

Eigenvalue Problems:

Let A be $n \times n$ square matrix. A may be singular.

Or non-singular. Consider the hom. system of equations

$$Ax = \lambda x \Rightarrow (A - \lambda I)x = 0 \quad (1)$$

(1) always has a unique or trivial solution. The values of λ for which (1) has a non-trivial solution, are called the eigenvalues or characteristic values of A . The corresponding non-trivial solution x are called eigenvectors or characteristic vectors of A .

- The problem of determining the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of a square matrix A is called an eigenvalue problem.

- If the hom. system (1) has a non-trivial solution, then the rank of $(A - \lambda I) < n$

$\Rightarrow (A - \lambda I)$ is a singular matrix

$$\Rightarrow \det(A - \lambda I) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} - \lambda & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} - \lambda & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Expanding the determinant gives the polynomial of degree n

$$\text{in } \lambda; \quad P_n(\lambda) = |A - \lambda I| = 0 \quad (2)$$

is called characteristic equation of matrix A .

The roots of (2) are called the eigenvalues.

- Sum of eigenvalues = Trace(A)

- Product of eigenvalues = $|A|$

- If any one of the eigenvalue is zero then $|A| = 0 \Rightarrow A$ is Singular matrix.

- If A is singular $\Rightarrow |A| = 0 \Rightarrow$ one of the eigenvalues is zero.

- If A is diagonal or upper triangular or lower triangular matrix, then the diagonal elements of A are the eigenvalues of A .
- Let λ be an eigenvalue of A and x be the corresponding eigen vector. Then
 - (1) αA has eigenvalue $\alpha\lambda$ and the corr. eigenvector is x .

$$Ax = \lambda x \Rightarrow \alpha Ax = \alpha \lambda x$$

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha A)x = (\alpha\lambda)x$$
 - (2) A^m has eigenvalue λ^m and the corr. eigenvector is x for any positive integer m .

$$Ax = \lambda x$$

$$A(Ax) = A(\lambda x) = \lambda(Ax) (= \lambda(\lambda x) = \lambda^2 x)$$

$$\Rightarrow A^2 x = \lambda^2 x$$

Similarly $A^m x = \lambda^m x$.
 - (3) A^T has the eigenvalue $(1/\lambda)$ and the corresponding eigen vector is x ; Provided A^T exists.

$$\because Ax = \lambda x$$

$$\Rightarrow A^T(Ax) = A^T(\lambda x)$$

$$\Rightarrow (A^T A)x = \lambda(A^T x)$$

$$\Rightarrow Ix = \lambda(A^T x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\lambda}x = A^T x \text{ or } A^T x = \left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right)x.$$
 - (4) A and A^T have the same eigenvalues.
 - (5) For a real matrix A , If $\alpha + i\beta$ is an eigenvalue then $\alpha - i\beta$ is also an eigenvalue of A .

Ques Find the eigenvalues and the corresponding eigenvectors of the following matrices.

(1) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ $(A - \lambda I)x = 0$ — System

characteristic equation of A is

$$|A - \lambda I| = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 4 \\ 3 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-\lambda)(2-\lambda) - 12 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 - \lambda - 2\lambda + \lambda^2 - 12 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 - 3\lambda - 10 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 2\lambda - 10 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda(\lambda - 5) + 2(\lambda - 5) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = -2, 5. \quad \text{— Two eigen values.}$$

Corresponding to eigen value $\lambda = -2$

$$(A + 2I)x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x + 4y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -\frac{4}{3}y$$

$$\text{let } y = 1 \Rightarrow x = -\frac{4}{3}$$

$$\therefore \text{or } y = 3, \Rightarrow x = -4.$$

So Eigen Vector is $\begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ or $\begin{bmatrix} -4/3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$\lambda = 5$$

$$(A - 5I)x = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow -4x + 4y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = y \quad \text{let } x = y = 1$$

So Eigen vector is $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\text{Ques: } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$(A - \lambda I)x = 0 \rightarrow$ System of hom. equation

$$|A - \lambda I| = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 1 \\ -1 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-\lambda)^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 1 \pm i$$

Corr. to $\lambda = 1+i$

$$(A - \lambda I)x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - (1+i) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -i & 1 \\ -1 & -i \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow -ix + y = 0 \Rightarrow x = +i y \quad (-iy)$$

$$\text{and } -x - iy = 0$$

$$y = 1, \quad x = -i$$

So Eigen vector is $\begin{bmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Corr. to $\lambda = 1-i$

$$(A - \lambda I)x = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} i & 1 \\ -1 & i \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$ix + y = 0 \Rightarrow y = -ix$$

$$x = 1; \quad y = -i$$

So eigenvector is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix}$ or $\begin{bmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

→ Eigenvectors corresponding to distinct eigenvalues are linearly independent.

