



# Week 11

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MA1508E LINEAR ALGEBRA FOR ENGINEERING

Week 10

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# IVLE Quiz Discussion

# Review of Week 10 (Units 050-054) content

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- (Definition) When is a vector orthogonal to a vector space? Normal vector to a vector space.
- A vector is orthogonal to a vector space if it is orthogonal to a set that spans the vector space.
- Finding all vectors that are orthogonal to a vector space → homogeneous linear system.
- (Definition) (Orthogonal) projection of a vector onto a vector space. The uniqueness of orthogonal projection.
- If the vector we want to project is already a vector in the vector space, what does orthogonal projection mean?
- What do we need to compute orthogonal projection onto a vector space?

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- Orthogonal Projection Theorem and its relation to (writing a vector as a linear combination of a set of orthogonal basis vectors).
- What if we don't have an orthogonal basis for the vector space that we wish to project on?
- Gram-Schmidt Process – using orthogonal projection to construct an orthogonal basis (sequentially).
- The concept of approximations.
- (Geometrical discussion) The shortest distance from a vector to a space (line or plane).
- (Theorem) The projection  $p$  of a vector  $u$  onto a space  $V$  is the best approximation of  $u$  among all vectors in  $V$ . So  $d(u,p)$  is no larger than  $d(u,v)$  for all choices of  $v$  in  $V$ .

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- An example on experiments. Find a line (or curve) of “best fit”.
- (Definition) The least squares solution to a linear system  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$
- We know that sometimes we need to find least squares solution to a linear system. How to find it?
- How “close” (to  $\mathbf{b}$ ) is the projection  $\mathbf{p}$  (of  $\mathbf{b}$ ) onto a space  $V$ ?

# Week 11 (units 055-059) overview

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## 055 Eigenvalues and eigenvectors

- A real-life example on population movement and the need to compute powers of a square matrix.
- Definition of eigenvalue (of a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ ) and eigenvector (of a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ ) associated with the eigenvalue.

## 056 Characteristic equation of a matrix

- Characteristic polynomial and characteristic equation of a square matrix
- How to find the eigenvalues of a square matrix using characteristic equation.

## 057 One more equivalent statement; more on eigenvalues

- $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible if and only if 0 is not an eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$
- Eigenvalues of triangular matrices.

# Week 11 (units 055-059) overview

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## 058 Eigenspaces

- Eigenspace of a matrix associated with an eigenvalue

## 059 Diagonalization Part I

- Definition of a diagonalizable matrix
- A necessary and sufficient condition for a square matrix of order  $n$  to be diagonalizable
- An algorithm to (a) determine if a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is diagonalizable, and if it is; (b) find a matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  that diagonalizes  $\mathbf{A}$

# Example (Fibonacci numbers)

Fibonacci numbers:

For  $n \geq 2$ ,  $a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2}$

$$a_0 = 0 \quad a_1 = 1 \quad a_2 = a_1 + a_0 = 1 \quad a_3 = a_2 + a_1 = 2 \quad \dots$$

That's easy  
enough...what  
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Let  $x_n = \begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ a_{n+1} \end{pmatrix}$  and so  $x_{n-1} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{n-1} \\ a_n \end{pmatrix}$ .

How do we  
relate  $x_n$  and  $x_{n-1}$ ?

Can we express  $a_n$  in terms of  $a_{n-1}$  and  $a_n$ ?

$$a_n = 0a_{n-1} + 1a_n$$

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$$\mathbf{x}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$a_n = 0a_{n-1} + 1a_n$$

$$\mathbf{x}_n = A\mathbf{x}_{n-1} = A^2\mathbf{x}_{n-2} = A^3\mathbf{x}_{n-3} = \dots = A^n\mathbf{x}_0$$

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$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x}_n = A^n \mathbf{x}_0 \quad \text{Let's see if we can diagonalize } A.$$

$$\det(\lambda I - A) = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & -1 \\ -1 & \lambda - 1 \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 - \lambda - 1$$

Remember  $\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

$$= (\lambda - \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right))(\lambda - \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right))$$

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Proceeding as before, we find that

$$E_{\lambda_1} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{pmatrix} \right\} \quad E_{\lambda_2} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

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Let  $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} & \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{pmatrix}$  and we have

$$P^{-1}AP = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow A = P \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} P^{-1}$$

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# Example (Fibonacci numbers)

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x}_n = A^n \mathbf{x}_0$$

Now you can compute  $a_{256}$ !

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ a_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{x}_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} & \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n & 0 \\ 0 & \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} & \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \boxed{\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n} \\ \boxed{\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n+1} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n+1}} \end{array} \right\}$$

## Example (Fibonacci numbers – part II)

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x}_n = A^n \mathbf{x}_0$$

$$\det(\lambda I - A) = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & -1 \\ -1 & \lambda - 1 \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 - \lambda - 1$$

$$= (\lambda - \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right))(\lambda - \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right))$$

I know that  $A$  can definitely be diagonalized  
(why?)

We will now solve for  $a_n$  without explicitly finding the invertible matrix  $P$ .

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$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x}_n = A^n \mathbf{x}_0$$

Let  $P = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  and  $P^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{pmatrix}$



$$\boxed{\begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1^n & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2^n \end{pmatrix}}$$

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}, \lambda_2 = \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ a_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{x}_n = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n & 0 \\ 0 & \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} a\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n & b\left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n \\ c\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n & d\left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} f \\ h \end{pmatrix} \neq \begin{pmatrix} A\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n + B\left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n \\ C\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n + D\left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n \end{pmatrix} \quad A, B, C, D \in \mathbb{R}$$

## Example (Fibonacci numbers – part II)

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x}_n = A^n \mathbf{x}_0$$

$$\boxed{a_0 = 0 \quad a_1 = 1}$$

(Initial conditions)

$$a_n = A\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n + B\left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n \quad a_0 = A\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^0 + B\left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^0 = A + B = 0$$

$$a_1 = A\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^1 + B\left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^1 = A\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right) + B\left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right) = 1$$

Solving  $\begin{cases} A + B = 0 \\ \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)A + \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)B = 1 \end{cases}$  we have  $A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$  and  $B = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$ ,

$$\Rightarrow a_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n$$

# Example 10.1

Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- (a) Find a matrix  $P$  that diagonalizes  $A$ .
- (b) Compute  $A^{10}$ .
- (c) Find a matrix  $B$  such that  $B^2 = A$ .

# Example 10.2

Let  $B$  be a  $4 \times 4$  matrix and  $\{u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4\}$  a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . Suppose

$$Bu_1 = 2u_1, \quad Bu_2 = 0, \quad Bu_3 = u_4, \quad Bu_4 = u_3$$

- Write down all the eigenvalues of  $B$ .
- For each eigenvalue of  $B$ , write down one eigenvector associated with it.
- Is  $B$  a diagonalizable matrix? Justify your answer.

# Example 10.3

Let  $d_n$  be the determinant of the following square matrix of order  $n$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & & & & & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & & & & \\ 1 & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & & \\ & & & & \ddots & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & & & & & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Show that  $d_n = 3d_{n-1} - d_{n-2}$ . Hence, or otherwise, find  $d_n$ .

Finally...

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