

# *Linear Algebra*

## ***Eigendecomposition: Part1***

Automotive Intelligence Lab.



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# Interpretations of Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

# Interpretations in Geometry

## ■ Special combination of a matrix and a vector

- ▶ Matrix *stretched* vector but did not rotate that vector.
  - That vector: **eigenvector** of matrix
  - Amount of stretching: **eigenvalue**
- ▶ Eigenvectors point in same direction.
  - Before and after post multiplying the matrix.
- ▶ In Fig 1.,
  - $v_1, v_2$ : eigen vectors.
- ▶ In Fig 2.,
  - $w_1, w_2$ : not eigen vectors.

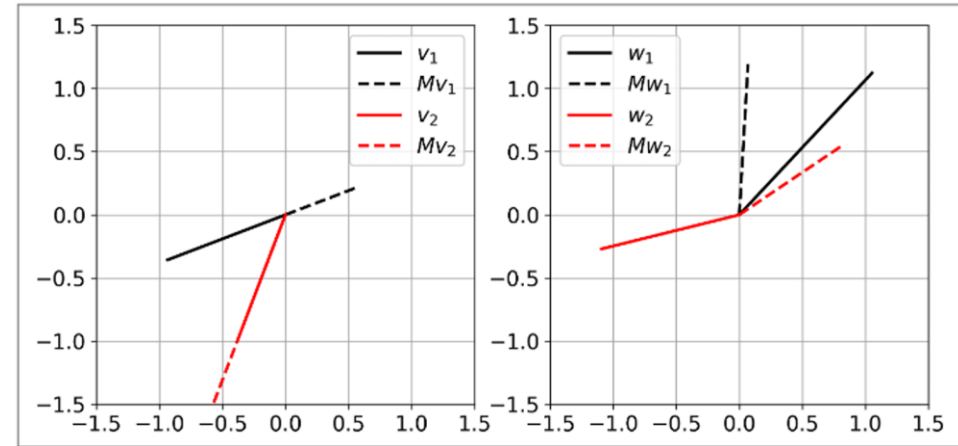


Fig 1.

Fig 2.

## ■ Geometric meaning of eigenvector

- ▶ Matrix-vector multiplication acts like **scalar-vector** multiplication.
- ▶ Write eigenvalue equation as:

$$Av = \lambda v$$

Eigenvalue equation

- ▶ Equation doesn't say that matrix equals the scalar.
  - It says that the *effect* of matrix on the vector is same as the *effect* of the scalar on that same vector.

# Principal Components Analysis

## ■ Implement Principal Component Analysis(PCA) on statistical data.

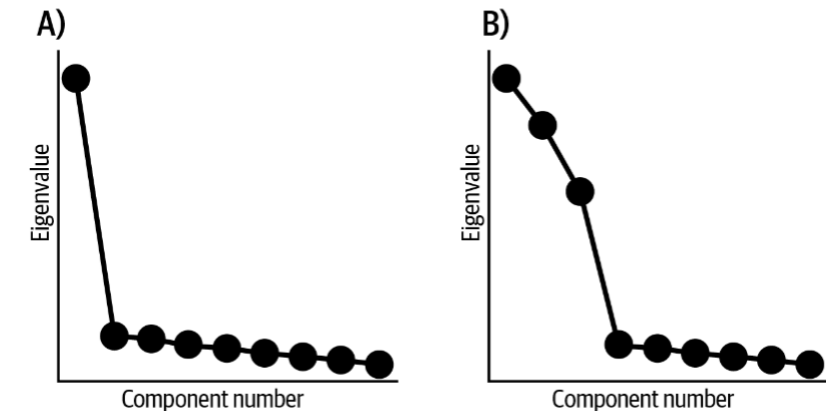
- ▶ To identify important patterns or structures.
  - We will practice PCA later!

## ■ Role of eigenvalue in PCA

- ▶ Eigenvalue play a **crucial role** in PCA.
  - Represent variance of each principal component.
  - The larger the eigenvalue, the more variance(information) the principal component captures.

## ■ Scree plot

- ▶ graph of the eigenvalues of the dataset's covariance matrix
- ▶ A) 1 component accounts for most of the variance system.
  - All other components account for very little variance.
- ▶ B) 3 major subcategories.
  - Other components except 3 major categories account for very little variance.



