

# MATH 425 Lecture 20

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**Test on thursday.**

## Diagonalization of symmetric matrices.

Find eigenvalues of  $A$  corresponding to eigen vectors.

$$\det(A - \lambda \mathbb{I}_n) = 0$$

compute the determinant of the modified matrix and you will obtain a characteristic polynomial whose roots are:  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  where  $n$  is the degree of the characteristic polynomial.

To compute eigenvectors solve for:

$$(A - \lambda_i \mathbb{I}_n)v = \vec{0}$$

where  $\lambda_i$  corresponds to the  $i$ th eigenvalue

## theorem

If a matrix  $A$  is symmetric then any two eigenvectors from different eigenspaces are orthogonal.

## Orthogonal diagonalization

This motivates that a matrix can be factored into the following:

$$A = QDQ^T$$

When  $Q$  is an orthogonal basis for  $A$ , we can obtain an orthogonal diagonalization when  $A$  is symmetric.

This implies  $A$  is symmetric as :

$$A^T = (QDQ^T)^T$$

$$A^T = (Q^T)^T D^T Q^T$$

$$A^T = QDQ^T$$

$$A^T = A$$

# Spectral Theorem

Let A be a symmetric matrix then:

- Every eigenvalue of A is Real and the dimension of the eigenspace is corresponding to  $\lambda$  equals the multiplicity of the eigenvalue.
- Eigenvectors corresponding to different eigenvalues are orthogonal (eigenspaces are orthogonal.)
- Matrix A is orthogonally diagonalizable.
- The columns of Q form an orthonormal basis.

## Singular value decomposition

Given an Mxn matrix A with rank r. can be factored as :

$$A = U_{m \times m} \Sigma_{m \times n} V_{n \times n}^T$$

This is an orthogonal matrix multiplied by a "diagonal matrix" then by another orthogonal matrix.

U is an mxm unitary matrix, sigma is the diagonal matrix of singular the singular values where:

$$\sigma_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i}$$

$$r = \text{rank}(A) = \dim(\text{Col}A)$$

## Finding V

$$A = U \Sigma V^T$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} A^T A &= (U \Sigma V^T)^T U \Sigma V^T = V \Sigma^T U^T U \Sigma V^T \\ &= V \Sigma^2 V^T = V \Lambda V^T \end{aligned}$$

So we have proven the orthogonal diagonalization of the matrix as well. If you find  $A^t A$  and orthogonally diagonalize then square root D. If A is symmetric then the eigenvalues of A the squares of the singular values since you are just squaring A when you compute  $A^T A$

## Computing $U$ in $U\Sigma V$

Approach number 1:

$$A = U\Sigma V^T$$

$$AA^T = U\Sigma V^T (U\Sigma V^T)^T$$

$$AA^T = U\Sigma^2 U^T$$

$$AA^T = U\Lambda U^T$$