

Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

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1 Preliminaries

1.1 Subspaces

- \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C} field of real and complex numbers.
- Colspace of $\mathbf{A}^{m \times n}$:

$$\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}) := \text{span} \{ \text{Cols}(\mathbf{A}) \} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$$

And $\text{Dim}(\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A})) = r$. r is rank of \mathbf{A} .

- Rowspace of $\mathbf{A}^{m \times n}$:

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}) := \text{span} \{ \text{Rows}(\mathbf{A}) \} = \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{A}^\top) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$$

And $\text{Dim}(\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A})) = r$.

- Nullspace of $\mathbf{A}^{m \times n}$:

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) := \{ \mathbf{x} : \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = 0 \} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$$

$\text{Dim}(\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})) = n - r$.

- $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^\top) := \{ \mathbf{x} : \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{x} = 0 \} \subset \mathbb{R}^m$. $\text{Dim}(\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^\top)) = m - r$.

2 Properties

2.1 Eigval

- Eigval λ , eigvec \mathbf{v} such that: $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}$.
- $c\mathbf{v}$ is also an eigvec corresponding to λ , but only linearly indep. eigvecs are counted.

2.2 Characteristic Polynomial

- \mathbf{A} is $n \times n$ square, then the characteristic polynomial of \mathbf{A} is defined as.

$$P_{\mathbf{A}}(t) := \det(t\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})$$

- λ is eigval of $\mathbf{A} \iff P_{\mathbf{A}}(\lambda) = 0 \iff \lambda$ is root of $P_{\mathbf{A}}(t) = 0$.

Proof. (\Rightarrow) λ is eigval of \mathbf{A} : $(\lambda\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})\mathbf{v} = 0$.

\mathbf{v} is an eigvec of \mathbf{A} , so $\mathbf{v} \neq 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$. Hence $\text{Dim}(\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})) > 0 \Rightarrow r < n$. \square

- $P_{\mathbf{A}}(t)$ can be represented as, since we know the roots,

$$P_{\mathbf{A}}(t) = \prod_{j=1}^n (t - \lambda_j)$$

- \mathbf{D} being diagonal matrix, then $P_{\mathbf{D}} = \prod_{j=1}^n (t - d_j)$, which implies that $\lambda_j = d_j$, diagonal entries. Moreover, $\mathbf{D}\mathbf{e}_j = d_j\mathbf{e}_j$, so the j -th eigvec is \mathbf{e}_j unit vec.
- \mathbf{L} being lower triangular, then $P_{\mathbf{L}} = \prod_{j=1}^n (t - L_{jj})$, which implies that $\lambda_j = d_j$. The last col of lower tri is $L_{nn}\mathbf{e}_n$, therefore $\mathbf{L}\mathbf{e}_n = L_{nn}\mathbf{e}_n$, i.e. the last eigvec is \mathbf{e}_n unit vector. We can not tell about other eigvecs. Similar for \mathbf{U} . $\mathbf{U}\mathbf{e}_1 = U_{11}\mathbf{e}_1$, i.e. the first eigvec of \mathbf{U} is \mathbf{e}_1 unit vector.

2.3 Multiplicity

- $\lambda(\mathbf{A})$ is the set of all eigvals of \mathbf{A} , it is actually the spectrum of \mathbf{A} .
- If $\lambda \in \lambda(\mathbf{A})$ is a root of multiplicity m_λ of $P_{\mathbf{A}}(t) = 0$, define m_λ as multiplicity of eigval λ .
- Square matrix \mathbf{A} has exactly n eigvals ($\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$), counted with multiplicity, i.e.

$$\sum_{\lambda \in \lambda(\mathbf{A})} m_\lambda = n$$

This is because, due to fundamental principal of algebra, $P_{\mathbf{A}}(t) = 0$ has exactly n roots, counted with multiplicity.

2.4 Eigspace

- Eigspace (eigspace) of λ : $V_\lambda := \{\mathbf{v} : \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}\}$, i.e. the set of all eigvecs corresponding to λ . $\text{Dim}(V_\lambda)$ is the number of linearly indep. eigvecs corresponding to λ . We have

$$1 \leq \text{Dim}(V_\lambda) \leq m_\lambda$$

Thm. eigvecs corresponding to *different* eigvals of \mathbf{A} are linearly indep.

Proof. Let $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$ correspond to different eigvals of \mathbf{A} : $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_p$ ($p \leq n$).

It suffices to show

$$c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_p\mathbf{v}_p = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow c_1 = \dots = c_p = 0$$

Show by contradiction: suppose otherwise, i.e.

$$(\dagger) : c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_{p-1}\mathbf{v}_{p-1} = \mathbf{v}_p$$

Apply \mathbf{A} both sides:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}(c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_{p-1}\mathbf{v}_{p-1}) &= \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_p \\ c_1\lambda_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_{p-1}\lambda_{p-1}\mathbf{v}_{p-1} &= \lambda_p\mathbf{v}_p \end{aligned}$$

$(\dagger) \times \lambda_p$, subtracted from last equation:

$$\sum_{j=1}^{p-1} c_j(\lambda_1 - \lambda_p)\mathbf{v}_j = \lambda_p\mathbf{v}_p - \lambda_p\mathbf{v}_p = 0$$

Which is not possible since $\exists c_j \neq 0$, and $(\lambda_j - \lambda_p) \neq 0 \forall j$. Contradiction. \square

2.5 Miscellaneous

- \mathbf{A} singular $\iff 0 \in \lambda(\mathbf{A})$.
Proof. $\det(0\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}) = 0 \iff \mathbf{A}$ singular. \square
- \mathbf{A} invertible. $\lambda \in \lambda(\mathbf{A})$, $\mathbf{v} \in V_\lambda(\mathbf{A})$. Then $\frac{1}{\lambda} \in \lambda(\mathbf{A}^{-1})$, $\mathbf{v} \in V_{\frac{1}{\lambda}}(\mathbf{A}^{-1})$.
Proof. $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v} \Rightarrow \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{v} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\lambda}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{v}$.

