

10. Eigen values

- Multiplicity of eigen values and linear independence of eigen vectors
 - Characteristic polynomial (特性多項式), characteristic equation (特性方程式)

When does $Ax = \lambda x$ namely $(\lambda I - A)x = 0$ hold for $x \neq 0$?

It is when $\det(\lambda I - A) = 0$ or $\text{rank}(\lambda I - A) < n$ is satisfied.

$\left(\because \text{ If } \det(\lambda I - A) \neq 0 \text{ holds, then } (\lambda I - A)^{-1} \text{ exists and } x = 0 \text{ follows.} \right)$

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Let us regard λ as a variable and represent it as s .

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(s) &= \det(sI - A) = \det \begin{bmatrix} s - a_{11} & -a_{12} & \cdots & -a_{1n} \\ -a_{21} & s - a_{22} & \cdots & -a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -a_{n1} & -a_{n2} & \cdots & s - a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= s^n + \rho_1 s^{n-1} + \cdots + \rho_{n-1} s + \rho_n \\ &\quad \dots \text{Characteristic polynomial (特性多項式)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(s) &= 0 \\ &\quad \dots \text{Characteristic equation (特性方程式)}\end{aligned}$$

This is an n -th order equation, and therefore it has n solutions including multiplicities, which can be complex.



A has n eigen values.

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– Multiplicities (重複度)

Let the distinct (相異なる) eigen values of A be $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_\sigma, \sigma \leq n$.

Then the characteristic polynomial $\psi(s)$ can be factorized (因数分解される) as

$$\psi(s) = (s - \lambda_1)^{m_1} (s - \lambda_2)^{m_2} \cdots (s - \lambda_\sigma)^{m_\sigma}.$$

m_i is called the algebraic multiplicity (代数的重複度) of λ_i , and satisfies the relation:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\sigma} m_i = n.$$

The algebraic multiplicity indicates how many identical eigen values exist for the given value of λ_i .

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Let us define $r_i = \text{rank}(\lambda_i I - A)$. Then $r_i < n$, and $\alpha_i = n - r_i > 0$.

α_i is called the geometric multiplicity (幾何学的重複度) of λ_i ,

Unlike the algebraic multiplicity m_i , $\sum_{i=1}^{\sigma} \alpha_i$ has no relation with n . But $\alpha_i \leq m_i$ holds.

\mathbf{x}_i : an eigen vector associated with λ_i

$$\Leftrightarrow (\lambda_i I - A)\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}_i \in \mathcal{N}(\lambda_i I - A)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dim \mathcal{N}(\lambda_i I - A) &= n - \dim \mathcal{R}(\lambda_i I - A) = n - \text{rank}(\lambda_i I - A) \\ &= n - r_i = \alpha_i \end{aligned}$$

Thus there are α_i linearly independent eigen vectors associated with the same eigen value λ_i .

The geometric multiplicity indicates how many linearly independent eigen vectors are associated with an eigen value λ_i .

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Example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad n = 3$$

$$\psi(s) = \det(sI - A) = \det \begin{bmatrix} s-1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s-1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s-2 \end{bmatrix} = (s-1)^2(s-2)$$

Eigen values: $\lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 2$

The number of distinct eigen values $\sigma = 2$

Algebraic multiplicities

$$m_1 = 2, \quad m_2 = 1$$

Geometric multiplicities

$$\text{rank}(\lambda_1 I - A) = \text{rank} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \alpha_1 = 3 - 1 = 2$$

$$\text{rank}(\lambda_2 I - A) = \text{rank} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \alpha_2 = 3 - 2 = 1$$

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The eigen vector, \mathbf{x}_1 , associated with λ_1 ?

Let $\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} \\ x_{12} \\ x_{13} \end{bmatrix}$. Then it must satisfy:

$$(\lambda_1 I - A)\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} \\ x_{12} \\ x_{13} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -x_{13} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0},$$

which results in $x_{13} = 0$ and $\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} \\ x_{12} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$,

where x_{11} and x_{12} can be arbitrary values.

