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For a square matrix  $A$  of order  $n$

$\lambda$  is an eigenvalue if  $\exists u \neq 0$  s.t

$$Au = \lambda u$$

And  $u$  is an eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda$ .

• if  $u$  is an eigenvector then  $cu$  is also an eigenvector.  $A(cu) = cAu = c\lambda u = \lambda(cu)$

• if  $u$  and  $y$  are two eigenvectors corresponding to  $\lambda$ ,  $A(u+y) = Au + Ay = \lambda u + \lambda y = \lambda(u+y)$   
then  $u+y$  is also an eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda$ .

So, the set of all eigenvectors corresponding to  $\lambda$  and the null vector form a subspace  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , denoted by  $ES(A, \lambda)$ .

•  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A \Leftrightarrow (A - \lambda I)u = 0$  for some  $u \neq 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow \rho(A - \lambda I) < n$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} &A(\alpha u + \beta y) \\ &= \alpha Au + \beta Ay \\ &= \alpha \lambda u + \beta \lambda y \\ &= \lambda(\alpha u + \beta y) \end{aligned}$$

$|A - \lambda I|$  is a polynomial in  $\lambda$  with degree  $n$ .

This is called the characteristic polynomial of  $A$ .

and  $|A - \lambda I| = 0$  is called the characteristic equation.

Also, the set of all eigenvalues of  $A$  is the set of all roots of the equation  $|A - \lambda I| = 0$ .

• For a matrix of order  $n$ , there can be at most  $n$  eigenvalues.

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

$$|A - \lambda I_2| = 0$$

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

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

$\Rightarrow \lambda = 1, \lambda = 0$  are the two solutions

For  $\lambda = 1$

$$(A - \lambda I) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(A - \lambda I)u = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow u_2 = 0$$

For  $\lambda = 0$ ,

$$Au = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow u_1 + u_2 = 0$$

This matrix  $A$  has two linearly independent eigen vectors.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad |A - \lambda I| = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow (1-\lambda)^2 = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 1$$

this matrix has only one eigen value.

$$(A - \lambda I_2)u = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\Rightarrow u_2 = 0$$

The number of linearly independent eigen vectors is 1.

• Suppose  $\bar{\lambda}$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ . Then  $ES(A, \bar{\lambda})$  is subspace. The dimension of  $ES(A, \bar{\lambda})$  is called the Geometric multiplicity of  $\bar{\lambda}$ , denoted by  $GM(A, \bar{\lambda})$

• For an eigenvalue  $\bar{\lambda}$  of  $A$ , the algebraic multiplicity of  $\bar{\lambda}$  is the number of  $\bar{\lambda}$  appears as the root of characteristic equation, denoted by  $AM(A, \bar{\lambda})$

$I_n u = u$ , the eigen value is 1

$$|I_n - \lambda I_n| = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 - \lambda)^n = 0$$

$$\text{GM}(I_n, 1) = n = \text{AM}(I_n, 1)$$

- Suppose a matrix has  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$  as the distinct eigenvalues ( $k \leq n$ ), then

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \text{AM}(A, \lambda_i) = n$$

- $\text{AM}(A, \bar{\lambda}) \geq \text{GM}(A, \bar{\lambda}) \quad \forall A \text{ and } \forall \bar{\lambda}, \text{ an eigen value of } A.$

- $\sum_{i=1}^k \text{GM}(A, \lambda_i) \leq n$ , the equality holds iff  $\text{AM}(A, \lambda_i) = \text{GM}(A, \lambda_i) \quad \forall i = 1(1)k.$

Spectral decomposition of a square matrix

- For a square matrix  $A$ , we say that a spectral decomposition exists if  $\exists$  a  $n \times n$   $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $\Delta$  of order  $n$ , where  $n = \rho(A)$ , s.t.

$$A = P^{-1} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \Delta_{n \times n} & O_{n \times (n-n)} \\ O_{(n-n) \times n} & O_{(n-n) \times (n-n)} \end{bmatrix}}_D P$$

- Suppose a matrix has a <sup>D</sup> spectral decomposition  $|A - \lambda I_n| = 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow |P^{-1}DP - \lambda I_n| = 0$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow |P^{-1}(D - \lambda I_n)P| = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |P^{-1}| |D - \lambda I_n| |P| = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |D - \lambda I_n| = 0$$

So, the set of eigenvalues of  $A$  is  
the same as the set of eigenvalues of  $D$ .