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# Eigen Value Problem

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# TYPES OF MATRICES

## Row matrix or vector

Any number of columns but only one row

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \cdots a_{1n} \end{bmatrix}$$

## Rectangular matrix

Contains more than one element and number of rows is not equal to the number of columns

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 7 \\ 7 & -7 \\ 7 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$m \neq n$$

## Square matrix

The number of rows is equal to the number of columns

(a square matrix **A** has an order of  $m$ )  $m \times m$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 9 & 9 & 0 \\ 6 & 6 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The principal or main diagonal of a square matrix is composed of all elements  $a_{ij}$  for which  $i=j$

## Diagonal matrix

A square matrix where all the elements are zero except those on the main diagonal

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

i.e.  $a_{ij} = 0$  for all  $i \neq j$

$a_{ij} = 0$  for some or all  $i \neq j$



## Unit or Identity matrix - **I**

A diagonal matrix with ones on the main diagonal

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} a_{ij} & 0 \\ 0 & a_{ij} \end{bmatrix}$$

i.e.  $a_{ij} = 0$  for all  $i \neq j$

$a_{ij} = 1$  for some or all  $i = j$

## Null (zero) matrix - 0

All elements in the matrix are zero

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a_{ij} = 0 \quad \text{For all } i, j$$

## Triangular matrix

A square matrix whose elements above or below the main diagonal are all zero

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 8 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Upper triangular matrix

A square matrix whose elements below the main diagonal are all zero

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{ij} & a_{ij} & a_{ij} \\ 0 & a_{ij} & a_{ij} \\ 0 & 0 & a_{ij} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 8 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 7 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 7 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

i.e.  $a_{ij} = 0$  for all  $i > j$

## Lower triangular matrix

A square matrix whose elements above the main diagonal are all zero

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{ij} & 0 & 0 \\ a_{ij} & a_{ij} & 0 \\ a_{ij} & a_{ij} & a_{ij} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

i.e.  $a_{ij} = 0$  for all  $i < j$

## Definitions

### Symmetric, Skew-Symmetric, and Orthogonal Matrices

A *real* square matrix  $\mathbf{A} = [a_{jk}]$  is called  
**symmetric** if transposition leaves it unchanged,

$$(1) \quad \mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{A}, \quad \text{thus} \quad a_{kj} = a_{jk},$$

**skew-symmetric** if transposition gives the negative of  $\mathbf{A}$ ,

$$(2) \quad \mathbf{A}^T = -\mathbf{A}, \quad \text{thus} \quad a_{kj} = -a_{jk},$$

**orthogonal** if transposition gives the inverse of  $\mathbf{A}$ ,

$$(3) \quad \mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{A}^{-1}.$$

# Linear Equations

Linear equations are common and important for survey problems

Matrices can be used to express these linear equations and aid in the computation of unknown values

Example

$n$  equations in  $n$  unknowns, the  $a_{ij}$  are numerical coefficients, the  $b_i$  are constants and the  $x_j$  are unknowns

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \cdots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2$$

$$\vdots$$

$$a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{nn}x_n = b_n$$

# Linear Equations

The equations may be expressed in the form

$$\mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{B}$$

where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n1} \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}, X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$n \times n$                        $n \times 1$                        $n \times 1$

Number of unknowns = number of equations =  $n$



# Eigen values and Eigen vectors

- A matrix eigenvalue problem considers the vector equation

$$AX = \lambda X \quad (1)$$

Here  $\mathbf{A}$  is a given square matrix,  $\lambda$  an unknown scalar, and  $\mathbf{x}$  an unknown vector. In a matrix eigenvalue problem, the task is to determine  $\lambda$ 's and  $\mathbf{x}$ 's that satisfy (1). Since  $X = 0$  is always a solution for any  $\lambda$  and thus not interesting, we only admit solutions with  $X \neq 0$ . The solutions to (1) are given the following names: The  $\lambda$ 's that satisfy (1) are called **eigenvalues** or **characteristic value** of  $\mathbf{A}$  and the corresponding nonzero  $\mathbf{x}$ 's that also satisfy (1) are called **eigenvectors** or **characteristic vectors** of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

