

## Notation.

Let  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denote dot product on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . For column vectors

$$\underbrace{x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n}_{\text{n} \times 1 \text{ matrices}},$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \quad y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{n} \times 1 \quad \text{n} \times 1$$

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \underbrace{x \cdot y}_{\text{n} \times 1 \quad \text{n} \times 1} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{dot product, not matrix} \\ \text{multiplication} \end{array}$$

$$= x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 + \dots + x_n y_n$$

We'll need today Easy fact:

$$\underbrace{\langle x, y \rangle}_{\text{dot product}} = \underbrace{x^T y}_{\text{matrix multiplication, not dot product}}$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & \dots & x_n \end{bmatrix}}_{x} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} = x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 + \dots + x_n y_n$$

$$\text{1} \times n \quad n \times 1 \quad = \text{1} \times 1 \text{ matrix}$$

## Example

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad y = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \langle x, y \rangle = 1 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 4 = 3 + 8 = 11$$

$$x^T y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = 3 + 8 = 11$$

$$\text{1} \times 2 \quad 2 \times 1$$

$$\text{so } \underbrace{\langle x, y \rangle}_{\text{dot product}} = \underbrace{x^T y}_{\text{matrix mult of column vectors } x, y}$$

Recall transpose of a matrix: rows become columns and  
vice versa

$$(A^T)_{ij} = A_{ji}$$

flip order

Example:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 9 & 7 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$2 \times 3$

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 9 \\ 2 & 7 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$3 \times 2$

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A=matrix(QQ, 2, 3, [1, 2, 4, 9, 7, 3])
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A

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 9 & 7 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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A*(A.transpose())
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$$\begin{bmatrix} 21 & 35 \\ 35 & 139 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= AA^T$$

} Symmetric matrices

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(A.transpose())*A
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$$\begin{bmatrix} 82 & 65 & 31 \\ 65 & 53 & 29 \\ 31 & 29 & 25 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= A^T A$$

Fact:  $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$  (not  $A^T B^T$ )

$$(A^T A)^T = A^T (A^T)^T = A^T A$$

## 7.1 Orthogonal Matrices

Definition. A  $n \times n$  square matrix is orthogonal if

$$I_n = A^T A$$

$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  identity matrix

The columns (and rows) of an orthogonal matrix form an orthonormal (not just orthogonal) basis

Proof:

If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & c_2 & \dots & c_n \end{bmatrix}$  is an orthogonal matrix with columns  $c_1, \dots, c_n$

$$I = A^T A$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -c_1^T - \\ -c_2^T - \\ \vdots \\ -c_n^T - \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ c_1 & c_2 & \dots & c_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1^T c_1 & c_1^T c_2 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \\ & & c_n^T c_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$1 = c_1^T c_1 = \langle c_1, c_1 \rangle$$

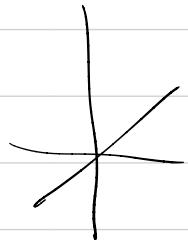
$$0 = c_1^T c_2 = \langle c_1, c_2 \rangle$$

and so on.

So the columns of  $A$  form orthonormal basis

Example of  
orthogonal matrix:  
(from Anton 7.1)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{7} & \frac{2}{7} & \frac{6}{7} \\ -\frac{6}{7} & \frac{3}{7} & \frac{2}{7} \\ \frac{2}{7} & \frac{6}{7} & -\frac{3}{7} \end{bmatrix}$$



$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{7} & -\frac{6}{7} & \frac{2}{7} \\ \frac{2}{7} & \frac{3}{7} & \frac{6}{7} \\ \frac{6}{7} & \frac{2}{7} & -\frac{3}{7} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{7} & \frac{2}{7} & \frac{6}{7} \\ -\frac{6}{7} & \frac{3}{7} & \frac{2}{7} \\ \frac{2}{7} & \frac{6}{7} & -\frac{3}{7} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\frac{3}{7} \cdot \frac{3}{7} + (-\frac{6}{7}) \cdot (-\frac{6}{7}) + (\frac{2}{7}) \cdot (\frac{2}{7}) = 1$

