# **Lesson 8**

# Chapter 5 Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

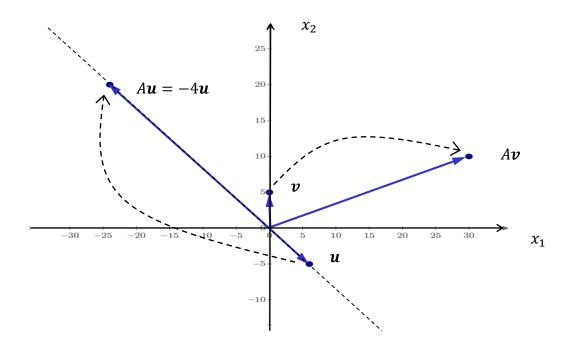
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# 5.1 Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

$$Ax = \lambda x$$

$$\underline{\mathsf{Ex}\; \mathbf{1}} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \boldsymbol{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \boldsymbol{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$







OBS!!!

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An eigenvector of an  $n \times n$  matrix A is a nonzero vector  $\mathbf{x}$  such that  $A\mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{x}$  for some scalar  $\lambda$ . A scalar  $\lambda$  is called an eigenvalue of A if there is a nontrivial solution  $\mathbf{x}$  of  $A\mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{x}$ ; such an  $\mathbf{x}$  is called an eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda$ .

Ex 2 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
  $\lambda = -4$  eigenvalue,  $u = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$  eigenvector  $\lambda = 7$  eigenvalue??

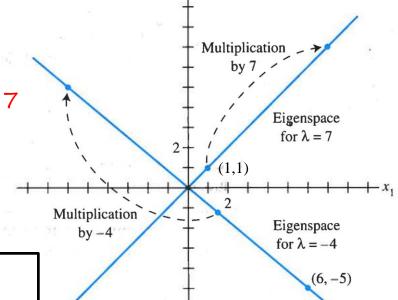
$$Ax = 7x \Rightarrow (A - 7I)x = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix} x = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -6 & 6 \\ 5 & -5 \end{bmatrix} x = 0$$
 non-trivial solutions?

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -6 & 6 \\ 5 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 - x_2 = 0 \\ 0 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A\begin{bmatrix}1\\1\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}1+6\\5+2\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}7\\7\end{bmatrix} = 7\begin{bmatrix}1\\1\end{bmatrix}$$

Eigenvector for  $\lambda=7$ 

Eigenspace for  $\lambda=7$ :  $c\begin{bmatrix}1\\1\end{bmatrix}$ 



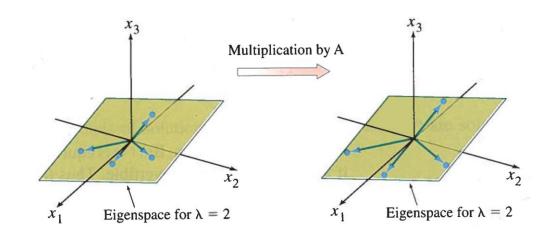
- $\lambda$  eigenvalue  $\Leftrightarrow (A \lambda I)x = 0$  has non-trivial solutions
- $\rightarrow$  Eigenspace of A corresponding to eigenvalue  $\lambda = Nul(A \lambda I)$

Ex 3 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & -1 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$
  $\lambda = 2$  eigenvalue  $\rightarrow$  Eigenvector/-space?

$$Ax = 2x \Rightarrow (A - 2I)x = 0 \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 6 \\ 2 & -1 & 6 \\ 2 & -1 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow 2 \text{ free variables: } x_1 = \frac{1}{2}x_2 - 3x_3$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{x} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \Rightarrow \{Eigenspace \ for \ \lambda = 2\} = span(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix})$$

$$\mathbf{x} = 3\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 6 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow A\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -6+6 \\ 6+6 \\ -6+8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 12 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = 2\mathbf{x}$$



# Eigenspaces



- The set of solutions of  $(A \lambda I)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  is the null space of  $A \lambda I$
- ightharpoonup This is also called the eigenspace of A corresponding to  $\lambda$
- ightharpoonup There is an eigenspace for each eigenvalue  $\lambda$
- An eigenspace can be multidimensional

#### Theorem 5.2:

If  $\mathbf{v}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{v}_r$  are eigenvectors that corresponds to distinct eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_r$  of an  $n \times n$  matrix A, then the set  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{v}_r\}$  is linearly independent.

