

Analytical Geometry and Linear Algebra II, Lab 9

Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

Diagonalization of a Matrix

Difference equation



How I spent last weekend



Hiking Club KFU "Tochka" event



Where it can be used

- Machine learning (transform data in more suitable usage)
- Make some calculations easier (matrix¹⁰⁰ – piece of cake)
- Predict the behavior of linear systems (physics, biology, etc)
- Design the controller for our system
- Estimate the complexity of calculations
- ...



Definition

In linear algebra, an **eigenvector or characteristic vector** of a linear transformation is a non-zero vector that changes by only a scalar factor when that linear transformation is applied to it. [Wiki](#)

$$Ax = \lambda x, \text{ where}$$

x - eigenvector (should be non-zero),

λ - eigenvalue,

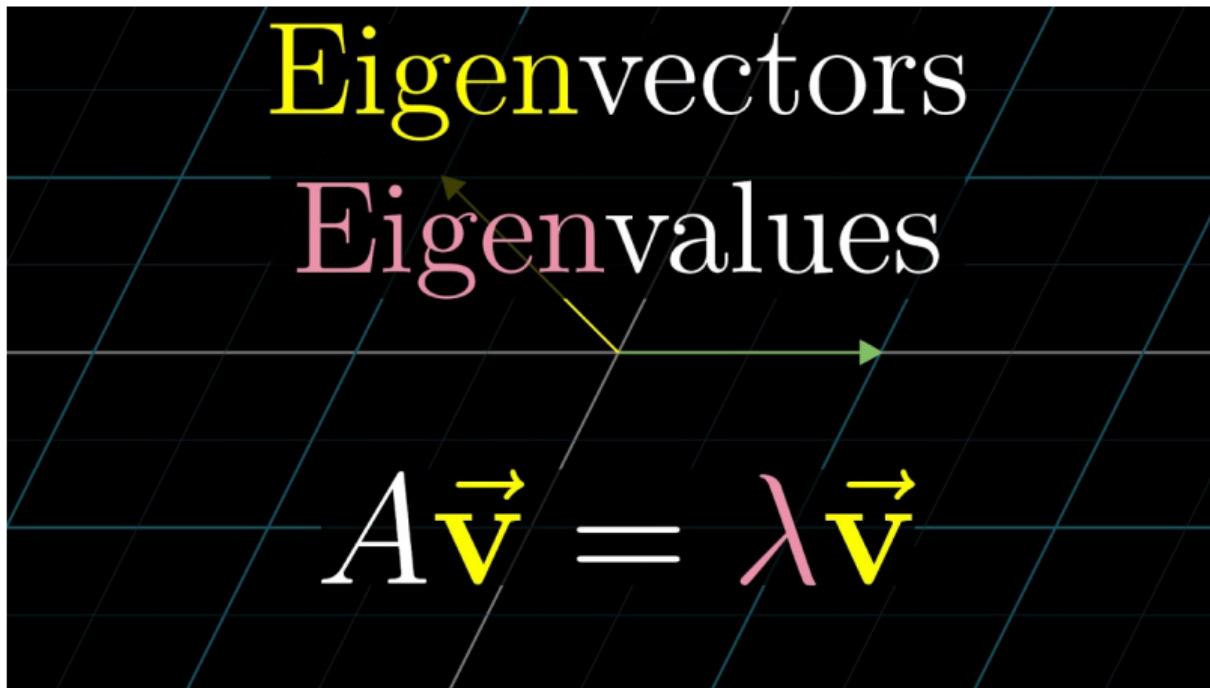
A - square matrix.

For $n \times n$ matrix - max amount of λ is a number of n .