This means that there are an infinite number of eigen vectors associated with λ_1 and that, among them, we can select 2 ($= \alpha_2$) linearly independent vectors:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{11} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ x_{12} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, x_{11} \neq 0, x_{12} \neq 0.$$

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The eigen vector, \mathbf{x}_2 , associated with λ_2 ?

Let $\mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} x_{21} \\ x_{22} \\ x_{23} \end{bmatrix}$. Then it must satisfy:

$$(\lambda_2 I - A)\mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{21} \\ x_{22} \\ x_{23} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{21} \\ x_{22} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0},$$

which results in $x_{21} = x_{22} = 0$ and $\mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ x_{23} \end{bmatrix}$.

There is 1 ($= \alpha_2$) linearly independent vector associated with λ_2 : $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ x_{23} \end{bmatrix}$, $x_{23} \neq 0$.

Note that $\mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ x_{23} \end{bmatrix}$ is linearly independent of $\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} \\ x_{12} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

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– Linear independence of eigen vectors

Eigen vectors associated with distinct eigen values are linearly independent with each other.

Let us assume $c_1\mathbf{x}_1 + \cdots + c_\sigma\mathbf{x}_\sigma = \mathbf{0}$ holds for eigen vectors $\mathbf{x}_1, \cdots, \mathbf{x}_\sigma$ associated with distinct eigen values $\lambda_1, \cdots, \lambda_\sigma$.

Since

$$(\lambda_j I - A)\mathbf{x}_i = \lambda_j\mathbf{x}_i - \lambda_i\mathbf{x}_i = \begin{cases} \mathbf{0}, & j = i, \\ (\lambda_j - \lambda_i)\mathbf{x}_i \neq \mathbf{0}, & j \neq i \end{cases}$$

holds, multiplying the both hand sides of $c_1\mathbf{x}_1 + \cdots + c_\sigma\mathbf{x}_\sigma = \mathbf{0}$ by

$$(\lambda_1 I - A) \cdots (\lambda_{i-1} I - A)(\lambda_{i+1} I - A) \cdots (\lambda_\sigma I - A)$$

gives

$$\underbrace{c_i(\lambda_1 - \lambda_i) \cdots (\lambda_\sigma - \lambda_i)}_{\neq 0} \mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{0}.$$

This implies $c_i = 0$ because $\mathbf{x}_i \neq \mathbf{0}$.

The above discussion applies to any of $i = 1, \cdots, \sigma$ and we derive

$$c_1 = \cdots = c_\sigma = 0$$

which implies $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \cdots, \mathbf{x}_\sigma\}$ are linearly independent.

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There are α_i linearly independent eigen vectors for λ_i .

Therefore the following eigen vectors are all linearly independent with each other:

$$\{\underbrace{\mathbf{x}_{11}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{1,\alpha_1}}_{\alpha_1 \text{ eigen vectors associated with } \lambda_1}, \underbrace{\mathbf{x}_{21}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{2,\alpha_2}}_{\alpha_2 \text{ eigen vectors associated with } \lambda_2}, \dots, \underbrace{\mathbf{x}_{\sigma,1}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{\sigma,\alpha_\sigma}}_{\alpha_\sigma \text{ eigen vectors associated with } \lambda_\sigma}\}$$

α_1 eigen vectors
associated with λ_1

α_2 eigen vectors
associated with λ_2

α_σ eigen vectors
associated with λ_σ

In total, there are $\sum_{i=1}^{\sigma} \alpha_i (\leq n)$ linearly independent eigen vectors.

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- Simple matrix (単純行列)

A matrix is said to be a simple matrix when its algebraic multiplicity m_i is equal to its geometric multiplicity α_i for $i = 1, \dots, \sigma$.

For a simple matrix

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\sigma} \alpha_i = \sum_{i=1}^{\sigma} m_i = n$$

holds.

