

Similar Matrices and Similarity Transformation

- A and $M^{-1}AM$ are said to be *similar* where M is any invertible matrix.
- $M^{-1}AM$ is called similarity transformation of A and vice versa
- Two similar matrices share the same eigenvalues
- If $B = M^{-1}AM$ then A and B have the same eigenvalues and an eigenvector x of A corresponds to an eigenvector $M^{-1}x$ of B

Proof: since $A = MBM^{-1}$

$$Ax = \lambda x \Rightarrow MBM^{-1}x = \lambda x \Rightarrow B(M^{-1}x) = \lambda(M^{-1}x)$$

Or we can look at the two determinants:

$$\begin{aligned} \det(B - \lambda I) &= \det(M^{-1}AM - \lambda I) = \det(M^{-1}(A - \lambda I)M) \\ &= \det M^{-1} \det(A - \lambda I) \det M = \det(A - \lambda I) \end{aligned}$$

Example: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ with eigenvalues 1 and 0

If $M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ then $B = M^{-1}AM = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$: triangular with eigenvalues 1 and 0

If $M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ then $B = M^{-1}AM = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$: projection with eigenvalues 1 and 0

If $M = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ then $B = M^{-1}AM$ = an arbitrary matrix with eigenvalues 1 and 0

Similarity Transformation = Change of Basis

Recall that

- Every linear transformation is represented by a matrix
- The transformation matrix depends on the choice of basis
- Similar matrices represent the same transformation with respect to different bases

- Let a transformation be T and a basis be v_1, \dots, v_n . The j th column of the transformation A comes from applying T to v_j :

$$Tv_j = \text{combination of the } v\text{'s} = a_{1j}v_1 + \dots + a_{nj}v_n$$

Similarly, let the basis be V_1, \dots, V_n . Then a new

transformation matrix B can be constructed:

$$TV_j = \text{combination of the } V\text{'s} = b_{1j}V_1 + \dots + b_{nj}V_n = \sum_{i=1}^n b_{ij}V_i$$

$$\text{In the mean time, } V_j = m_{1j}v_1 + \dots + m_{nj}v_n = \sum_{i=1}^n m_{ij}v_i$$

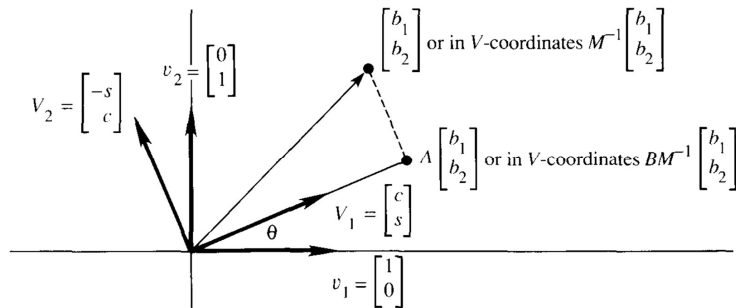
- The matrices A and B that represent the same linear transformation T with respect to two different bases v and V

$$\text{are similar: } \begin{bmatrix} T \end{bmatrix}_{V \text{ to } V} = \begin{bmatrix} I \end{bmatrix}_{v \text{ to } v} \quad \begin{bmatrix} T \end{bmatrix}_{v \text{ to } v} \quad \begin{bmatrix} I \end{bmatrix}_{V \text{ to } V}$$

$$B = M^{-1} A M$$

- Transformation that changes only the basis is called *Identity Transformation*.

Change of Basis Example – Projection



- Transformation T is *projection* onto the line L at angle θ .
- Two bases: $v_1=(1, 0)$ $v_2=(0, 1)$ and $V_1=(c, s)$ $V_2=(-s, c)$
- $B = [T]_{V \text{ to } V} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
- $M = [I]_{V \text{ to } v} = \begin{bmatrix} c & -s \\ s & c \end{bmatrix}$
- $A = [T]_{v \text{ to } v} = MBM^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} c^2 & cs \\ cs & s^2 \end{bmatrix}$
- While *Elimination* preserves the *null space* and *row space*, *similarity transformation* preserves the *eigenvalues*.