If  $A$  is orthogonal,

$$A^T A = I$$

$$(A^T A) A^T = A^{-1}$$

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

so the inverse of  $A$  is easy to compute - it's just its transpose

Also  $A A^T = A A^{-1} = I$  so

$$A A^T = I$$

$I_n = A^T A \iff$  columns of  $A$  are orthonormal

$I_n = A A^T \iff$  rows of  $A$  are orthonormal

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -r_1 - \\ \vdots \\ -r_n - \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} | & | \\ r_1^T & \dots & r_n^T \\ | & | \end{bmatrix}$$

$$I_n = A A^T$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -r_1 - \\ \vdots \\ -r_n - \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} | & | \\ r_1^T & \dots & r_n^T \\ | & | \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & & \\ \vdots & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_1, r_1^T & r_1, r_2^T & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \end{bmatrix}$$

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Theorem: If  $A$  is orthogonal, then multiplication by  $A$  preserves dot products (and norms) as follows:

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ n \times 1 \text{ column vectors} \end{array} \right) \quad \begin{aligned} \langle Ax, Ay \rangle &= \langle x, y \rangle \\ \|Ax\| &= \|x\| \end{aligned}$$

Proof.

$$\langle Ax, Ay \rangle = \underbrace{(Ax)^T}_{1 \times n} \underbrace{Ay}_{n \times 1} = x^T \underbrace{A^T A y}_T = x^T y = \langle x, y \rangle$$

matrix mult

$$\|Ax\|^2 = \langle Ax, Ax \rangle = \langle x, x \rangle = \|x\|^2$$

□

## 7.2 Symmetric matrices, Orthogonal Diagonalization

Definition: A (square) matrix  $A$  is symmetric if

$$A = A^T$$

Example:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is symmetric

Example: If  $B$  is any  $m \times n$  matrix, then  $\underset{m \times m}{B^T} \underset{n \times n}{B}$

and  $B B^T$  are symmetric matrices, since

$$(B^T B)^T = B^T (B^T)^T = B^T B \quad (\text{using } (XY)^T = Y^T X^T)$$

$$(B B^T)^T = (B^T)^T B^T = B B^T$$

Here are the important results on symmetric matrices.

Theorem The following are equivalent

a)  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix

b)  $A$  has an orthonormal basis  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  of eigenvectors: so if  $P = [v_1 \dots v_n]$

then •  $P$  is orthogonal ( $P^T P = I \Leftrightarrow P^{-1} = P^T$ )

•  $P^{-1} A P = D$  for  $D = [\lambda_1 \ \lambda_2 \ \dots \ \lambda_n]$

(we say  $A$  is orthogonally diagonalizable if conditions in (b) hold)

diagonal matrix of eigenvalues

$$A = P D P^{-1} \Leftrightarrow A P = P D$$

Theorem. Let  $A$  be a symmetric matrix with entries in  $\mathbb{R}$  (as opposed to complex numbers)

a) The eigenvalues of  $A$  are all real numbers

b) Eigenvectors with different eigenvalues are orthogonal

Example (Nicholson 8.2.4)

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  note  $A$  is a symmetric matrix.

Find an "orthogonal diagonalization" of  $A$ , i.e. an orthogonal matrix  $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that

$$P^{-1} A P = D$$

or equivalently  
since  $P^{-1} = P^T$

$$P^T A P = D$$

Solution: Same idea/process as in Chapter 5 of Anton:

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & \dots & v_n \end{bmatrix} \quad v_1, \dots, v_n \text{ eigenvectors of } A$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \text{ eigenvalues of } A$$

just remember  
this

but now just have to make  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  an orthonormal basis  
(so  $P$  will be orthogonal). For symmetric matrices this additional requirement is possible.