Therefore, it has $\sum_{i=1}^{\sigma} \alpha_i = n$ linearly independent eigen vectors:

$$\{\boldsymbol{x}_{11}, \dots, \boldsymbol{x}_{1,\alpha_1}, \boldsymbol{x}_{21}, \dots, \boldsymbol{x}_{2,\alpha_2}, \dots, \boldsymbol{x}_{\sigma,1}, \dots, \boldsymbol{x}_{\sigma,\alpha_\sigma}\}$$

In other words, the set of eigen vectors can be the basis of the n -dimensional space (the eigen vectors span the n -dimensional space).

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- Diagonalization(対角化) of simple matrices

Let us define an $n \times n$ matrix T which consists of n linearly independent eigen vectors of a simple matrix A :

$$T = [\mathbf{x}_{11} \cdots \mathbf{x}_{1,\alpha_1} \cdots \mathbf{x}_{\sigma,1} \cdots \mathbf{x}_{\sigma,\alpha_\sigma}].$$

T has the full rank n , and therefore $\det T \neq 0$.

Then we have,

$$\begin{aligned} AT &= [A\mathbf{x}_{11} \cdots A\mathbf{x}_{1,\alpha_1} \cdots A\mathbf{x}_{\sigma,1} \cdots A\mathbf{x}_{\sigma,\alpha_\sigma}] \\ &= [\lambda_1 \mathbf{x}_{11} \cdots \lambda_1 \mathbf{x}_{1,\alpha_1} \cdots \lambda_\sigma \mathbf{x}_{\sigma,1} \cdots \lambda_\sigma \mathbf{x}_{\sigma,\alpha_\sigma}] \end{aligned}$$

$$= [\mathbf{x}_{11} \cdots \mathbf{x}_{1,\alpha_1} \cdots \mathbf{x}_{\sigma,1} \cdots \mathbf{x}_{\sigma,\alpha_\sigma}] \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & & \\ & & \lambda_1 & & & 0 \\ & & & \ddots & & \\ & & & & \lambda_\sigma & \\ & 0 & & & & \ddots \\ & & & & & & \lambda_\sigma \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= T\Lambda,$$

$\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \cdots, \lambda_1, \cdots, \lambda_\sigma, \cdots, \lambda_\sigma)$: a diagonal matrix(対角行列).

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Since $\det T \neq 0$, the inverse of T , T^{-1} , exists, and we have

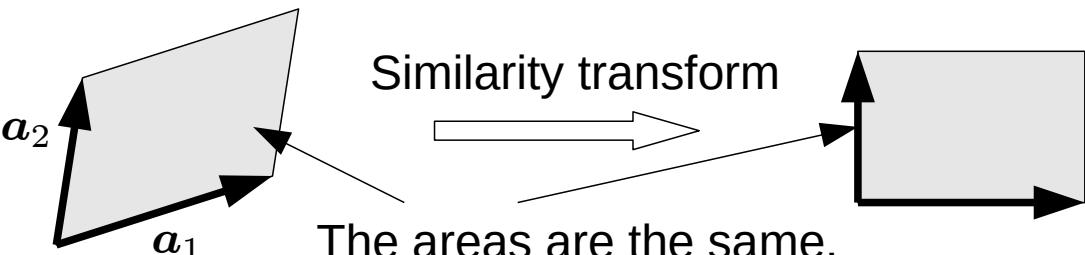
$$AT = T\Lambda, \quad T^{-1}AT = \Lambda.$$

In this way, a simple matrix can be transformed into a diagonal matrix, in other words, it can be diagonalized.

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- Similarity transform (相似変換)

The operation of $T^{-1}AT$ on a matrix A , namely multiplying a non-singular matrix (正則行列) T from the right side and its inverse from the left side, is called a similarity transform, and A is said to be similar to the matrix $T^{-1}AT$.