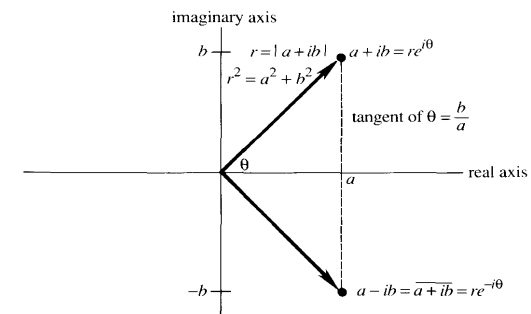
A and Λ are similar by changing the basis

to the eigenvectors because $S^{-1}AS=\Lambda$

- Numerically, eigenvalues are actually calculated by a sequence of simple similarities. The matrix gradually becomes triangular to find the eigenvalues on the diagonal (Chapter 7).

Symmetric Matrix with Complex Numbers

- Expressing u_0 as a linear combination of eigenvectors, how?
- What if the eigenvectors are orthogonal to one another?
- Our interest is symmetric matrices: Spectral Theorem
 1. *symmetric matrix has real eigenvalues*
 2. *Its eigenvectors can be chosen orthonormal*
- General case: “symmetric” (Hermitian) complex matrices



Three properties of complex numbers and conjugates:

1. $\overline{(a + ib)(c + id)} = (ac - bd) - i(bc + ad) = \overline{(a + ib)}\overline{(c + id)}$
2. $\overline{(a + c) + i(b + d)} = (a + c) - i(b + d) = \overline{(a + ib)} + \overline{(c + id)}$
3. $(a + ib)(a - ib) = a^2 + b^2 = r^2$ and r is called $|a + ib|$

If $a = r \cos \theta$ and $b = r \sin \theta$, $a + ib = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) = re^{i\theta}$

Example: $x=3+4i \Rightarrow x\bar{x} = (3 + 4i)(3 - 4i) = 25 = |x|^2 = r^2$ and

$$\frac{2+i}{3+4i} = \frac{2+i}{3+4i} \frac{3-4i}{3-4i} = \frac{10-5i}{25}$$

Complex Matrices: Lengths and Inner Products

- Space C^n : all vectors x with n complex entries

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \quad x_j = a_j + ib_j$$

- Complex vectors v_1, \dots, v_k are dependent if there exists nontrivial (c_1, \dots, c_k) that produces $c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_k v_k = 0$

- Length of complex vectors:

$$\|x\|^2 = |x_1|^2 + \dots + |x_n|^2$$

- Inner product of two complex vectors:

$$\bar{x}^T y = \bar{x}_1 y_1 + \dots + \bar{x}_n y_n$$

Example: $x = (1+i, 3i)$ and $y = (4, 2-i)$

$$\bar{x}^T y = (1-i)4 + (-3i)(2-i) = 1 - 10i$$

$$\bar{x}^T x = \overline{(1+i)}(1+i) + \overline{(3i)}(3i) = 2 + 9 = \|x\|^2 = (\text{length of } x)^2$$

Hermitian Transpose and Hermitian Matrices

- **Definition:** Hermitian Transpose

$$A^H = \bar{A}^T = A^H \text{ with entries } (A^H)_{ij} = \overline{A_{ji}}$$

Example: $\begin{bmatrix} 2+i & 3i \\ 4-i & 5 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^H = \begin{bmatrix} 2-i & 4+i & 0 \\ -3i & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

- Inner products of complex vectors x and y : $\bar{x}^T y = x^H y$
- Complex vectors x and y are orthogonal if $x^H y = 0$
- Length of $x = \|x\| = (x^H x)^{1/2}$
- Since $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$, $(AB)^H = B^H A^H$
- Hermitian matrix: “symmetric” complex matrix

$$\boxed{A = A^H}$$

Example: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3-3i \\ 3+3i & 5 \end{bmatrix} = A^H$ that is, $a_{ij} = \bar{a}_{ji}$

- A real symmetric matrix is also *Hermitian*

\Rightarrow A real symmetric matrix is a special case of Hermitian matrices

Three Properties of Hermitian Matrices

- **Property 1:** If $A=A^H$, then $x^H Ax$ is real

Proof: $(x^H Ax)^H = x^H A^H x = x^H Ax$ only a real number's conjugate equals to itself.

