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Study Material for Week 3

Lecture Two

Recall

Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix. A scalar (real number) λ is called **eigen value** of A if there is a **non-zero** vector X such that $AX = \lambda X$. The vector X is called an **eigen vector** of A corresponding to λ .

Note That :

- 1) If matrix is singular, one of its eigen value is zero.
- 2) The eigen values of upper and lower triangular matrices are diagonal elements themselves.
- 3) Eigen vector is a null space of $A - \lambda I$ for every eigen value λ .
- 4) Eigen vector cannot be zero.
- 5) λ is an eigen value of A , if and only if the system of homogeneous equations $(A - \lambda I)X = 0$ has a non-trivial solution. This implies $\det(A - \lambda I)$ has to be zero, i.e., rank of $A - \lambda I$ must be less than n .
- 6) X is an eigen vector of A , if $AX = \lambda X$, $X \neq 0$.

Consider, A be a matrix of order 3×3 . Let $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$ be its eigen values.

1. If all eigen values are distinct, i.e., $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2 \neq \lambda_3$ then there are 3 linearly independent eigen vectors.
2. If one of the eigen values is repeated, say, $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2 = \lambda_3$, then

$$\begin{cases} 2 \text{ linearly independent eigen vectors if } \text{rank}, \rho(A - \lambda_1 I) = 1 \\ 1 \text{ linearly independent eigen vectors if } \text{rank}, \rho(A - \lambda_1 I) = 2 \end{cases}$$

Further eigen vectors corresponding to distinct eigen values λ_1 and λ_3 are linearly independent.

3. If all the eigen values are repeated, i. e., $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3$, then number of linearly independent eigen vectors = $3 - r$, where $r = \rho[A - \lambda_1 I]$

Note That : Number of linearly independent eigen vectors corresponding to each eigen value is the dimension of the null space of $A - \lambda I$, i. e., dimension of null space of $A - \lambda I$, $\dim \text{Null}(A - \lambda I)$.

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Properties of eigen values and eigen vectors

If X is an eigen vector of A , corresponding to eigen value λ , then

1. λ^k is eigen value of A^k with same eigen vector X .
2. If all eigen values of A are non-zero the eigen values of A^{-1} are $\frac{1}{\lambda}$.
3. eigen values of kA is eigen value of $k\lambda, k \in \mathbb{R}$ with same eigen vector X .
4. eigen values of $A^3 + k_1A^2 + k_2A + k_3I$ is $\lambda^3 + k_1\lambda^2 + k_2\lambda + k_3$, where k_1, k_2 and k_3 are real numbers.

Example

1. If 3 is eigen value of A then find the eigen value of $A^2 + 5A$.

By above property 1 and 3, **eigen value of A^2 is $3^2 = 9$ and eigen value of $5A$ is $5 \times 3 = 15$. Therefore eigen value of $A^2 + 5A$ is $9 + 15 = 24$.**

2. For what values of a , does the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ a & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ have the characteristics listed below.

- i) A has an eigen value of multiplicity 2.
- ii) A has -1 and -2 as eigen values.
- iii) A has -1 and 2 as eigen values.
- iv) A has real eigen values.

Characteristic equation of A is $\lambda^2 - S_1\lambda + |A| = 0$.

For given matrix $S_1 = 1, |A| = -a$. Therefore equation is $\lambda^2 - \lambda - a = 0$. This will have

repeated roots if $b^2 - 4ac = 0$, i.e., $1 + 4a = 0$. This gives $a = \frac{-1}{4}$.

A has -1 and -2 as eigen values. Therefore roots of characteristic equation are -1 and -2 . Now $Trace = \text{sum of eigen values} = -1 - 2 = -3$, but for given matrix trace is one, so this is not possible. Hence there is no real value of a which satisfy given condition.

A has -1 and 2 as eigen values. With these eigen values $Trace = \text{sum of eigen values} = -1 + 2 = 1$

Now $\det = \text{product of eigen values} = -1 \times 2 = -2 = -a \therefore a = 2$.

A has real eigen values, implies discriminant of $\lambda^2 - S_1\lambda + |A| = 0$ must be positive.

Thus $1 + 4a \geq 0 \Rightarrow a \geq \frac{-1}{4}$

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3. Find the eigen values of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$. State geometric and algebraic multiplicities of

each eigen value. Is A invertible? If so, find eigen values of A^{-1} .

A is a upper triangular matrix, therefore diagonal elements are eigen values. Therefore eigen values of A are 3,1&3. Algebraic multiplicity of eigen value 1 is One as it appears only once, while

3 appears twice, so algebraic multiplicity of eigen value 3 is Two.

As AM of $\lambda = 1$ is One, there will be only one eigen vector, hence geometric multiplicity is also One.

Now GM of $\lambda = 3$ =dimension of kernel of $A-3I$, so we simply check rank of $A-3I$.

$$A-3I = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \rho(A-3I) = 2 < 3. \text{ Therefore there will be only}$$

one eigen vector. Therefore geometric multiplicity of $\lambda = 3$ is also One.

As all eigen values of A are non-zero, A is invertible. Eigen values of A^{-1} are $\frac{1}{3}, 1 \& \frac{1}{3}$.

In particular, if A is a **symmetric matrix**, of order n then it has n linearly independent eigen vectors. Further eigen vectors corresponding to distinct eigen values are always orthogonal. If eigen values are repeated, we can find orthogonal eigen vectors.

