

7.2 DIAGONALIZATION

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(A) TODAY: $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ or $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$.

DEF 1 (a) A COMPLETE SET OF EIGENVECTORS FOR A is any set of n L.I. eigenvectors of A

(b). A is DIAGONALIZABLE if $\exists n \times n P, D$:
 $A = P D P^{-1}$ where D is diagonal

SPECTRAL THM I

A DIAGONALIZABLE $\Leftrightarrow A$ HAS COMPLETE SET OF EIGENVECTORS.

In this case, if $(\lambda_1, \vec{v}_1), \dots, (\lambda_n, \vec{v}_n)$ are a complete set of e-pairs for A , then

$$D = \text{Diag}[\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n]$$

$$P = [\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n] \quad (\text{cols of } P \text{ are eigenvectors})$$

EXERCISE FOR YOU:

EXPLAIN why $n \times n$ matrix P is invertible
 \Leftrightarrow Cols of P are L.I.

OBSERVE

$$(1) (AP)_{+j} = A P_{+j} = A \vec{v}_j$$

$$(2) (PD)_{ij} = \sum_k P_{ik} D_{kj} = \lambda_j P_{ij}$$

or

$$(PD)_{+j} = \lambda_j P_{+j} = \lambda_j \vec{v}_j$$

Then

$$P^{-1}AP = D \iff AP = PD$$

$$\iff (AP)_{+j} = (PD)_{+j} \quad \forall j$$

$$\iff A \vec{v}_j = \lambda_j \vec{v}_j \quad \forall j \text{ by (1), (2)}$$

is

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SCAFFOLDED PROBLEMS

$$(I) A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

(a) Show $\sigma(A) = \{1, 2\}$

(b) Show $\dim(N(A - 1I)) = 2$ and find a basis for it

(c) Show $\dim(N(A - 2I)) = 1$

(d) Diagonalize A. (e) Is P unique??

DEF: (1) The GEOMETRIC MULTIPLICITY of λ is $\dim N(A - \lambda I)$

(2) The ALGEBRAIC MULTIPLICITY of λ is order of root in

$$p(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I)$$

EG $p(\lambda) = (\lambda - 1)^2 (\lambda - 2)$ $\lambda = 1$ has 2, $\lambda = 2$ has 1

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II SHOW $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & c \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ with $c \neq 0$

IS NOT DIAGONALIZABLE.

a) SHOW $\sigma(A) = \{1\}$

b) SHOW $\dim N(A - I) = 1$

c) EXPLAIN WHY A IS NOT DIAGONALIZABLE.

III SHOW $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ IS NOT DIAGONALIZABLE

a) SHOW $A^3 = 0$

b) Suppose $A = P^{-1} D P$

SHOW $D^3 = 0$

c) Use fact D is diagonal to show $D = 0$

d) What do you conclude about A ?

e) STATE A MORE GENERAL RESULT, WITH SAME PROOF.

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SIMILARITY THM FOR EPAIRS

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- ① IF (λ, \vec{v}) IS EPAIR FOR A
 THEN $(\lambda, P\vec{v})$ IS EPAIR FOR $B = PAP^{-1}$
- ② IF $B = PAP^{-1}$ THEN A, B HAVE SAME
 CHARACTERISTIC POLYNOMIALS
- ③ IF $T: V \rightarrow V$ IS A L.T. THEN $\sigma(T)$ IS
 WELL DEFINED: PICK A BASIS \mathcal{B} FOR V . ~~Let~~
 Define $\sigma(T) = \sigma([T]_{\mathcal{B}})$

PF ① IF $A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$ THEN

$$B(P\vec{v}) = (PAP^{-1})(P\vec{v}) = PA\vec{v} = P\lambda\vec{v} = \lambda P\vec{v}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{2} \quad p_B(\lambda) &= \det(B - \lambda I) \\ &= \det(PAP^{-1} - \lambda I) \\ &= \det[P(A - \lambda I)P^{-1}] \\ &= \det P \cdot \det(A - \lambda I) \cdot \det(P^{-1}) \\ &= p_A(\lambda) \quad \text{as } \det(P) \det(P^{-1}) = \det(PP^{-1}) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

- ③ IF $\hat{\mathcal{B}}$ IS ANOTHER CHOICE OF BASIS THEN
 $[T]_{\hat{\mathcal{B}}}$ IS SIMILAR TO $[T]_{\mathcal{B}}$. APPLY ② \square

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④ TOOLS TO DETERMINE IF A HAS COMPLETE SET OF EIGENVECTORS

THM ON INDEP. EIGENVECTORS

Suppose $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$ are DISTINCT eigenvalues of A

① IF $A\vec{v}_j = \lambda_j \vec{v}_j$ for $j=1, \dots, k$ ($\vec{v}_j \neq \vec{0}$)

