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LECTURE 18 :

- recap of upper-triangularization
- Spectral Theorem

Last time: any square matrix can be upper-triangularized (proven for real matrices with real eigenvalues; true for complex eigenvalues also).

$$U^T A U = T \quad U: \text{orthogonal}$$

$T: \text{upper-triangular}$

Note: 1) A and T have the same eigenvalues:

if (λ, \vec{v}) eigenvalue/evector for T , then $(\lambda, U\vec{v})$ is " " for A

$$A(U\vec{v}) = (\underbrace{UTU^T}_{=I})(U\vec{v}) = UT\vec{v} = U\lambda\vec{v} = \lambda(U\vec{v})$$

Multiply from left by U , right by U^T : $A = UTU^T$

thus, $A(U\vec{v}) = \lambda(U\vec{v})$ i.e. λ is eigenfor A also.

2) diagonal entries of T are its eigenvalues
(because upper-triangular - shown last time)

From (1), (2): once matrix A is upper-triangularized its eigenvalues appear in the diagonal entries of T :

$$U^T A U = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & * & \cdots & * \\ 0 & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & * \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}.$$

4) Induction proof from last lecture can be turned into a recursive algorithm (Algorithm 10 in Note 15):

Define a function:

Given $A \in \mathbb{R}^{(k+1) \times (k+1)}$ with real entries,

- pick eigenvalue/evector pair (λ_1, \vec{q}_1) such that $\|\vec{q}_1\| = 1$
- complete \vec{q}_1 to an orthonormal basis for \mathbb{R}^{k+1} :
 $\{\vec{q}_1, \vec{q}_2, \dots, \vec{q}_{k+1}\}$, e.g., by Gram Schmidt.

Define $Q = [\vec{q}_1 \vec{q}_2 \dots \vec{q}_{k+1}]$. Then

$$Q^T A Q = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & * \\ \vec{0} & A_0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Return Q and A_0 .

Given $n \times n$ matrix A that we want to upper-triangularize:

$(Q, A_0) = \text{function_above}(A)$

$U = Q$

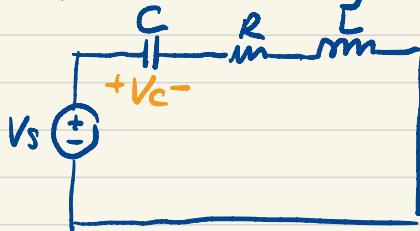
while $\text{size}(A_0) > 1$

$(Q, A_0) = \text{function_above}(A_0)$

$U = U * \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & Q \end{bmatrix}$

end;

Example: (Critically damped) RLC circuit



HW5:

$$x_1(t) = V_C(t)$$

$$x_2(t) = \frac{d}{dt} V_C(t)$$

$$\lambda_{1,2} = -\frac{R}{2L} \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{R^2}{L^2} - \frac{4}{LC}} \quad \Leftarrow \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{L} \\ -\frac{1}{LC} & -\frac{R}{L} \end{bmatrix}$$

Suppose $\underbrace{\frac{R^2}{L^2}}_{= \frac{4}{LC}} = \frac{4}{LC} \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = -\frac{R}{2L}$ (HW5 assumed $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$)

$$\hookrightarrow -\frac{1}{LC} = -\frac{R^2}{4L^2}$$

$$\Downarrow \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{L} \\ -\frac{R^2}{4L^2} & -\frac{R}{L} \end{bmatrix}$$

Evectors: $\lambda_{1,2} I - A = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{R}{2L} & \frac{1}{L} \\ -\frac{R}{2L} & -\frac{R}{L} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ \frac{R^2}{4L^2} & \frac{R}{L} \end{bmatrix}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{R}{2L} & -1 \\ \frac{R^2}{4L^2} & \frac{R}{L} \end{bmatrix}$$

null space?

$$\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -\frac{R}{2L} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \alpha \quad \alpha \neq 0$$

Can't find two lin. ind. evectors.
 \Rightarrow not diagonalizable.

Can nevertheless upper triangularize A:

$$U^T A U = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & * \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}, \lambda = \frac{-R}{2L}$$

for some orthogonal U you will find in HW9.

