

## Basis of Eigen vectors

Eigenvectors of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  may form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

We can represent any  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  uniquely as a linear combination of the eigen vectors  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  say,

$$x = c_1 x_1 + c_2 x_2 + \dots + c_n x_n$$

and denoting the corresponding eigenvalues of the matrix  $A$  by  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ , we have,

$$A x_j = \lambda_j x_j \text{ So that we obtain,}$$

$$y = A x \quad (\text{by transformation})$$

$$= A (c_1 x_1 + c_2 x_2 + \dots + c_n x_n)$$

$$= c_1 A x_1 + c_2 A x_2 + \dots + c_n A x_n.$$

$$= c_1 \lambda_1 x_1 + c_2 \lambda_2 x_2 + \dots + c_n \lambda_n x_n.$$

ii we have decomposed the complicated action of  $A$  on an arbitrary vector  $x$  into a sum of simple actions (multiplication by scalars) on the eigenvectors of  $A$ . This is the point of an eigenbasis.

Now if the  $n$  eigenvalues are all different, we do obtain a basis.

Theorem

## Basis of Eigenvectors

If an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  has  $n$  distinct eigenvalues, then  $A$  has a basis of eigenvectors  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

## Diagonalization of a matrix

If an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  has a basis of eigenvectors then

$$\boxed{D = B^{-1} A B}, \text{ where } D \text{ is a diagonal matrix}$$

whose diagonal elements are the eigenvalues of  $A$ . Matrix  $B$  is called modal matrix  
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Whose elements are eigen vectors as column vectors.  
(Each column is an Eigen vector corresponding to each Eigen value).

The process of converting the given square matrix  $A$  into  $D$  is called diagonalization of the matrix.

Prob. Diagonalize the matrix,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and hence find } A^4.$$

Steps for diagonalization of a matrix

1. Find the Eigen values of  $A$
2. Find Eigen vectors.
3. Construct matrix  $B$
4. Find  $B^{-1}$
5. Find  $B^{-1}AB$ .

Note  
We use diagonalization to find Power of  $A$ .  
i.e. to calculate  $A^n = B D^n B^{-1}$

In the problem,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

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

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 6 & 1 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$

$$(\lambda - 1)(2 - \lambda)(3 - \lambda) - 6(3 - \lambda) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (3 - \lambda)(\lambda^2 - 3\lambda - 4) = 0.$$

$$(3 - \lambda)(\lambda - 4)(\lambda + 1) = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 3, \lambda = 4, \lambda = -1$$

when  $\lambda = -1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{0}.$$

$$2x_1 + 6x_2 + x_3 = 0$$

$$x_1 + 3x_2 = 0$$

$$4x_3 = 0$$

$$x_3 = 0$$

$$x_1 = -3x_2 \quad \text{put } x_2 = k$$

$$x_1 = -3k$$

$$x_2 = k$$

$$x_3 = 0$$

Eigen vector is  $k \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

when  $\lambda = 3$ ,

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 6 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{0}$$

$$-2x_1 + 6x_2 + x_3 = 0$$

$$x_1 - x_2 = 0$$

$$x_1 = x_2$$

$$\text{put } x_3 = k$$

$$\text{wt } -2x_1 + 6x_1 + k = 0$$

$$4x_1 = -k$$

$$x_1 = -k/4; \quad x_2 = -k/4, \quad x_3 = k$$

The Eigen vector is  $k \begin{bmatrix} -1/4 \\ -1/4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$

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When  $\lambda = 4$ ,

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 6 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$-3x_1 + 6x_2 + x_3 = 0$$

$$x_1 - 2x_2 = 0$$

$$-x_3 = 0$$

$$\text{in } x_3 = 0$$

$$\text{Put } x_1 = k$$

$$k - 2x_2 = 0$$

$$2x_2 = k$$

$$x_2 = k/2$$

The eigen vector is

$$\begin{bmatrix} k \\ k/2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & 0.6 & 0.2 \\ 0.2 & 0.4 & 0.05 \\ 0 & 0 & -0.25 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D = B^{-1}AB =$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & 0.6 & 0.2 \\ -0.2 & 0.4 & 0.05 \\ 0 & 0 & -0.25 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^4 = B D^4 B^{-1}$$

$$D^4 = \begin{bmatrix} 256 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 81 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$= \begin{bmatrix} 103 & 306 & 82 \\ 51 & 154 & 31 \\ 0 & 0 & 81 \end{bmatrix}$$

2) Diagonalize the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and find  $A^3$

3) Diagonalize the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow (2-\lambda)^3 - (2-\lambda) = 0$$

$$(2-\lambda)^2 [(2-\lambda)^2 - 1] = 0$$

$$(2-\lambda) [4 - 4\lambda + \lambda^2 - 1] = 0$$

$$(2-\lambda)(\lambda-3)(\lambda-1) = 0$$

$$\lambda = 1, 2, 3$$

when  $\lambda = 1$

$$(A - \lambda I) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Quadratic forms

A quadratic form  $Q$  in the components  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  of a vector  $x$  is a sum of  $n^2$  terms, namely

$$Q = x^T A x = \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n a_{jk} x_j x_k$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= a_{11} x_1^2 + a_{12} x_1 x_2 + \dots + a_{1n} x_1 x_n \\ &\quad + a_{21} x_2 x_1 + a_{22} x_2^2 + \dots + a_{2n} x_2 x_n \\ &\quad + \dots \\ &\quad + a_{n1} x_n x_1 + a_{n2} x_n x_2 + \dots + a_{nn} x_n^2, \end{aligned}$$

$A = [a_{jk}]$  is called the coefficient matrix of the form.

Quadratic form, symmetric coefficient matrix

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } x^T A x &= [x_1 x_2] \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 6 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = 3x_1^2 + 4x_1 x_2 + 6x_2 x_1 + 2x_2^2 \\ &= 3x_1^2 + 10x_1 x_2 + 2x_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

is the required quadratic form of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 6 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Reduction of quadratic form into canonical form or Principal axis form.  
(Principal axis theorem)

If a real quadratic form can be expressed as a sum or difference of the squares of new variables by means of any real, non-singular linear transformation, then the latter quadratic expression is called Canonical form of the given quadratic form.  
(Principal axis) (7)

for eg:  $ax_1^2 + 2bx_1x_2 + cx_2^2$  is a quadratic form

By applying certain linear transformation we can express it in the form  $\lambda_1 y_1^2 + \lambda_2 y_2^2$  which is called the canonical form or principal axis form.

Procedure for reducing quadratic form into canonical form

- (i) From the given quadratic form construct symmetric matrix  $A$ .
- (ii) Find the eigen values & eigen vectors. If  $A$  is a square matrix of order 3, it has 3 eigen values say  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$  and its corresponding eigen vectors are  $x_1, x_2$  &  $x_3$ .
- (iii) Prove that Eigen vectors are orthogonal.  
i.e. P.T.  $x_1 \cdot x_2 = 0$ ,  $x_2 \cdot x_3 = 0$  &  $x_3 \cdot x_1 = 0$
- (iv) Take normalised form of each eigen vector.
- (v) Construct the normalised modal matrix  $B$ .
- (vi) Find  $D$  (diagonal matrix)  $D = B^{-1} A B$
- (vii) The given quadratic form  $x^T A x$  should be reduced to  $y^T D y$  where  $y^T = [y_1 \ y_2 \ y_3]$   
$$(x^T A x = y^T D y)$$
  
$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

So the R.H.S. will be of the form

$$\lambda_1 y_1^2 + \lambda_2 y_2^2 + \dots + \lambda_3 y_3^2 + \dots$$

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