Step 1. Find the eigenvalues  $\lambda$ , by finding the characteristic polynomial

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad 0 = \det(A - \lambda I) = \det \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1-\lambda & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 5-\lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

Some books use  $\det(\lambda I - A) = (-1)^3 \det(A - \lambda I)$

(Reminder of why  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$ :  $Av = \lambda v$        $v \neq \vec{0}$ )

$$Av - \lambda v = 0$$

$$(A - \lambda I)v = 0$$

so  $A - \lambda I$  can't be invertible  
because if it was then  $v = \vec{0}$   
but eigenvectors can't be  $\vec{0}$ )

$$0 = \det(A - \lambda I) = \det \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1-\lambda & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 5-\lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding by minors along top row

$$0 = (1-\lambda) \left[ (1-\lambda)(5-\lambda) - 2 \cdot 2 \right] - 0 (+) + (-1) \left[ 0 \cdot 2 - (-1)(1-\lambda) \right]$$

$$= (1-\lambda) \left[ (1-\lambda)(5-\lambda) - 4 \right] - (1-\lambda)$$

$$= (1-\lambda) \left[ 5 - 6\lambda + \lambda^2 - 1 \right].$$

$$= (1-\lambda) [\lambda^2 - 6\lambda] \quad \leftarrow \text{"characteristic polynomial"}$$

$$= (1-\lambda)(\lambda-6)\lambda \quad \text{so } \lambda=1, 6, 0 \text{ are eigenvalues}$$

all of multiplicity one  
so each eigenspace will be  
one dimensional & we won't  
have to run Gram-Schmidt

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A=matrix(QQ, 3, 3, [1, 0, -1, 0, 1, 2, -1, 2, 5])  
A
```

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

```
A.characteristic_polynomial()
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$$x^3 - 7x^2 + 6x$$

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A.charpoly()
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A.characteristic_polynomial().factor()
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$$(x - 6) * (x - 1) * x$$

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A.eigenvalues()
```

$$[6, 1, 0]$$

Step 2

Find an orthonormal basis for the eigenspace  $E_\lambda$  for each eigenvalue  $\lambda$

$$E_\lambda = \left\{ v \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \underbrace{Av = \lambda v}_{(A - \lambda I)v = 0} \right\}$$

$$E_\lambda = \text{null space of } \underbrace{A - \lambda I}_{\text{nxn matrix}}$$

$$\lambda = 6 :$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A - 6I = \begin{bmatrix} 1-6 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1-6 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 5-6 \end{bmatrix}$$

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



Find nullspace of this matrix by row reducing it.

Could do by hand

`A-6*identity_matrix(3)`

$$A - 6I =$$

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

`(A-6*identity_matrix(3)).rref()`

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

so if  $(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  are the coordinates and  $(A - 6I) \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$

$$x_1 + 0x_2 + 1/5 x_3 = 0$$

$$x_1 = -\frac{1}{5} x_3$$

$$x_2 - 2/5 x_3 = 0$$

$$x_2 = \frac{2}{5} x_3$$

$x_3$  is free variable

$$x_3 = x_3$$

$$x_1 = -\frac{1}{5} x_3 \quad \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{5} \\ \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{2}{5} x_3 \quad = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{5} \\ \end{bmatrix} x_3$$

$$x_3 = x_3 \quad \boxed{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \end{bmatrix}}$$

so  $E_6$ -eigenspace is 1-dimensional and spanned by

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{5} \\ \frac{2}{5} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ can rescale it by 5 to } v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{i.e choose } x_3=5)$$

recall  $P = [v_1 \ v_2 \ v_3]$  so if all we want is to diagonalize  $A$ ,

can start with  $P = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$

But we want to orthogonally diagonalize - i.e  $P$  must be an orthogonal matrix - so columns must be orthonormal.

So we need to normalize/rescale  $v_1$  to have norm 1:

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \|v_1\|^2 = (-1)^2 + 2^2 + 5^2 = 1+4+25=30$$

$$\|v_1\| = \sqrt{30}$$

unit eigenvector  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{30}} \\ \frac{5}{\sqrt{30}} \end{bmatrix}$

$$(\lambda=6)$$

so  $P = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{30}} \\ \frac{5}{\sqrt{30}} \end{bmatrix}$

or just write it  $P = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} v_1 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$  where  $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$

$\lambda = 1$  Repeat same process

`A-1*identity_matrix(3)`

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = A - 1 \cdot I$$

`((A-1*identity_matrix(3)).rref()`

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

solve for pivot variables

pivot variables  $x_1, x_3$   $x_1 - 2x_2 + 0x_3 = 0$

$$x_1 = 2x_2$$

$$x_2 = x_2$$

$$x_3 = 0$$

free variables:  $x_2$

so  $v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  spans  $E_{\lambda=1}$  eigenspace.

$$\|v_2\|^2 = 2^2 + 1^2 + 0^2 = 5$$

so  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} v_2$  is unit eigenvector

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} v_1 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} v_2 & \dots \end{bmatrix} \quad v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Notice  $v_1$  &  $v_2$  (and therefore  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} v_1$  &  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} v_2$ ) are already orthogonal:  $\langle v_1, v_2 \rangle = (-1)(2) + (2)(1) + (5)(0)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= -2 + 2 + 0 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

and this is not an accident — the theorem says that for symmetric matrices, eigenvectors with different eigenvalues are orthogonal.

$\lambda = 0$  Repeat

$A - \lambda I = A - 0I = A$  so we just need  $A.rref()$

$A.rref()$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} x_1 + 0x_2 - x_3 = 0 \\ x_2 + 2x_3 = 0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} x_1 = x_3 \\ x_2 = -2x_3 \\ x_3 = x_3 \end{array} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_3$$

$x_1, x_2$  pivots

$x_3$  free

$$v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \|v_3\|^2 = (-1)^2 + 2^2 + 1^2 = 1 + 4 + 1 = 6$$

so  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} v_3$  is unit eigenvector

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} v_1 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} v_2 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} v_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = 6$$

$$\lambda = 1$$

$$\lambda = 0$$

once again notice  $v_3$  is already orthogonal to  $v_1$  &  $v_2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \langle v_1, v_3 \rangle &= (-1)(1) + (2)(-2) + (5)(1) \\ &= -1 - 4 + 5 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\langle v_2, v_3 \rangle = 2 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 2$$

$$P^{-1} A P = D \quad \& \quad P \text{ is orthogonal}$$

A two or three step solution in SageMath

Here again is the original problem

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  note  $A$  is a symmetric matrix.

Find an "orthogonal diagonalization" of  $A$ , ie an orthogonal matrix  $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that

$$P^{-1} A P = D$$

or equivalently  
since  $P^{-1} = P^T$

$$P^T A P = D$$

almost  $P$   
but columns  
need to be  
normalized

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A.eigenmatrix_right()
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B=A.eigenmatrix_right()[1]
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B
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```
def normalize_columns(M):  
    return matrix([v/v.norm() for v in M.columns()]).transpose()
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makes a list of vectors that normalizes each

