Eigenvectors and eigenvalues: symmetric matrices.

- Symmetric Matrix A: $A = A^T$
- A is is always diagonalizable
- ullet $A = QDQ^T$, where Q is orthonormal and D always real



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Let A be real symmetric matrix then each root λ of of its characteristic polynomial is real.



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Proof eigenvalues are real

- Suppose $\lambda = h + ik$ is a complex eigenvalue and let $\bar{\lambda} = h ik$ be its complex conjugate
- Then $A \lambda I$ is singular and $det(A \lambda I) = 0$
- Let $B = (A \lambda I)(A \bar{\lambda}I)$ then $\det(B) = \det(A \lambda I) \det(A \bar{\lambda}I) = 0$ Therefore, B is singular
- $B = (A \lambda I)(A \bar{\lambda}I) = A^2 2hA + h^2I + k^2I = (A hI)^2 + k^2I$
- Since B is singular, then there exists $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$ s.t. $B\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \bar{\mathbf{0}}$.
- Multiply by $\bar{\mathbf{x}}^T$: $\bar{\mathbf{x}}^T B \bar{\mathbf{x}} = 0$
- $\bar{\mathbf{x}}^T B \bar{\mathbf{x}} = \bar{\mathbf{x}}^T (A hI)^2 \bar{\mathbf{x}} + h^2 \bar{\mathbf{x}}^T \bar{\mathbf{x}} = \bar{\mathbf{x}}^T (A hI)^T (A hI) \bar{\mathbf{x}} + h^2 \bar{\mathbf{x}}^T \bar{\mathbf{x}} = ||(A hI) \bar{\mathbf{x}}|| + h^2 \bar{\mathbf{x}}^T \bar{\mathbf{x}} = 0$ Note since A is symmetric then $(A - hI) = (A - hI)^T$
- Now $||(A hI)\bar{\mathbf{x}}|| \ge 0$ and $\bar{\mathbf{x}}^T\bar{\mathbf{x}} \ne 0$ therefore $||(A hI)\bar{\mathbf{x}}|| + h^2\bar{\mathbf{x}}^T\bar{\mathbf{x}} = 0$ iff k = 0
- Hence, $\lambda = h$ is a real number.



Eigenvectors and eigenvalues: symmetric matrices.

Let A be real symmetric matrix and $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_1, \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2$ be eigenvectors corresponding to distinct eigenvalues λ_1, λ_2 then $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_1$ and $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_2$ are orthogonal, i.e. $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_1^T \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2 = 0$.



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Proof:
$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}_1^T \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2 = 0$$

- ullet $Aar{\mathbf{x}}_1=\lambda_1ar{\mathbf{x}}_1$ and $Aar{\mathbf{x}}_2=\lambda_2ar{\mathbf{x}}_2$
- Multiply by $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_2^T$ and $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_1^T$ respectively:

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}_2^T A \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1 = \lambda_1 \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2^T \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1 \qquad (1)$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}_1^T A \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2 = \lambda_2 \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1^T \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2$$
 (2)

- Transpose (2): $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_2^T A \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1 = \lambda_2 \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2^T \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1$ (3)
- Substract (3) from (2): $0 = (\lambda_1 \lambda_2) \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2^T \bar{\mathbf{x}}_2$
- Since $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$, we have $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_2^T \bar{\mathbf{x}}_1 = 0$ i.e. $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_2$ and $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_1$ are orthogonal.



Eigenvectors and eigenvalues: symmetric matrices.

If $A = A^T$ is a real symmetric $n \times n$ matrix, Then

- 1 All the eigenvalues of A are real.
- 2 Eigenvectors corresponding to distinct eigenvalues are orthogonal.
- 3 There is an orthonormal basis of \mathbb{R}^n consisting of n eigenvectors of A.



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Spectral Theorem

Every symmetric matrix A has factorization

$$A = QDQ^{-1} = QDQ^{T}$$

where Q is an orthonormal matrix ($QQ^T = I$) and D is a real diagonal matrix.

- Q is an eigenvector matrix
- D is an eigenvalue matrix



A matrix is symmetric positive definite if it is symmetric and for any $\textbf{x} \neq \textbf{0}$

$$\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} > 0$$

- $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_i x_j$
- Showing that inequality holds for all **x** often is hard



A symmetric matrix $A = A^T$ is positive definite if and only if all of its eigenvalues are strictly positive.