Ques (1) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

(3) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(2) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(4) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Cayley - Hamilton Thm: Every matrix 'A' satisfies its own characteristic equation.

— Verify Cayley Hamilton Thm for $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Also obtain A^1 and A^3 .

Sol $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

The char. equation of A is

$$|A - \lambda I| = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 1-\lambda & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\lambda^3 + 3\lambda^2 - \lambda + 3 = 0$$

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix}; A^3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 10 & 12 \\ 1 & 11 & 10 \\ -1 & 16 & 17 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-A^3 + 3A^2 - A + 3I = 0$$

$$So A^3 = 3A^2 - A + 3I$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 10 & 12 \\ 1 & 11 & 10 \\ -1 & 16 & 17 \end{bmatrix}$$

And $A' = \frac{1}{3} [A^2 - 3A + I]$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -2 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \\ -3 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

→ Eigen values of A are the roots of

$$\lambda^3 - 3\lambda^2 + \lambda - 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 3, i, -i$$

⇒ Eigen values of A^2 are λ^2

$$\Rightarrow 9, i^2, (-i)^2$$

$$= 9, -1, -1.$$

- Spectral radius of a matrix A is $\delta(A) =$

largest eigenvalue in magnitude.

$$= \max |\lambda_i|$$

Eg. Spectral radius of A used in above question is 3.

→ Algebraic multiplicity of an eigenvalue is the no. of times the eigen value repeats itself.

Eg. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow$ upper triangular matrix
 $\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 1, 1, 1$ (diagonal Entries)

$$|A - \lambda I| = 0 \quad - \text{char. equation}$$

$$\text{Char. Egu. is } (1-\lambda)^3 = 0$$

$\lambda = 1$ repeats 3 times

⇒ A.M. of $\lambda = 1$ is 3.

To find the eigen vector corresponding to $\lambda = 1$,

$$(A - I)X = 0$$

$$\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) X = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 0$$

$z = 0$ and x arbitrary.

$\Rightarrow (1, 0, 0)$ if $x=1$ will be an Eigen vector.

\Rightarrow Corresponding to $\lambda=1$, we have only one L.I. Eigen vector.

(2) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ Again upper Triangular matrix

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 1, 1, 1$$

$$\Rightarrow A.M. \text{ of } \lambda = 1 \text{ is } 3.$$

To find Eigen Vector corr. to $\lambda = 1$

$$(A - I)X = 0$$

$$\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 0, x \text{ and } z \text{ are arbitrary}$$

choose $x=0, z=1$

$$(0, 0, 1)$$

choose $z=0, x=1$

$$(1, 0, 0)$$

$\Rightarrow (0, 0, 1) \text{ & } (1, 0, 0) \rightarrow$ Two L.I. Eigen vectors

corr. to $\lambda = 1$.

$$(3) A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{diagonal Matrix} \Rightarrow d=1, 1, 1$$

A.M. of $d=1$ is 3.

To find Eigen vector corr. to $d=1$;

$$(A - I)x = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$\Rightarrow x, y, z$ all are arbitrary.

$$\Rightarrow x=1, y=0, z=0$$

$$x=0, y=1, z=0$$

$$x=0, y=0, z=1$$

$\Rightarrow (1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1) \rightarrow 3$ L.I. Eigen vectors.

Hence, If A.M. of any λ is > 1 i.e. d is repeating more than once, then how many L.I. vectors are there corresponding to that particular d ?

Any $n - \text{Rank}(A - \lambda I)$

In (1); $\text{Rank}(A - \lambda I) = 2$

$$\Rightarrow 3-2 = 1 \text{ L.I. Eigen vector}$$

In (2); $\text{Rank}(A - \lambda I) = 1$

$$\Rightarrow 3-1 = 2 \text{ L.I. Eigen vector}$$

In (3); $\text{Rank}(A - \lambda I) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 3-0 = 3 \text{ L.I. Eigen vector.}$$

\rightarrow The no. of L.I. Eigen vectors corresponding to d is called the geometric multiplicity (G.M.) of d .