Example: $x^H Ax = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{u} & \bar{v} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3-3i \\ 3+3i & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix}$ is real (?)
 $= 2\bar{u}u + 5\bar{v}v + (3-3i)\bar{u}v + (3+3i)u\bar{v}$

- **Property 2:** Every eigenvalue of Hermitian matrix is real

Proof: $Ax=\lambda x \Rightarrow x^H Ax=\lambda x^H x \Rightarrow x^H x$ real and positive $\Rightarrow \lambda$ real

Example: $|A-\lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 3-3i \\ 3+3i & 5-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 - 7\lambda + 10 - |3-3i|^2$
 $= \lambda^2 - 7\lambda - 8 = (\lambda-8)(\lambda+1)$

- **Property 3:** The eigenvectors, from *different eigenvalues*, of a Hermitian matrix are orthogonal to one another.

Proof: Let $Ax=\lambda_1 x$ and $Ay=\lambda_2 y$

$$(\lambda_1 x)^H y = (Ax)^H y = x^H Ay = x^H (\lambda_2 y); \quad \because \lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2 \therefore x^H y = 0$$

Example: $(A-8I)x = \begin{bmatrix} -6 & 3-3i \\ 3+3i & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1+i \end{bmatrix}$
 $(A+I)y = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3-3i \\ 3+3i & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad y = \begin{bmatrix} 1-i \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

And $x^H y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1-i \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$

Diagonalization of Real Symmetric Matrices

- Multiples of eigenvectors are eigenvectors \Rightarrow orthogonal
eigenvectors can be chosen to be orthonormal eigenvectors by choosing the multiplier $1/||x||$
- If $A=A^T$, the diagonalizing matrix S can be an orthogonal matrix Q
- A real symmetric matrix A can be factored into $A=QAQ^T$ even with repeated eigenvalues (*to be proven later; we only prove the case with distinct eigenvalues*)

$$A = QAQ^T = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & \cdots & x_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1^T \\ \vdots \\ x_n^T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \lambda_1 x_1 x_1^T + \lambda_2 x_2 x_2^T + \cdots + \lambda_n x_n x_n^T$$

\Rightarrow a combination of one-dimensional **projections**: $x_i x_i^T$'s

Example: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 3 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ with

$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ to project onto $x_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ to project

onto $x_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Unitary Matrices – Complex Orthogonal Matrices

- U is called a *Unitary Matrix* if

$$U^H U = I$$

- $U^H U = I \Rightarrow U U^H = I$ or $U^H = U^{-1}$

Three properties of unitary matrices

1. $(Ux)^H(Uy) = x^H U^H U y = x^H y$ and (by choosing $y=x$) lengths are

preserved: $\|Ux\|^2 = \|x\|^2$

2. Every eigenvalue of U has absolute value $|\lambda|=1$

$$\because Ux = \lambda x \Rightarrow \|Ux\| = \|x\| \Rightarrow \|Ux\| = |\lambda| \|x\| \therefore |\lambda| = 1$$

3. Eigenvectors from different eigenvalues are orthogonal

Proof: Let $Ux = \lambda_1 x$ and $Uy = \lambda_2 y$

$$\lambda_1 x^H y = \lambda_1 (Ux)^H (Uy) = \lambda_1 (\lambda_1 x)^H (\lambda_2 y) = \lambda_1 \bar{\lambda}_1 \lambda_2 x^H y \Rightarrow$$

$$\lambda_1 x^H y = \lambda_2 x^H y \quad \text{since } \lambda_1 \bar{\lambda}_1 = 1 \quad \text{and } \lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2 \Rightarrow x^H y = 0$$

Example: $U = \begin{bmatrix} \cos t & -\sin t \\ \sin t & \cos t \end{bmatrix}$ with eigenvalues e^{it} and e^{-it}

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos t & -\sin t \\ \sin t & \cos t \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -i & i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{it} & \\ & e^{-it} \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & i \\ 1 & -i \end{bmatrix}$$

Unitary Matrices and Skew-Hermitian Matrices

- There exists a unitary U such that $U^{-1}AU = U^H AU = A$ where A is Hermitian and A is a matrix with real eigenvalues λ_i 's as its diagonal entries.

