

# Finding All Eigenvalues

- Directly from the Characteristic Equation: How to efficiently obtain the Characteristic Polynomial – Faddeev-Le Verrier
- Using similarity transformation: Reduce to diagonal or triangular form – QR decomposition
- The characteristic equation,  $\det (A - \lambda I) = 0$ , may be written as

$$(-1)^n \left( \lambda^n - a_{n-1} \lambda^{n-1} - a_{n-2} \lambda^{n-2} - \dots - a_1 \lambda - a_0 \right) = 0$$

- It may be seen that  $a_{n-1} = \sum_{i=1, \dots, n} a_{ii}$ , i.e.,  $\text{trace}(A)$
- and  $a_0 = (-1)^{n+1} \det(A)$

## Finding All Eigenvalues

- Fedeev-Leverrier came up with an algorithm for obtaining all the coefficients of the polynomial.
- Set  $A_{n-1}=A$  and, as seen,  $a_{n-1}=\text{trace}(A_{n-1})$
- For  $i=n-2, n-3, \dots, 1, 0$ :
  - $A_i = A(A_{i+1} - a_{i+1} I)$ ;  $a_i = \text{trace}(A_i)/(n-i)$
- Solve using any of the methods discussed earlier to get all the eigenvalues.
- Another side-benefit is that we get the inverse of  $A$  as  $A^{-1} = [A_1 - a_1 I]/a_0$

## Faddeev-Le Verrier method: Example

- $A_i = A(A_{i+1} - a_{i+1} I); \quad a_i = \text{trace}(A_i)/(n-i) \quad A^{-1} = [A_1 - a_1 I]/a_0$
- Example:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad a_2 = 9;$

$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -2 & -1 \\ -1 & -6 & 0 \\ -4 & 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \quad a_1 = -7; \quad A_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad a_0 = 1$
- Characteristic polynomial is

$(-1) (\lambda^3 - 9 \lambda^2 + 7 \lambda - 1); \text{ Roots: } 8.16, 0.66, 0.19$
- Inverse is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -4 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Finding All Eigenvalues : Similarity Transform

- If  $A = S^{-1}BS$ , the eigenvalues of B will be same as those of A
- $S^{-1}BS x = \lambda x \Rightarrow By = \lambda y$ , where  $y = Sx \Rightarrow \det(B - \lambda I) = 0$
- A and B are said to be similar  
(Note: Eigenvectors are NOT same  $\rightarrow x$  for A and  $Sx$  for B)
- If we could perform the similarity transformation in such a way that B is diagonal or triangular, the diagonal elements will give us the eigenvalues!

## Finding All Eigenvalues : QR Method

- One of the methods is the QR method, in which  $Q$  is an **orthogonal matrix** and  $R$  is upper triangular. Since  $Q$  is orthogonal, its inverse is equal to its transpose.
- An iterative method is followed to achieve the transformation. Assumption:  $A$  has  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors.
- Orthogonal matrix is generated by using the *Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization* technique

## Orthogonalization: Gram-Schmidt Method

- If there are  $n$  linearly independent vectors, say,  $x_i$ , we can generate a set of  $n$  orthonormal vectors, say,  $y_i$ .
- Take the first orthogonal unit vector,  $y_1$ , in the direction of any one of these, say,  $x_1$ .
- To generate the second unit vector,  $y_2$ , which is orthogonal to  $y_1$ , project  $x_2$  on  $y_1$  and take