The set of all the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  is called the **spectrum** of  $\mathbf{A}$ . We shall see that the spectrum consists of at least one eigenvalue and at most of  $n$  numerically different eigenvalues. The largest of the absolute values of the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  is called the *spectral radius* of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

# APPLICATION OF EIGEN VALUE PROBLEM

From this rather innocent looking vector equation flows an amazing amount of relevant theory and an incredible richness of applications. Indeed, eigenvalue problems come up all the time in engineering, physics, geometry, numeric, theoretical mathematics, biology, environmental science, urban planning, economics, psychology, and other areas. Thus, in your career you are likely to encounter eigenvalue problems. In applications ranging from mass–spring systems of physics to population control models of environmental science.

# What is Eigen Value Problem

- Let us consider multiplying nonzero vectors by a given square matrix, such as

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 3 \\ 4 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 33 \\ 27 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 3 \\ 4 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 30 \\ 40 \end{bmatrix}$$

We can see the influence of the multiplication of the given matrix on the vectors.

**Case-I:** Here we get a totally new vector with a different direction and different length as compared to the original vector. Which usually happens and is of no interest

**Case-II:** The multiplication produces a vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 30 & 40 \end{bmatrix}^T = 10 \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}^T$  which means the new vector has the same direction as the original vector. The scale constant, which we denote by  $\lambda$  is 10. *The problem of systematically finding such  $\lambda$ 's and nonzero vectors for a given square matrix is called the matrix eigenvalue problem or, more commonly, the eigenvalue problem.*

# The Matrix Eigenvalue Problem. Determining Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

This example illustrates the general case as follows. Equation (1) written in components is

$$a_{11}x_1 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n = \lambda x_1$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + \cdots + a_{2n}x_n = \lambda x_2$$

.....

$$a_{n1}x_1 + \cdots + a_{nn}x_n = \lambda x_n.$$

Transferring the terms on the right side to the left side, we have

$$(a_{11} - \lambda)x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n = 0$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + (a_{22} - \lambda)x_2 + \cdots + a_{2n}x_n = 0$$

.....

$$a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + \cdots + (a_{nn} - \lambda)x_n = 0.$$

(2)

In matrix notation,

$$(3) \quad (\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I})\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}.$$

this homogeneous linear system of equations has a nontrivial solution if and only if the corresponding determinant of the coefficients is zero:

$$(4) \quad D(\lambda) = \det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} - \lambda & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} - \lambda & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$

$\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}$  is called the **characteristic matrix** and  $D(\lambda)$  the **characteristic determinant** of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Equation (4) is called the **characteristic equation** of  $\mathbf{A}$ . By developing  $D(\lambda)$  we obtain a polynomial of  $n$ th degree in  $\lambda$ . This is called the **characteristic polynomial** of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

# Properties of Eigen Values and Eigen Vectors

- Any square matrix and its transpose have same Eigen values
- Sum of elements of principal diagonal of a matrix is called 'Trace of A'.
- Sum of Eigen values of a matrix is equal to 'Trace of A'.
- Product of Eigen values of a matrix is equal to 'determinant of A'.
- For Upper triangular, Lower triangular and diagonal matrices Eigen values are given by the diagonal elements.

