ . Since  $\mathcal{B}$  is finite and commuting, (b) shows that the matrices in  $\mathcal{B}$  have a common eigenvector  $x$ . Hence, supposing  $B_i x = \lambda_i x$ ,

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^k b_i B_i \right) x = \sum_{i=1}^k b_i (B_i x) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^k b_i \lambda_i \right) x$$

where  $b_i$  are some scalars. Thus,  $x$  is a eigenvector of every  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ . □

13.

*Proof.* Since similar diagonalizable matrices have the same eigenvalues and multiplicities, their characteristic polynomials are therefore the same and vice versa.

However, this is not true for two matrices which are not both diagonalizable. For example,  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $0_{2 \times 2}$  have the same characteristic polynomial but they are not similar. □

15.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $A = S\Lambda S^{-1}$  where  $\Lambda$  is a diagonal matrix, then

$$p(A) = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k (S\Lambda S^{-1})^k = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k S\Lambda^k S^{-1} = Sp(\Lambda)S^{-1}.$$

Clear that  $p(\Lambda)$  is again a diagonal matrix. Hence,  $p(A)$  is also diagonalizable.

However the converse is not true. For example,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is not diagonalizable but  $A^2 = 0$  itself is a diagonal matrix. □

**17.**

*Proof.* Suppose that  $A = TBT^{-1}$  where  $T \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  is nonsingular, then  $\bar{A} = \overline{TBT^{-1}} = \bar{T}\bar{B}\bar{T}^{-1} = T\bar{B}T^{-1}$  since  $T$  is real. And the converse is obviously true.  $\square$

**19.**

*Proof.* Clear that  $Q = Q^T$  and  $Q^2 = I$ , implying  $Q = Q^{-1}$ .

(a) Suppose that  $A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$0 = K_{2n}A - AK_{2n} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{21} - A_{12} & A_{22} - A_{11} \\ A_{11} - A_{22} & A_{12} - A_{21} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Hence,  $A$  is 2-by-2 block centrosymmetric. And the proof of the converse is trivial. If  $A$  is nonsingular, then we have  $A^{-1}K_{2n} = K_{2n}A^{-1}$ , which implies  $A^{-1}$  is 2-by-2 block centrosymmetric. Meanwhile, since  $K_{2n}^{-1} = K_{2n}$ ,  $K_{2n}AK_{2n} = A$ . Suppose  $B$  is a 2-by-2 block centrosymmetric matrix, then

$$K_{2n}AB = K_{2n}A(K_{2n}BK_{2n}) = (K_{2n}AK_{2n})B_{2n}K_{2n} = ABK_{2n}.$$

Therefore,  $AB$  is a 2-by-2 block centrosymmetric matrix as well.

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} Q^{-1}AQ &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} I_n & I_n \\ I_n & -I_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B & C \\ C & B \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_n & I_n \\ I_n & -I_n \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} B+C & 0 \\ 0 & B+C \end{bmatrix} = (B+C) \oplus (B-C). \end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$\det A = \det(Q^{-1}AQ) = \det \begin{bmatrix} B+C & 0 \\ 0 & B+C \end{bmatrix} = \det(B^2 + CB - BC - C^2)$$

and  $\text{rank } A = \text{rank}(B+C) + \text{rank}(B-C)$  follows immediately from  $Q^{-1}AQ = (B+C) \oplus (B-C)$ .

(d)  $Q^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & C \\ C & 0 \end{bmatrix} = C \oplus (-C)$ . Since  $p_{C \oplus (-C)}(t) = p_C(t)p_{-C}(t)$ , the eigenvalues occur in  $\pm$  pairs.  $\square$

**23.**

*Proof.* Suppose that there exists some  $X \in M_{n,m}$  such that  $C = BX$  and let  $S = \begin{bmatrix} I_n & X \\ 0 & I_m \end{bmatrix}$ . Clear that  $S$  is nonsingular and  $S^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} I_n & -X \\ 0 & I_m \end{bmatrix}$ . Since

$$S \begin{bmatrix} B & BX \\ 0_n & 0_m \end{bmatrix} S^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} B & 0 \\ 0 & 0_m \end{bmatrix},$$

$A$  is similar to  $B \oplus 0_m$ .

