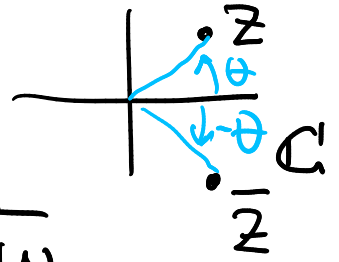


Last time:

- $\overline{z} = \overline{(a+ib)} = \overline{re^{i\theta}} = a-ib = re^{-i\theta}$
- $\overline{z \cdot w} = \overline{(re^{i\theta})(qe^{i\alpha})} = rq e^{-i(\theta+\alpha)} = \overline{z} \cdot \overline{w}$
- $\overline{z+w} = \overline{z} + \overline{w}$
- $z \in \mathbb{R} \Leftrightarrow z = \overline{z}$ .



thm 1. Eigenvalues of a Hermitian matrix  
are real.

### Real versus Complex

| $\mathbf{R}^n$ ( $n$ real components)                    | $\mathbf{C}^n$ ( $n$ complex components)                       |
|--|--|
| length: $\ x\ ^2 = x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2$                | length: $\ x\ ^2 =  x_1 ^2 + \dots +  x_n ^2$                  |
| transpose: $A_{ij}^T = A_{ji}$                           | Hermitian transpose: $A_{ij}^H = \overline{A_{ji}}$            |
| $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$                                       | conjugate transpose $(AB)^H = B^H A^H$                         |
| inner product: $x^T y = x_1 y_1 + \dots + x_n y_n$       | inner product: $x^H y = \bar{x}_1 y_1 + \dots + \bar{x}_n y_n$ |
| $(Ax)^T y = x^T (A^T y)$                                 | $(Ax)^H y = x^H (A^H y)$                                       |
| orthogonality: $x^T y = 0$                               | orthogonality: $x^H y = 0$                                     |
| symmetric matrices: $A^T = A$                            | Hermitian matrices: $A^H = A$                                  |
| $A = Q \Lambda Q^{-1} = Q \Lambda Q^T$ (real $\Lambda$ ) | $A = U \Lambda U^{-1} = U \Lambda U^H$ (real $\Lambda$ )       |
| skew-symmetric $K^T = -K$                                | skew-Hermitian $K^H = -K$                                      |
| orthogonal $Q^T Q = I$ or $Q^T = Q^{-1}$                 | unitary $U^H U = I$ or $U^H = U^{-1}$                          |
| $(Qx)^T (Qy) = x^T y$ and $\ Qx\  = \ x\ $               | $(Ux)^H (Uy) = x^H y$ and $\ Ux\  = \ x\ $                     |

The columns, rows, and eigenvectors of  $Q$  and  $U$  are orthonormal, and every  $|\lambda| = 1$

ex: When is  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  Hermitian?

[if and only if  $\begin{cases} a = \bar{a} \\ d = \bar{d} \\ c = \bar{b} \end{cases} \begin{matrix} a \in \mathbb{R} \\ d \in \mathbb{R} \end{matrix}$

ex:  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ -i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is Hermitian.

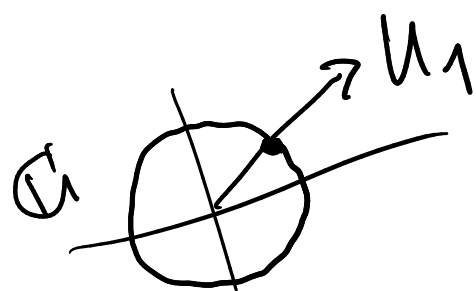
eigenvalues:  $\lambda_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2}(1 \pm \sqrt{5})$

eigenspaces have  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} = 1$ .  $u_1$

eigenvectors:  $\text{null} \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \lambda_+ & i \\ -i & -\lambda_+ \end{pmatrix} = \left\{ c \begin{pmatrix} -i \\ \lambda_- \end{pmatrix} : c \in \mathbb{C} \right\}$

Is there a unit eigenvector?

Yes:  $u_1 / \|u_1\| = u_1 / \sqrt{1 + \lambda_-^2}$



space<sub>+</sub> has only many unit eigenvectors.

exercise. There is no totally real eigenvector in this space.

We'll prove:

thm2. For a Hermitian matrix  $A$  let  $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  be two evalues, and  $u_1$  &  $u_2$  be two corresponding evedes. Then  $u_1 \perp u_2$  i.e.  $u_1^H u_2 = 0$ .

which immediately implies:

thm3. A Hermitian matrix  $A$  with distinct evalues is diagonalizable via a  $cx$  matrix whose columns can be chosen to be orthonormal.

defn: A square matrix  $U$  with unit column vectors that are  $cx$ . orthogonal to each other is called a unitary matrix.

