

Ch10

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$$A = PDP^{-1}$$

P = the columns with eigenvector of A

D = The diagonal matrix $\begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \\ & & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$

$$P_1 = [v_1 \ v_2], \quad D_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_2 = [v_2 \ v_1], \quad D_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Both can be used for diagonalization

A and B are similar $B\vec{x}_{\text{new}} = P^{-1}AP\vec{x}_{\text{new}}$

$$\Rightarrow B = P^{-1}AP$$

Characteristic polynomial:

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

① $P\vec{x}_{\text{new}}$: transform from: new basis to standard basis

$A(P\vec{x}_{\text{new}})$: Apply linear transformation under standard basis

$P^{-1}(AP\vec{x}_{\text{new}})$: Convert from: standard basis back to new basis

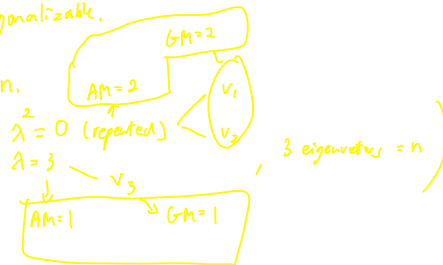
2 ways to check diagonalizable.

① Number of distinct $\lambda = n$.

② $GM(\lambda) = AM(\lambda)$ (e.g. $\lambda = 0$ (repeated), $\lambda = 3$)

dimension of
Eigenspace of
a specific λ value.

no. of λ
appearing as roots



Exercise 10.1

(a) Let λ_1 and λ_2 be distinct eigenvalues of matrix A .

Suppose $\vec{v}_1 \in E_{\lambda_1}$ and $\vec{v}_2 \in E_{\lambda_2}$.

Show if $\alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{v}_2 = \vec{0}$, then

$$\alpha_1 \lambda_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \lambda_2 \vec{v}_2 = \vec{0}$$

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We know: A is $n \times n$.

$\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$, are eigenvalues of A .

$\vec{v}_1 \in E_{\lambda_1}$, $A\vec{v}_1 = \lambda_1 \vec{v}_1$

$\vec{v}_2 \in E_{\lambda_2}$, $A\vec{v}_2 = \lambda_2 \vec{v}_2$

Proof.

$$1. \quad \alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{v}_2 = \vec{0}$$

$$A(\alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{v}_2) = \vec{0} \quad (\text{As } A(\vec{0}) = \vec{0})$$

$$\alpha_1 A\vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 A\vec{v}_2 = \vec{0} \quad (\text{Linearity})$$

$$\alpha_1 (\lambda_1 \vec{v}_1) + \alpha_2 (\lambda_2 \vec{v}_2) = \vec{0} \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{As } A\vec{v}_1 = \lambda_1 \vec{v}_1 \\ A\vec{v}_2 = \lambda_2 \vec{v}_2 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\boxed{\alpha_1 \lambda_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \lambda_2 \vec{v}_2 = \vec{0}}$$

$$2. \quad \alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{v}_2 = \vec{0}$$

$$\lambda_1 (\alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{v}_2) = \lambda_1 \vec{0}$$

$$\boxed{\alpha_1 \lambda_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \lambda_1 \vec{v}_2 = \vec{0}}$$

(b) Take the difference of the equalities above to show $\alpha_2 = 0$.

$$\alpha_1 \lambda_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \lambda_2 \vec{v}_2 - \alpha_1 \lambda_1 \vec{v}_1 - \alpha_2 \lambda_1 \vec{v}_2 = \vec{0}$$

$$(\lambda_2 - \lambda_1) \alpha_2 \vec{v}_2 = \vec{0}$$

$$(\lambda_2 - \lambda_1) \alpha_2 \vec{v}_2 = (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) \alpha_2 \vec{v}_2$$

Since $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$, $\vec{v}_2 \neq \vec{0}$, $\therefore \alpha_2 = 0$.

(c) Use similar argument to show $\alpha_1 = 0$.

$$\alpha_2 = 0 \quad \text{into} \quad \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 = 0$$

$$\alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 = 0 \quad (\vec{v}_1 \neq 0)$$

$$\alpha_1 = 0$$

$$\text{Since } \alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{v}_2 = 0 \quad \text{if and only if } \alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = 0$$

$\therefore \vec{v}_1$ and \vec{v}_2 are linearly independent.

(d) Suppose that $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$ are eigenvectors of matrix A with corresponding eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$.

If $\lambda_i \neq \lambda_j$, for any $i \neq j$, (all λ_i are distinct real no.)

Show $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$ is a linearly independent set.