- Skew-Hermitian Matrices:

$$K^H = -K$$

- If A is Hermitian then $K=iA$ is skew-Hermitian

$$\text{Example: } K = iA = \begin{bmatrix} 2i & 3+3i \\ -3+3i & 5i \end{bmatrix} = -K^H$$

- Three properties of skew-Hermitian matrices

1. For any x , $x^H K x$ is pure imaginary
2. Every eigenvalue of K is pure imaginary
3. Eigenvectors corresponding to different eigenvalues are orthogonal

- There is a unitary U such that $U^{-1}KU = A$

Real vs. Complex

\mathbb{R}^n = space of vectors with n components \leftrightarrow \mathbb{C}^n = space of vectors with n complex components

Length: $\|x\|^2 = x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2 \leftrightarrow \|x\|^2 = |x_1|^2 + \dots + |x_n|^2$

Transpose: $A_{ij}^T = A_{ji} \leftrightarrow$ **Hermitian transpose:** $A_{ij}^H = \overline{A_{ji}}$

$(AB)^T = B^T A^T \leftrightarrow (AB)^H = B^H A^H$

Inner product:

$x^T y = x_1 y_1 + \dots + x_n y_n \leftrightarrow x^H y = \bar{x}_1 y_1 + \dots + \bar{x}_n y_n$

$(Ax)^T y = x^T (A^T y) \leftrightarrow (Ax)^H y = x^H (A^H y)$

Orthogonality: $x^T y = 0 \leftrightarrow x^H y = 0$

Symmetric matrices: $A^T = A \leftrightarrow$ **Hermitian matrices:** $A^H = A$

$A = Q\Lambda Q^{-1} = Q\Lambda Q^T (\text{real } \Lambda) \leftrightarrow A = U\Lambda U^{-1} = U\Lambda U^H (\text{real } \Lambda)$

Skew-symmetric: $K^T = -K \leftrightarrow$ **Skew-Hermitian:** $K^H = -K$

Schur's Lemma – Trianglizing by a Unitary M

- For **any matrix A** , there is a unitary matrix $M=U$ such that **$U^{-1}AU=T$** is upper triangular. The eigenvalues of A , shared by the similar matrix T , appear along its diagonal.

Proof: Take 4 by 4 matrix A as an example. There is at least one eigenvalue λ_1 . Unitary matrix U_1 can be constructed by the corresponding eigenvector x_1 as the first vector and by Gram-Schmidt process for the subsequent 3 vectors. Then,

$$AU_1 = U_1 \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & * & * & * \\ 0 & * & * & * \\ 0 & * & * & * \\ 0 & * & * & * \end{bmatrix} \text{ or } U_1^{-1}AU_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & * & * & * \\ 0 & * & * & * \\ 0 & * & * & * \\ 0 & * & * & * \end{bmatrix}$$

Second step: look at the lower right 3 by 3 matrix and there exists at least one eigenvalue λ_2 so that its corresponding eigenvector and two perpendicular vectors (Gram-Schmidt) can form M_2 and

$$U_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & & & \\ 0 & M_2 & & \\ 0 & & & \end{bmatrix} \text{ such that } U_2^{-1}(U_1^{-1}AU_1)U_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & * & * & * \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & * & * \end{bmatrix}$$

Last step: $U_3^{-1}(U_2^{-1}U_1^{-1}AU_1U_2)U_3 = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & * & * & * \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & * \end{bmatrix} = T$