- If  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  are the Eigen values of a matrix  $A$  then the Eigen values of

$$kA \text{ are } k\lambda_1, k\lambda_2$$

$$A^m \text{ are } \lambda_1^m, \lambda_2^m$$

$$A^{-1} \text{ are } \frac{1}{\lambda_1}, \frac{1}{\lambda_2}$$

$$\text{adj}A \text{ are } \frac{|A|}{\lambda_1}, \frac{|A|}{\lambda_2}$$

- Eigen vector  $X$  of a matrix is not unique.
- Two Eigen vector  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are called orthogonal if  $X_1 \cdot X_2' = 0$ .
- The order of an eigenvalue  $\lambda$  as a root of the characteristic polynomial is called the **algebraic multiplicity** of  $\lambda$ .
- The number of free variables in eigenvectors corresponding to  $\lambda$  is called the **geometric multiplicity**



# Similarity of Matrices. Diagonalization

## DEFINITION

### Similar Matrices. Similarity Transformation

An  $n \times n$  matrix **B** is called **similar** to an  $n \times n$  matrix **A** if

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}$$

for some (nonsingular!)  $n \times n$  matrix **P**. This transformation, which gives **B** from **A**, is called a **similarity transformation**.

# Theorem

## Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors of Similar Matrices

*If  $\mathbf{B}$  is similar to  $\mathbf{A}$ , then  $\mathbf{B}$  has the same eigenvalues as  $\mathbf{A}$ .*

*Furthermore, if  $\mathbf{x}$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}$ , then  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{x}$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{B}$  corresponding to the same eigenvalue.*

# Theorem

## Diagonalization of a Matrix

*If an  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  has  $n$  eigenvectors, then*

$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{X}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}$$

*is diagonal, with the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  as the entries on the main diagonal. Here  $\mathbf{X}$  is the matrix with these eigenvectors as column vectors. Also,*

$$\mathbf{D}^m = \mathbf{X}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^m\mathbf{X} \quad (m = 2, 3, \dots).$$

## EXAMPLE Diagonalization

Diagonalize

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 7.3 & 0.2 & -3.7 \\ -11.5 & 1.0 & 5.5 \\ 17.7 & 1.8 & -9.3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

*Solution.*

The characteristic determinant gives the characteristic equation  $-\lambda^3 - \lambda^2 + 12\lambda = 0$ . The roots (eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$ ) are  $\lambda_1 = 3$ ,  $\lambda_2 = -4$ ,  $\lambda_3 = 0$ . By the Gauss elimination applied to  $(\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I})\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  with  $\lambda = \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$  we find eigenvectors and then  $\mathbf{X}^{-1}$ .

**Note:**

**1. For characteristic equation of order  $3 \times 3$**   $\lambda^3 - (\text{tracA})\lambda^2 + (A_{11} + A_{22} + A_{33})\lambda - |A| = 0$ .

**2. For characteristic equation of order  $2 \times 2$**   
 $\lambda^2 + (\text{tracA})\lambda - |A| = 0$ .

The results are

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{X}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.7 & 0.2 & 0.3 \\ -1.3 & -0.2 & 0.7 \\ 0.8 & 0.2 & -0.2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Calculating  $\mathbf{AX}$  and multiplying by  $\mathbf{X}^{-1}$  from the left, we thus obtain

$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{X}^{-1}\mathbf{AX} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.7 & 0.2 & 0.3 \\ -1.3 & -0.2 & 0.7 \\ 0.8 & 0.2 & -0.2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -4 & 0 \\ 9 & 4 & 0 \\ -3 & -12 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Ex : Eigenvalue problems and diagonalization programs

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

**Sol:** Characteristic equation:

$$|\lambda I - A| = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 1 & -3 & 0 \\ -3 & \lambda - 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda + 2 \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda - 4)(\lambda + 2)^2 = 0$$

The eigenvalues :  $\lambda_1 = 4$ ,  $\lambda_2 = -2$ ,  $\lambda_3 = -2$

$$(1) \lambda = 4 \Rightarrow \text{the eigenvector } \mathbf{p}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(2) \lambda = -2 \Rightarrow \text{the eigenvector } \mathbf{p}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{p}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P = [\mathbf{p}_1 \quad \mathbf{p}_2 \quad \mathbf{p}_3] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } P^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

▪ **Note:** If  $P = [\mathbf{p}_2 \quad \mathbf{p}_1 \quad \mathbf{p}_3]$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow P^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$



