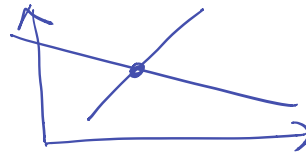


## CH13 - Eigenvalues

Non homogeneous Eq<sup>n</sup>s:

$$\underline{A} \underline{x} = \underline{b}$$

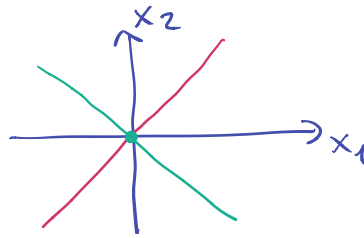


- If eq<sup>n</sup>s are independent  $\Rightarrow$  a unique solution.  
(in 2D  $\Rightarrow$  intersection of 2 straight lines)

Homogeneous system:

$$\underline{A} \underline{x} = \underline{0}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 &= 0 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\}$$



Two straight lines that intersect at zero.

Trivial solution :  $\underline{x} = \underline{0}$

Eigenvalue Problems:

$$\underline{A} \underline{x} = \lambda \underline{x}, \quad \begin{aligned} \lambda &: \text{eigenvalue} \\ \underline{x} &: \text{eigenvector} \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{A} \underline{x} = \lambda \underbrace{\underline{I} \underline{x}}_{\underline{x}} \rightarrow \text{identity matrix}$$

$$\underline{A} \underline{x} - \lambda \underline{I} \underline{x} = \underline{0}$$

$$(\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}) \underline{x} = \underline{0}$$

For nontrivial solution to exist, the determinant of the matrix must be zero:

$$|\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}| = 0$$

Expand the determinant  $\Rightarrow$  get a polynomial in  $\lambda$   
(characteristic polynomial)

Two eq<sup>n</sup> case:

$$\underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(a_{11} - \lambda)x_1 + x_2 = 0$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + (a_{22} - \lambda)x_2 = 0$$

$$A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} - \lambda & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} - \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} - \lambda & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow (a_{11} - \lambda)(a_{22} - \lambda) - a_{12}a_{21} = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - (a_{11} + a_{22})\lambda - a_{12}a_{21} = 0$$

$$\lambda_{1,2} = \frac{(a_{11} + a_{22}) \pm \sqrt{(a_{11} + a_{22})^2 - 4a_{12}a_{21}}}{2}$$

2 solutions

Ex

$$(10 - \lambda)x_1 - 5x_2 = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$-5x_1 + (10 - \lambda)x_2 = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 10 - \lambda & -5 \\ -5 & 10 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda^2 - 20\lambda + 75 = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 = 15$$

$$\lambda_2 = 5$$

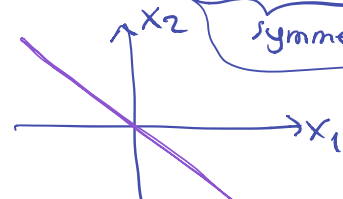
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & -5 \\ -5 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

symmetric

Put  $\lambda_1 = 15$  into (1) and (2)

$$\begin{aligned} -5x_1 - 5x_2 &= 0 \\ -5x_1 - 5x_2 &= 0 \end{aligned} \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} -5x_1 - 5x_2 &= 0 \\ -5x_1 - 5x_2 &= 0 \end{aligned}} \right\} \text{identical}$$

infinite solutions:  $x_2 = -x_1 \Rightarrow$  one solution:  $x = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$   
eigenvector



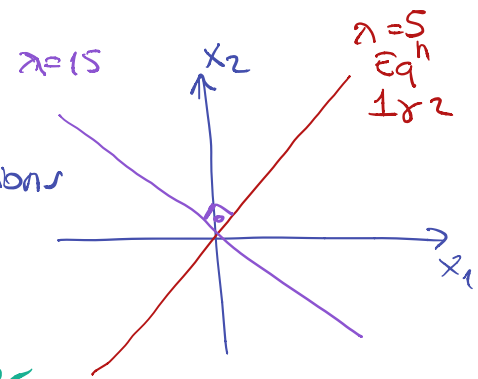
$\lambda = 15$   
Eq<sup>n</sup>s  
1 and  
2

Put  $\lambda_2 = 5$  into (1) and (2):

$$\begin{aligned} 5x_1 - 5x_2 &= 0 \\ -5x_1 + 5x_2 &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{identical} \\ \text{infinite solutions} \end{array}$$

$$x_2 = x_1$$

one solution:  $x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$   $\rightarrow$  eigenvector



\* Eigenvectors are orthogonal: a property of symmetric matrices with distinct eigenvalues.

\*  $Ax = \lambda x$

Information content of  $A$  is transformed into a scalar  $\lambda$ .