

Written HW 10 (due 4/8)
7.1: 4, 6, 12, 16, 18

Diagonal matrices are great!

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 2^3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0^3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1^3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{rank}(A) &= 3 \\ \det(A) &= 2 \cdot 0 \cdot 1 \cdot 3 = 0 \\ \text{Basis for } \ker(A) &= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \\ &= \mathbf{e}_2'' \end{aligned}$$

Thm A diagonalizable $\Leftrightarrow A$ has an eigenbasis.
(A is similar to a diagonal matrix)

Def For a linear transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ given by $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$,
 $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ for $\vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$ is called an eigenvector of A or T if
 $A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$ for some scalar λ .

λ is the eigenvalue associated to \vec{v} .

A basis $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$ is called an eigenbasis of A or T if
every \vec{v}_i is an eigenvector of A or T .

Eg $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ has eigenvectors $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ with eigenvalue $\lambda_1 = 1$

Together $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$ is an eigenbasis of A . $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ with eigenvalue $\lambda_2 = -1$

$$\Rightarrow A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

\vec{v}_1 \vec{v}_2 Satisfies $S^{-1}AS = B$

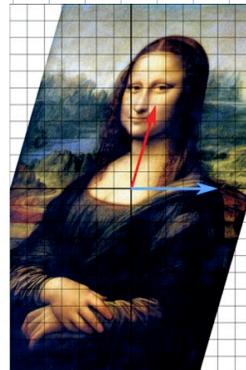
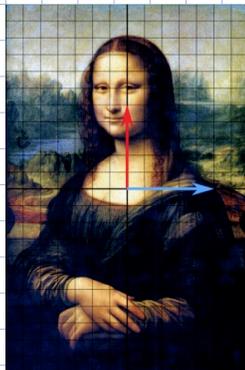
b) $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ k & 1 \end{pmatrix}$:

(Wikipedia)

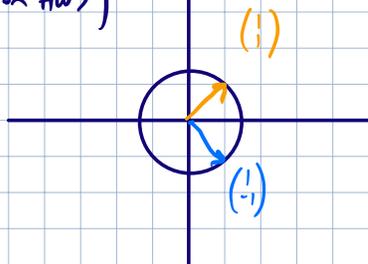
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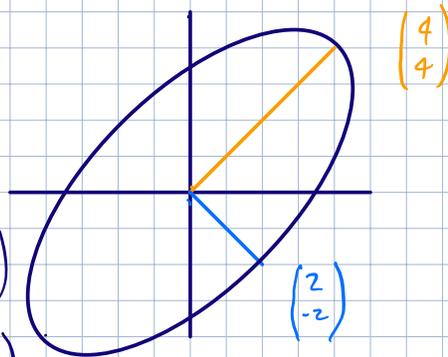
$\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ is an eigenvector



c)
(From HW9)



$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = 4 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

\vec{v}_1 is an eigenvector with eigenvalue 4.
 \vec{v}_2 is an eigenvector with eigenvalue 2.

Finding Eigenvalues

$$A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v} \Leftrightarrow A\vec{v} - \lambda\vec{v} = \vec{0}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow A\vec{v} - \lambda I_n \vec{v} = \vec{0}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (A - \lambda I_n) \vec{v} = \vec{0}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \vec{v} \in \ker(A - \lambda I_n)$$

Polynomial in λ
called "characteristic polynomial"

If $\vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$, this can only happen if $\det(A - \lambda I_n) = 0$.

"Characteristic equation"

Ex a) $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $\det(A - \lambda I_2) = \det \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda & -1 \\ -1 & -\lambda \end{pmatrix}$

$$A - \lambda I_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda & -1 \\ -1 & -\lambda \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda & -1 \\ -1 & -\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= (-\lambda)^2 - (-1)^2 = \lambda^2 - 1$$

$$\text{Solve } \lambda^2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow (\lambda - 1)(\lambda + 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 1, -1.$$

So, 1 and -1 are the eigenvalues of A.

b) $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$ $\det(A - \lambda I_3) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 1-\lambda & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4-\lambda & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 6-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$

$$= (1-\lambda)(4-\lambda)(6-\lambda)$$

Solve $(1-\lambda)(4-\lambda)(6-\lambda) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 1, 4, 6$ are the eigenvalues of A.