- The product $U=U_1U_2U_3$ is still unitary (exercise)

Schur's Lemma and Spectral Theorem

- Schur's lemma can be used to check the stability without diagonalizing A :

1. The powers A^k approach zero when all $|\lambda_i| < 1$
2. The exponentials e^{At} approach zero when all $\text{Re } \lambda_i < 0$

Example: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ has the eigenvalue $\lambda=1$ (twice)

$$U^{-1}AU = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (Spectral theorem) Every real symmetric matrix can be diagonalized by an orthogonal matrix and every Hermitian matrix can be diagonalized by a unitary matrix: (real case)

$$Q^T A Q = \Lambda \text{ (complex case) } U^H A U = \Lambda$$

The columns of Q (or U) contain a complete set of orthonormal eigenvectors

Proof:

1. If A is Hermitian then so is $U^{-1}AU$:

$$(U^{-1}AU)^H = U^H A^H (U^{-1})^H = U^{-1}AU$$

2. If a symmetric or Hermitian matrix is also triangular, it must be diagonal

Example of Spectral Theorem

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

Repeated eigenvalues $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 1$ and $\lambda_3 = -1$ with eigenvectors (also columns of an orthogonal matrix Q and $A = Q\Lambda Q^T$)

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad x_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

A becomes:

$$A = \sum \lambda_i x_i x_i^T = \lambda_1 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \lambda_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \lambda_3 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\therefore \lambda_1 = \lambda_2$ the first two projections can be combined:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda_1 P_1 + \lambda_3 P_3 = (+1) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + (-1) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

P_1 : projection onto the plane spanned by x_1 and x_2

P_2 : projection onto the line with the same direction as x_3

- Every Hermitian matrix with k different eigenvalues has its own "spectral decomposition" into $A = \lambda_1 P_1 + \dots + \lambda_k P_k$, where P_i is the projection onto the eigenspace for λ_i .

Diagonalizing Normal Matrices

- The matrix N is *normal* if it commutes with N^H : $NN^H = N^HN$.
- For normal matrices, and no others, the triangular $T = U^{-1}NU$ is the diagonal matrix Λ . Normal matrices are exactly those that possess a complete set of orthonormal eigenvectors.

Proof:

1. If N is normal then so is $T = U^{-1}NU$

$$TT^H = U^{-1}NUU^HN^HU = U^{-1}NN^HU = U^{-1}N^HNU = U^HN^HUU^{-1}NU = T^HT$$

2. A triangular T that is normal must be diagonal (exercises 5.6.19-20)

Diagonalizing General Matrices – Jordan Form

- Goal: make $M^{-1}AM$ as nearly diagonal as possible
- If A has s independent eigenvectors, it is similar to a matrix with s blocks:

$$J = M^{-1}AM = \begin{bmatrix} J_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & J_s \end{bmatrix}$$

Each Jordan block J_i is a triangular matrix with only a single eigenvalue λ_i and only one eigenvector.

$$J_i = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_i & 1 & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & \lambda_i \end{bmatrix}$$

- When the block has order $m > 1$, the eigenvalue λ_i is repeated m times and there are $m-1$ 1's above the diagonal.
- The same eigenvalue λ_i may appear in several blocks, if it corresponds to several independent eigenvectors.
- Two matrices, shared the same Jordan form, are similar

Jordan Form - Examples

Example 1: $T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ share

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M^{-1}TM = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = J \quad (2 \rightarrow 1)$$

$$U^{-1}AU = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = T \quad \text{and then} \quad M^{-1}TM = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = J \quad (\text{make}$$

triangular and then $2 \rightarrow 1$)

$$P^{-1}BP = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = J \quad (\text{permutations})$$

Example 2: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Eigenvalue 0 repeats 3 times \Rightarrow three possibilities:

1. a single 3×3 block; 2. one 2×2 and one 1×1 ; 3. three 1×1

$$J_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad J_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad J_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