Diagonalizable Matrix : \rightarrow A Square matrix of order n is diagonalizable iff it has n L.T. Eigen vectors.

- \rightarrow If $A_{n \times n}$ matrix and has all the n eigen values as distinct i.e. $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ are n eigen values of A and $\lambda_i \neq \lambda_j \forall i, j$
- $\Rightarrow A$ has n L.T. Eigen vectors corresponding to each λ
- $\Rightarrow A$ is diagonalizable matrix.

Thus If A has distinct Eigenvalues $\Rightarrow A$ is diagonalizable.

But Converse need not to be true.

i.e. If A is diagonalizable then A can have repeated eigenvalues as well.

E.g. In (3) above, $\lambda = 1, 1, 1 \rightarrow A.M. \text{ is } 3$

But we have 3 L.T. Eigen vectors corr. to $\lambda = 1$

$\Rightarrow A$ is diagonalizable

- \rightarrow Every diagonal matrix is diagonalizable matrix, but Converse need not to be true.

i.e. A diagonalizable matrix need not to be a diagonal matrix.

E.g. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow$ Not diagonal matrix.

But $|A - \lambda I| = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^3 - 6\lambda^2 + 11\lambda - 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 1, 2, 3$$

\Rightarrow All eigen values are distinct

$\Rightarrow A$ is diagonalizable.

- $\rightarrow A$ is diagonalizable if A is similar to a diagonal matrix.

$\Rightarrow \exists$ an invertible matrix P S.t. $P^{-1}AP = D$

$$\text{or } A = PDP^{-1}$$

Note that this P matrix can be obtained by using the L.T. Eigenvectors Correspond to eigenvalues of A.

Ex The eigenvectors of 3×3 matrix A correspond to eigenvalues 1, 1, 3 are $(1, 0, -1)^T$, $(0, 1, -1)^T$, $(1, 1, 0)^T$ respectively. Find A.

$$\text{Soln} \rightarrow P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{Matrix consisting of eigenvectors.}$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{Matrix consisting of Eigenvalues.}$$

$$\text{We find } P^T = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A &= P D P^T \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Ques Find the matrix A if

- (1) Eigenvalues are 2, 2, 4 and Eigenvectors are $(-2, 1, 0)^T$, $(1, 0, 1)^T$, $(1, 0, 1)^T$

Ans $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

- (2) Eigenvalues are 1, -1, 2 and Eigenvectors are $(1, 1, 0)^T$; $(1, 0, 1)^T$; $(3, 1, 1)^T$.

Ans:-
$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & -5 & -7 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 3 & -3 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

(3) Eigenvalues are 1, 1, 1 and Eigenvectors are

$(-1, 1, 1)^T, (1, -1, 1)^T, (1, 1, -1)^T$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

→ Symmetric matrix: If $A = A^T$

i.e. $a_{ij} = a_{ji} \forall i, j$

- All eigenvalues of A and A^T are same.

- The eigenvalues of a Symmetric matrix are real.

Skew Symmetric matrix: If $A = -A^T$ or $A^T = -A$.

i.e. $a_{ij} = -a_{ji} \forall i, j$

i.e. $a_{ii} = -a_{ii} \forall i$

$\Rightarrow 2a_{ii} = 0$

$\Rightarrow a_{ii} = 0$

⇒ all the diagonal entries are zero.

→ The eigenvalues of a Skew symmetric matrix are zero or Pure Imaginary.

i.e. Skew Symmetric matrix Cannot have Real eigenvalues.

Orthogonal Matrix: A real matrix A is orthogonal if

$A^T A = I$

e.g. $A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix}$ is orthogonal matrix

- The eigenvalues of an orthogonal matrix are of magnitude 1 and are real or complex conjugate pairs.
i.e. If λ is an eigenvalue of an orthogonal matrix A
Then $|\lambda| = 1$.
 $\Rightarrow \lambda$ could be 1 or -1 or $i, -i$.
- If A is an orthogonal matrix then $|A| = \pm 1$,
 $\because (|\lambda| = 1 \forall \lambda \text{ Eigenvalues of } A)$
and product of eigenvalues = $|A|$.