```
P=normalize_columns(B)
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$$P \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix}$$

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P.T*A*P
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$$P^T A P = D$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Another example : Orthogonally diagonalize  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 5 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$   
 find  $P$  &  $D$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 8 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 5 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

multiplicity of

$\lambda = 9$  eigenvalue  
is 2

$$x \cdot (x - 9)^2$$

`A.charpoly().factor()`

$$( \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} )$$

$v_1, v_2, v_3$   
 $v_2, v_3$  are not orthogonal  
 $\langle v_2, v_3 \rangle = \frac{1}{2}$

`A.eigenmatrix_right()`

so we need to apply gram-schmidt

```
def gs_columns(M):
    N=M.transpose().gram_schmidt()[0].transpose() # makes the columns of M orthogonal,
    #gram_schmidt returns a pair of matrices, we want the first one, so use [0]
    #we have to insert some transposes in gram_schmidt orthogonalizes the rows
    return matrix([v/v.norm() for v in N.columns()]).transpose() # N has orthogonal columns we need to make columns orthonormal
```

`gs_columns(A.eigenmatrix_right()[1])`

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{5}\sqrt{5} & -\frac{2}{3}\sqrt{\frac{1}{5}} \\ \frac{2}{3} & 0 & \frac{5}{3}\sqrt{\frac{1}{5}} \\ -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{5}\sqrt{5} & \frac{4}{3}\sqrt{\frac{1}{5}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Check  $P^T A P = D$

`P=gs_columns(B)`

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{5}\sqrt{5} & -\frac{2}{3}\sqrt{\frac{1}{5}} \\ \frac{2}{3} & 0 & \frac{5}{3}\sqrt{\frac{1}{5}} \\ -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{5}\sqrt{5} & \frac{4}{3}\sqrt{\frac{1}{5}} \end{pmatrix}$$