- Ex : A matrix that is not diagonalizable

Show that the following matrix is not diagonalizable

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

**Sol:** Characteristic equation:

$$|\lambda I - A| = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 1 & -2 \\ 0 & \lambda - 1 \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda - 1)^2 = 0$$

The eigenvalue  $\lambda_1 = 1$ , and then solve  $(\lambda_1 I - A)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  for eigenvectors

$$\lambda_1 I - A = I - A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{eigenvector } \mathbf{p}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since  $A$  does not have two linearly independent eigenvectors,  $A$  is not diagonalizable

- Ex : Diagonalizing a matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ -3 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find a matrix  $P$  such that  $P^{-1}AP$  is diagonal.

**Sol:** Characteristic equation:

$$|\lambda I - A| = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & \lambda - 3 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & \lambda + 1 \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda - 2)(\lambda + 2)(\lambda - 3) = 0$$

The eigenvalues :  $\lambda_1 = 2$ ,  $\lambda_2 = -2$ ,  $\lambda_3 = 3$

$$\lambda_1 = 2 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 I - A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{G.-J. E.}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -t \\ 0 \\ t \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{eigenvector } \mathbf{p}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2 = -2 \Rightarrow \lambda_2 I - A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -5 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{G.-J. E.}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{4} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4}t \\ -\frac{1}{4}t \\ t \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{eigenvector } \mathbf{p}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_3 = 3 \Rightarrow \lambda_3 I - A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{G.-J. E.}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -t \\ t \\ t \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{eigenvector } \mathbf{p}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P = [\mathbf{p}_1 \quad \mathbf{p}_2 \quad \mathbf{p}_3] = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and it follows that}$$

$$P^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Note: a quick way to calculate  $A^k$  based on the diagonalization technique

$$(1) D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow D^k = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^k & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2^k & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n^k \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(2) D = P^{-1}AP \Rightarrow D^k = \underbrace{P^{-1}AP}_{\text{repeat } k \text{ times}} \underbrace{P^{-1}AP} \cdots \underbrace{P^{-1}AP} = P^{-1}A^kP$$

$$A^k = PD^kP^{-1}, \text{ where } D^k = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^k & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2^k & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n^k \end{bmatrix}$$

- Ex : Determining whether a matrix is diagonalizable

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

Normalised form of vector  $X = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$  is

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} a/\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} \\ b/\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} \\ c/\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

## Some Applications of Eigenvalue Problems

### Stretching of an Elastic Membrane

An elastic membrane in the  $x_1x_2$ -plane with boundary circle  $x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 1$  is stretched so that a point  $P: (x_1, x_2)$  goes over into the point  $Q: (y_1, y_2)$  given by

$$(1) \quad \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \begin{aligned} y_1 &= 5x_1 + 3x_2 \\ y_2 &= 3x_1 + 5x_2. \end{aligned}$$

in components,

Find the **principal directions**, that is, the directions of the position vector  $\mathbf{x}$  of  $P$  for which the direction of the position vector  $\mathbf{y}$  of  $Q$  is the same or exactly opposite. What shape does the boundary circle take under this deformation?

***Solution.***

We are looking for vectors  $\mathbf{x}$  such that  $\mathbf{y} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$ . Since  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$ , this gives  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$ , the equation of an eigenvalue problem. In components,  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$  is

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 5x_1 + 3x_2 = \lambda x_1 & & (5 - \lambda)x_1 + 3x_2 = 0 \\ (2) \quad 3x_1 + 5x_2 = \lambda x_2 & \text{or} & 3x_1 + (5 - \lambda)x_2 = 0. \end{array}$$

The characteristic equation is

$$(3) \quad \begin{vmatrix} 5 - \lambda & 3 \\ 3 & 5 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (5 - \lambda)^2 - 9 = 0.$$