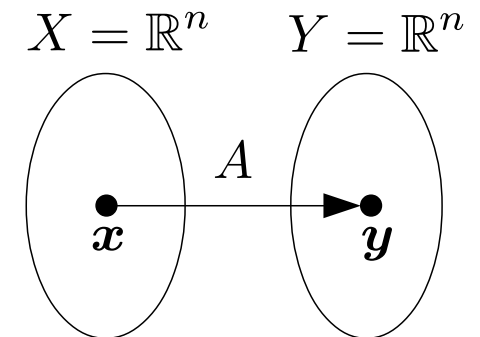
$$\left[\det(T^{-1}AT) = \det(T^{-1}) \cdot \det A \cdot \det T = \frac{1}{\det T} \cdot \det A \cdot \det T = \det A \right]$$


The areas are the same.

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- A matrix as a mapping and its similarity transform

Let us consider two n -dimensional linear spaces $X = \mathbb{R}^n$ and $Y = \mathbb{R}^n$, and a mapping represented by an $n \times n$ square matrix A , $\mathbf{y} = A\mathbf{x}$, where $\mathbf{x} \in X$ and $\mathbf{y} \in Y$.



Suppose that \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} are represented using the natural basis $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n\}$ where

$$\mathbf{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

That is,

$$\mathbf{x} = x_1\mathbf{e}_1 + \dots + x_n\mathbf{e}_n = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{e}_1 & \dots & \mathbf{e}_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = I \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{y} = y_1\mathbf{e}_1 + \dots + y_n\mathbf{e}_n = I \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}$$

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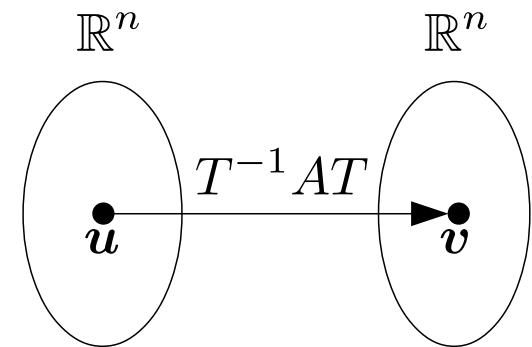
If we define $\mathbf{u} = T^{-1}\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $\mathbf{v} = T^{-1}\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ then we have

$\mathbf{x} = T\mathbf{u}$, $\mathbf{y} = T\mathbf{v}$ and therefore,

$$(T\mathbf{v}) = A(T\mathbf{u})$$

$$\mathbf{v} = T^{-1}AT\mathbf{u}.$$

The matrix $T^{-1}AT$ represents a mapping from \mathbf{u} to \mathbf{v} : $\mathbf{v} = (T^{-1}AT)\mathbf{u}$.



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Relation between \mathbf{x} , \mathbf{y} , A and \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} , $T^{-1}AT$

$$\mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{e}_1 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{e}_n] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = I \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = T\mathbf{u} = [\mathbf{t}_1 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{t}_n] \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix}$$