`P.T*A*P`

✓  $D = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$

## Proofs of the earlier theorems

Theorem The following are equivalent

a)  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix

b)  $A$  has an orthonormal basis  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  of eigenvectors: so if  $P = [v_1^T, \dots, v_n^T]$

then •  $P$  is orthogonal ( $P^T P = I \Leftrightarrow P^{-1} = P^T$ )

•  $P^{-1} A P = D$  for  $D = [\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n]$

(we say  $A$  is orthogonally diagonalizable if conditions in (b) hold)

diagonal matrix of eigenvalues

Proof of theorem:  $b \Rightarrow a$  is the easy direction

Assume  $P^{-1} A P = D$  with  $P^{-1} = P^T$  (i.e.  $P$  is orthogonal)

$$A = P D P^{-1}$$

$$A = P D P^T$$

$$\text{so } A^T = (P D P^T)^T = (P^T)^T D^T \cdot P^T = P D P^T = A$$

so  $A$  is symmetric.

$a \Rightarrow b$  See Nicholson 8.2.2 p.426

## Proof of earlier theorem

Theorem. Let  $A$  be a symmetric matrix with entries in  $\mathbb{R}$  (as opposed to complex numbers)

- a) The eigenvalues of  $A$  are all real numbers
  - b) Eigenvectors with different eigenvalues are orthogonal

Proof : a) suppose  $Ax = \lambda x$  for  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{C}^n$   
 Compute  $\bar{x}^T Ax$  in two ways :

$$1) \quad \bar{x}^T (Ax) = \bar{x}^T \lambda x = \lambda \bar{x}^T x$$

$$2) \quad \bar{x}^T A x = (\bar{A} \bar{x})^T x = (\bar{A}^T \bar{x})^T x = \bar{\lambda} \bar{x}^T \bar{x}$$

since  $\bar{A}^T = \bar{A}$       since  $\bar{A} = \bar{A}$

so  $\lambda = \bar{\lambda}$  so  $\lambda$  is real.

b) Suppose  $x, y$  are eigenvectors with distinct eigenvalues:

$$Ax = \lambda_1 x \quad \& \quad Ay = \lambda_2 y \quad \text{with} \quad \lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$$

$$(\lambda_1 x)^T y = (Ax)^T y = x^T A^T y = x^T A y = x^T (\lambda_2 y) = \lambda_2 x^T y$$

$$\text{so } (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) x^T y = 0 \quad A^T = A \text{ since } A \text{ is symmetric}$$

$$x^T y = 0$$

$a \Rightarrow b$  is harder. Assume  $A$  is symmetric.

We first show  $A$  is diagonalizable - i.e we can find enough eigenvectors for each eigenvalue  $\lambda_0$ .

Let  $E_{\lambda_0} = \{v \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid (A - \lambda_0)v = 0\}$  be the  $\lambda_0$ -eigen space.

let  $k$  be its dimension, so by Gram-Schmidt we can find an orthonormal basis

$u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k$  of  $E_{\lambda_0}$ .

Extend to an orthonormal basis (by Gram-Schmidt)

$u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n, u_{k+1}, \dots, u_n$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

Let  $P = [u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_n]$ .

$P$  is orthogonal since since the  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  are orthonormal

$$\text{Then } AP = A [u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_n]$$

$$= [Au_1 \ Au_2 \ \dots \ Au_n]$$

$$= [\lambda_0 u_1 \ \lambda_0 u_2 \ \dots \ \lambda_0 u_k \ A u_{k+1} \ \dots \ A u_n]$$

$$AP = [u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_n] \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} \lambda_0 & \\ \vdots & \lambda_0 \\ \hline 0 & Y \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} X & \\ \hline Y & \end{array} \right]_{n-k}$$

$$AP = P \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} \lambda_0 I_k & X \\ \hline 0 & Y \end{array} \right] \quad X \text{ } k \times (n-k) \text{ matrix}$$