Example of Scree plot

# Interpretations in Noise Reduction

## ■ Most datasets contain noise.

## ■ Noise

- ▶ Refers to Variance. in a dataset either unexplained or unwanted.

## ■ Method to reducing random noise

- ▶ Many ways to attenuate or eliminate noise, but optimal reduction strategy depends on origin of the noise or characteristics of signal
- ▶ Method with eigenvalues and eigenvectors,
  - Identify eigenvalues and eigenvectors of a system.
  - And “project out” directions in the data space associated **with small eigen-values**.

## ■ Meaning of “projecting out” a data dimension

- ▶ Reconstruct dataset after setting some eigenvalues to zero which eigenvalues below some threshold.

# Interpretations in Dimension Reduction(Data Compression)

## ■ It is beneficial to *compress* data before transmitting it.

- ▶ Compression: Reduce the size of data while having minimal impact on the quality of the data.

## ■ One way to dimension-reduce a dataset

- ▶ Take its [eigendecomposition](#)
  - Drop eigenvalues and eigenvectors associated with small directions in data space.
  - Transmit only relatively larger eigenvector-value pairs.

## ■ All of the data compression idea is same!

- ▶ Decompose dataset into a set of basis vectors.
  - Basis vectors that capture the most important features of data.
- ▶ Reconstruct a high-quality version of the original data.

# Finding Eigenvalues



# Find Eigenvalues Using MATLAB

## ■ To eigendecompose a square matrix...,

- ▶ First, find eigenvalues first.
- ▶ Then, use each eigenvalue to find its corresponding eigenvector.
- ▶ Super easy in MATLAB.
  - Just use function **eig()**
  - Eigenvalues of the matrix below are  $-0.37$  and  $5.37$ .

```
% Clear workspace, command window, and close all figures
clc; clear; close all;

% Define the matrix
matrix = [1 2; 3 4];

% Get the eigenvalues
evals = eig(matrix);

% Display the eigenvalues
disp('Eigenvalues of the matrix:');
disp(evals);
```

MATLAB code to find eigenvalues

## ■ Probably you have question...!

- ▶ How are the eigenvalues of a matrix identified?

# Method to Find Eigenvalues of Matrix

## ■ Do some simple arithmetic!

$\lambda$ : scalar

$$Av = \lambda v$$

$$Av - \lambda v = 0$$

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

Reorganize eigenvalue equation

$Av$ :

$$v \rightarrow \boxed{A} \rightarrow \lambda v$$

## ■ First equation

- ▶ Repeat of eigenvalue equation.

## ■ Second equation

- ▶ Simply subtracted right-hand side to set equation of right-hand side to the zeros vector.

## ■ Third equation

- ▶ Left-hand side of second equation has two vector terms.
  - Both of which involve  $v$  so that factor out the vector.
- ▶ After that, it leaves us with the subtraction of a matrix and a scalar  $A - \lambda$ .
  - Matrix-scalar subtraction is not a defined operation in linear algebra.
  - So, *shift* matrix by  $\lambda$ .
  - $\lambda I$  is sometimes called a **scalar** matrix.

# Meaning of Eigenvalue Equation

- Eigenvector is in the **null space of the matrix shifted by its eigen value**.

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

Reorganized eigenvalue equation

$$(A - \lambda I) \times v = 0.$$

non-singular 0  
singular  $\lambda$

- Remember...,

▶ Ignore trivial solutions in linear algebra which means don't consider  $v = 0$  to be an eigenvector.

- Matrix shifted by its eigenvalue is singular.

▶ Because only singular matrices have a **nontrivial null space**.

- What else do we know about singular matrices?

▶ Know that their Determinant is zero!

▶ Hence, we can write as below:

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

Determinant of  $A - \lambda I$

# Key to Finding Eigenvalues: Determinant

## ■ Shift matrix by unknown eigenvalue $\lambda$ .

- ▶ Set its determinant to Zero, and solve for  $\lambda$ .