Now we suppose that  $A$  is similar to  $B \oplus 0_m$ . Since similar matrices have the same rank,  $\text{rank}[B \ C] = \text{rank } B$ .  $\square$

**25.**

*Proof.* TODO  $\square$



**29.**

*Proof.* Since  $\det A = \sum_{\sigma} (\text{sgn } \sigma \prod_{i=1}^n a_{i\sigma(i)})$ , where  $\sigma$  is any permutation of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , the determinant of a matrix whose entries are integers is an integer.

Suppose that the  $a_{ij}$  is changed from  $-1$  to  $1$  and denote the new matrix by  $\tilde{A}$ . Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{C}^n$  be two vectors such that  $x_i = 1$  and  $y_j = 2$ , then  $\tilde{A} = A + xy^T$ . By Cauchy's identity,

$$\det \tilde{A} = \det A + y^T (\text{adj } A) x = \det A + 2 \det A[\{i\}^c, \{j\}^c].$$

Hence, the parity of  $\det A$  is unchanged.

<sup>2</sup> Since changing a  $-1$  entry to  $1$  does not change the parity of the determinant, we can change all the entries to  $1$ . Hence, the parity of  $\det A$  is the same as the parity of  $\det(J_n - I)$ . Induction on  $n$  yields that it is opposite to the parity of  $n$ . Thus, if  $n$  is even, then  $\det A$  is odd and therefore nonzero, implying  $A$  is nonsingular.  $\square$

**31.**

*Proof.* The characteristic polynomial of the matrix is  $p(t) = (t-a)^2 + b^2 = (t-a-ib)(t-a+ib)$ . Hence its eigenvalues are  $a \pm ib$ .  $\square$

**33.**

*Proof.*

(a) Since  $A$  is real,  $A\bar{x} = \overline{Ax} = \overline{\lambda x} = \bar{\lambda}\bar{x}$ .

(b) Since  $\lambda$  is not real,  $x$  and  $\bar{x}$  are associated with different eigenvalues. Hence,  $x$  and  $\bar{x}$  are linear independent. Suppose that  $mu + nv = 0$ . Then

$$0 = m(x + \bar{x}) - in(x - \bar{x}) = (m - in)x + (m + in)\bar{x}.$$

Since  $m - in = 0$  and  $m + in = 0$ ,  $m = n = 0$ . Thus,  $u$  and  $v$  are also linear independent.

(c)

$$Au = \frac{1}{2}A(x + \bar{x}) = \frac{1}{2}(\lambda x + \bar{\lambda}\bar{x}) = \frac{1}{2}[(a + ib)(u + iv) + (a - bi)(u - iv)] = au - bv.$$

Similarly,  $Av = bu + av$ . Hence,

$$A[u, v] = [Au, Av] = [au - bv, bu + av] = [u, v]B.$$

(d) Since  $S \begin{bmatrix} I_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = [u, v]$ ,  $S^{-1}[u, v] = \begin{bmatrix} I_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and the proof of the next result is trivial.

(e) Since  $p_A(t) = p_B(t)p_{A_1}(t)$ , the result amounts to the fact that  $\lambda$  and  $\bar{\lambda}$  are two roots of  $p_B(t)$ .  $\square$

## 1.4 Left and right eigenvectors and geometric multiplicity

**2.**

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<sup>2</sup>I don't know what  $J_n$  actually is here and assume it to be the matrix whose entries are all 1.

*Proof.* Since

$$p_A(t) = p_{A^T}(t) = p_{-A}(t) = \det(tI + A) = (-1)^n \det((-t)I - A) = (-1)^n p_A(-t),$$

$-\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  with multiplicity  $k$  as long as  $\lambda$  is. Thus, if  $n$  is odd,  $0 \in \sigma(A)$  as the nonzero eigenvalues come in pairs. Hence,  $A$  is singular. Since the principal submatrices of a skew symmetric matrix are still skew symmetric, the ones with odd size are singular. Finally, since skew symmetric matrices are rank principal, having a nonsingular principal submatrix of size  $r \times r$  if its rank is  $r$ , rank  $A$  is even.  $\square$

4.