WTS: $\alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{v}_2 + \alpha_3 \vec{v}_3 = 0$ only has trivial solution.

$$\text{We know } A \vec{v}_1 = \lambda_1 \vec{v}_1$$

$$A \vec{v}_2 = \lambda_2 \vec{v}_2$$

$$A \vec{v}_3 = \lambda_3 \vec{v}_3$$

$$1. A(\alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{v}_2 + \alpha_3 \vec{v}_3) = 0 \quad (A(\vec{0}) = \vec{0})$$

$$\alpha_1 (A \vec{v}_1) + \alpha_2 (A \vec{v}_2) + \alpha_3 (A \vec{v}_3) = 0 \quad (\text{From } \odot)$$

$$\alpha_1 \lambda_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \lambda_2 \vec{v}_2 + \alpha_3 \lambda_3 \vec{v}_3 = 0 \quad - (1)$$

$$2. \alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{v}_2 + \alpha_3 \vec{v}_3 = 0$$

$$\alpha_1 \lambda_3 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \lambda_3 \vec{v}_2 + \alpha_3 \lambda_3 \vec{v}_3 = 0 \quad - (2)$$

$$3. (1) - (2): \alpha_1 \lambda_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \lambda_2 \vec{v}_2 + \alpha_1 \lambda_3 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \lambda_3 \vec{v}_2$$

$$(\lambda_1 - \lambda_3) \alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + (\lambda_2 - \lambda_3) \alpha_2 \vec{v}_2 = 0$$

$$\text{Since } \lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2 \neq \lambda_3, \alpha_1 = 0, \alpha_2 = 0.$$

(e) Prove $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$ is linearly independent for distinct eigenvalues.

Induction.

Base Case: $n=2$ (proved)

Inductive step:

Assume it holds for $n-1$.

Show it holds for n .

$$\text{Assume } \alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + \alpha_n \vec{v}_n = \vec{0}$$

$$A(\alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + \alpha_n \vec{v}_n) = \vec{0}$$

$$\alpha_1 \lambda_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \lambda_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + \alpha_n \lambda_n \vec{v}_n = 0 \quad - (1)$$

$$\text{Note } \alpha_1 \lambda_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \lambda_1 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + \alpha_n \lambda_1 \vec{v}_n = 0 \text{ (2) as } \lambda_1(\alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots) = \lambda_1 \cdot 0$$

• (1) - (2):

$$\alpha_2 (\lambda_2 - \lambda_1) \vec{v}_2 + \dots + \alpha_n (\lambda_n - \lambda_1) \vec{v}_n = 0$$

$$\text{Since } \lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2 \neq \dots \neq \lambda_n,$$

$$\therefore \alpha_2 = \alpha_3 = \dots = \alpha_n = 0$$

$$\therefore \alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 = 0, \text{ and } \alpha_1 = 0.$$

$$\therefore \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\} \text{ is linearly independent}$$

P10.2

• Show if A and B are similar matrices $B = P^{-1}AP$

then $\chi_A = \chi_B$.

• Conclude similar matrices have same eigenvalues.

1. Let $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$.

• Let $B = P^{-1}AP$ (similar). LHS $\chi_A(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I)$

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$$\chi_B(\lambda) = \det(B - \lambda I)$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$= \det(A - \lambda I) \quad (\text{as } \det(P^{-1}) \det(P) = \frac{1}{\det(P)} \cdot \det(P) = 1)$$

$$= \chi_A(\lambda)$$

Since $\chi_A(\lambda) = \chi_B(\lambda)$

• They have same eigenvalues.

P10.6 True or False:

If A is diagonalizable, then A must be invertible.

False.

• Assume $\exists P$ s.t.

$$A = PDP^{-1}, \text{ where } D \text{ is diagonal matrix} \\ P \text{ is invertible.}$$

• Invertible means $\det(A) \neq 0$, i.e. A has NO ZERO Eigenvalues.

✗ Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, 2x2 matrix

• diagonal as all non-diagonal entries are zero

• not invertible as $\det(A) = 0$

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

$$-\lambda(1 - \lambda) = 0$$

$$\lambda = 0 \text{ or } \lambda = 1.$$

\therefore has 2 eigenvalues = no. of columns of A .

\Rightarrow diagonalizable.

✗

P10.7 A horizontal shear is function $F: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ defined by

$$F\left(\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} x + my \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

A vertical shear is function $G: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ defined by

$$G\left(\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y + nx \end{pmatrix}$$

$$G(\begin{pmatrix} y \\ x \end{pmatrix}) = \begin{pmatrix} y+mx \\ x \end{pmatrix}$$

Show that the shear functions are not diagonalizable when $m \neq 0$.

Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & m \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ m & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

① $\det(A - \lambda I) = (1 - \lambda)^2 = \lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 1 = 0$ ($AM=2$)

$$(A - I)\vec{v} = \vec{0}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 0 & m & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$my = 0, y = 0.$$

$\therefore \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$ is $\in E_{\lambda=1}$.

\therefore Eigenspace $= \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$, $GM = \dim(\text{eigenspace}) = 1$,
 $AM = 2$.

$GM \neq AM \Rightarrow$ Not diagonalizable

② $\det(B - \lambda I) = (1 - \lambda)^2 = 0$

$$\lambda^2 = 1$$

$$\lambda = 1 \quad (AM=2)$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ m & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$mx = 0 \mid y \text{ can be anything.}$$

$$x = 0, \therefore \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ y \end{pmatrix} \text{ for } y \in \mathbb{R}, \text{ is } \in E_{\lambda=1}.$$

\therefore Eigenspace $E_{\lambda=1} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$, $GM = \dim(E_{\lambda=1}) = 1$,

\therefore Not diagonalizable.