## ■ Example of finding eigenvalues in $2 \times 2$ matrix

- ▶ You can apply quadratic formula to solve for two  $\lambda$  values.

$$\left| \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} - \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right| = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} a - \lambda & b \\ c & d - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(a - \lambda)(d - \lambda) - bc = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - (a + d)\lambda + (ad - bc) = 0$$

(차이 공식)  
characteristic  
equation.

Process of finding eigenvalues

# Examples to Finding Eigenvalues

## Traditional way to find eigenvalues

- ▶ Subtract the unknown value lambda off the diagonals.
- ▶ Solve for the determinant is equal to zero.

## Direct way to find eigenvalues

- ▶ Trace of matrix is equal to sum of the eigenvalues.
- ▶ Determinant of a matrix is equal to the product of the two eigenvalues.

Find the **eigenvalues** of  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} \det \left( \begin{bmatrix} 3-\lambda & 1 \\ 4 & 1-\lambda \end{bmatrix} \right) &= (3-\lambda)(1-\lambda) - (1)(4) \\ &= (3-4\lambda+\lambda^2) - 4 \\ &= \lambda^2 - 4\lambda - 1 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{4^2 - 4(1)(-1)}}{2} = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{20}}{2} = 2 \pm \sqrt{5}$$

traditional way to find eigenvalue

1)  $\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left( \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \right) = \frac{a+d}{2} = \frac{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}{2} = m$  (mean)

2)  $\det \left( \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \right) = ad - bc = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 = p$  (product)

3)  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = m \pm \sqrt{m^2 - p}$

$\begin{bmatrix} 8 & 4 \\ 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$	$m = 7$
	$p = 40$

Direct way to find eigenvalue

# Code Exercise to Find Eigenvalues

## ■ Code Exercise (13\_01)

- ▶ Find the eigenvalues using different method.
- ▶ Use the 'direct way' in the previous slide.

```
% Clear workspace, command window, and close all figures
clc; clear; close all;

% 2x2 matrix : A
A = [1 2; 3 4];

% Calculate the trace of the matrix
trA = trace(A);

% Calculate the determinant of the matrix
detA = det(A);

% Calculate the eigenvalues using the direct way
lambda1 = trA/2 + sqrt((trA/2)^2-detA);
lambda2 = trA/2 - sqrt((trA/2)^2-detA);

% Display the eigenvalues
disp('Eigenvalues of the matrix:');
disp([lambda1 lambda2]);
```

MATLAB code to find eigenvalues using direct way

# Logical Progression of Mathematical Concepts of Eigenvalue Equation

■ The matrix-vector multiplication acts like: Scalar-vector multiplication.

■ Set eigenvalue equation to zeros vector, and factor out common terms.

- ▶ Eigen vector is null space of matrix shifted by eigenvalue.
- ▶ Do not consider zeros vector to be an eigenvector.
  - Shifted matrix is singular.

$$\begin{aligned}
 A v &= \lambda v \\
 A v - \lambda v &= 0 \\
 (A - \lambda I) v &= 0. \quad \text{let } (A - \lambda I) = 0. \\
 &\text{singular } \neq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

■ Set determinant of shifted matrix to Zero.

- ▶ Solve for unknown eigenvalue.

■ Determinant of an eigenvalue-shifted matrix set to Zero.

- ▶ Called characteristic polynomial of the matrix.

■ *n* th order polynomial has *n* solutions.

- ▶ Some of solutions might be complex-valued.
  - Called fundamental theorem of algebra.
- ▶ Characteristic polynomial of an  $M \times M$  matrix will have  $\lambda^M$  term.
  - $M \times M$  matrix will have  $M$  eigenvalues.

# Finding Eigenvectors



# Find Eigenvectors Using MATLAB

## ■ Finding eigenvectors is super easy in MATLAB.

- ▶ Most important thing to keep in mind
  - Eigenvectors are stored in columns of the matrix.
- ▶ Columns of the matrix *vecs*
  - Eigenvectors
  - Columns are same order as eigenvalues.
- ▶ Paired
  - Eigenvector in the first column of matrix *vecs*.
  - First eigenvalue in vector *vals*.
- ▶ People use variable names ***L*** & ***V*** or ***D*** & ***V***.
  - ***V*** matrix: each column  $i$  is eigenvector  $v_i$ .
  - ***L*** is for  $\Lambda$  (capital of  $\lambda$ )
  - ***D*** is for diagonal.
    - Eigen values are often stored in a diagonal matrix.
    - Reasons will be explained later in this chapter.