Thm The eigenvalues of a triangular matrix are its diagonal entries.

For any 2×2 matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$, $\det(A - \lambda I_2) = \det \begin{pmatrix} a-\lambda & b \\ c & d-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$

$$= (a-\lambda)(d-\lambda) - bc$$
$$= ad - \lambda(a+d) + \lambda^2 - bc$$
$$= \underbrace{ad - bc}_{\det(A)} - \lambda \underbrace{(a+d)}_{\text{sum of the diagonal entries}} + \lambda^2$$

"trace of A , $\text{tr}(A)$ "

Def For an $n \times n$ matrix A , $\text{tr}(A) = a_{11} + a_{22} + \dots + a_{nn}$, sum of diagonal entries

Eg a) $\text{tr} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = 1 + 4 = 5$ b) $\text{tr} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix} = 1 + 4 + 6 = 11$

Thm a) For 2×2 matrix A ,

$$\det(A - \lambda I_2) = \lambda^2 - (\text{tr}(A))\lambda + \det(A)$$

b) For $n \times n$ matrix A , $\det(A - \lambda I_n)$ is a degree n polynomial of the form $(-\lambda)^n + \text{tr}(A)(-\lambda)^{n-1} + \dots + \det(A)$

$$= (-1)^n \lambda^n + (-1)^{n-1} \text{tr}(A) \lambda^{n-1} + \dots + \det(A).$$

Eg $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $\det A = 0 + 1 + 1 - 0 - 0 - 0 = 2$

$\text{tr} A = 0$

Thm (b) \Rightarrow Characteristic poly: $-\lambda^3 + 0 \cdot \lambda^2 + ?? \lambda + 2$

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -\lambda \end{pmatrix} = (-\lambda)^3 + 1 + 1 - (-\lambda) - (-\lambda) - (-\lambda)$$
$$= -\lambda^3 + 3\lambda + 2 \quad (\text{matches thm } \checkmark)$$
$$= (\lambda+1)(-\lambda^2 + \lambda + 2)$$
$$= -(\lambda+1)^2(\lambda-2)$$

So, eigenvalues are -1 and 2 .

Notice -1 is a root of characteristic polynomial twice.

Def An eigenvalue λ_0 of $n \times n$ matrix A has algebraic multiplicity k if

characteristic polynomial $f_A(\lambda) = (\lambda_0 - \lambda)^k g(\lambda)$ for some polynomial $g(\lambda)$ such that $g(\lambda_0) \neq 0$.

Eg -1 is an eigenvalue of $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ with alg mult 2.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Eg } A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} &\leadsto \det(A - \lambda I_3) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 4-\lambda & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 3-\lambda & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2-\lambda \end{pmatrix} = (4-\lambda)(3-\lambda)(2-\lambda) + 0 + 0 \\ &\quad - (-1)(3-\lambda)(1) - 0 - 0 \\ &= 24 - (8+6+12)\lambda + 9\lambda^2 - \lambda^3 + 3 - \lambda \\ &= 27 - 27\lambda + 9\lambda^2 - \lambda^3 \\ &= (\lambda-3)(-\lambda^2+6\lambda-9) \\ &= (\lambda-3)^3 \end{aligned}$$

So eigenvalue 3 occurs with alg mult 3.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Eg } A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} &\leadsto \det \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1-\lambda \end{pmatrix} = \lambda^2(1-\lambda) + 0 + 0 - 0 - 0 - (-1)(-1)(1) \\ &= \lambda^2(1-\lambda) + 1 - \lambda \\ &= (\lambda^2+1)(1-\lambda) \end{aligned}$$

$$\underbrace{(\lambda^2+1)}_{\text{no real solutions}}(1-\lambda) = 0 \quad \lambda = 1 \text{ is a solution.}$$

So, only eigenvalue is $\lambda = 1$ with alg mult 1.

Thm a) An $n \times n$ matrix A has **at most** n real eigenvalues (counted with multiplicity)

b) If n is odd, an $n \times n$ matrix has **at least** one real eigenvalue.

Why? Zeros of deg n polynomials.