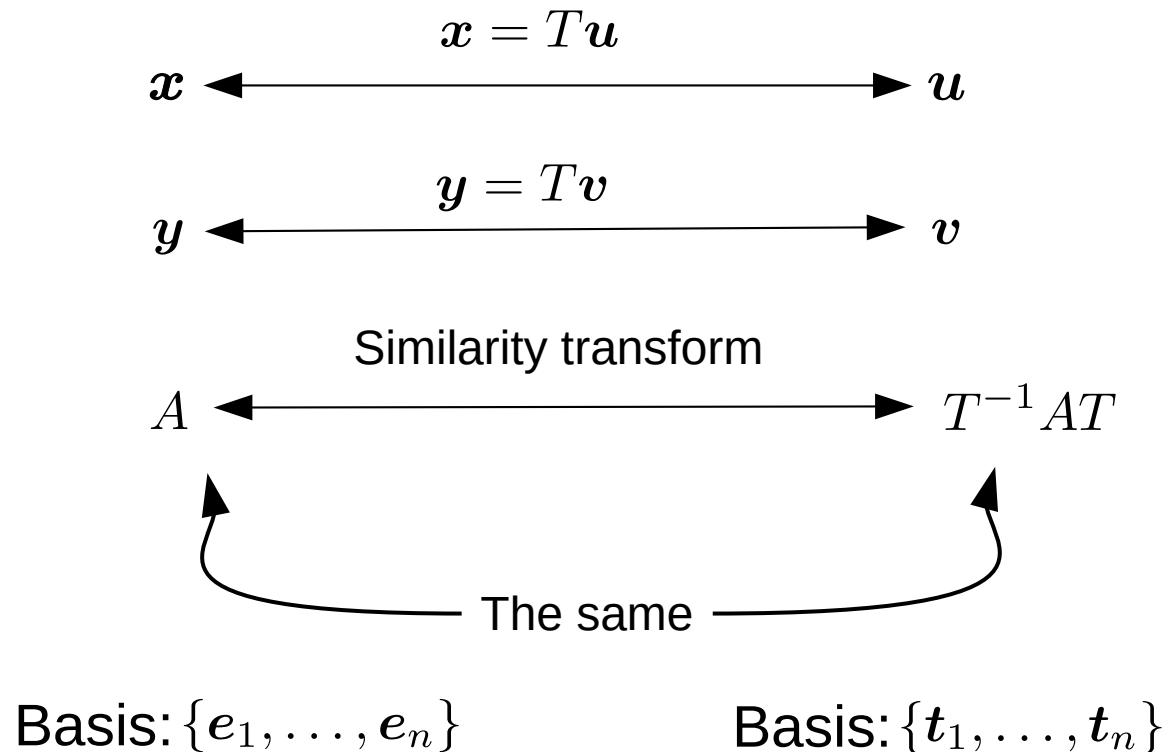
$\{\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n\}$ is the basis of \mathbb{R}^n and \mathbf{x} is a set of coordinates of \mathbf{x} .
 $\{\mathbf{t}_1, \dots, \mathbf{t}_n\}$ is another basis of \mathbb{R}^n and \mathbf{u} is another set of coordinates of \mathbf{x} .

\mathbf{x} and \mathbf{u} represent the same vector but with different bases.

Similarly, \mathbf{y} and \mathbf{v} represent the same vector but with different bases.

Also, A and $T^{-1}AT$ represent the same mapping between the same linear spaces but having different bases.

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Diagonalization of a matrix A uses an A -specific basis T and re-represent the same mapping in a simpler form (a diagonal matrix).

12. Jordan form

- When A is not a simple matrix, it cannot be diagonalized.
 - One of the reasons why non-simple matrices cannot be diagonalized is that they do not have the enough number of linearly independent eigen vectors to form the matrix T .
 - We need n linearly independent eigen vectors to form the $n \times n$ matrix T .
 - A non-simple matrix has $\sum_{i=1}^{\sigma} \alpha_i$ linearly independent eigen vectors.

But, since $\sum_{i=1}^{\sigma} \alpha_i < \sum_{i=1}^{\sigma} m_i = n$, we need $m_i - \alpha_i$ more linearly independent eigen vectors (or substitutes) for each λ_i .

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- Generalized eigen vectors (一般化固有ベクトル)

For a matrix A and its eigen value λ_i , a vector $x \neq 0$ that satisfies

$$(\lambda_i I - A)^k x = 0, \text{ for some integer } k \geq 2$$

is called a generalized eigen vector.

Note that when $k=1$, x is an ordinary eigen vector.

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- How to find generalized eigen vectors

Let us start with \mathbf{x}_{i1} among the eigen vectors $\mathbf{x}_{i1}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{i,\alpha_i}$ associated with the eigen value λ_i .

The first generalized eigen vector $\mathbf{x}_{i1}^1 : \mathbf{x}_{i1}^1 = \mathbf{x}_{i1}$ (the eigen vector itself)

Then $(\lambda_i I - A)\mathbf{x}_{i1}^1 = \mathbf{0}$, $\mathbf{x}_{i1}^1 \neq \mathbf{0}$ holds.