$$[A] \xrightarrow{\text{eig}} V = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ v_1 & v_2 & \dots & v_n \\ | & | & \dots & | \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

```
% Clear workspace, command window, and close all figures
clc; clear; close all;

% 2x2 matrix
matrix = [1 2; 3 4];

% Calculate the eigenvalues and eigenvectors
[vecs, vals] = eig(matrix);

% Display the eigenvalues and eigenvectors
disp('Eigenvalues:');
disp(diag(vals)); % Extracts and displays the eigenvalues from the diagonal matrix
disp('Eigenvectors:');
disp(vecs); % Displays the eigenvectors
```

MATLAB code to find eigenvalues

## ■ Important question

- ▶ **Where** do eigenvectors come from and **how** do we find them?

# Important Thing to Keep In Mind About Eigenvectors When Coding

- **Eigenvectors are stored in the **columns** of the matrix.**
  - ▶ Not in the rows.
  - ▶ Disastrous consequences in applications.
    - If accidentally using the rows instead of the columns of the eigenvectors matrix.
- **Remember common convention in linear algebra.**
  - ▶ Vectors are in column orientation.

# Method to Find Eigenvector

- Find vector  $v$  that is in the null space of matrix shifted by  $\lambda$ .

► In other words:

$$v_i \in N(A - \lambda_i I)$$

Equation of eigenvector

- Numerical example

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \lambda_1 = 3, \lambda_2 = -1$$

Example of matrix and its eigenvalues

► Focus on the first eigenvalue.

- Shift the matrix by 3 (value of first eigenvalue).
- Find a vector in its null space.

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

Find eigenvector of the matrix

- $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  : an eigenvector of the matrix **associated with** an eigenvalue of 3.
- How can we find null space vectors (eigenvectors of the matrix)?

# Method to Find Null Space Vectors in Practice

## ■ Good way to conceptualize the solution

- ▶ Use **Gauss-Jordan** to solve a system of equations.
  - Coefficients matrix is  $\lambda$  shifted matrix.
  - Constants vector is zeros vector.

## ■ In implementation...,

- ▶ More stable numerical methods are applied for finding eigenvalues and eigenvectors.
  - Including **QR decomposition** and **Procedure** called the power method

# Sign and Scale Indeterminacy of Eigenvectors

## Return to numerical example in previous section

- ▶ Why  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  was an eigenvector of matrix?
  - $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  : a basis for the null space of the matrix shifted by its eigenvalue of 3.
- ▶ Is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  unique eigenvector of matrix?
  - No,  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  or  $\begin{bmatrix} -5.4 & -5.4 \end{bmatrix}$  or ...
  - Any scaled version of vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is a basis for that null space.
- ▶ If  $v$  is an eigenvector of a matrix,  $\alpha v$  can also be eigenvector.
  - $\alpha v$  for any real-valued  $\alpha$  except zero.

## Indeed, eigenvectors are important because of their direction.

- ▶ Not because of their magnitude

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \lambda_1 = 3, \lambda_2 = -1 \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1-3 & 2 \\ 2 & 1-3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Previous example about eigenvalues and eigenvector

# Questions About Infinity of Possible Null Space Basis Vectors

## ■ Is there one “best” basis vector?

- ▶ No “best” basis vector.
- ▶ But convenient to have eigenvectors that are **unit normalized**.
  - Euclidean norm of 1.
  - Particularly useful for symmetric matrices for reasons will be explained later in this chapter.

## ■ What is “*correct*” sign of an eigenvector?

- ▶ There is none.
- ▶ Can get **different eigenvector signs** from same matrix when using different software.
  - Python, Julia, Mathematica , ....
- ▶ There are principled ways for assigning a sign in applications.
  - Such as PCA.
  - But it is just common convention to facilitate interpretation.

# Diagonalizing a Square Matrix

# Make Equations Compact and Elegant

## ■ Eigenvalue equation lists one eigenvalue and one eigenvector.

- ▶ Means that an  $M \times M$  matrix has  $M$  eigenvalue equations.