*Proof.* Note that  $S^{-1} = S$  and multiplying  $S$  on the left and right are respectively equivalent to changing the sign of the odd rows and columns. Hence,  $S^{-1}AS = SAS = -A$ . Since  $p_{-A}(t) = (-1)^n p_A(-t)$  and similar matrices have the same eigenvalues with the same multiplicities,  $-\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  with multiplicity  $k$  as long as  $\lambda$  is. Since the eigenvalues of  $A$  come in  $\pm$  pairs,  $0 \in \sigma(A)$ , hence  $A$  is singular, if  $n$  is odd.  $\square$

6.

*Proof.* (a) Since  $x$  and  $y$  are entrywise positive,  $y^*x > 0$ . Hence, by Theorem 1.4.7, the subspace  $\text{span}(x)$  and the orthogonal complement  $W$  of  $y^*$  are both  $A$ -invariant. Let  $u$  be an entrywise nonnegative right eigenvector of  $A$  associated with eigenvalue  $\mu$ . It belongs to some  $A$ -invariant subspace. Since  $y^*u > 0$ , it does not belong to  $W$  and therefore  $u \in \text{span}(x)$ . Thus,  $\mu = \lambda$ . If  $u$  is a left eigenvector, the argument is similar.

(b) Since the algebraic multiplicity is no less than the geometric multiplicity,  $\lambda$  has geometric multiplicity 1.  $\square$

10.

*Proof.* Suppose  $T = [\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n]$ . Then

$$T^*A = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1^* \\ \vdots \\ \beta_n^* \end{bmatrix} A = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1^* A \\ \vdots \\ \beta_n^* A \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \beta_1^* \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_n \beta_n^* \end{bmatrix} = \Lambda T^*.$$

where  $\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ . Therefore,  $AT^{-*} = T^{-*}\Lambda$ , implying that  $T^{-*}$  are the right eigenvectors of  $A$ .  $\square$

12.

*Proof.* (a) First suppose that every list of  $n - 1$  columns of  $A - \lambda I = [\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n]$  is linearly independent and let  $x \neq 0$  be an eigenvector of  $A$  associated with  $\lambda$ . We argue by contradiction, assuming that  $x_i$ , the  $i$ -th entry of  $x$ , is zero. Then

$$0 = (A - \lambda)x = x_1\beta_1 + \dots + x_{i-1}\beta_{i-1} + x_{i+1}\beta_{i+1} + \dots + x_n\beta_n.$$

As  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{i-1}, \beta_{i+1}, \dots, \beta_n$  are linearly independent, this implies  $x_i = 0$  for each  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , contradicting with the assumption  $x \neq 0$ .

To prove the converse part, we continue to argue by contradiction and assume that  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{i-1}, \beta_{i+1}, \dots, \beta_n$  are linearly dependent. Consider the equation  $[\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n]x = 0$ .

Even if we restrict the  $i$ -th entry of  $x$  to be 0, the equation is still solvable, leading to a contradiction and completing the proof.

(b) The previous result shows that every list of  $n - 1$  columns of  $A - \lambda I$  is linearly independent. Since  $A - \lambda I$  is singular, this implies  $\text{rank}(A - \lambda I) = n - 1$ . By the rank-nullity theorem, the geometric multiplicity of  $\lambda$  is 1.  $\square$

**14.**

*Proof.* (a) It follows immediately from

$$(A - \lambda I) \text{adj}(A - \lambda I) = p_A(\lambda)I = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad A \text{adj}(A - \lambda I) = \lambda \text{adj}(A - \lambda I).$$

(b) The proof is similar to the one of (a).

(c) Given  $\lambda \in \sigma(A)$ ,  $\text{adj}(A - \lambda I) \neq 0$  iff  $\text{rank}(A - \lambda I) = n - 1$  iff  $\lambda$  has geometric multiplicity 1.

(d) It follows from

$$\text{adj}(A - \lambda I) = \begin{bmatrix} d - \lambda & -b \\ -c & a - \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

and the results of (a) and (b).  $\square$

## 2 Unitary Similarity and Unitary Equivalence

### 2.1 Unitary matrices and the $QR$ factorization