$Y \text{ } (n-k) \times (n-k) \text{ matrix}$

$$P^{-1}AP = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} \lambda_0 I_k & X \\ \hline 0 & Y \end{array} \right]$$

$$P^TAP = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} \lambda_0 I_k & X \\ \hline 0 & Y \end{array} \right]$$

(since  
 $P^{-1} = P^T$   
since  $P$   
is orthogonal)

Now  $P^T A P$  is symmetric since  $A$  is symmetric

$$(P^T A P)^T = P^T A^T (P^T)^T = P^T A P$$

So in

$$P^T A P = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} \lambda_0 I_k & X \\ \hline 0 & Y \end{array} \right]$$

RHS must be symmetric so  $X=0$  &  $Y=Y^T$

Now use induction on dimension/size

7.2 #7       $A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 2\sqrt{3} \\ 2\sqrt{3} & 7 \end{bmatrix}$       Find orthogonal P  
such that  $P^{-1}AP$   
is diagonal. D

Remember:  
from Ch 5

P = columns are eigenvectors  
D = diagonal entries are  
eigenvalues

$$A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} 6-\lambda & 2\sqrt{3} \\ 2\sqrt{3} & 7-\lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \det(A - \lambda I) = (6-\lambda)(7-\lambda) - 2\sqrt{3} \cdot 2\sqrt{3} \\ &= 42 - 13\lambda + \lambda^2 - 12 \end{aligned}$$

$$0 = \lambda^2 - 13\lambda + 30$$

$$0 = (\lambda - 3)(\lambda - 10)$$

$$\lambda - 3 = 0 \quad \lambda = 10$$

$$\lambda = 3$$

eigenvalues

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & \\ & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\lambda = 3$       Find eigenvector(s)

$$A - 3I = \begin{bmatrix} 6-3 & 2\sqrt{3} \\ 2\sqrt{3} & 7-3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & \sqrt{12} \\ \sqrt{12} & 4 \end{bmatrix} v = 0$$

Find RREF

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & \sqrt{12} \\ 1 & \frac{4}{\sqrt{12}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & \frac{4}{\sqrt{12}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{4}{\sqrt{12}} &= \frac{4}{2\sqrt{3}} \\ &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \\ &= \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$x_1 + \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{3}x_2 = 0$$

$x_2$  free variable

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= -\frac{2}{3}\sqrt{3}x_2 \\ x_2 &= x_2 \end{aligned} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{2}{3}\sqrt{3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_2$$

]

so this is  
an eigenvector.  
but what of norm?

$$\text{norm}^2 = \left(-\frac{2}{3}\sqrt{3}\right)^2 + 1$$

$$= \frac{4}{9} \cdot 3 + 1$$

$$= \frac{4}{3} + 1 = \frac{7}{3}$$

$$v = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{2}{3}\sqrt{3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \|v\| = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\frac{v}{\|v\|} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{2}{\sqrt{7}} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{7}} \end{bmatrix}$$

is unit eigenvector.

Do the same process for  $\lambda = 10$ .

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{7}} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{7}} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{7}} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{7}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{2}{\sqrt{7}} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{7}} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{7}} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{7}} \end{bmatrix}$$

We are going to explain Spectral Decomposition of a symmetric matrix.  
 Let  $A$  be a symmetric matrix.  
 So it has an "orthogonal diagonalization":

$$P^T A P = D \quad (\text{or} \quad P^T A P = D) \quad (P^{-1} = P^T \text{ since } P \text{ is orthogonal})$$

$$AP = PD$$

$$A = PDP^{-1}$$

$$A = PDP^T$$

eigenvalues

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ u_1 & \cdots & u_n \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix}$$

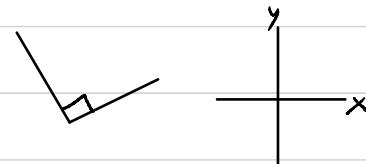
columns  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  are the eigenvectors and form an orthonormal basis:

We saw that having an orthonormal basis  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  made various formulas simplify since  $\langle u_i, u_j \rangle = 0$  and  $\langle u_i, u_i \rangle = 1$  led to terms "disappearing".