$$U^H U = I = U U^H.$$

thm 3 (again). Every Hermitian matrix  $A$  with distinct evalues is diagonalizable via a unitary matrix:

$$U^{-1}AU = U^H AU = \Lambda.$$

thm 4. Every real symmetric matrix  $A$  with distinct evalues is diagonalizable via an orthogonal matrix:

$$Q^T A Q = \Lambda.$$

proof. thm 3 gives a unitary matrix  $U$ . By thm 1, evalues of  $A$  are real. So it has real eivectors for each evalue. Such unit real eivectors builds  $U$ , a real unitary matrix i.e an orthogonal matrix.

proof of thm 2. let  $Au_1 = \lambda_1 u_1$ ,

$Au_2 = \lambda_2 u_2$ . Then  $\lambda_1 \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\lambda_1 u_1^H u_2 = (\overline{\lambda_1} u_1)^H u_2 \stackrel{\lambda_1 \in \mathbb{R}}{=} (\lambda_1 u_1)^H u_2$$

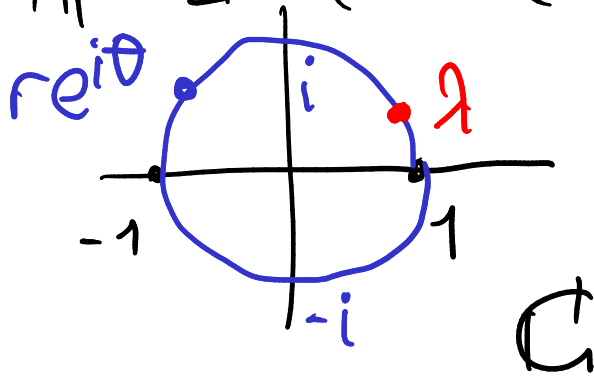
$$= (Au_1)^H u_2 = u_1^H A^H u_2 = u_1^H A u_2$$

$$= \lambda_2 u_1^H u_2. \text{ Since } \lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2, u_1^H u_2 = 0$$

Properties of unitary matrices.

- ①  $U^H U = I = U U^H$
- ②  $U$  is invertible with inverse  $U^H$ .
- ③ Considering  $U: \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n, x \mapsto Ux$  preserves inner product:  
$$x^H y = x^H (U^H U) y = (Ux)^H (Uy)$$
- ④  $U$  preserves lengths:  $\|Ux\| = \|x\|$ .
- ⑤ Every eigenvalue of  $U$  is a unit complex number.

For  $Ux = \lambda x$ ,  $\|x\|^2 = \|Ux\|^2 = \|\lambda x\|^2$   
 $= (\lambda x)^H (\lambda x) = \bar{\lambda} \cdot \lambda \cdot x^H x = \|\lambda\|^2 \cdot \|x\|^2$   
 $\Rightarrow \|\lambda\|^2 = 1$  (since  $\|x\| \neq 0$ ).



⑥  $U^{-1}$  is unitary too:

$$(U^{-1})^H \cdot U^{-1} = (U^H)^H \cdot U^H = U U^H = I$$

⑦  $U, V$  unitary  $\Rightarrow U \cdot V$  unitary:

$$(UV)^H \cdot (UV) = V^H U^H U V = I.$$

Remark for ⑤: Every eigenvalue of an orthogonal matrix is a unit complex number.

defn:  $A_{n \times n}$  &  $B_{n \times n}$  are similar matrices  
if  $S^{-1}AS = B$  for some  $S$ . The  
LHS is called a similarity transformation

Schur's lemma. Any square matrix  
 $A$  is similar to an upper triangular  
matrix  $T$  via a unitary matrix  $U$ :  
$$U^{-1}AU = U^H AU = T$$
  
Moreover the diagonal entries of  $T$   
are eigenvalues of  $A$ .

Spectral Theorem. Every Hermitian  
matrix is diagonalizable via a unitary  
matrix:  
$$U^H AU = \Lambda$$

corol. Every real symmetric matrix  
[is diagonalizable via an orthogonal matrix.]

proof of Spectral Theorem. Let  $A$   
be Hermitian. By Schur's lemma  
 $T = U^H A U$ . Then  
 $T^H = U^H A^H U = U^H A U = T$ .  
So  $T$  is diagonal (with real diagonal)

proof of Schur's lemma. Let  $\lambda_1 \in \mathbb{C}$

be an eigenvalue &  $v_1$  a unit vector,

$A v_1 = \lambda_1 v_1$ . Then there is some (\*)

unitary matrix  $U_1 = [v_1 | * | \dots | *]$   
such that

$$\begin{aligned} A \cdot U_1 &= [A v_1 | * | \dots | *] \\ &= [\lambda_1 v_1 | * | \dots | *] \end{aligned}$$



$$= \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & * & \dots & * \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & U_1^{-1} & \dots & U_1^{-1} \\ 0 & U_1^{-1} & \dots & U_1^{-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= U_1 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & \\ 0 & * \\ \vdots & \\ 0 & \end{bmatrix}$$

(\*) Such  $U_1$  can be built as follows:  
 insert  $v_1, e_1, \dots, e_n$  into Gram-Schmidt. Set the output vectors  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  as columns of  $U_1$ .  
 We finish the proof next time.