- \mathbf{A} has eigtuple (λ, \mathbf{v}) , then \mathbf{A}^k with (λ^k, \mathbf{v}) . $P(\mathbf{A})$ is a polynomial of \mathbf{A} , has eigtuple $(P(\lambda), \mathbf{v})$.

- \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{A}^\top have same eigvals.

Proof. $P_{\mathbf{A}}(t) = \det(t\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}) = \det((t\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^\top) = \det(t\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}^\top) = P_{\mathbf{A}^\top}(t)$. Thus have same roots.

- First, second and the last term of $P_{\mathbf{A}}(t)$:

$$P_{\mathbf{A}}(t) = t^n - \text{tr}(\mathbf{A})t^{n-1} + \dots + (-1)^n \det(\mathbf{A})$$

Moreover, $\sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A})$ and $\prod_{j=1}^n \lambda_j = \det(\mathbf{A})$.

Proof. $P_{\mathbf{A}}(t) = \det(t\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})$.

$P_{\mathbf{A}}(0) = \det(-\mathbf{A}) = (-1)^n \det(\mathbf{A})$.

t^n, t^{n-1} arises with prod term of diagonal entries:

$$\prod_{j=1}^n (t - A_{jj}) = t^n - t^{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^n A_{jj} + \dots$$

which have coefficients 1 and $-\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})$. Moreover

$$P_{\mathbf{A}}(t) = \prod_{j=1}^n (t - \lambda_j) = t^n - t^{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j + \dots + (-1)^n \prod_{j=1}^n \lambda_j$$

Finished the proof. \square

3 Diagonal Form

- \mathbf{A} square, \mathbf{A} is diagonalizable iff \exists diagonal $\mathbf{\Lambda}$, invertible \mathbf{V} , s.t.

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{V}^{-1}$$

Entries of $\mathbf{\Lambda}$ are eigvals of \mathbf{A} , and cols of \mathbf{V} are corresponding eigvecs.

Proof. $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Lambda}$.

$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{V} = (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_1 | \dots | \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_n)$; $\mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Lambda} = (\mathbf{V}\lambda_1\mathbf{e}_1 | \dots | \mathbf{V}\lambda_n\mathbf{e}_n) = (\mathbf{v}_1\lambda_1 | \dots | \mathbf{v}_n\lambda_n)$. \square

Since \mathbf{V} is nonsingular, $\{\mathbf{v}_k\}$ must be linearly indep.

- \mathbf{A} is diagonalizable iff it has n linearly indep. eigvecs.

- If $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{V}^{-1}$, then $\mathbf{A}^p = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Lambda}^p\mathbf{V}^{-1}$.

Proof. $\mathbf{A}^p = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{V}^{-1} \dots \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{V}^{-1} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Lambda}^p\mathbf{V}^{-1}$. \square

Similarly, $\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Lambda}^{-1}\mathbf{V}^{-1}$, and $\mathbf{A}^{-p} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Lambda}^{-p}\mathbf{V}^{-1}$.

4 Diagonally Dominant Matrices

- R_j defined as sum of absolute value of entries on j -th row except for the main diagonal one A_{jj} .

$$R_j := \sum_{k=1, k \neq j}^n |A_{jk}|$$

- \mathbf{A} is a weakly diagonal dominant matrix iff $|A_{jj}| \geq R_j$ for all $j = 1, \dots, n$.
- \mathbf{A} is a strictly diagonal dominant matrix iff $|A_{jj}| > R_j$ for all $j = 1, \dots, n$.

Thm. (**Gershgorin**) $\mathbf{A}^{n \times n}$, for any eigval λ , there exists index j , s.t.

$$|\lambda - A_{jj}| \leq R_j$$

Alternative statement:

$$\lambda(\mathbf{A}) \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^n D(A_{jj}, R_j)$$

Where $D(A_{jj}, R_j) := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - A_{jj}| \leq R_j\}$ being disc in complex field, centered at A_{jj} , with radius R_j . Let \mathbf{v} be eigval corresponding to λ , index j is actually the index of entry in \mathbf{v} who has biggest absolute value.

Proof. $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}$, $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_n)^\top$. $j = \operatorname{argmax} |v_j|$.

$\langle \mathbf{a}_j, \mathbf{v} \rangle = \lambda v_j$, angle stands for inner product, \mathbf{a}_j is j -th row of \mathbf{A} . I.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda v_j &= \sum_{i=1}^n A_{ji} v_i = A_{jj} v_j + \sum_{i=1, i \neq j}^n A_{ji} v_i \\ \lambda - A_{jj} &= \frac{1}{v_j} \sum_{i=1, i \neq j}^n A_{ji} v_i \\ |\lambda - A_{jj}| &\leq \frac{1}{|v_j|} \sum_{i=1, i \neq j}^n |A_{ji}| |v_i| = \sum_{i=1, i \neq j}^n |A_{ji}| \frac{|v_i|}{|v_j|} \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1, i \neq j}^n |A_{ji}| = R_j \end{aligned}$$