The second generalized eigen vector $\mathbf{x}_{i1}^2 : (\lambda_i I - A)\mathbf{x}_{i1}^2 = -\mathbf{x}_{i1}^1$, $\mathbf{x}_{i1}^2 \neq \mathbf{0}$

Then $(\lambda_i I - A)^2 \mathbf{x}_{i1}^2 = -(\lambda_i I - A)\mathbf{x}_{i1}^1 = \mathbf{0}$ holds, which implies that \mathbf{x}_{i1}^2 is a generalized eigen vector.

The third generalized eigen vector $\mathbf{x}_{i1}^3 : (\lambda_i I - A)\mathbf{x}_{i1}^3 = -\mathbf{x}_{i1}^2$, $\mathbf{x}_{i1}^3 \neq \mathbf{0}$

Then $(\lambda_i I - A)^3 \mathbf{x}_{i1}^3 = -(\lambda_i I - A)^2 \mathbf{x}_{i1}^2 = \mathbf{0}$ holds, which implies that \mathbf{x}_{i1}^3 is a generalized eigen vector.

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The n_{i1} -th generalized eigen vector $\mathbf{x}_{i1}^{n_{i1}}$: $(\lambda_i I - A)\mathbf{x}_{i1}^{n_{i1}} = -\mathbf{x}_{i1}^{n_{i1}-1}$, $\mathbf{x}_{i1}^{n_{i1}} \neq \mathbf{0}$

Then $(\lambda_i I - A)^{n_{i1}} \mathbf{x}_{i1}^{n_{i1}} = \mathbf{0}$ holds, which implies that $\mathbf{x}_{i1}^{n_{i1}}$ is a generalized eigen vector.

Here n_{i1} is the minimum k such that \mathbf{x}_{i1}^{k+1} defined by $(\lambda_i I - A)\mathbf{x}_{i1}^{k+1} = -\mathbf{x}_{i1}^k$ is not linearly independent of the generalized eigen vectors found so far, $\mathbf{x}_{i1}^1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{i1}^k$.

As a result, we can find n_{i1} linearly independent generalized eigen vectors starting with the ordinary eigen vector $\mathbf{x}_{i1}^1 = \mathbf{x}_{i1}$ associated with the eigen value λ_i .

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Similarly, we can find generalized eigen vectors starting with each of the other ordinary eigen vectors $\mathbf{x}_{i2}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{i,\alpha_i}$ associated with the eigen value λ_i .

The numbers of generalized eigen vectors are $n_{i2}, \dots, n_{i,\alpha_i}$,

respectively, and $\sum_{j=1}^{\alpha_i} n_{ij} = m_i$.

Moreover the m_i generalized eigen vectors

$$\{\mathbf{x}_{i1}^1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{i1}^{n_{i1}}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{i,\alpha_i}^1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{i,\alpha_i}^{n_{i,\alpha_i}}\}$$

are linearly independent with each other. Note that the ordinary eigen vectors are included in the above.

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The above discussion applies to each of the distinct eigen values $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_\sigma$.

So, we obtain the set of n generalized eigen vectors

$$\{ \boldsymbol{x}_{11}^1, \dots, \boldsymbol{x}_{1,\alpha_1}^{n_{1,\alpha_1}}, \dots, \boldsymbol{x}_{\sigma 1}^1, \dots, \boldsymbol{x}_{\sigma,\alpha_\sigma}^{n_{\sigma,\alpha_\sigma}} \}$$

and they are linearly independent with each other.

