Eigenvalues and eigenvectors

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Congratulations! You passed!

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1.
This assessment will test your ability to apply your knowledge of eigenvalues and eigenvectors to some special cases.

Use the following code blocks to assist you in this quiz. They calculate eigenvectors and eigenvalues respectively:

To practice, select all eigenvectors of the matrix,
$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -5 & 6 \\ 7 & -8 & 6 \\ 3/2 & -1/2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$.

- [ ] None of the other options.

Un-selected is correct

- [ ] $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$

Un-selected is correct

- [ ] $\begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ -1/2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

Correct
This is one of the eigenvectors. Note eigenvectors are only defined upto a scale factor.

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$$\begin{bmatrix} -2/\sqrt{9} \\ -2/\sqrt{9} \\ 1/\sqrt{9} \end{bmatrix}$$

Correct

This is one of the eigenvectors. Note eigenvectors are only defined upto a scale factor.

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Un-selected is correct

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{6} \\ -1/\sqrt{6} \\ 2/\sqrt{6} \end{bmatrix}$$

Un-selected is correct

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Correct

This is one of the eigenvectors.

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2.

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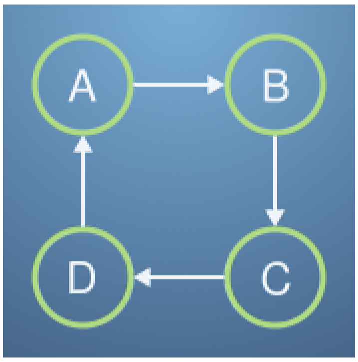
Recall from the *PageRank* notebook, that in PageRank, we care about the eigenvector of the link matrix, L, that has eigenvalue 1, and that we can find this using *power iteration method* as this will be the largest eigenvalue.

PageRank can sometimes get into trouble if closed-loop structures appear. A simplified example might look like this,



With link matrix, $L = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Use the calculator in Q1 to check the eigenvalues and vectors for this system.

What might be going wrong? Select all that apply.

- [ ] Because of the loop, *Procrastinating Pat*s that are browsing will go around in a cycle rather than settling on a webpage.

Correct
If all sites started out populated equally, then the incoming pats would equal the outgoing, but in general the system will not converge to this result by applying power iteration.

- [ ] Some of the eigenvectors are complex.

Un-selected is correct

- [ ] The system is too small.

Un-selected is correct

- [ ] Other eigenvalues are not small compared to 1, and so do not decay away with each power iteration.

Correct

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The other eigenvectors have the same size as 1 (they are -1, i, $-i$)

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- [ ] None of the other options.

Un-selected is correct

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3.
The loop in the previous question is a situation that can be remedied by damping.

If we replace the link matrix with the damped,

$$L' = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.1 & 0.1 & 0.7 \\ 0.7 & 0.1 & 0.1 & 0.1 \\ 0.1 & 0.7 & 0.1 & 0.1 \\ 0.1 & 0.1 & 0.7 & 0.1 \end{bmatrix}$$, how does this help?

- [ ] There is now a probability to move to any website.

Correct
This helps the power iteration settle down as it will spread out the distribution of Pats

- [ ] The complex number disappear.

Un-selected is correct

- [ ] It makes the eigenvalue we want bigger.

Un-selected is correct

- [ ] None of the other options.

Un-selected is correct

- [ ] The other eigenvalues get smaller.

Correct

So their eigenvectors will decay away on power iteration.

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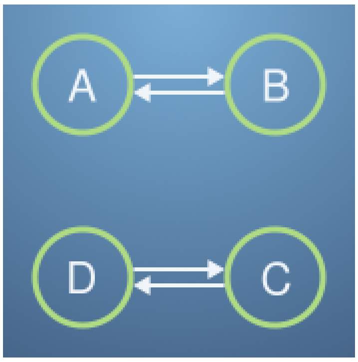
4.