$A$  ↗

## ■ Nothing wrong with that series of equations...!

- ▶ But this equation sets are ugly.
- ▶ Ugliness violates one of the principles of linear algebra which make equations compact and elegant.

$$\begin{pmatrix} A\underline{v_1} = \lambda_1 \underline{v_1} \\ \vdots \\ A\underline{v_M} = \lambda_M \underline{v_M} \end{pmatrix}$$

$M$  eigenvalue equations of  $M \times M$  matrix

## ■ Therefore, we need to transform this series of equations into **one matrix equation** for compact!



# Key Insight for Writing Out Matrix Eigenvalue Equation

■ Each column of the eigenvectors matrix is scaled by exactly one eigenvalue.

- ▶ Can implement this through post multiplication by a diagonal matrix.
- ▶ Store eigenvalues in diagonal of a matrix instead of storing eigenvalues in a vector.

■ Form of diagonalization for a  $3 \times 3$  matrix

- ▶ Using @ in place of numerical values in the matrix
- ▶ In the eigenvectors matrix,
  - First subscript number corresponds to eigenvector.
  - Second subscript number corresponds to eigenvector element.
- ▶ Take a moment to confirm!
  - Each eigenvalue scales all elements of its corresponding eigenvector and not any other eigenvectors.

$$\begin{aligned} A v_1 &= \lambda_1 v_1 \\ &\vdots \\ A v_n &= \lambda_n v_n \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} @ & @ & @ \\ @ & @ & @ \\ @ & @ & @ \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_{11} & v_{21} & v_{31} \\ v_{12} & v_{22} & v_{32} \\ v_{13} & v_{23} & v_{33} \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} v_{11} & v_{21} & v_{31} \\ v_{12} & v_{22} & v_{32} \\ v_{13} & v_{23} & v_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 v_{11} & \lambda_2 v_{21} & \lambda_3 v_{31} \\ \lambda_1 v_{12} & \lambda_2 v_{22} & \lambda_3 v_{32} \\ \lambda_1 v_{13} & \lambda_2 v_{23} & \lambda_3 v_{33} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Handwritten notes: "diagonal" with an arrow pointing to the diagonal matrix, and " $\rightarrow AV = V\Lambda$ " with an arrow pointing to the final equation.

Diagonalization for  $3 \times 3$  matrix

# Eigen Decomposition

- Consider list of equivalent declarations of matrix eigenvalue equation as shown below.

$$\begin{aligned}V^H A V &= V \Lambda \\A &= V \Lambda V^{-1} \\ \Lambda &= V^{-1} A V\end{aligned}$$

List of equivalent declarations

- Code to return:
  - ▶ Eigenvalues in a vector.

```
% Clear workspace, command window, and close all figures
clc; clear; close all;

% 2x2 matrix
matrix = [1 2; 3 4];

% Calculate the eigenvalues and eigenvectors
[vecs, vals] = eig(matrix);

% Display the D matrix
disp('D matrix:');
disp(vals);
```

MATLAB code to get D matrix

# Example of Diagonalizing a Square Matrix

## ■ Diagonalizing matrix using eigen basis

- ▶ Use eigenvectors as basis.
- ▶ Take the coordinates of the two eigenvectors.
- ▶ Make those coordinates the columns of a matrix, known as the change of basis matrix.
- ▶ Put the change of basis matrix on its right and the inverse of the change of basis on its left.
- ▶ Result will be a matrix representing the same transformation, but from the perspective of the new basis vectors coordinate system.
- ▶ New matrix is guaranteed to be diagonal.
- ▶ Basis vectors which are also eigenvectors is called, **eigenbasis**

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

Change of basis matrix

Use eigenvectors as basis

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

Example of Diagonalizing matrix

# Special Awesomeness of Symmetric Matrices

# Orthogonal Eigenvector

- **Symmetric matrices have orthogonal eigenvectors.**
  - ▶ All eigenvectors of symmetric matrix are **pair-wise orthogonal**.
- **Start with an example, then discuss implications of eigenvector orthogonality, finally show proof.**