Note That :

1. Orthogonal set of vectors are always linearly independent.
2. Eigen values of symmetric matrices are real.
3. If A is a symmetric matrix, then eigen vectors from different eigen spaces are Orthogonal. (u and v are orthogonal if and only if $\langle u, v \rangle = u^T v = 0$, $u, v \neq 0$).

Example

1. Find the eigen values and eigen vectors of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

Note that given matrix is symmetric.

Characteristic equation is $|A - \lambda I| = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda^3 - S_1\lambda^2 + S_2\lambda - |A| = 0$

$$S_1 = 6, S_2 = -4 - 7 - 7 = -15, |A| = 3(-4) - 2(-2) + 4(4) = -12 + 4 + 16 = 8$$

Characteristic equation is $\lambda^3 - 6\lambda^2 - 15\lambda - 8 = 0$. $\therefore \lambda = 8, -1, -1$.

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Consider eigen vector for $\lambda = 8$, $[A - 8I]X_1 = 0$
$$\begin{bmatrix} -5 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & -8 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -5 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & -8 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} x_1 - 4x_2 + x_3 = 0 \\ -2x_2 + x_3 = 0 \end{matrix}. \text{ The solution is } x_3 = 2x_2, x_1 = 2x_2, \text{ i.e.,}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2t \\ t \\ 2t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} t, t \neq 0 \in \mathbb{R}. \text{ Therefore eigen vector for } \lambda = 8 \text{ is } X_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Note : AM and GM of $\lambda = 8 = 1$.

Consider eigen vector for $\lambda = -1$ $[A + I]X = 0 \Rightarrow$
$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0.$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow 2x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 = 0. \rho[A+I] = 1 < 3. \text{ Therefore there are two}$$

linearly independent vectors. The solution is $x_2 = -2x_1 - 2x_3, x_1 = t, x_3 = s$,
$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} t \\ -2t - 2s \\ s \end{bmatrix},$$

i.e.,
$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} t + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} s, t, s \neq 0 \in \mathbb{R}. \text{ Thus the two linearly independent eigen vectors are}$$

$$X_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, X_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Note AM and GM of } \lambda = -1 \text{ are } 2.$$

Note That: $X_1 \perp X_2, X_1 \perp X_3$, i.e., X_1 is orthogonal to both X_2 as well as X_3 . But

$X_2 \not\perp X_3$, i.e., X_2 and X_3 are not orthogonal. Since A is symmetric ($A^T = A$), we can find

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \text{ for } \lambda = -1 \text{ such that } V \text{ is orthogonal to } X_1 \text{ \& } X_2 \text{ OR } X_1 \text{ \& } X_3.$$

$$\langle X_1, V \rangle = 0 \text{ \& } \langle X_2, V \rangle = 0 \text{ Implies } 2x + y + 2z = 0 \text{ \& } x - 2y = 0. \text{ Therefore } V = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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Thus $\left\{ X_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, X_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, V = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a set of orthogonal eigen vectors.

If the choice is

$\langle X_1, V \rangle = 0$ & $\langle X_3, V \rangle = 0$ Implies $2x + y + 2z = 0$ & $-2y + z = 0$. Therefore $V = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$.

Thus $\left\{ X_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, X_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, V = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a set of orthogonal eigen vectors.

OR apply **Gram-Schmidt** orthogonalization process to $\left\{ X_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, X_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, X_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

to get a set of orthogonal eigen vectors.

2. Find the Eigen values and Eigen vectors of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

Charactristic equation of A is $\lambda^3 - s_1\lambda^2 + s_2\lambda - |A| = 0$. $S_1 = 6$, $S_2 = 9$, $|A| = 0$.

Eigen values are $\lambda_1 = 0$, $\lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 3$. Eigen vector for $\lambda_1 = 0$ is $X_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Eigen vectors for repeated eigen values $\lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 3$ are $X_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $X_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

To obtained the orthogognal basis for \mathbb{R}^3 , by Gram Schmidt process .

Observe that $\langle X_1, X_2 \rangle = 0$ and $\langle X_1, X_3 \rangle = 0$ but $\langle X_2, X_3 \rangle \neq 0$.

By **Gram-Schmidt** process

$$v_1 = X_1, \quad v_2 = X_2 - \frac{\langle v_1, X_2 \rangle}{\langle v_1, v_1 \rangle} v_1 = X_2 \text{ as } \langle v_1, X_2 \rangle = \langle X_1, X_2 \rangle = 0$$

$$v_3 = X_3 - \frac{\langle v_1, X_3 \rangle}{\langle v_1, v_1 \rangle} v_1 - \frac{\langle v_2, X_3 \rangle}{\langle v_2, v_2 \rangle} v_2, \quad \langle v_1, X_3 \rangle = 0, \quad \langle v_2, X_3 \rangle = 1, \quad \langle v_2, v_2 \rangle = 2.$$

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$$\therefore v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \therefore \text{Orthogonal eigen vectors are } \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Problem Session :

Q.1		Attempt the following
	1)	Is $\lambda = -2$ eigen value of $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 4 & -13 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$? If so find an eigen vector.
	2)	Find the values of a, b and c such that the chractistic polynomial of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ a & b & c \end{bmatrix}$ is $-\lambda^3 + 4\lambda^2 + 5\lambda + 6$.
	3)	Find the values of a and b if eigen values of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ a & b \end{bmatrix}$ are -4 and 7 .
	4)	Find orthogonal eigen vectors of $A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 5 & 4 \\ 5 & 7 & 5 \\ 4 & 5 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$.
	5)	Find orthogonal eigen vectors of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

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