THEN $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$ is a LI set

② IF B_j is a basis for $N(A - \lambda_j I)$

THEN $B = B_1 \cup \dots \cup B_k$ is a LI set

③ If no eigenvalues of A are repeated (all eigenvalues have alg mult 1)
Then A is diagonalizable

④ A is diagonalizable

$$\iff \text{Geo Mult}_A(\lambda) = \text{Alg Mult}_A(\lambda) \quad \forall \lambda \in \sigma(A)$$

THM $\forall \lambda \in \sigma(A)$

$$\text{Geo Mult}_A(\lambda) \leq \text{Alg Mult}_A(\lambda)$$

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PF ① Suppose $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$ are L.D. (PR by \times)

Order them so that

$M = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_r\}$ is a Max LI Set
($r < k$)

So

$$\vec{v}_{r+1} = \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i \vec{v}_i \quad \textcircled{\times}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= (A - \lambda_{r+1} I) \vec{v}_{r+1} = \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i (A - \lambda_{r+1} I) \vec{v}_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i (\lambda_i - \lambda_{r+1}) \vec{v}_i \end{aligned}$$

Since $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_r\}$ is LI

$$\alpha_i (\lambda_i - \lambda_{r+1}) = 0 \quad \forall i < r$$

Since $\lambda_i \neq \lambda_{r+1}$ (Eigenvalues are distinct)

$$\alpha_i = 0 \quad \forall i$$

So by $\textcircled{\times}$ $\vec{v}_{r+1} = \vec{0}$

NOT POSSIBLE
FOR EVDNR

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(2) Get idea from a special case:

IF $\lambda_2 \neq \lambda_1$ and

$$N(A - \lambda_1 I) = \text{Span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\} \quad \text{are bases} \quad (1)$$

$$N(A - \lambda_2 I) = \text{Span}\{\vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2\} \quad (2)$$

MUST SHOW $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2\} \sim LI$

Suppose

$$\alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{v}_2 + \beta_1 \vec{w}_1 + \beta_2 \vec{w}_2 = \vec{0} \quad (3)$$

NOW

$$\vec{0} = (A - \lambda_2 I)(-\beta_1 \vec{w}_1 + -\beta_2 \vec{w}_2) \quad \text{by (2)}$$

$$= (A - \lambda_2 I)(\alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{v}_2) \quad \text{by (3)}$$

$$= [(A - \lambda_1 I) + (\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)](\alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{v}_2)$$

$$= (\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)(\alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{v}_2) \quad \text{by (1)}$$

Since $\lambda_2 \neq \lambda_1$ get

$$\alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{v}_2 = \vec{0}$$

$$\text{So } \alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = 0 \quad \text{by (1)}$$

$$\text{So } \beta_1 \vec{w}_1 + \beta_2 \vec{w}_2 = \vec{0} \quad \text{by (2)}$$

$$\text{So } \beta_1 = \beta_2 = 0 \quad \text{by (2)}$$

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③ If A has no repeated eigenvalues

Then A has n distinct eigenvalues

So by ① $\exists n$ Eigenvectors that form L.B. set

So A has complete set of eigenvectors

So A is diagonalizable

④ IDEA BY EXAMPLE FOR ∇

Suppose A is 5×5

$$\text{and } p(\lambda) = (\lambda - \lambda_1)^3 (\lambda - \lambda_2)^2 \quad \sigma(A) = \{\lambda_1, \lambda_2\}$$

$$\text{and } N(A - \lambda_1 I) = \text{Span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$$

$$N(A - \lambda_2 I) = \text{Span}\{\vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2\}$$

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$$\text{In this ex } \text{Alg Mult}_A(\lambda_1) = 3 = \text{Geo Mult}_A(\lambda_1)$$

$$\text{Alg Mult}_A(\lambda_2) = 2 = \text{Geo Mult}_A(\lambda_2)$$

Then by ② $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3, \vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2\}$ is complete set of eigenvectors \square

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(E) APPLICATION TO ODEs [SCAFFOLDED PROBLEM]

Let $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ be DIAGONALIZABLE, $A = PDP^{-1}$

Consider IVP

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = A\vec{x} \\ \vec{x}(0) = \vec{x}_0 \end{cases}$$

(a) Let $\vec{u} = P^{-1}\vec{x}$

What IVP does \vec{u} satisfy?

(b) Solve the IVP for \vec{u} by using fact it decomposes into n separate IVPs for the components u_1, \dots, u_n of \vec{u} .

(c) Define $e^{Dt} = \text{Diag}[e^{\lambda_1 t}, \dots, e^{\lambda_n t}]$

Show from (b) that $\vec{u}(t) = e^{Dt} \vec{u}_0$.

(d) Hence obtain formula for $\vec{x}(t)$ using (a)

(e) Using $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 6 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$, $\vec{x}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$ see that you get same answer as in 7.1(c).