

Lecture - 17

Class Note

## Diagonalisation of matrices

### Similar matrices

Let  $A$  &  $B$  be  $n \times n$  matrices. An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is said to be similar to  $B$   $n \times n$  matrix if  $\exists$  a non-singular  $n \times n$  matrix  $P$  s.t.

$$\underline{B = P^{-1} A P}$$

Diagonalisable matrix  $A_{n \times n}$ : An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is said to be diagonalisable if  $A$  is similar to an  $n \times n$  diagonal matrix.

$$\therefore P^{-1} A P = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & & & & 0 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & & \vdots \\ 0 & & & \lambda_n & & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{n \times n}$$

i.e. ( $B = \text{diagonal matrix}$ )  
in  $B = P^{-1} A P$

Theorem: Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix over a field  $F$ . If the eigen values of  $A$  be all distinct and belong to  $F$ , then  $A$  is diagonalisable.

Ex:  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}_{2 \times 2}$  its eigen values are  $\lambda = -1, 7$

$\therefore A$  is  $2 \times 2$  matrix and its two eigen values are distinct  $\Rightarrow A$  is diagonalisable.



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 ▢ Now if  $A_{n \times n}$  is similar to diagonal matrix, then  
 $\exists$  non-singular  $P$  s.t.  $P^{-1}AP = \text{diagonal matrix}$ .  
 $\therefore$  Question is, How <sup>will</sup> we find <sup>out</sup> the matrix  $P$ ?

Q:- Find the matrix  $P$  for a given matrix

$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  s.t.  $P^{-1}AP$  is a diagonal matrix.

Solution:  $|A - \lambda I_3| = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 2-\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

~~$$(1-\lambda)(2-\lambda)(-1-\lambda) - 1(1-0) - 2(-1-0) = 0$$~~

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$$\Rightarrow (1-\lambda)\{(2-\lambda)(-1-\lambda) - 1\} - 1\{1+\lambda-0\} - 2\{-1-0\} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda-1)(\lambda-2)(\lambda+1) = 0$$

$$\therefore \lambda = 1, 2, -1$$

Eigen vector corresponding to eigen value  $\lambda = 1$

$$AX = \lambda X \Rightarrow AX - X = 0 \Rightarrow (A - I)X = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_2 - 2x_3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_2 = +2x_3$$

$$-x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0$$

$$x_1 = x_2 + x_3 = 2x_3 + x_3 = 3x_3$$

$$x_2 - 2x_3 = 0$$



$$\therefore X_1 = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3x_3 \\ 2x_3 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = x_3 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad x_3 \neq 0$$

Eigen vector corresponding to eigen value 2 :

$$AX = 2X \Rightarrow (A - 2I)X = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow -x_1 + x_2 - 2x_3 = 0$$

$$-x_1 + x_3 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_3$$

$$x_2 - 3x_3 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = 3x_3$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_3$$

$$x_2 = 3x_3$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_3 \\ 3x_3 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = x_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad x_3 \neq 0$$

Eigen vector corresponding to eigen value -1 :

$$AX = -1X \Rightarrow (A + I)X = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{aligned} 2x_1 + x_2 - 2x_3 &= 0 \\ -x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 &= 0 \\ x_2 &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow x_2 = 0$$

$$2x_1 + 2x_3 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = -x_3$$

$$-x_1 + x_3 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_3$$

$$\therefore X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ 0 \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix} = x_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad x_1 \neq 0$$

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$$\therefore \lambda_1 = 1, \quad X_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2 = 2, \quad X_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_3 = -1, \quad X_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\therefore \lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2 \neq \lambda_3 \Rightarrow \{X_1, X_2, X_3\}$  is L.I.

$$\therefore |X_1 \ X_2 \ X_3| \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \neq 0 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is non-singular}$$

~~Q. 4~~  $\therefore P = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is non-singular.

In this way we can find out the non-singular matrix P.

So,  $P^{-1}AP = \text{diag}(1, 2, -1)$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$



Ex 2: Diagonalize the symmetric matrix A

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Sol<sup>n</sup>:  $|A - \lambda I| = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 4-\lambda & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 4-\lambda & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 4-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda - 8)(\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 2) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 8, 2, 2$$

Eigen vector corresponding to  $\lambda = 8$

$$AX = 8X \Rightarrow (A - 8I)X = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & -4 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \Rightarrow -4x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 &= 0 \Rightarrow -2x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow 2x_1 - 4x_2 + 2x_3 &= 0 \Rightarrow x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow 2x_1 + 2x_2 - 4x_3 &= 0 \Rightarrow x_1 + x_2 - 2x_3 = 0 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\therefore x_1 = 2x_2 - x_3 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$$

$$2x_2 - x_3 + x_2 - 2x_3 = 0 \Rightarrow 3x_2 - 3x_3 = 0 \Rightarrow x_3 = x_2$$

$$\therefore X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ x_2 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = x_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \text{for } \lambda_1 = 8 \quad X_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Eigen vector for  $\lambda = 2$  :

$$AX = 2X \Rightarrow (A - 2I)X = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = -x_2 - x_3$$

$$\therefore X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -x_2 - x_3 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = x_2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_3 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  &  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  are L.I.  $\left( \because c_1 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow c_1 = 0 = c_2 = 0 \right)$

$$\therefore \text{for } \lambda_2 = 2 \quad X_2 = x_2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_3 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Hence } P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{where } |P| \neq 0$$

$$\therefore P^{-1}AP = \text{diag}(8, 2, 2)$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$