Given any vector  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$v = \langle v, u_1 \rangle u_1 + \langle v, u_2 \rangle u_2 + \dots + \langle v, u_n \rangle u_n$$

2D:



3D:



(like x, y, z coordinate axis)

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Example  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$  symmetric matrix

`A=matrix(QQ, 2, 2, [1, 2, 2, -2])`

Let's find orthogonal diagonalization of A.

A

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

`A.eigenmatrix_right()`

$$\left( \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & -2 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

↑↑  
orthogonal eigenvectors  
but not orthonormal

`def normalize_columns(M): #given a matrix M, returns columns of M normalized  
return matrix([v/v.norm() for v in M.columns()]).transpose()`

`normalize_columns(A.eigenmatrix_right()[1]) #the [1] picks out the second matrix in A.eigenmatrix_right()`

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{5}\sqrt{5} & \frac{1}{5}\sqrt{5} \\ \frac{1}{5}\sqrt{5} & -\frac{2}{5}\sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix}$$

columns  $u_1 \ u_2$

now The eigenvectors  
are orthonormal

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = P D P^T \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & u_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & \\ & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1^T \\ u_2^T \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2u_1 & -3u_2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -u_1^T & -u_2^T \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

Spectral Decomposition  $\rightarrow$   
of A

$$A = 2u_1u_1^T - 3u_2u_2^T$$

$$= 2 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{5} & \frac{2}{5} \\ \frac{2}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{2}{5} \\ -\frac{2}{5} & \frac{4}{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{5}\sqrt{5} \\ \frac{1}{5}\sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{5}\sqrt{5} \\ -\frac{2}{5}\sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u_1 u_1^T = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{5}\sqrt{5} \\ \frac{1}{5}\sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{5}\sqrt{5} & \frac{1}{5}\sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{5}\sqrt{5} \cdot \frac{2}{5}\sqrt{5} & \frac{2}{5}\sqrt{5} \cdot \frac{1}{5}\sqrt{5} \\ \frac{1}{5}\sqrt{5} \cdot \frac{2}{5}\sqrt{5} & \frac{1}{5}\sqrt{5} \cdot \frac{1}{5}\sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

$2 \times 1 \quad 1 \times 2 \quad 2 \times 2$

$$u_1 u_1^T = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{5} & \frac{2}{5} \\ \frac{2}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