For A , there is only one eigenvector $(1, 0, 0)$: J_1

For B , there is an additional eigenvector $(0, 1, 0)$: J_2

Applications of Jordan Form to Difference and Differential Equations

● **For solution to a difference equation:**

$$A^k = (MJM^{-1})(MJM^{-1}) \cdots (MJM^{-1}) = MJ^k M^{-1} \quad \text{and}$$

$$J_i^n = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}^n = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda^n & n\lambda^{n-1} & n(n-1)\lambda^{n-2} \\ 0 & \lambda^n & n\lambda^{n-1} \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda^n \end{bmatrix}$$

● **For solution to a differential equation:**

$$e^{J_i t} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda t} & te^{\lambda t} & \frac{1}{2}t^2 e^{\lambda t} \\ 0 & e^{\lambda t} & te^{\lambda t} \\ 0 & 0 & e^{\lambda t} \end{bmatrix}$$

Remember: $I + J_i t + (J_i t)^2 / 2! + \cdots \Rightarrow \text{e.g. } 1 + \lambda t + (\lambda t)^2 / 2! + \cdots = e^{\lambda t}$

on the diagonal.

Example: $\begin{bmatrix} du_1/dt \\ du_2/dt \\ du_3/dt \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix}$ starting from $u_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Back-substitution: $u_3 = e^{\lambda t}$ then $du_2/dt = \lambda u_2 + u_3 \Rightarrow u_2 = te^{\lambda t}$

$$du_1/dt = \lambda u_1 + u_2 \Rightarrow u_1 = t^2 e^{\lambda t} / 2$$

● **General solutions:**

$$\text{if } u_{k+1} = Au_k \quad \text{then} \quad u_k = A^k u_0 = MJ^k M^{-1} u_0$$

$$\text{if } du/dt = Au \quad \text{then} \quad u = e^{At} u_0 = Me^{Jt} M^{-1} u_0$$

Quadratic Function: $f=ax^2+2bxy+cy^2$

What do we know about $f=ax^2+2bxy+cy^2$?

- $f=0$ at the point $(0, 0) \Rightarrow$ stationary point
- Stationary point: the point at which $\partial f / \partial x=0$ and $\partial f / \partial y=0$

$$f = ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2 = a\left(x + \frac{b}{a}y\right)^2 + \left(c - \frac{b^2}{a}\right)y^2$$

- f is strictly positive (negative) except at $(0, 0)$ if $a>0$ ($a<0$) and $ac>b^2$ ($c>b^2/a$ if $a>0$ or $c<b^2/a$ if $a<0$):

Algebraically: *Positive (Negative) Definite*

Geometrically: a (upside down) bowl

- f is nonnegative (non-positive) if $a\geq(\leq)0$ and $ac\geq b^2$:

Algebraically: *Positive (Negative) Semidefinite*

Geometrically: a (upside down) trough, degenerated from a (upside down) bowl

Are there other possibilities?

Indefinite and Saddle Point

- f is ambiguous if $ac-b^2$ is negative

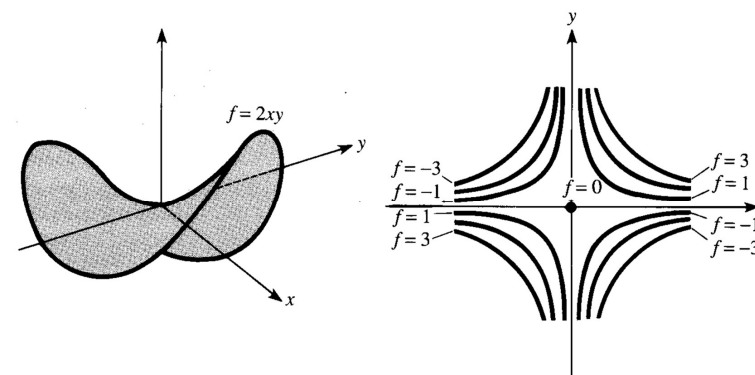
Algebraically: *Indefinite*

Geometrically: a saddle

Example: $f_1 = 2xy$ and $f_2 = x^2 - y^2 \Rightarrow ac-b^2 = -1$

f_2 : the stationary point is minimum along x-axis and is the maximum along the y-axis \Rightarrow saddle point