EigenValues concept

Video





Calculation (1)

Classical approach (max 3x3)

There are 2 steps:

1. Find λ (eigenvalue) — $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$

- 2 × 2 matrix: $\det(A - \lambda I) = \lambda^2 - \text{trace}(A)\lambda + \det(A) = 0$, where $\text{trace}(A)$ — sum of diag values of A;
- 3 × 3 matrix: $\det(A - \lambda I) = \lambda^3 - \text{trace}(A)\lambda^2 - \frac{1}{2}(\text{trace}(A^2) - \text{trace}(A)^2)\lambda - \det(A) = 0$

2. Find \mathbf{x} for each λ — $(A - \lambda_i I)\mathbf{x} = 0$

Case study, 2 × 2 matrix: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned}1. \quad &\text{trace}(A) = 4 + (-3) = 1, \\&\det(A) = 4(-3) - 3(-2) = -6, \text{ hence} \\&\lambda^2 - \lambda - 6 = (\lambda - 3)(\lambda + 2), \rightarrow \\&\rightarrow \lambda_1 = 3, \lambda_2 = -2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}2. \quad &2.1 \quad A - 3I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -2 & -6 \end{bmatrix}; \quad x_{\lambda=3} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \\&2.2 \quad A + 2I = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 3 \\ -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}; \quad x_{\lambda=-2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$



Task 1

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Answer

$$1. \lambda_1 = -5, \lambda_2 = 9$$

$$x_{\lambda=-5} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.5 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix}, x_{\lambda=9} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2. \lambda_1 = 3 + 1i, \lambda_2 = 3 - 1i$$

$$x_{\lambda=3+1i} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 + 1i \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, x_{\lambda=3-1i} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 - 1i \end{bmatrix}$$



Calculation (2)

Real life approach (Iterative algorithms)

Due to the reason that computers appeared recently, eigenpairs weren't used broadband.

Nowadays, it can be found easily by iteration method, which implemented in most programming languages.

| Method | Applies to | Produces | Cost per step | Convergence |
|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Lanczos algorithm | Hermitian | m largest/smallest eigenpairs | | |
| Power iteration | general | eigenpair with largest value | $O(n^2)$ | linear |
| Inverse iteration | general | eigenpair with value closest to μ | | |
| Rayleigh quotient iteration | Hermitian | any eigenpair | | cubic |
| Preconditioned inverse iteration ^[11] or LOBPCG algorithm | positive-definite real symmetric | eigenpair with value closest to μ | | |
| Bisection method | real symmetric tridiagonal | any eigenvalue | | linear |
| Laguerre iteration | real symmetric tridiagonal | any eigenvalue | | cubic ^[12] |
| QR algorithm | Hessenberg | all eigenvalues | $O(n^2)$ | |
| | | all eigenpairs | $6n^3 + O(n^2)$ | cubic |
| Jacobi eigenvalue algorithm | real symmetric | all eigenvalues | $O(n^3)$ | quadratic |
| Divide-and-conquer | Hermitian tridiagonal | all eigenvalues | $O(n^2)$ | |
| | | all eigenpairs | $(\frac{4}{3})n^3 + O(n^2)$ | |

Eigenvector and eigenvalue iterative algorithms

[Wiki](#)



Eigenpair properties and features

- $\sum \lambda = \text{trace}(A)$
- $A_{\text{new}} = A_{\text{old}} + a\lambda_{\text{old}}$, \rightarrow eigenvectors won't change,
 $\lambda_{\text{new}} = \lambda_{\text{old}} + a$
- If matrix is triangular – the eigenvalues are on the main diagonal
- If matrix is symmetric – λ is *definitely* real
- If matrix is not symmetric – λ *can* contain imaginary part
- $Ax = \lambda x \rightarrow A^2x = Ax$ (*left mult*) $\rightarrow A^2x = Ax(\lambda \text{ is const}) = \lambda^2x$



Diagonalization

Key idea / Follow each eigenvector separately / n simple problems

Eigenvector matrix X

Assume independent x 's

Then X is invertible

$$AX = A \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & \cdots & x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 x_1 & \cdots & \lambda_n x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} AX &= X\Lambda \\ X^{-1}AX &= \Lambda \\ A &= X\Lambda X^{-1} \end{aligned}}$$

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Diagonalization properties

Some matrices are not diagonalizable

They don't have n independent vectors

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ has } \lambda = 3 \text{ and } 3$$

That A has double eigenvalue, single eigenvector

Only one $x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$



Task 2

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

- Find eigenpairs;
- Write down A in diagonal form;
- Draw several vectors: one, which are parallel to an eigenvector, other – not.
- Multiply chosen vectors on A, draw the new ones.