# Proof of Theorem 5.2

Assume: 
$$\{\boldsymbol{v}_1, \ \cdots, \boldsymbol{v}_r\}$$
 linearly dependent  $\boldsymbol{v}_{p+1}$  eigenvector  $\exists p < r: \ \boldsymbol{v}_{p+1} = c_1\boldsymbol{v}_1 + \cdots + c_p\boldsymbol{v}_p \neq \boldsymbol{0} \implies \lambda_{p+1}\boldsymbol{v}_{p+1} = \lambda_{p+1}c_1\boldsymbol{v}_1 + \cdots + \lambda_{p+1}c_p\boldsymbol{v}_p$  (1)  $\forall A\boldsymbol{v}_{p+1} = Ac_1\boldsymbol{v}_1 + \cdots + Ac_p\boldsymbol{v}_p \implies \lambda_{p+1}\boldsymbol{v}_{p+1} = \lambda_1c_1\boldsymbol{v}_1 + \cdots + \lambda_pc_p\boldsymbol{v}_p$  (2)

$$(1) - (2) \implies \mathbf{0} = (\lambda_{p+1} - \lambda_1)c_1\boldsymbol{v}_1 + \dots + (\lambda_{p+1} - \lambda_p)c_p\boldsymbol{v}_p$$

But: 
$$\begin{cases} \{\boldsymbol{v}_1, \ \cdots, \boldsymbol{v}_p\} \text{ linearly independent} \\ \lambda_{p+1} \neq \lambda_1, \cdots, \lambda_p \end{cases} \implies c_1 = \cdots = c_p = 0 \implies \boldsymbol{v}_{p+1} = \boldsymbol{0} \quad \boldsymbol{\div}$$

 $\Rightarrow$  Assumption incorrect  $\Rightarrow \{v_1, \dots, v_r\}$  linearly independent  $\Rightarrow$  Theorem 5.2

Eigenvector:  $v \neq 0$ 

Eigenvalue:  $\lambda = 0$ ?

 $\lambda$  eigenvalue  $\Leftrightarrow (A - \lambda I)x = 0$  has non-trivial solutions

 $\Downarrow$ 

0 eigenvalue  $\Leftrightarrow Ax = 0$  has non-trivial solutions  $\Leftrightarrow A$  is not invertible  $\Leftrightarrow det A = 0$ 

 $\rightarrow$  {Eigenspace of A correspong to  $\lambda = 0$ } = Nul A

Diagonal matrix: 
$$D = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & a_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_n \end{bmatrix}$$

 $\lambda$  eigenvalue  $\Leftrightarrow (D - \lambda I)x = 0$  has non-trivial solutions  $\Leftrightarrow (D - \lambda I)$  is not invertible

$$\Leftrightarrow det(D - \lambda I) = (a_1 - \lambda) \cdot \dots \cdot (a_n - \lambda) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \lambda_1 = a_1, \dots, \lambda_n = a_n$$

# **The Invertible Matrix Theorem**

Let A be a square  $n \times n$  matrix. Then the following statements are equivalent. That is, for a given A, the statements are either all true or all false.

- a. A is an invertible matrix.
- b. A is row equivalent to the  $n \times n$  identity matrix.
- c. A has n pivot positions.
- d. The equation Ax = 0 has only the trivial solution.
- e. The columns of A form a linearly independent set.
- f. The linear transformation  $x \mapsto Ax$  is one-to-one.
- g. The equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has at least one a unique solution for each  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- h. The columns of A span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- i. The linear transformation  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$  maps  $\mathbb{R}^n$  onto  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- j. There is an  $n \times n$  matrix C such that CA = I.
- k. There is an  $n \times n$  matrix D such that AD = I.
- I.  $A^T$  is an invertible matrix.

# The Invertible Matrix Theorem - continued

Let A be a square  $n \times n$  matrix. Then the following statements are equivalent. That is, for a given A, the statements are either all true or all false.

- m. The columns of A form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- n. Col  $A = \mathbb{R}^n$ .
- o. dim Col A = n.
- p. Rank A = n.
- q. Nul  $A = \{0\}$ .
- r. dim Nul A=0.

- New  $\rightarrow$  s. The number 0 is not a eigenvalue of A.
  - t. The determinant of A is not 0.

