

# LEC 28. Similar Matrices and Jordan Form 2/15

similar matrices  $A, B$  / JORDAN FORM  
 $B = M^{-1}AM$

important! positive definite means:

$$x^T A x > 0 \text{ (except for } x=0)$$

$A^T A$  is positive definite!

If  $A$  &  $B$  are pos def, what about  $A+B$ ?

$$x^T (A+B) x > 0 \Leftrightarrow x^T A x > 0, x^T B x > 0$$

so is  $A+B$

Now  $A$   $m$  by  $n$

$A^T A$   $\rightarrow n \times n$  square, symmetric, but is it pos def? Yes,  $A^T A$  is must be positive definite

$x^T A^T A x$  why this can never be negative?

$$\Rightarrow = (Ax)^T (Ax) \text{ its length square of } Ax$$



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$$= \|Ax\|^2 \geq 0, \text{ only if } x=0 \text{ it can be } 0$$

if rank = n, ~~there is only~~ then the nullspace is only the  $\{0\}$ , so in this situation,  $\|Ax\| \geq 0$  only  $x=0$  can make  $\|Ax\|^2 = 0$ , then  $A^T A$  is positive definite

n x n matrices

A and B are similar

that means: for some  $M$ ,  $B = M^{-1} A M$

Example:

$$S^{-1} A S = \Lambda \Rightarrow A \text{ is similar to } \Lambda$$

~~A =~~  $\uparrow$  the best next matrices in the family of A

there are a lot of others, (take a different  $S$ ).

Suppose  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  ( $\lambda_1 = 3, \lambda_2 = 1$ )

similar

$$M^{-1} A M = B \quad \begin{matrix} M^{-1} & A & M \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 9 \\ 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -15 \\ 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = B$$

$\det B = 3$

$\Rightarrow A, \Lambda, B$  are all similar matrices, they are all in a same family

$\Rightarrow$  they are all have the same eigenvalues!



great fact: all similar matrices have the same eigenvalues !!

how?  $\Rightarrow$   $Ax = \lambda x$  (B =  $M^{-1}AM$ ) example  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$A M M^{-1} x = \lambda x$$

$$\textcircled{I} \Rightarrow (M^{-1} A M) M^{-1} x = \lambda M^{-1} x$$

$\uparrow$  that's B

$$\Rightarrow \textcircled{B} \underline{M^{-1} x} = \underline{\lambda} \underline{M^{-1} x} \quad \text{end of prove}$$

so  $\lambda$  is also B's eigenvalue, and the eigenvector of B is  $M^{-1}x$   $\leftarrow$  (eigen vector of A)

$\Rightarrow$  similar Matrices have same eigenvalues and the eigenvectors just move around

but need to discuss the bad case: not enough eigen

BAD CASE:  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 4$  suppose vectors to be used to diagonalize

{ one family has  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

{ big family includes  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  and others



it means ~~at~~ the only matrix that's similar to  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  is it self.

$$\underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{any } M}}{M^{-1}} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} M = 4 \cdot \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{it's back again!}}}{M^{-1}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} M = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  is also ~~not~~ undiagonalizable diagonalizable, only one <sup>vector</sup> ~~eigenvalue~~ the family is  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & x \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  is called Jordan form

↑ the climax of (8.06)

more members of family

$$\left( \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 11 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \right) \quad \text{similar}$$

$\det = 16, \text{ trace} = 8$  ↖ it's not diagonalizable

$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a & m \\ m & 8-a \end{bmatrix}$   $m$ : any number  
they are all similar

see

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

← Jordan form

rank = 2

2 eigenvectors | 2 missing

$\lambda = 0, 0, 0, 0$

$\dim N(A) = 2$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 1 & 7 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

simily

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

not simily

the Jordan block | eigen vector only

$$J_i = \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda_i & 1 & & 0 \\ & -\lambda_i & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & -\lambda_i \end{bmatrix}$$

Jordan block is not same size



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Every square  $A$  is similar to a Jordan matrix  $J$

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{J_1} & & \\ & \boxed{J_2} & \\ & & \ddots \\ & & & \boxed{J_d} \end{bmatrix}$$

the number blocks = # eigen vectors

the good case  $J$  is  $\Lambda$  (diagonalizable  $A$ )