



Rec 9

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Markov Matrices and differential equations

Worksheet 9

1. Given a $n \times n$ matrix A , how to find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors?

$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$ solve λ for eigenvalues.

For each eigenvalue λ , find a solution for $(A - \lambda I)u = 0 \rightarrow u$ eigenvector.

2. Definition of Markov matrix and make an example.

a positive square matrix with

each column entries summing up to 1.

3. Solve differential equation system

$$\frac{du}{dt} = Au$$

for $u(t)$ being a n dimensional vector function.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{du_1}{dt} \\ \frac{du_2}{dt} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$u(t) = e^{At} u(0),$$

$$e^{At} = I + At + \frac{A^2 t^2}{2} + \dots + \frac{A^n t^n}{n!} + \dots$$

Problems

1. If A has two eigenvalues being λ_1 and λ_2 and their eigenvectors being u_1 and u_2 respectively.

- (a) Then what is $A(xu_1 + yu_2)$ where x, y are numbers?

$$\lambda_1 u_1 x + \lambda_2 u_2 y$$

- (b) What is $e^A(xu_1 + yu_2)$?

$$e^{\lambda_1} u_1 x + e^{\lambda_2} u_2 y.$$

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2. Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors for the following matrices.

- (a) $\begin{pmatrix} 0.8 & 0.4 \\ 0.2 & 0.6 \end{pmatrix}$ eigenvalues 1 and 0.4.

$$\text{eigenvector for } 1 \quad \begin{pmatrix} -0.2 & 0.4 \\ 0.2 & -0.4 \end{pmatrix} u_1 = 0 \quad u_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{eigenvector for } 0.4 \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0.4 & 0.4 \\ 0.2 & 0.2 \end{pmatrix} u_2 = 0 \quad u_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (b) $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$A - \lambda I = \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ -1 & -\lambda \end{pmatrix} \quad \det(A - \lambda I) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda^2 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm i$$

$$\text{eigenvector for } i \quad \begin{pmatrix} -i & 1 \\ -1 & -i \end{pmatrix} u_1 = 0 \quad u_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{eigenvector for } -i \quad \begin{pmatrix} i & 1 \\ -1 & i \end{pmatrix} u_2 = 0 \quad u_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{pmatrix}$$

3. What can you say about $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A^n$ for A of the two cases above?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A^n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (U \Sigma U^{-1})^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} U \Sigma^n U^{-1} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} U \begin{pmatrix} 1^n & 0 \\ 0 & 0.4^n \end{pmatrix} U^{-1} = U \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} U^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{b) } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} U \begin{pmatrix} i^n & 0 \\ 0 & (-i)^n \end{pmatrix} U^{-1} \quad \text{does not have a limit.}$$

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