Sage code to compute  $u_1 u_1^T$ :

```
P=normalize_columns(A.eigenmatrix_right()[1]) #the [1] picks out the second matrix in A.eigenmatrix_right()
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P

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc} \frac{2}{5}\sqrt{5} & \frac{1}{5}\sqrt{5} \\ \frac{1}{5}\sqrt{5} & -\frac{2}{5}\sqrt{5} \end{array} \right)$$

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u1=P.columns()[0] #[0] picks out the first column
u1 #row vector, no longer a column matrix
u1.column() # gives a 2x1 matrix i.e. column vector/matrix
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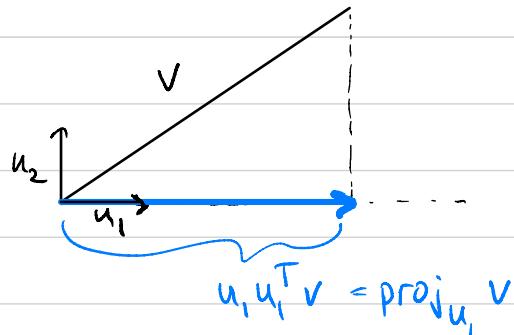
$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \frac{2}{5}\sqrt{5}, \frac{1}{5}\sqrt{5} \\ \frac{2}{5}\sqrt{5} \end{array} \right)$$

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u1.column()*matrix(u1)
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$$\left( \begin{array}{cc} \frac{4}{5} & \frac{2}{5} \\ \frac{2}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \end{array} \right)$$

Similar computation  $u_2 u_2^T$

Key Insight: Multiplication by  $\underbrace{u_1 u_1^T}_{\substack{2 \times 2 \\ \text{column vector}}}$  of any vector  $v$ , i.e.  $(\underbrace{u_1 u_1^T}_{\substack{2 \times 2 \\ \text{column vector}}})v$  gives the projection  $\text{proj}_{u_1} v$  of  $v$  onto  $u_1$ :



Why? Let  $v$  be any vector.

Since  $\{u_1, u_2\}$  form an orthonormal basis

$$v = \langle v, u_1 \rangle u_1 + \langle v, u_2 \rangle u_2.$$

Then  $(u_1 u_1^T) v = \underbrace{\langle v, u_1 \rangle}_{\substack{\text{scalar}}} \underbrace{(u_1 u_1^T) u_1}_{\substack{2 \times 2 \quad 2 \times 1}} + \underbrace{\langle v, u_2 \rangle}_{\substack{\text{scalar}}} \underbrace{(u_1 u_1^T) u_2}_{\substack{2 \times 2 \quad 2 \times 1}}$

$\downarrow u_1 (u_1^T u_1)$        $\downarrow u_1 (u_1^T u_2)$

1                            0

since  $\langle u_1, u_1 \rangle = 1$                             since  
 $\langle u_1, u_2 \rangle = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} (u_1 u_1^T) v &= \langle v, u_1 \rangle u_1 \\ &= \text{proj}_{u_1} v \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,  $u_2 u_2^T$  is projection onto  $u_2$

Spectral decomposition

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

$$A = 2u_1u_1^T - 3u_2u_2^T$$

$$\text{So for any vector } v, \quad A v = \underbrace{2(u_1 u_1^T)v}_{\text{2 · projection of } Av \text{ onto } u_1} - \underbrace{3(u_2 u_2^T)v}_{\text{-3 · projection of } Av \text{ onto } u_2}$$

$$\text{example take } v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = 2 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{5} & \frac{2}{5} \\ \frac{2}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \end{bmatrix} + (-3) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{2}{5} \\ -\frac{2}{5} & \frac{4}{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

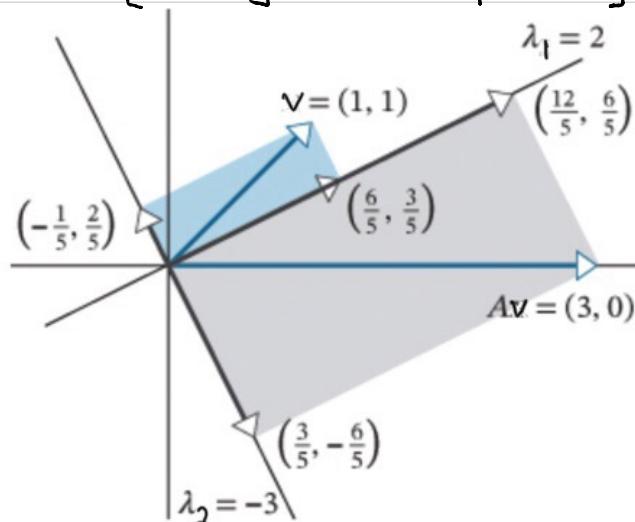
$$Av = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{5} & \frac{2}{5} \\ \frac{2}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + (-3) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{2}{5} \\ -\frac{2}{5} & \frac{4}{5} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Av = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{6}{5} \\ \frac{3}{5} \end{bmatrix} + (-3) \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{5} \\ \frac{2}{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Av = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{12}{5} \\ \frac{6}{5} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{5} \\ -\frac{6}{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

illustrates the geometric effect of the eigenvalues

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Example 2



The  $2 \times 2$  example generalizes to any  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix  $A$ .

From an orthogonal diagonalization of  $A$

$$A = P D P^T$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ u_1 & \dots & u_n \end{bmatrix} \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

orthonormal  
basis of eigenvectors

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & \dots & u_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -u_1^T \\ -u_2^T \\ \vdots \\ -u_n^T \end{bmatrix}$$

$n \times 1$  column vector

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 u_1 & & \lambda_n u_n \\ | & \dots & | \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -u_1^T \\ -u_2^T \\ \vdots \\ -u_n^T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \underbrace{\lambda_1 u_1 u_1^T}_{n \times n \text{ matrix}} + \dots + \lambda_n (u_n u_n^T)$$

Spectral decomposition  
of  $A$

projection onto  $u_i$