# Code Exercise of Orthogonal Eigenvector

## Code Exercise (13\_02)

- ▶ Three dot products are all zero.
  - Within computer rounding errors on order of  $10^{-16}$ .
- ▶ Symmetric matrices were created as random matrix times its transpose.

```
% Clear workspace, command window, and close all figures
clc; clear; close all;

% Create a random matrix and make it symmetric
A = randi([-3, 3], 3, 3);
A = A * A'; % Symmetric matrix

% Perform eigen decomposition
[V, D] = eig(A);

% Display the eigenvalues and eigenvectors
disp('Eigenvalues:');
disp(diag(D));
disp('Eigenvectors:');
disp(V);

% Calculate and display all pairwise dot products between eigenvectors
dot12 = dot(V(:,1), V(:,2));
dot13 = dot(V(:,1), V(:,3));
dot23 = dot(V(:,2), V(:,3));
disp('Dot product of first and second eigenvectors:')
disp(dot12);
disp('Dot product of first and third eigenvectors:')
disp(dot13);
disp('Dot product of second and third eigenvectors:')
disp(dot23);
```

MATLAB code of orthogonal eigenvectors

# Property of Orthogonal Eigenvector

- Dot product between any pair of eigenvectors is Zero.
- ▶ While dot product of eigenvector with itself is nonzero.
- ▶ Because not consider zeros vector to be eigenvector.
- ▶ This can be written as Eq 1..
  - $D$ : Diagonal matrix with diagonals containing norms of eigenvectors

$$V^T V = D$$

Eq 1. Property of orthogonal eigenvector

# Direction VS Magnitude

■ Eigenvectors are important not **magnitude** but direction.

▶ Eigenvector can have any magnitude we want.

- Except for magnitude of **zero**

■ Let's scale all eigenvectors so they have **unit length**.

▶ Question: If all eigenvectors are orthogonal and have unit length, what happens when we multiply eigenvectors matrix by its transpose?

▶ Answer: As you know, it's Eq 1..

■ In other words, Eigenvectors matrix of symmetric matrix is orthogonal matrix!

$$V^T V = I$$

Eq 1. Multiply eigenvectors matrix with unit length by its transpose



# Implication of Orthogonal Eigenvector

## ■ Multiple implications for data science.

- ▶ Eigenvectors are super easy to invert.
  - Simply transpose them.

## ■ Other implications of orthogonal eigenvectors for applications

- ▶ Such as principal components analysis
- ▶ I will discuss later.

# Proof of Orthogonal Eigenvector

## ■ Necessity

- ▶ Orthogonal eigenvectors of symmetric matrices is such important concept

## ■ Goal

- ▶ To show that  $\langle \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \rangle$  product between any pair of eigenvectors is zero.

## ■ Assumption

- ▶ Matrix  $A$  is symmetric.
- ▶  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are distinct eigenvalues of  $A$ , with  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  as their corresponding eigenvectors.
  - $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  cannot equal each other.

# Eigenvector Orthogonality Proof (1)

■ Try to follow each equality step from left to right of Eq 1..

- ▶ Pay attention to **first and last terms**.
  - Terms in middle are just transformations.

■ Eq 1. are written in Eq 2..

- ▶ Then subtracted to set to zero.

$$\lambda_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{v}_2 = (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{v}_1)^T \mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{v}_1^T \lambda_2 \mathbf{v}_2 = \lambda_2 \mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{v}_2$$

Eq 1. Proof of eigenvector orthogonality for symmetric matrices

$$\lambda_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{v}_2 = \lambda_2 \mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{v}_2$$

$$\lambda_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{v}_2 - \lambda_2 \mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{v}_2 = 0$$

Eq 2. Continuing eigenvector orthogonality proof

# Eigenvector Orthogonality Proof (2)

## ■ Eq 1. can be factored out as Eq 2..

- ▶ Both terms contain dot product  $\mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{v}_2$ .