f_1 : turn f_2 45°



Example: $f(x, y) = 2x^2 + 4xy + y^2$

Quadratic Function and General Function

- The quadratic form is positive definite if and only if $a > 0$ and $ac - b^2 > 0$. Correspondingly, F has a (local) minimum at $x=y=0$ if and only if its *first derivatives are zero* and

$$\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x^2}(0,0) > 0 \quad \left[\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x^2}(0,0) \right] \left[\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial y^2}(0,0) \right] > \left[\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x \partial y}(0,0) \right]^2$$

Example: $F(x, y) = 7 + 2(x + y)^2 - y \sin y - x^3$

$$f(x, y) = 2x^2 + 4xy + y^2$$

First derivative:

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = 4(x + y) - 3x^2 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 4(x + y) - y \cos y - \sin y = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 4x + 4y = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 4x + 2y = 0$$

Second derivative:

$$\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x^2} = 4 - 6x = 4 = 2a$$

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$$\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial y^2} = 4 + y \sin y - 2 \cos y = 2 = 2c$$

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For stationary point at (α, β) : Check

$$f(x, y) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x^2}(\alpha, \beta) x^2}_a + \underbrace{\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x \partial y}(\alpha, \beta) xy}_{2b} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial y^2}(\alpha, \beta) y^2}_c$$

Quadratic Function in Matrix Form

$$ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2 = \begin{bmatrix} x & y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

- **Power of linear algebra (or mathematics): extension to something hard to envision:**

$$x^T A x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & \cdots & x_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} &= a_{11}x_1^2 + a_{12}x_1x_2 + a_{21}x_2x_1 + \cdots + a_{nn}x_n^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}x_i x_j \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow f = x^T A x$ where A is a symmetric matrix

Example: $f = 2x_1^2 - 2x_1x_2 + 2x_2^2 - 2x_2x_3 + 2x_3^2$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{minimum}$$

- **Matrix A with entries:** $a_{ij} = \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}$ (**Hessian Matrix**) for any

function $F(x_1, \dots, x_n) \Rightarrow F$ has a minimum when the pure

quadratic $f = x^T A x$ is positive. Think of Taylor series:

$$F(x) = F(0) + x^T (\text{grad } F) + \frac{1}{2} x^T A x + \text{3rd - order terms}$$

where $\text{grad } F = (\partial F / \partial x_1, \dots, \partial F / \partial x_n)$

Test for Positive Definiteness

if $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{bmatrix}$ we need $a > 0$ $ac - b^2 > 0$

1. both eigenvalues are positive

2. $\det A > 0$ and $\det A > 0$

$$ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2 = a\left(x + \frac{b}{a}y\right)^2 + \frac{ac - b^2}{a}y^2$$

3. pivots $a > 0$ and $(ac - b^2)/a > 0$

• Tests for a real symmetric matrix A to be positive definite:

(I) $x^T Ax > 0$ for all nonzero vectors x (definition)

(II) All the eigenvalues of A : $\lambda_i > 0$

(III) All the upper left submatrices A_k have positive determinants

Remember:

$$A_1 = [a_{11}] \quad A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \quad A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \cdots A_n = A$$

(IV) All the pivots $d_i > 0$

(V) There exists a matrix R with independent columns such that

$$A = R^T R$$

Proof: Positive Definiteness Tests

• (I) \rightarrow (II): A symmetric

Choose unit eigenvectors x_i 's with corresponding eigenvalues λ_i 's

then $Ax_i = \lambda_i x_i$ so $x_i^T Ax_i = x_i^T \lambda_i x_i = \lambda_i > 0$