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- Jordan form

Now we have n linearly independent generalized eigen vectors, and form the matrix T as

$$T = [\mathbf{x}_{11}^1 \cdots \mathbf{x}_{1,\alpha_1}^{n_{1,\alpha_1}} \cdots \mathbf{x}_{\sigma 1}^1 \cdots \mathbf{x}_{\sigma,\alpha_\sigma}^{n_{\sigma,\alpha_\sigma}}].$$

Since we have used the relationship

$$(\lambda_i I - A)\mathbf{x}_{ij}^k = -\mathbf{x}_{ij}^{k-1}, \quad k = 2, 3, \dots$$

to find the generalized eigen vectors, the relation

$$A\mathbf{x}_{ij}^k = \lambda_i \mathbf{x}_{ij}^k + \mathbf{x}_{ij}^{k-1}$$

holds.

Therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned} AT &= [A\mathbf{x}_{11}^1 A\mathbf{x}_{11}^2 \cdots A\mathbf{x}_{11}^{n_{11}} \cdots A\mathbf{x}_{\sigma,\alpha_\sigma}^1 A\mathbf{x}_{\sigma,\alpha_\sigma}^2 \cdots A\mathbf{x}_{\sigma,\alpha_\sigma}^{n_{\sigma,\alpha_\sigma}}] \\ &= [\lambda_1 \mathbf{x}_{11}^1 \quad \lambda_1 \mathbf{x}_{11}^2 + \mathbf{x}_{11}^1 \quad \cdots \quad \lambda_1 \mathbf{x}_{11}^{n_{11}} + \mathbf{x}_{11}^{n_{11}-1} \quad \cdots \\ &\quad \lambda_\sigma \mathbf{x}_{\sigma,\alpha_\sigma}^1 \quad \lambda_\sigma \mathbf{x}_{\sigma,\alpha_\sigma}^2 + \mathbf{x}_{\sigma,\alpha_\sigma}^1 \quad \cdots \quad \lambda_\sigma \mathbf{x}_{\sigma,\alpha_\sigma}^{n_{\sigma,\alpha_\sigma}} + \mathbf{x}_{\sigma,\alpha_\sigma}^{n_{\sigma,\alpha_\sigma}-1}]. \end{aligned}$$

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$$\therefore AT = [x_{11}^1 \ x_{11}^2 \ \cdots \ x_{11}^{n_{11}} \ \cdots \ x_{\sigma, \alpha_\sigma}^1 \ x_{\sigma, \alpha_\sigma}^2 \ \cdots \ x_{\sigma, \alpha_\sigma}^{n_{\sigma, \alpha_\sigma}}]$$

$$= TJ = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{array}{c|ccc} \boxed{\begin{matrix} \lambda_1 & 1 & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & \lambda_1 \end{matrix}} & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \boxed{\begin{matrix} \lambda_1 & 1 & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & \lambda_1 \end{matrix}} & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & \boxed{\begin{matrix} \lambda_\sigma & 1 & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & \lambda_\sigma \end{matrix}} \end{array} & \begin{matrix} 0 \\ \\ \\ 0 \end{matrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

$\swarrow n_{11} \times n_{11}$
 $\swarrow n_{1, \alpha_1} \times n_{1, \alpha_1}$
 $\swarrow n_{\sigma, \alpha_\sigma} \times n_{\sigma, \alpha_\sigma}$

$\therefore T^{-1}AT = J$, J is called the Jordan form of matrix A .

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When A is a simple matrix,

A is similar to the diagonal matrix Λ , i.e.,

$$A = T\Lambda T^{-1}, \quad T^{-1}AT = \Lambda.$$

The properties of A can be found by looking into Λ .

When A is NOT a simple matrix,

A is similar to the Jordan form J , i.e.,

$$A = TJT^{-1}, \quad T^{-1}AT = J.$$

The properties of A can be found by looking into J .

A Jordan form has entries whose values are 1.

This is because we obtained the generalized eigen vectors based on the relation

$$(\lambda_i I - A)\mathbf{x}_{ij}^k = -\mathbf{x}_{ij}^{k-1} = (-1) \cdot \mathbf{x}_{ij}^{k-1}.$$

This “-1” can be any constant, and therefore the values “1” that appear in the Jordan form can also be any constant.