

## Eigenvalues

$$A \underset{\text{eigenvector}}{\underset{\uparrow}{X}} = \lambda \underset{\text{eigenvalue}}{\underset{\leftarrow}{X}}, \quad X \neq 0$$

$$A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} \text{ or } \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

$$Ax - \lambda x = 0$$

$$\underbrace{(A - \lambda I)}_{x \neq 0 ?} x = 0$$

$$\text{null } (A - \lambda I) \neq \{ \vec{0} \}$$

If  $A - \lambda I$  is invertible

$$X = (A - \lambda I)^{-1} 0 = 0$$

$A - \lambda I$  is not invertible

$$|A - \lambda I| = 0$$

Determinant

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} - \lambda & a_{12} & \dots \\ \vdots & a_{22} - \lambda & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots \\ & & a_{nn} - \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} - \lambda & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} - \lambda \end{bmatrix} =$$

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example

Characteristic  
polynomial

$$|A - \lambda I| = \text{poly}_n(\lambda) = 0$$

At most  $n$

If we allow  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$

At least one  $\lambda$  exists

At least one eigenvector  
for each distinct eigen.

$\times$  Not unique (can multiply  
by any constant)

Eigenvectors are directions  
(not vectors)

Matrix notation

$$\underline{\bar{X}} = [x_1 | x_2 | \dots | x_m]$$

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linearly independent

capital  $\lambda$

$$\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \lambda_m \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A \underline{x}_i = \lambda_i \underline{x}_i, i=1, \dots, m$$

$$A \underline{\bar{X}} = \underline{\bar{X}} \Lambda$$

$$1 \leq m \leq n$$

Is  $m = n$  ?  $\times$  not in general

Every  $\lambda$  has an algebraic multiplicity  $\alpha$  and a geometric multiplicity  $\beta$  (how many linearly independent eigenvectors)

$$1 \leq \beta \leq \alpha$$

If  $m = n$  we call that matrix non-selective or **diagonalizable matrix**

$$m = n \quad \sum \text{ is } [n \times n]$$

$\Rightarrow \sum$  is invertible  
Eigenvectors span all of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$X^{-1} \text{ exists}$$

$$X^{-1} ; AX = X \Lambda \quad | \quad X^{-1}$$

$\rightarrow$

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

eigenvalue decomposition

If  $A$  is defective,  
Jordan form (decomposition)

$$\Lambda \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ - & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ - & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ - & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Not computable numerically

Assume  $A$  is non-defective

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

Similarity transform

$A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$   
linear map

$$y = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i$$

$$Ay = A \sum_i a_i x_i =$$

$$= \sum_i a_i (\underbrace{A x_i}_{\lambda_i x_i}) =$$

$$= \sum_i (a_i \lambda_i) x_i$$

{ In basis formed by eigenvectors  
 A is diagonal with  $\lambda_i$ 's  
 on the diagonal

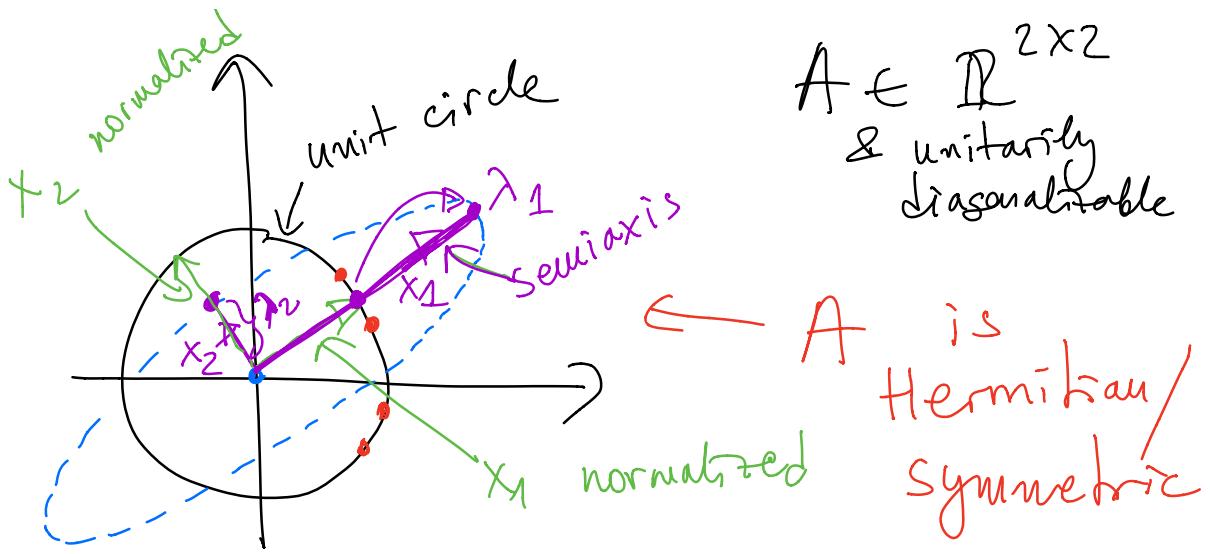
{ If  $x_i$ 's are orthogonal  
 then matrix is called  
 unitarily diagonalizable