• (II) \rightarrow (I): all $\lambda_i > 0$

A is real symmetric \Rightarrow orthonormal eigenvectors

Any x can be written as a combination $c_1 x_1 + \dots + c_n x_n$

$$Ax = c_1 Ax_1 + \dots + c_n Ax_n = c_1 \lambda_1 x_1 + \dots + c_n \lambda_n x_n$$

$$\Rightarrow x^T Ax = (c_1 x_1^T + \dots + c_n x_n^T)(c_1 \lambda_1 x_1 + \dots + c_n \lambda_n x_n) \\ = c_1^2 \lambda_1 + \dots + c_n^2 \lambda_n > 0$$

• (I) \rightarrow (III):

$$\det A = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \cdots \lambda_n > 0$$

$$x^T Ax = \begin{bmatrix} x_k^T & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_k & * \\ * & * \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_k \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = x_k^T A_k x_k > 0$$

• (III) \rightarrow (IV): $d_k = \frac{\det A_k}{\det A_{k-1}} > 0$

• (IV) \rightarrow (I): A is symmetric $\Rightarrow A = LDL^T$

\Rightarrow pivots are coefficients of square terms

• (V): $x^T Ax = x^T R^T R x = \|Rx\|^2$

Ellipsoids in n Dimensions

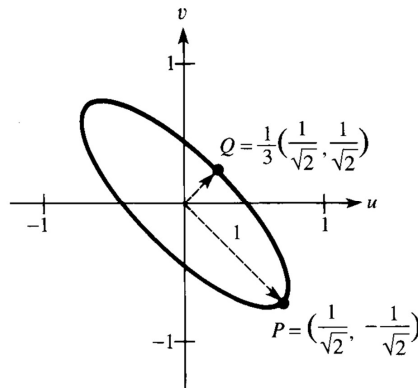
Ellipse and Ellipsoids: $x^T A x = 1$

Example:

for $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & \frac{1}{9} \end{bmatrix}$ the equation is $x^T A x = 4x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \frac{1}{9}x_3^2 = 1$

Example: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ and $x^T A x = 5u^2 + 8uv + 5v^2 = 1$

$$5u^2 + 8uv + v^2 = \left(\frac{u}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 + 9 \left(\frac{u}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 = 1$$



Eigenvalues/vectors: 1, $(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$ and 9, $(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$

Major axis: direction $(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$; length 1

Minor axis: direction $(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$; length $1/\sqrt{9} = 1/3$

Ellipsoids and Eigenvalues/Eigenvectors

$$x^T A x = (x^T Q) \Lambda (Q^T x) = y^T \Lambda y = \lambda_1 y_1^2 + \dots + \lambda_n y_n^2$$

- $x \rightarrow y = Q^T x$: rotate the axes to match axes of the ellipsoid

Example:

$$x^T A x = 5u^2 + 8uv + 5v^2 = 1 \Rightarrow A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \text{ eigenvalues: 1, 9}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_1^2 + 9y_2^2 = 1$$

- Suppose A is positive definite: $A = Q \Lambda Q^T$ with $\lambda_i > 0$. Then the rotation $y = Q^T x$ simplifies $x^T A x = 1$ to

$$x^T Q \Lambda Q^T x = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad y^T \Lambda y = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad \lambda_1 y_1^2 + \dots + \lambda_n y_n^2 = 1$$

This is the equation of an ellipsoid. Its axes have lengths $1/\sqrt{\lambda_1}, \dots, 1/\sqrt{\lambda_n}$ from the center. And in the original x -space they point along the eigenvectors.

Semidefinite Tests

- For A to be positive semidefinite

(I') $x^T A x \geq 0$ for all nonzero vectors x (definition)

(II') All the eigenvalues of A : $\lambda_i \geq 0$

(III') All principal submatrices have nonnegative determinants

(IV') All the pivots $d_i \geq 0$

(V') There exists a matrix R , possibly with dependent columns such that $A = R^T R$

Example:

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

(I') $x^T A x = (x_1 - x_2)^2 + (x_1 - x_3)^2 + (x_2 - x_3)^2 \geq 0$

(II') eigenvalues: 0, 3, 3

(III') determinants of principal submatrices: 2 (1×1), 3 (2×2), 0

$$(IV') \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & -\frac{3}{2} & \frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$