Task 2

Answer

$$Ax = \lambda x; A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$\lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 3 = 0$$

$$D = 16 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 3 = 4$$

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{4}}{2} \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 1$$

$$\textcircled{1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow$$

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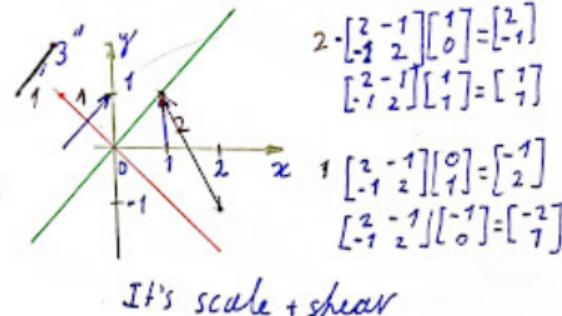
$$\textcircled{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} t \rightarrow x = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

" $S^{-1} = S^T$ if orthonormal, here not appl.

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow S^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0.5 \\ -0.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = S^{-1} AS$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0.5 \\ -0.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$



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

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Answer

- (a) False: We are not given the λ 's (b) True (c) True (d) False: For this we would need the eigenvectors of X



Task 4

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Answer

With $X = I$, $A = X\Lambda X^{-1} = \Lambda$ is a diagonal matrix. If X is triangular, then X^{-1} is triangular, so $X\Lambda X^{-1}$ is also triangular.



A^k

A^k becomes easy

$$A^k = (X\Lambda X^{-1})(X\Lambda X^{-1}) \cdots (X\Lambda X^{-1})$$

Same eigenvectors in X

$$\boxed{A^k = X\Lambda^k X^{-1}} \quad \Lambda^k = (\text{eigenvalues})^k$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}^4 = X\Lambda^4 X^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1^4 & 0 \\ 0 & 3^4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 81 \\ 0 & 81 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 80 \\ 0 & 81 \end{bmatrix}$$

Question: When does $A^k \rightarrow$ zero matrix ?

Answer: **All** $|\lambda_i| < 1$



Task 5

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Answer

$A^k = X\Lambda^k X^{-1}$ approaches zero **if and only if every** $|\lambda| < 1$; A_1 is a Markov matrix so $\lambda_{\max} = 1$ and $A_1^k \rightarrow A_1^\infty$, A_2 has $\lambda = .6 \pm .3$ so $A_2^k \rightarrow 0$.



Applications (1)

Computer Vision



Applications (2)

Machine learning + optimization



Applications (3)

Predict the behavior of linear systems



Applications (4)

Fast Calculations



Task 6

(Recommended) Suppose $Ax = \lambda x$. If $\lambda = 0$ then x is in the nullspace. If $\lambda \neq 0$ then x is in the column space. Those spaces have dimensions $(n - r) + r = n$. So why doesn't every square matrix have n linearly independent eigenvectors?



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Answer

Two problems: The nullspace and column space can overlap, so x could be in both.
There may not be r independent eigenvectors in the column space.



Reference material

- Lecture 21, Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors
- Lecture 22, Diagonalization and Powers of A
- "*Linear Algebra and Applications*", pdf pages 270–306
Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors 5.1–5.3
- "*Introduction to Linear Algebra*", pdf pages 299–329
Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors 6.1–6.2
- [The eigenvalue problem | Lectures 32 – 38](#)
Video from Matrix Algebra for Engineers course

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