$$y_2 = \frac{x_2 - (x_2^T y_1) y_1}{\|x_2 - (x_2^T y_1) y_1\|}$$

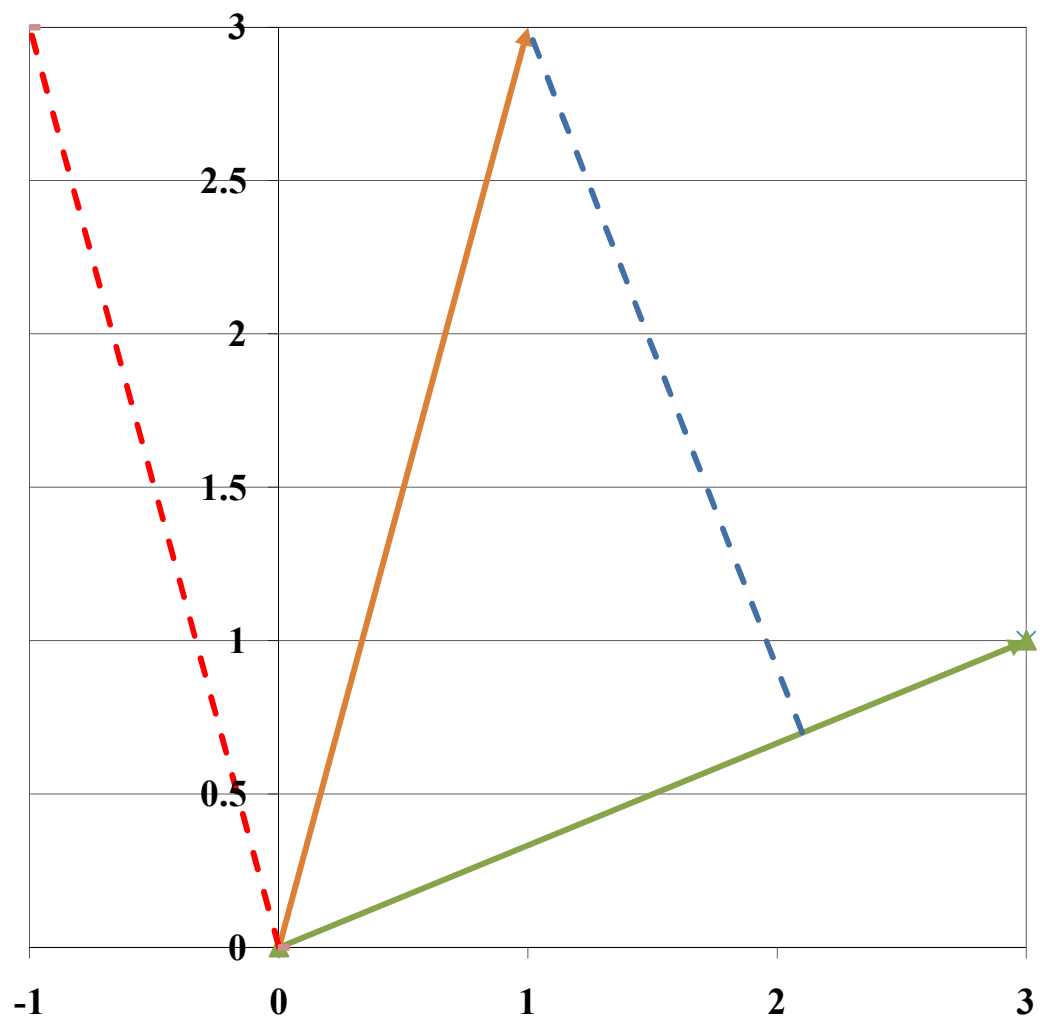
$$\text{Take } x_1 = \begin{Bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix}; x_2 = \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$y_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{Bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$x_2^T y_1 = \frac{6}{\sqrt{10}}$$

$$x_2 - (x_2^T y_1) y_1 = \begin{Bmatrix} -4/5 \\ 12/5 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$y_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{Bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{Bmatrix}$$



$$y_2 = \frac{x_2 - (x_2^T y_1) y_1}{\|x_2 - (x_2^T y_1) y_1\|}$$

## Orthogonalization: Gram-Schmidt Method

- It is easy to show that  $y_2$  is orthogonal to  $y_1$ :

$$\left(x_2 - (x_2^T y_1) y_1\right)^T y_1 = x_2^T y_1 - (x_2^T y_1) y_1^T y_1 = 0$$

- Similar philosophy is used to generate the other vectors of the orthogonal set.
- The orthogonality may be proved by showing that if the  $y_i$  are orthogonal up to  $i=k$ ,  $y_{k+1}$  is orthogonal to all  $y_i$  from  $i=1$  to  $k$ . And we have already shown it to be true for  $k=2$  (in fact,  $k=1$  will work!)



## Orthogonalization: Gram-Schmidt Method

- To generate the third unit vector,  $y_3$ , which is orthogonal to both  $y_1$  and  $y_2$ ,

$$y_3 = \frac{x_3 - (x_3^T y_1)y_1 - (x_3^T y_2)y_2}{\left\| x_3 - (x_3^T y_1)y_1 - (x_3^T y_2)y_2 \right\|}$$

- The general equation is

$$y_{k+1} = \frac{x_{k+1} - \sum_{i=1}^k (x_{k+1}^T y_i)y_i}{\left\| x_{k+1} - \sum_{i=1}^k (x_{k+1}^T y_i)y_i \right\|}$$

