

Diagonalisation

1. A is similar to B if there's invertible matrix such that $A = PBP^{-1}$

$$A = PBP^{-1} \Leftrightarrow P^{-1}AP = (P^{-1}P)B(P^{-1}P) \Leftrightarrow B = P^{-1}AP$$

2. If A, B are similar, they have same characteristic polynomial and eigenvalue

prove: $B = P^{-1}AP$

$$B - \lambda I = P^{-1}AP - \lambda P^{-1}P = P^{-1}(AP - \lambda P) = P^{-1}(A - \lambda I)P$$

$$\det(B - \lambda I) = \det(P^{-1}) \det(A - \lambda I) \det(P) = \det(A - \lambda I)$$

3. Why diagonalised? To find A^k

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

4. Diagonalize the matrix ($n \times n$)

step 1: Find eigenvalues c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m

step 2: Find eigenvectors $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{if } n \text{ linearly independent} \Rightarrow \text{diagonalizable} \\ \text{if linearly dependent} \Rightarrow \text{not diagonalizable} \end{cases}$

step 3: $X = [\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n]$ $\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & c_m \end{bmatrix}$

$$A = X \Lambda X^{-1}$$