Its solutions are  $\lambda_1 = 8$  and  $\lambda_2 = 2$ . These are the eigenvalues of our problem. For  $\lambda_1 = 8$ , our system (2) becomes

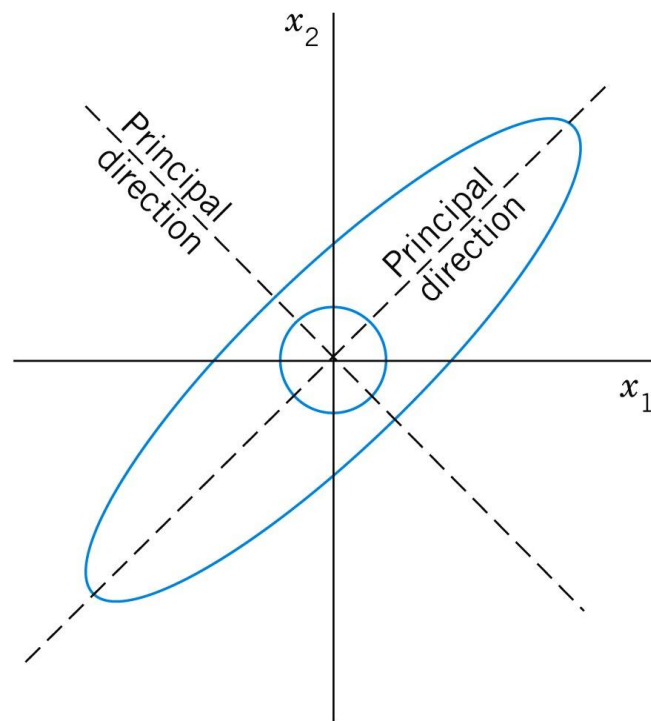
$$\begin{array}{l|l} -3x_1 + 3x_2 = 0, & \text{Solution } x_2 = x_1, x_1 \text{ arbitrary,} \\ 3x_1 - 3x_2 = 0. & \text{for instance, } x_1 = x_2 = 1. \end{array}$$

For  $\lambda_2 = 2$ , our system (2) becomes

$$\begin{array}{l|l} 3x_1 + 3x_2 = 0, & \text{Solution } x_2 = -x_1, x_1 \text{ arbitrary,} \\ 3x_1 + 3x_2 = 0. & \text{for instance, } x_1 = 1, x_2 = -1. \end{array}$$

We thus obtain as eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}$ , for instance,  $[1 \ 1]^T$  corresponding to  $\lambda_1$  and  $[1 \ -1]^T$  corresponding to  $\lambda_2$  (or a nonzero scalar multiple of these). These vectors make  $45^\circ$  and  $135^\circ$  angles with the positive  $x_1$ -direction. They give the principal directions, the answer to our problem.

The eigenvalues show that in the principal directions the membrane is stretched by factors 8 and 2, respectively



Accordingly, if we choose the principal directions as directions of a new Cartesian  $u_1u_2$  coordinate system, say, with the positive  $u_1$ -semi-axis in the first quadrant and the positive  $u_2$ -semi-axis in the second quadrant of the  $x_1x_2$ -system, and if we set  $u_1 = r \cos \varphi$ ,  $u_2 = r \sin \varphi$ , then a boundary point of the unstretched circular membrane has coordinates  $\cos \varphi, \sin \varphi$ . Hence, after the stretch we have