## Finding All Eigenvalues : QR method

- We generate an orthogonal matrix  $Q$
- We know that if  $A=S^{-1}BS$ , the eigenvalues of  $B$  will be same as those of  $A$
- Also, if  $Q$  is orthogonal, its transpose is its inverse
- If  $A=Q^TBQ$  for some  $Q$  and  $B$ , and if  $B$  is diagonal or triangular, we get the eigenvalues
- For example, since a symmetric matrix has orthogonal eigenvectors, we could construct  $Q$  by using the eigenvectors as its columns

## Finding All Eigenvalues : QR method

$$Q = [\{x_1\} \quad \{x_2\} \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \{x_n\}]$$

$$AQ = [\lambda_1 \{x_1\} \quad \lambda_2 \{x_2\} \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \lambda_n \{x_n\}] = QD$$

where D is a diagonal matrix with eigenvalues on the diagonal

Consequently,  $A = QDQ^T$

Since we don't know the eigenvectors, how to construct Q to obtain the triangular form of B? (It is easier to achieve a triangular B than a diagonal B!)

## Finding All Eigenvalues : QR method

- An iterative technique is used
- The iterative sequence is written as:
  - $A_0 = A$
  - For  $k=0,1,2,\dots$  till convergence
    - $A_k = Q_k R_k$ : Perform a QR decomposition of  $A$
    - $A_{k+1} = Q_k^T A_k Q_k = R_k Q_k$

## Finding All Eigenvalues : QR method

- The QR decomposition of A is obtained by using the Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization with columns of A as the x vectors.  $A=QR \Rightarrow R=Q^T A$ . When would R be upper triangular?
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> col of Q is orthogonal to 1<sup>st</sup> col of A:  $r_{21}=0$
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> col of Q is orthogonal to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> columns of A:  $r_{31}=r_{32}=0$ . And so on.
- If we take the first col of Q as a unit vector along the first column vector of A, Q will be orthogonal
  - Take the first column of Q as a unit vector in the same direction as the first column of A:  
 $\{q\}_1 = \{a\}_1 / |\{a\}_1|$
  - Follow the orthogonalization procedure described earlier, using subsequent columns of A

## QR method: Example

- $A_k = Q_k R_k ; R_k = Q_k^T A_k ; A_{k+1} = R_k Q_k$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}; Q = \begin{bmatrix} 0.81650 & -0.49237 & -0.30151 \\ 0.40825 & 0.86164 & -0.30151 \\ 0.40825 & 0.12309 & 0.90453 \end{bmatrix}; R = \begin{bmatrix} 2.44949 & 2.04124 & 2.04124 \\ 0 & 1.35401 & 0.61546 \\ 0 & 0 & 1.20605 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = RQ = \begin{bmatrix} 3.6667 & 0.8040 & 0.4924 \\ 0.8040 & 1.2424 & 0.1485 \\ 0.4924 & 0.1485 & 1.0909 \end{bmatrix}; Q = \begin{bmatrix} 0.9685 & -0.2155 & -0.1249 \\ 0.2124 & 0.9765 & -0.0377 \\ 0.1301 & 0.0099 & 0.9915 \end{bmatrix}; R = \begin{bmatrix} 3.7859 & 1.0619 & 0.6503 \\ 0 & 1.0414 & 0.0497 \\ 0 & 0 & 1.0145 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = RQ = \begin{bmatrix} 3.977 & 0.2276 & 0.1319 \\ 0.2276 & 1.0174 & 0.0101 \\ 0.1319 & 0.0101 & 1.0058 \end{bmatrix}$$

- After 3 iterations A is nearly diagonal

Q	0.9999	-0.0143	-0.0083
	0.0143	0.9999	-0.0002
	0.0083	0.0000	1.0000

R	3.9991	0.0717	0.0414
	0.0000	1.0002	0.0002
	0.0000	0.0000	1.0001

A	3.9999	0.0144	0.0083
	0.0144	1.0001	0.0000
	0.0083	0.0000	1.0000

- Eigenvalues of 4,1, and 1

## Finding Eigenvectors

- Once the eigenvalues are obtained, use

$$[A - \lambda I]\{x\} = \{0\}$$

to solve for  $\{x\}$

- Note that a unique solution does not exist
- It will only give the direction of the vector

- Example:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  Eigenvalues: 2 and 4

➤ For 2,  $x_1 + x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow$  Eigenvector is  $\{1, -1\}^T$

➤ For 4,  $-x_1 + x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow$  Eigenvector is  $\{1, 1\}^T$