Sol'n of circuit diff.eq's ($V_s=0$ for simplicity):

$$\frac{d}{dt} \vec{x}(t) = A \vec{x}(t) \xrightarrow{\vec{y} = U^T \vec{x}} \frac{d}{dt} \vec{y}(t) = U^T A \vec{x}(t) \\ = U^T A U \vec{y}(t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} y_1(t) = \lambda y_1(t) + * y_2(t)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda & * \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} y_2(t) = \lambda y_2(t)$$

$$y_2(t) = e^{\lambda t} y_2(0)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} y_1(t) = \lambda y_1(t) + \underbrace{* e^{\lambda t} y_2(0)}_{\text{treat as input}}$$

$$y_1(t) = e^{\lambda t} y_1(0) + \int_0^t e^{\lambda(t-\tau)} * e^{\lambda \tau} y_2(0) d\tau$$

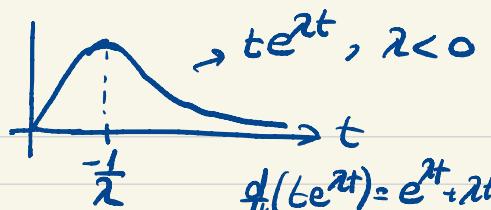
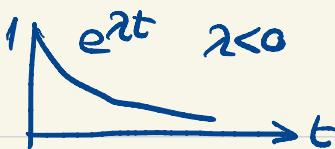
$$= e^{\lambda t} * y_2(0)$$

$$= e^{\lambda t} * y_2(0) \int_0^t d\tau$$

$$y_1(t) = e^{\lambda t} y_1(0) + \underbrace{te^{\lambda t} * y_2(0)}_{t}$$

$$y_2(t) = e^{\lambda t} y_2(0)$$

new! signature of
repeated eigenvalue



$$\frac{d}{dt}(t e^{-\lambda t}) = e^{-\lambda t} + \lambda t e^{-\lambda t}$$

Similarly $t^2 e^{-\lambda t}$ would pop up in the solution to:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \vec{y}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & * & * \\ 0 & \lambda & * \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} \vec{y}(t)$$

$\leftarrow U^T A U = T \Rightarrow A = U T U^T$ where U : orthogonal
 T : upper triangle
 \leftarrow called "Schur decomposition"

Spectral Theorem: Motivation:

- For a diagonalizable matrix A we can find V s.t.

$$V^{-1} A V = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

V : not necessarily orthogonal

- If we instead upper triangularize we find orthogonal U such that

$$U^{-1} A U = U^T A U = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & * & * \\ 0 & \ddots & * \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

- For symmetric matrices ($A = A^T$) we get both:
 Diagonalizable with an orthogonal V :

$$V^{-1} A V = V^T A V = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & & 0 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Theorem (Spectral Theorem):

Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be symmetric. Then:

- (i) The eigenvalues of A are real.
- (ii) A diagonalizable.
- (iii) Eigenvectors of A are pairwise orthogonal (therefore, if we choose them to have length 1 then they constitute orthonormal matrix:
 $V = [\vec{v}_1 \dots \vec{v}_n]$ orthogonal matrix)

Proof:

- (i) Let (λ, \vec{v}) be eigenvalue/eigenvector pair.

$$A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v} \quad \dots \quad (1)$$

$$\lambda = a + jb \quad (\text{show } b=0, \text{i.e., } \bar{\lambda} = a - jb = a = \lambda)$$

Take complex conjugates of both sides of (1):

$$\overline{(A\vec{v})} = \overline{(\lambda\vec{v})}$$

$$= \overline{A}\overline{\vec{v}} = \overline{\lambda}\overline{\vec{v}}$$

\overline{A} because A real

$$A\overline{\vec{v}} = \overline{\lambda}\overline{\vec{v}}$$

Transpose: $\vec{v}^T A^T = \vec{v}^T \overline{\lambda}$ = A by symmetry
multiply from right by \vec{v} :

$$\vec{v}^T A \vec{v} = \overline{\lambda}(\vec{v}^T \vec{v}) \quad \dots \quad (2)$$

Multiply (1) from left by \bar{v}^T :

$$\bar{v}^T A \bar{v} = \lambda (\bar{v}^T \bar{v}) \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

LHS of (2), (3) are the same so RHS must also be same:

$$\bar{\lambda} (\bar{v}^T \bar{v}) = \lambda (\bar{v}^T \bar{v})$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\bar{\lambda}}_{\text{real}} = \lambda$$

$\Rightarrow \lambda$ is real.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{v}_1 & \dots & \bar{v}_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} = \bar{v}_1 v_1 + \dots + \bar{v}_n v_n \\ = |v_1|^2 + \dots + |v_n|^2 \\ \neq 0 \text{ bc } \bar{v} \text{ is} \\ \text{evector}$$

Evector \bar{v} also real:

$$(A - \lambda I) \bar{v} = 0$$

$\underbrace{\text{real}}_{\text{real}}$

(ii) Apply Schur decomposition:

$$\begin{aligned} U^T A U &= T \\ T^T &= U^T A^T (U^T)^T \\ &= U^T A U = T \end{aligned}$$

$T = T^T$ and upper triangular $\Rightarrow T$ diagonal

$$U^T A U = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$