## ■ Eq 2. says that two quantities multiply to produce 0.

- ▶ One or both of those quantities must be zero.
  - $(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)$  cannot equal zero.
    - Because we began from assumption that they are zero.
- ▶ Therefore,  $\mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{v}_2$  must equal zero.
  - Meaning: Two eigenvectors are orthogonal.

$$\lambda_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{v}_2 - \lambda_2 \mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{v}_2 = 0$$

Eq 1. Continuing eigenvector orthogonality proof

$$(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) \mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{v}_2 = 0$$

Eq 2. Eigenvector orthogonality proof, part 3

# Eigenvector Orthogonality Proof (3)

## ■ Go back through Eq 1..

- ▶ Convince yourself that this [proof fails for nonsymmetric matrices](#), when  $A^T \neq A$ .
- ▶ Thus, eigenvectors of nonsymmetric matrix are not constrained to be orthogonal.
  - Linearly independent for all distinct eigenvalues.
    - But I will omit that discussion and proof.

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{v}_2 &= (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{v}_1)^T \mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{v}_1^T \overset{\text{not } A}{\mathbf{A}^T} \mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{v}_1^T \lambda_2 \mathbf{v}_2 = \lambda_2 \mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{v}_2 \\ \lambda_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{v}_2 &= \lambda_2 \mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{v}_2 \\ \lambda_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{v}_2 - \lambda_2 \mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{v}_2 &= 0 \\ (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) \mathbf{v}_1^T \mathbf{v}_2 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Eq 1. Eigenvector orthogonality proof

# Real-Valued Eigenvalues

## ■ Second special property of symmetric matrices

- ▶ Real-valued eigenvalues
- ▶ Real-valued eigenvectors

## ■ Let me start by showing that matrices with all real-valued entries.

- ▶ Those have complex-valued eigenvalues.

```
% Clear workspace, command window, and close all figures
clc; clear; close all;

% Define the matrix A
A = [-3 -3 0; 3 -2 3; 0 1 2];

% Perform eigen decomposition
[V, D] = eig(A);

% Extract the eigenvalues from the diagonal matrix D
eigenvalues = diag(D);

% Display the eigenvalues as a column vector
disp('Eigenvalues:');
disp(eigenvalues);
```

Eigenvalues:

```
-2.7447 + 2.8517i
-2.7447 - 2.8517i
 2.4895 + 0.0000i
```

MATLAB code of egiendecomposition

# In Code Exercise

## ■ $3 \times 3$ matrix $A$

- ▶ Two complex eigenvalues and one real-valued eigenvalue.
  - Eigenvectors coupled to complex-valued eigenvalues
    - Themselves be complex-valued.
- ▶ Nothing special
  - Because matrix  $A$  comes from random integers between -3 and +3.

## ■ Interestingly, complex-valued solutions come in **conjugate pairs**.

- ▶ If there is  $\lambda_j = a + ib$ , then there is  $\lambda_k = a - ib$ .
- ▶ Their corresponding eigenvectors are also complex conjugate pairs.

## ■ I don't go into detail about complex-valued solutions, except to show you that complex solutions to eigendecomposition are straightforward.

- ▶ Straightforward: Mathematically expected
  - Interpreting complex solutions in eigendecomposition is far from straightforward.

# Symmetric Matrix

- Guarantee to have real-valued **eigenvalues**.
  - ▶ Also real-valued **eigenvectors**.
- Let me start by modifying previous example.
  - ▶ Make matrix symmetric.

```
% Clear workspace, command window, and close all figures
clc; clear; close all;

% Define the matrix A
A = [-3 -3 0; -3 -2 1; 0 1 2];

% Perform eigen decomposition
[V, D] = eig(A);

% Extract the eigenvalues from the diagonal matrix D
eigenvalues = diag(D);

% Display the eigenvalues as a column vector
disp('Eigenvalues:');
disp(eigenvalues);
```

**Eigenvalues:**

```
-5.5971
 0.2261
 2.3710
```

MATLAB code of eigendecomposition of symmetric matrix



# Random Symmetric Matrix of Any Size

## ■ How to make

- ▶ Create random matrix.
- ▶ Eigendecompositioning  $A^T A$ .

## ■ Where to use

- ▶ Confirm that eigenvalues are real-valued.

## ■ Guaranteed **real-valued eigenvalues** from symmetric matrices.

- ▶ It's fortunate
  - Because complex numbers are often confusing to work with.

## ■ In data science

- ▶ Lots of matrices are symmetric.
- ▶ If you see complex eigenvalues in your data science applications,
  - It's possible that is problem with code or with data.



**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR ATTENTION**