Proof

- If A is positive definite then $\bar{\mathbf{x}}^T A \bar{\mathbf{x}} > 0$ for any $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$.
- Let $\bar{\mathbf{u}}$ be an eigenvector with eigenvalue λ then $0 < \bar{\mathbf{u}}^T A \bar{\mathbf{u}} = \bar{\mathbf{u}}^T (\lambda \bar{\mathbf{u}}) = \lambda ||\bar{\mathbf{u}}||$ Since $||\bar{\mathbf{u}}|| > 0$ then λ must be positive



- Now suppose that A has all strictly positive eigenvalues.
- Let $\bar{\mathbf{u}}_1, \dots, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n$ be the orthonormal eigenvector basis of \mathbb{R}^n
- And $A\bar{\mathbf{u}}_i = \lambda_i \bar{\mathbf{u}}_i$
- Then $\bar{\mathbf{x}} = c_1 \bar{\mathbf{u}}_1 + \cdots + c_n \bar{\mathbf{u}})_n$ and we have

$$K\bar{\mathbf{x}}=c_1\lambda_1\bar{\mathbf{u}}_1+\cdots+c_n\lambda_n\bar{\mathbf{u}}_n$$

• Using the fact that $||\bar{\mathbf{u}}_i|| = 1$ and $\bar{\mathbf{u}}_i^T \bar{\mathbf{u}}_j = 0$, $i \neq j$:

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}^T A \bar{\mathbf{x}} = (c_1 \bar{\mathbf{u}}_1 + \dots + c_n \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n) \cdot (c_1 \lambda_1 \bar{\mathbf{u}}_1 + \dots + c_n \lambda_n \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n)$$
$$= \lambda_1 c_1^2 + \dots + \lambda_n c_n^2 > 0$$

strictly positive since not all c_1, \dots, c_n can be zero.



If rectangular matrix R has n independent columns then $A = R^T R$ is symmetric positive definite

- We already know that R^TR is symmetric
- $\bar{\mathbf{x}}^T A \bar{\mathbf{x}} = \bar{\mathbf{x}}^T R^T R \bar{\mathbf{x}} = (R \bar{\mathbf{x}})^T (R \bar{\mathbf{x}}) = ||R \bar{\mathbf{x}}|| > 0$
- Note $||R\bar{\mathbf{x}}|| \neq 0$ because R has independent columns



- All n pivots are positive
- All *n* eigenvalues are positive
- Each leading principal submatrix has positive determinant.
- $\bar{\mathbf{x}}^T A \bar{\mathbf{x}} > 0$ for all $\bar{\mathbf{x}} \neq \bar{\mathbf{0}}$
- $A = R^T R$, where R is an arbitrary matrix with independent columns



Let A be a symmetric positive definite, then

- A is nonsingular
- Gaussian elimination can be performed without row interchanges
- Stable no pivoting is needed



- Let A be symmetric positive definite
- LU decomposition can be arranged so that $U = L^T$:

$$A = LL^T$$

• Setting $A = LL^T$ and solving for entries of L we get

$$I_{11} = \sqrt{a_{11}}, I_{i1} = a_{i1}/I_{11}$$

$$I_{kk} = \sqrt{a_{kk} - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} I_{kj}^2}$$

$$I_{ik} = \left(a_{ik} - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} I_{ij} I_{kj}\right) / I_{kk}$$



Special types of linear systems: Cholesky factorization

PROCEDURE Cholesky factorization

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INPUT: n, matrix A
OUTPUT: L s.t. A = II^T
1:
          I_{11} = a_{11}
          FOR 2 < i < n DO I_{i1} = a_{i1}/I_{11}
2:
3:
           FOR 2 < i < n-1 DO
                 I_{ii} = \left(a_{ii} - \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} I_{ik}^2\right)^{1/2}
4:
5:
           FOR i + 1 < j < n DO
                        I_{ji} = \left(a_{ji} - \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} I_{jk} I_{ik}\right) / I_{ji}
6:
          I_{nn} = \left(a_{nn} - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} I_{nk}^2\right)^{1/2}
7:
8:
           RETURN L = [I_{ii}], 1 \le i, j \le n
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Special matrices: Cholesky factorization

A is symmetric positive definite if and only if it can be factored in the form LL^T , where L is lower triangular with nonzero diagonal elements.