$$z_1 = 8 \cos \varphi, z_2 = 2 \sin \varphi.$$

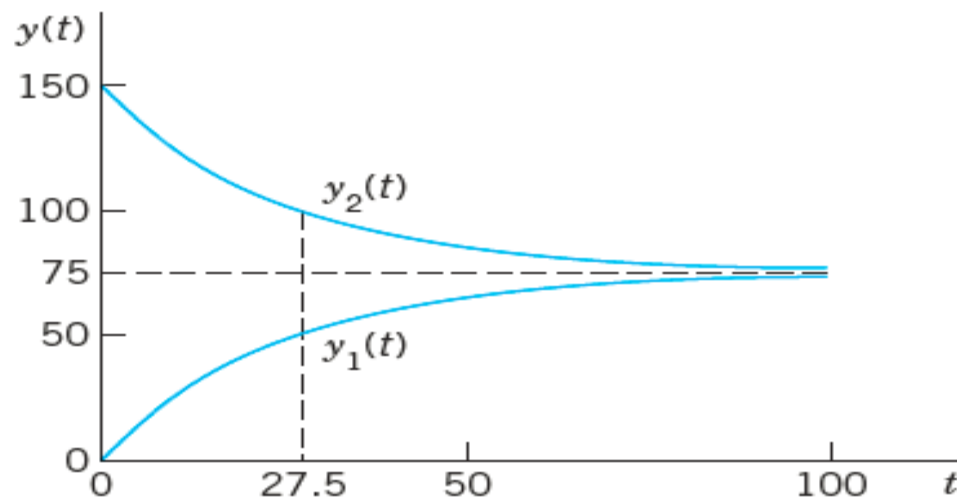
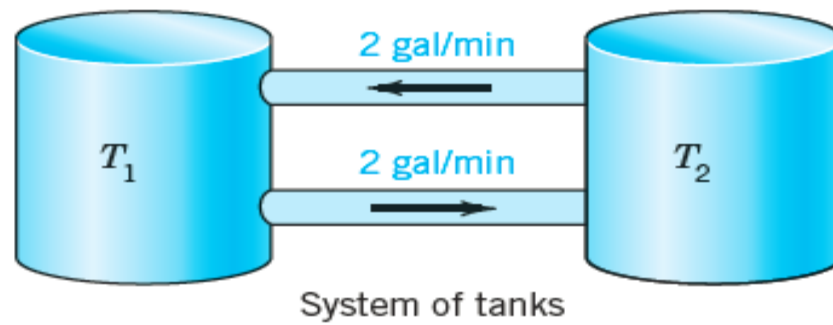
Since  $\cos^2 \varphi + \sin^2 \varphi = 1$ , this shows that the deformed boundary is an ellipse

(4)

$$\frac{z_1^2}{8^2} + \frac{z_2^2}{2^2} = 1.$$

## Mixing Problem Involving Two Tanks

Tank  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  in Fig. 78 contain initially 100 gal of water each. In  $T_1$  the water is pure, whereas 150 lb of fertilizer are dissolved in  $T_2$ . By circulating liquid at a rate of 2 gal/min and stirring (to keep the mixture uniform) the amounts of fertilizer  $y_1(t)$  in  $T_1$  and  $y_2(t)$  in  $T_2$  change with time  $t$ . How long should we let the liquid circulate so that  $T_1$  will contain at least half as much fertilizer as there will be left in  $T_2$ ?



Fertilizer content in Tanks  $T_1$  (lower curve) and  $T_2$

**Solution.** *Step 1. Setting up the model.* As for a single tank, the time rate of change  $y_1'(t)$  of  $y_1(t)$  equals inflow minus outflow. Similarly for tank  $T_2$ . From Fig. 78 we see that

$$y_1' = \text{Inflow/min} - \text{Outflow/min} = \frac{2}{100} y_2 - \frac{2}{100} y_1 \quad (\text{Tank } T_1)$$

$$y_2' = \text{Inflow/min} - \text{Outflow/min} = \frac{2}{100} y_1 - \frac{2}{100} y_2 \quad (\text{Tank } T_2).$$

Hence the mathematical model of our mixture problem is the system of first-order ODEs

$$y_1' = -0.02y_1 + 0.02y_2 \quad (\text{Tank } T_1)$$

$$y_2' = 0.02y_1 - 0.02y_2 \quad (\text{Tank } T_2).$$

As a vector equation with column vector  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$  and matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  this becomes

$$\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y}, \quad \text{where} \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.02 & 0.02 \\ 0.02 & -0.02 \end{bmatrix}.$$