$$X \rightarrow U \text{ orthogonal matrix}$$

$\|x_i\| = 1$   
 if and only if  
 $A^*A = A^2$

$$U^{-1} = U^*$$
 complex conjugate transpose
 
$$A = U \Lambda U^*$$

Assume A can be factorized like this



$$A = U \Lambda U^*$$

$$A^* = (U \Lambda U^*)^* =$$

$$= (U^*)^* \Lambda^* U^*$$

$$= U \Lambda^* U^*$$

If  $A^* = A$  Hermitian matrix  
or symmetric if in  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

$$\begin{aligned} & U \Lambda^* U^* = U \Lambda U^* \\ \Rightarrow & \Lambda^* = \Lambda \end{aligned}$$

eigenvalues are real

{ Theorem: If  $A^* = A$  then  
A is unitarily diagonalizable  
and eigenvalues are real

} From now on assume  
A is Hermitian }

If A is not unitarily  
diagonalizable, numerically  
best to use Schur  
decomposition

any matrix }  $A = U \underbrace{T}_{\text{upper triangular}} U^*$   
Eigenvalues on diagonal of T

# Eigenvalues

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$$\underbrace{|A - \lambda I|}_{} = 0$$

$$\text{poly}_n(\lambda) = 0$$

Abel's theorem says no closed-form solution for  $n \geq 5$

All eigenvalue methods must be iterative/approximate

Sidenote: In fact, solving polynomial eqs is done using eigenvalues (Matlab's roots)

## Two cases:

- ① We only want a few eigenvectors - with smallest or largest  $|\lambda|$

Google's Page Rank algorithm finds the eigenvector with the largest eigenvalue

(Power Method)

- ② All eigenvectors (next Wed, pre-recorded)  
QR algorithm

## Power - Method

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

$$A^2 = X \Lambda \underbrace{X^{-1} X}_{=I} X^{-1}$$

$$= X \Lambda^2 X^{-1}$$

$$A^n = X \Lambda^n X^{-1}, n \geq 1 \text{ integer}$$

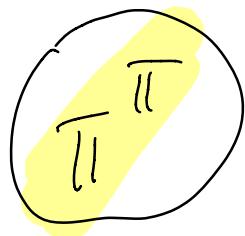
Eigenvalues of  $A^n$  are  $(\lambda_i)^n$ , and eigenvectors are the same.

$$\text{As } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\Lambda^n = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^n & \dots \\ & \ddots & \lambda_n^n \end{bmatrix}$$

Largest eigenvalue in modulus will dominate  $\Lambda^n$

Aside:  $A^{\bar{n}}$ ?



$$\pi^{3/4} = (\pi^3)^{1/4} \approx x$$

$$x^4 = \pi^3$$

$$\ln(\pi^{\bar{\pi}}) = \bar{\pi} \ln(\pi)$$

$$\pi^{\bar{\pi}} = e^{\pi \ln \pi}$$

$A \cdot A = O(n^3)$  FLOPS

$A \cdot x = O(n^2)$  FLOPS

$[n \times n] \quad [n \times 1]$

$$(A \dots (A \cdot (A \cdot (A \cdot (A \cdot x)))))$$

$n$  times

$$= A^n x$$

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this can be  
computed without  
forming  $A$