If A is symmetric positive definite

- All n square roots are of positive numbers so algorithm is well defined
- No pivoting required
- Only lower triangle of A is needed
- Only $O(n^3/6)$ numerical operations (half of the Gaussian elimination)



Let M be an invertible matrix. Matrix B is called *similar* to A if

$$B = M^{-1}AB$$

- If B similar to A then A is similar to B $(A = MBM^{-1})$
- Diagonalizable matrix is similar to diagonal D ($A = S^{-1}DS$)



Let A and B be similar and $B = M^{-1}AM$. Then

- they have exactly the same eigenvalues
- if $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$ is an eigenvector of A then M^{-1} is an eigenvector of B
- \bullet $B = M^{-1}AM \Rightarrow A = MBM^{-1}$
- Let $A\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \lambda \bar{\mathbf{x}}$
- $\bullet \ A\bar{\mathbf{x}} = (MBM^{-1})\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \lambda\bar{\mathbf{x}} \Rightarrow B(M^{-1}\bar{\mathbf{x}}) = \lambda](M^{-1}\bar{\mathbf{x}})$
- I.e. λ is an eigenvalue of B and $M^{-1}\bar{\mathbf{x}}$ is the corresponding eigenvector
- Note that non-similar matrices could have the same eigenvalues



- Similar matrices share important properties.
- One way to think about it is similar matrices represent same objects but in different bases



If A and B are similar then they have the same

- Eigenvalues
- Determinant
- Trace
- Rank
- Number of independent eigenvectors
- Jordan form



If A and B are similar then they have different

- Eigenvectors
- Nullspace
- Columns space
- Row space
- Left nullspace



Jordan normal form

Let A has s independent eigenvectors the it is similar to matrix J:

$$M^{-1}AM = \begin{bmatrix} J_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & J_s \end{bmatrix} = J,$$

where J_i is a Jordan block

$$J_i = egin{bmatrix} \lambda_i & 1 & & & \ & \lambda_i & 1 & & \ & & \ddots & & \ & & & \lambda_i \end{bmatrix}$$

- Jordan matrices are unique for similar matrices
- A and B are similar if and only if they have the same Jordan form.



- Let A be arbitrary $m \times n$ matrix with rank r
- Singular Value Decomposition is a diagonalization in general case

Singular Value Decomposition

$$A = U\Sigma V^T$$



Proof of SVD

- AA^T and A^TA are symmetric and they have r orthonormal eigenvectors
- Let $\lambda_i = \sigma_i^2$ be the eigenvalues of AA^T (A^TA)
- $\bullet \ A^T A \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i = \sigma_i^2 \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i$
- Multiply by $\bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^T$: $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_i^T A^T A \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i = \sigma_i^2 \bar{\mathbf{x}}_i^T \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i \Rightarrow ||A \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i||^2 = \sigma_i^2 \Rightarrow ||A \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i|| = \sigma_i$
- Multiply by A: $AA^T A \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i = \sigma_i^2 A \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i \Rightarrow A \bar{\mathbf{v}}_i$ is an eigenvector of AA^T
- Dividing by $||A\bar{\mathbf{v}}_i|| = \sigma_i$ gives $\bar{\mathbf{u}}_i = A\bar{\mathbf{v}}_i/\sigma_i$ unit eigenvector of AA^T



Proof of SVD

- So we have $A\bar{\mathbf{v}}_i = \sigma_i \bar{\mathbf{u}}_i$, $i = 1, \dots, r$
- We can put it in matrix form:

$$AV = U\Sigma$$
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where V is $n \times r$ eigenvector matrix of $A^T A$, U is $m \times r$ eigenvector matrix of AA^T and Σ is $r \times r$ diagonal matrix of σ_i

• Now $VV^T = I_n$, multiplying on both sides we get

$$AVV^T = A = U\Sigma V^T$$



Singular value decomposition

$$A = U\Sigma V^T$$

- \bullet σ_i singular values
- \bullet $\bar{\mathbf{v}}_i$ singular vectors