Another issue that may come up, is if there are disconnected parts to the internet. Take this example,



with link matrix, $L = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

This form is known as block diagonal, as it can be split into square blocks along the main diagonal, i.e., $L = \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & B \end{bmatrix}$, with $A = B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ in this case.

What is happening in this system?

- [ ] The system has zero determinant.

Un-selected is correct

- [ ] There are two eigenvalues of 1.

Correct

The eigensystem is degenerate. Any linear combination of eigenvectors with the same eigenvalue is also an eigenvector.

- [ ] None of the other options.

Un-selected is correct

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There isn't a unique PageRank.

Correct

The power iteration algorithm could settle to multiple values, depending on its starting conditions.

There are loops in the system.

Correct

There are two loops of size 2. (A ⇄ B) and (C ⇄ D)

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5.

By similarly applying damping to the link matrix from the previous question. What happens now?

The negative eigenvalues disappear.

Un-selected is correct

None of the other options.

Correct

There is now only one eigenvalue of 1, and PageRank will settle to it's eigenvector through repeating the power iteration method.

There becomes two eigenvalues of 1.

Un-selected is correct

The system settles into a single loop.

Un-selected is correct

Damping does not help this system.

Un-selected is correct

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6.

Given the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3/2 & -1 \\ -1/2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$, calculate its characteristic polynomial.

- ◯ $\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + \frac{1}{4}$

Correct
Well done - this is indeed the characteristic polynomial of A.

- ◯ $\lambda^2 + 2\lambda - \frac{1}{4}$
- ◯ $\lambda^2 + 2\lambda + \frac{1}{4}$
- ◯ $\lambda^2 - 2\lambda - \frac{1}{4}$

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7.

By solving the characteristic polynomial above or otherwise, calculate the eigenvalues of the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3/2 & -1 \\ -1/2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$.

- ◯ $\lambda_1 = 1 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \lambda_2 = 1 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

Correct
Well done! These are the roots of the above characteristic polynomial, and hence these are the eigenvalues of A.

- ◯ $\lambda_1 = 1 - \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}, \lambda_2 = 1 + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}$
- ◯ $\lambda_1 = -1 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \lambda_2 = -1 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$
- ◯ $\lambda_1 = -1 - \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}, \lambda_2 = -1 + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}$

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8.

Select the two eigenvectors of the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3/2 & -1 \\ -1/2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$.

- $\mathbf{v_1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-\sqrt{5} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+\sqrt{5} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\mathbf{v_1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1-\sqrt{5} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v_2} = \begin{bmatrix} -1+\sqrt{5} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\mathbf{v_1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-\sqrt{3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+\sqrt{3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\mathbf{v_1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1-\sqrt{3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v_2} = \begin{bmatrix} -1+\sqrt{3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Correct
These are the eigenvectors for the matrix A. They have the eigenvalues λ_1 and λ_2 respectively.

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9.
Form the matrix C whose left column is the vector $\mathbf{v_1}$ and whose right column is $\mathbf{v_2}$ from immediately above.

By calculating $D = C^{-1}AC$ or by using another method, find the diagonal matrix D.

- $\begin{bmatrix} 1+\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$

Correct
Well done! Recall that when a matrix is transformed into its diagonal form, the entries along the diagonal are the eigenvalues of the matrix - this can save lots of calculation!

- $\begin{bmatrix} 1-\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1+\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$

$\begin{bmatrix} -1-\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & -1+\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$

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$\begin{bmatrix} -1-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & -1+\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$

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10.

By using the diagonalisation above or otherwise, calculate A^2.

$\begin{bmatrix} -11/4 & 2 \\ 1 & -3/4 \end{bmatrix}$

$\begin{bmatrix} 11/4 & -1 \\ -2 & 3/4 \end{bmatrix}$

$\begin{bmatrix} 11/4 & -2 \\ -1 & 3/4 \end{bmatrix}$

Correct

Well done! In this particular case, calculating A^2 directly is probably easier - so always try to look for the method which solves the question with the least amount of pain possible!

$\begin{bmatrix} -11/4 & 1 \\ 2 & -3/4 \end{bmatrix}$