Choose a  $\downarrow$  random vector  $q_0$

compute  $x_n = A^n q_0$

$$x_n = \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^{i-1} q_j}_{a}}_{q_0}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n q_0 = a$$

$$\sum \boxed{a} = \boxed{q_0}$$

$\vec{a}$  is  $\vec{q}_0$  expressed in the eigenbasis of  $A$

$$x_n = \sum \boxed{a}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = ?$$

$$\lambda^n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^n & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Assume  $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2 \geq \lambda_3 \geq \lambda_4 \dots$   
strict inequality

$$\lambda^n a \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^n a_1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^n a_1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \cdot (\lambda_1^n a_1)$$

$$x_n \rightarrow (\lambda_1^n a_1) x_1$$

$$\frac{x_n}{\|x_n\|} \rightarrow x_1$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ab_1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_n \rightarrow x_1$$

flow about  $\lambda_1$

$$\underline{Ax_n} \approx \lambda_1 x_n$$

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{(Ax_n)_{1,2,3,\dots,n}}{(x_n)_{1,2,3,\dots,n}}$$

Rayleigh quotient

$$x_n \cdot A x_n = x_n^T A x_n \rightarrow$$

$x_1^T (\lambda_1 x_1)$

$$= \lambda_1 (x_1^T x_1)$$

$$= \lambda_1$$

$$\lambda_1 \approx x_n \cdot (A x_n)$$

If  $x_n$  is normalized

$$\lambda_1 \approx \frac{x_n \cdot (A x_n)}{x_n \cdot x_n}$$

$$\min_{x \neq 0} \frac{x^T A x}{x^T x} = \lambda_{\min}$$

$$\max_{x \neq 0} \frac{x^T A x}{x^T x} = \lambda_{\max}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\lambda_1| \leq |\lambda_{\max}|$$

Algorithm (Power method)

1) Choose random  $q_0$

$$\begin{cases}
 \tilde{q}_k = A q_{k-1} & \text{(One matrix vector multiply)} \\
 q_k = \frac{\tilde{q}_k}{\|\tilde{q}_k\|} \\
 \lambda_k = q_k^T A q_k \\
 r_k = \|A q_k - \lambda_k q_k\|_2 & \text{residual } 10^{-9} \\
 \text{Stop if } r_k < \epsilon \cdot \lambda_k
 \end{cases}$$

This guarantees 9 digits in  
If  $\epsilon = 10^{-9}$

$$\vec{q}_0 = \sum_{i=1}^n \vec{a}_i$$

$$q_0 = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i$$

$$a_i \neq 0 \quad \forall i$$

(why we choose  $q_0$  random)

$$\vec{q}_n = A^n q_0 = A^n \sum a_i x_i$$

$$= \sum a_i (A^n x_i) =$$

$$= a_i \left( \sum x_i^n \right)$$

$$= \sum (a_i x_i^n) x_i$$

$$\tilde{q}_m = \sum a_i \lambda_1^n \cdot \left( \frac{\lambda_i}{\lambda_1} \right)^n x_i$$

$$\delta = \left| \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1} \right| \quad \delta < 1$$

$$\tilde{q}_m \rightarrow a_1 \lambda_1^n x_1 + O(\delta^n)$$

normalize it

$$\| q_m - (\pm x_1) \| = O(\delta^n)$$

linearly convergent

$$q_m \rightarrow x_1 + O(\delta) x_2 + O(\delta) x_3 + \dots$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_n &= q_n \cdot (A q_m) \\ &= \underbrace{x_1 \cdot (A x_1)}_{\lambda_1} + O(\delta) \sum_{i,j \neq 1}^2 x_i \cdot (A x_j)\end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda_n = \lambda_1 + O(\delta^2)$$

$$||\lambda_n - \lambda_1|| = O(\delta^{2n})$$

Eigenvalue is more accurate

If  $\delta \ll 1$ , iteration  
 (power method) converges very  
 fast, especially for eigenvalue  
 Eigenvalue algorithms converge  
 well (rapidly) if eigenvalues are  
 (well) separated

In Matlab

(QR method)

$$[X, \Lambda] = \text{eig}(A)$$

all eig & vectors

$O(n^3)$  but expensive

(much more than LU)

$$[X, \Lambda] = \text{eigs}(A, n_{\text{eig}})$$

a few of  
eig & vectors

sparse  
(Power method)