This gives two eigenvectors corresponding to  $\lambda_1 = 0$  and  $\lambda_2 = -0.04$ , respectively, namely,

$$\mathbf{x}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{x}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

we thus obtain a solution

$$(3) \quad \mathbf{y} = c_1 \mathbf{x}^{(1)} e^{\lambda_1 t} + c_2 \mathbf{x}^{(2)} e^{\lambda_2 t} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-0.04t}$$



**Step 3. Use of initial conditions.** The initial conditions are  $y_1(0) = 0$  (no fertilizer in tank  $T_1$ ) and  $y_2(0) = 150$ . From this and (3) with  $t = 0$  we obtain

$$\mathbf{y}(0) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 + c_2 \\ c_1 - c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 150 \end{bmatrix}.$$

In components this is  $c_1 + c_2 = 0$ ,  $c_1 - c_2 = 150$ . The solution is  $c_1 = 75$ ,  $c_2 = -75$ . This gives the answer

$$\mathbf{y} = 75\mathbf{x}^{(1)} - 75\mathbf{x}^{(2)}e^{-0.04t} = 75 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - 75 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-0.04t}.$$

In components,

$$y_1 = 75 - 75e^{-0.04t} \quad (\text{Tank } T_1, \text{ lower curve})$$

$$y_2 = 75 + 75e^{-0.04t} \quad (\text{Tank } T_2, \text{ upper curve}).$$

Figure 78 shows the exponential increase of  $y_1$  and the exponential decrease of  $y_2$  to the common limit 75 lb.

**Step 4. Answer.**  $T_1$  contains half the fertilizer amount of  $T_2$  if it contains  $1/3$  of the total amount, that is, 50 lb. Thus

$$y_1 = 75 - 75e^{-0.04t} = 50, \quad e^{-0.04t} = \frac{1}{3}, \quad t = (\ln 3)/0.04 = 27.5.$$

Hence the fluid should circulate for at least about half an hour. 

## Mass on a Spring

To gain confidence in the conversion method, let us apply it to an old friend of ours, modeling the free motions of a mass on a spring (see Sec. 2.4)

$$my'' + cy' + ky = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad y'' = -\frac{c}{m}y' - \frac{k}{m}y.$$

For this ODE (8) the system (10) is linear and homogeneous,

$$y_1' = y_2$$

$$y_2' = -\frac{k}{m}y_1 - \frac{c}{m}y_2.$$

Setting  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$ , we get in matrix form

$$\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{c}{m} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The characteristic equation is

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{c}{m} - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 + \frac{c}{m}\lambda + \frac{k}{m} = 0.$$

It agrees with that in Sec. 2.4. For an illustrative computation, let  $m = 1$ ,  $c = 2$ , and  $k = 0.75$ . Then

$$\lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 0.75 = (\lambda + 0.5)(\lambda + 1.5) = 0.$$

This gives the eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = -0.5$  and  $\lambda_2 = -1.5$ . Eigenvectors follow from the first equation in  $\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I} = \mathbf{0}$ , which is  $-\lambda x_1 + x_2 = 0$ . For  $\lambda_1$  this gives  $0.5x_1 + x_2 = 0$ , say,  $x_1 = 2$ ,  $x_2 = -1$ . For  $\lambda_2 = -1.5$  it gives  $1.5x_1 + x_2 = 0$ , say,  $x_1 = 1$ ,  $x_2 = -1.5$ . These eigenvectors

$$\mathbf{x}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1.5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{give} \quad \mathbf{y} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} e^{-0.5t} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1.5 \end{bmatrix} e^{-1.5t}.$$

This vector solution has the first component

$$y = y_1 = 2c_1 e^{-0.5t} + c_2 e^{-1.5t}$$

which is the expected solution. The second component is its derivative

$$y_2 = y_1' = y' = -c_1 e^{-0.5t} - 1.5c_2 e^{-1.5t}.$$