#### OBS!

Due to (1): A invertible  $\Leftrightarrow A^{\top}$  invertible and Row  $A = Col A^T$ :

- All statement could also be stated for  $A^T$
- All statements on Col A could also be stated on Row A

# 5.2 The Characteristic Equation

$$det(A - \lambda I) = 0$$

How to find Eigenvalues: 
$$Ax = \lambda x \Leftrightarrow (A - \lambda I)x = \mathbf{0}$$

have non-tvivial solutions

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$n \times n$$
 matrix

 $(A - \lambda I)$  not inversible

$$A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 6 \\ 5 & 2 - \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$$det(A - \lambda I) = (1 - \lambda)(2 - \lambda) - 30 = 0$$
  $\leftarrow$  Characteristic  $\rightarrow det(A - \lambda I) = 0$  Equation

 $\downarrow \downarrow$ 

$$\lambda^2 - 3\lambda - 28 = 0$$

 $\leftarrow$  Characteristic  $\rightarrow$  Polynomial of degree n in  $\lambda$ Polynomial

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$$\lambda = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{9 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot (-28)}}{2} = \begin{cases} 7 \\ -4 \end{cases}$$

Exactly n (complex) roots (solutions for  $\lambda$ )

# 5.3 Diagonalization

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d_{22} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d_{33} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & d_{44} \end{bmatrix} = P^{-1}AP$$

**Definition:** A and B similar  $\Leftrightarrow A = PBP^{-1}$ 

## Theorem 5.4:

If  $n \times n$  matrices A and B are similar, then they have the same characteristic polynomial and hence the same eigenvalues.

# **Definition:**

(Diagonaliserbar)

A are diagonalizable if A is similar to an diagonal matrix D:  $A = PDP^{-1}$ , where D is an  $n \times n$  diagonal matrix

$$\rightarrow D = P^{-1}AP$$

**Ex 4** Diagonalization  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ 

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 \\ -5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow P^{-1} = \frac{1}{6+5} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{11} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\uparrow \qquad \uparrow$$
Eigenvectors of A

$$P^{-1}AP = \frac{1}{11} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 \\ -5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{11} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -24 & 7 \\ 20 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \frac{1}{11} \begin{bmatrix} -44 & 0 \\ 0 & 77 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = D$$

 $\rightarrow$  Eigenvalues -4 and 7 = Eigenvalues of A

# Ex 5 Powers of diagonal matrix

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow D^2 = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (-4)^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 7^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 16 & 0 \\ 0 & 49 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\Rightarrow D^k = \begin{bmatrix} (-4)^k & 0 \\ 0 & 7^k \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & a_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_n \end{bmatrix} \implies D^k = \begin{bmatrix} a_1^k & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & a_2^k & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_n^k \end{bmatrix}$$

Ex 6 Powers of diagonalizable matrix

$$A = PDP^{-1} \Rightarrow A^2 = PDP^{-1}PDP^{-1} = PD^2P^{-1}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\Rightarrow A^k = PDP^{-1}PDP^{-1} \cdots PDP^{-1} = PD^kP^{-1}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \qquad P = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 \\ -5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad P^{-1} = \frac{1}{11} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \qquad D = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{3} = PD^{3}P^{-1} = \frac{1}{11} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 \\ -5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (-4)^{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 7^{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{11} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 \\ -5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -64 & 0 \\ 0 & 343 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 121 & 222 \\ 185 & 158 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^{3}$$

# Theorem 5.5, The Diagonalization Theorem

An  $n \times n$  matrix A is diagonalizable if and only if A has n linearly independent eigenvectors.

In fact,  $A = PDP^{-1}$ , with D a diagonal matrix, if and only if the columns of P are n linearly independent eigenvectors of A. In this case, the diagonal entries of D are eigenvalues of A that correspond, respectively, to the eigenvectors of A.

## Theorem 5.6:

An  $n \times n$  matrices A with n distinct eigenvalues is diagonalizable.

Ex 7 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 \\ -2 & -5 & -3 \\ 3 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow PDP^{-1}$$
 ???

Step 1: Eigenvalues: 
$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0 \implies -\lambda^3 - 3\lambda^2 + 4 = -(\lambda - 1)(\lambda + 2)^2 = 0$$
  
$$\implies \lambda = 1, -2, -2$$

Step 2: Eigenvectors: 
$$(A - \lambda I)x = 0$$
;  $x \neq 0$ 

$$\lambda = 1: (A - I)x = \mathbf{0} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 3 \\ -3 & -6 & -3 \\ 3 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \implies x = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = -2: (A + 2I)x = \mathbf{0} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & 3 \\ -3 & -3 & -3 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \implies x = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{\text{Ex 7}} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 \\ -2 & -5 & -3 \\ 3 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow PDP^{-1} ???$$

Step 3: Diagonalization matrix: 
$$P = [v_1 \ v_2 \ v_3] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 4: Diagonal matrix: 
$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 5: Kontrol: 
$$AP = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 \\ -2 & -5 & -3 \\ 3 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$PD = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = AP$$

# Todays words and concepts

Eigenspace

Eigenvector

Characteristic Polynomial

Diagonalization

Similarity

Eigenvalue

Diagonalization matrix

Characteristic Equation