

Diagonalization by Orthogonal Substitution

Ex 1.

- a) In \mathbb{R} provide a basis for the orthogonal complement of $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$.

This is just $\text{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$, since their dot product is zero for any scalar multiple, i.e. orthogonal.

- b) Find a basis for the orthogonal complement of $\underline{v} = (1, 2, 3)$.

We solve $x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 0$. Let $x_2 = t_2$ and $x_3 = t_3$ be free parameters, then

$$\underline{x} = t_2 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t_3 \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad t_2, t_3 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

A basis for the orthogonal complement is thus $((-2, 1, 0), (-3, 0, 1))$ as the vectors are clearly not linearly dependent.

- c) Find a basis for the orthogonal complement of $(1, 1, 0)$ and $(0, 2, 1)$ in \mathbb{R}^3 .

The cross product is sufficient.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{is a basis for the orthogonal complement in } \mathbb{R}^3.$$

- d) Find the orthogonal complement of $(1, -1, 2, 5)$ and $(0, 1, 0, -2)$ in \mathbb{R}^4 .

We have the augmented system $\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -1 & 2 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right]$,

so we simply solve for a basis again.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} + R_2 \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let $x_3 = t_3$ and $x_4 = t_4$ be free parameters, then

$$\underline{x} = t_3 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t_4 \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad t_3, t_4 \in \mathbb{R}^4.$$

A basis is then given by $((-2, 0, 1, 0), (-3, 2, 0, 1))$.

Ex2.

a) Why is it easy to diagonalize a symmetric $n \times n$ matrix by orthogonal substitution, if it has n distinct eigenvalues?

The eigenvectors are in turn pairwise orthogonal, so we need only normalize the vectors.

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{> A:=<<3,1,-1>|<1,3,-1>|<-1,-1,5>>;} \\ \text{Eigenvectors(A,output=list);} \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{l} \left[\begin{array}{l} 6, 1, \left[\begin{array}{l} -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{array} \right] \end{array} \right], \left[\begin{array}{l} 3, 1, \left[\begin{array}{l} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{array} \right] \end{array} \right], \left[\begin{array}{l} 2, 1, \left[\begin{array}{l} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{array} \right] \end{array} \right] \end{array} \right]$$

b) State \underline{A} from the Maple prompt, and explain that it is symmetric.

$$\underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \underline{A}^T.$$

Since $\underline{A} = \underline{A}^T$ it follows that \underline{A} is symmetric.

c) Let f be the map with mapping matrix \underline{A} . Determine an ONB for \mathbb{R}^3 in terms of eigenvectors of f and state the mapping matrix in this new basis.

There are 3 eigenvalues, so we normalize the 3 eigenvectors for our ONB. We know the lengths from the last session: $\sqrt{3/2}$, $\sqrt{3}$ and $\sqrt{2}$, so we multiply by the factors $\sqrt{6}/3$, $\sqrt{3}/3$ and $\sqrt{2}/2$. Thus the ONB

is

$$\left(\begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{6}/6 \\ -\sqrt{6}/6 \\ \sqrt{6}/3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3}/3 \\ \sqrt{3}/3 \\ \sqrt{3}/3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right).$$

The mapping matrix for f wrt. this basis is $\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

d) Determine \underline{Q} and \underline{A} such that $\underline{Q}^T \underline{A} \underline{Q} = \underline{A}$.

From the above we have

$$\underline{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{6}/6 & \sqrt{3}/3 & -\sqrt{2}/2 \\ -\sqrt{6}/6 & \sqrt{3}/3 & \sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{6}/3 & \sqrt{3}/3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Ex3.

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> B:=<<6,2,4>|<2,9,-2>|<4,-2,6>>;
Eigenvectors(B,output=list);
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$$\left[\left[10, 2, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right], \left[1, 1, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right] \right]$$

a) State \underline{B} and explain that it is symmetric.

$$\underline{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 9 & -2 \\ 4 & -2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \underline{B}^T.$$

Since $\underline{B} = \underline{B}^T$ it follows that \underline{B} is symmetric.

b) Determine $\underline{\underline{Q}}$ and $\underline{\underline{\Lambda}}$ such that $\underline{\underline{B}} = \underline{\underline{Q}} \underline{\underline{\Lambda}} \underline{\underline{Q}}^T$

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[> with(LinearAlgebra):
> B:=<<6,2,4| 2,9,-2| 4,-2,6>>;

> v1:=1/sqrt(2)*<<1,0,1>;
v3:=1/(3/2)*<<-1,1/2,1>;
v2:=1*CrossProduct(v1,v3);

> Q:=<<v1|v2|v3>;

> 'Lambda'=Transpose(Q).B.Q;

> 'B'=Q.rhs(%).Transpose(Q);

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$$B := \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 9 & -2 \\ 4 & -2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v1 := \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v3 := \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v2 := \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{6} \\ -\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{6} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q := \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{6} & -\frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & -\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{6} & \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 9 & -2 \\ 4 & -2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Essentially we have orthogonal eigenvectors, but only two. The cross product provides the third, then we normalize to construct $\underline{\underline{Q}}$.

Ex 4. A linear map f has the mapping matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & \sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{3} & 7 \end{bmatrix}$.

a) Find all 8 ONB from eigenvectors of f . Draw them.

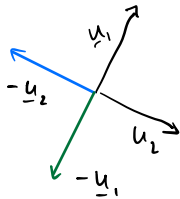
$$P(\lambda) = (5-\lambda)(7-\lambda) - 3 = \lambda^2 - 12\lambda + 32$$

$$P(\lambda) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \lambda = \frac{12 \pm 4}{2} = \begin{cases} 8 \\ 4 \end{cases}$$

$$\lambda = 8: \begin{bmatrix} -3 & \sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{3} & -1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \underline{v}_1 = t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix} \quad \lambda = 4: \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{3} & 3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \underline{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3} \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We normalize and get $\underline{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ \sqrt{3}/2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\underline{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3}/2 \\ -1/2 \end{bmatrix}$.

The 8 ONB are $(\underline{u}_1, \underline{u}_2), (\underline{u}_1, -\underline{u}_2), (-\underline{u}_1, \underline{u}_2), (-\underline{u}_1, -\underline{u}_2),$
 $(\underline{u}_2, \underline{u}_1), (\underline{u}_2, -\underline{u}_1), (-\underline{u}_2, \underline{u}_1), (-\underline{u}_2, -\underline{u}_1).$



b) Four bases have standard orientation and four don't. (show $\det(\underline{Q}) = \pm 1$).

$$\det([\underline{u}_1, -\underline{u}_2]) = \det([-\underline{u}_1, \underline{u}_2]) = \det([\underline{u}_2, \underline{u}_1]) = \det([-\underline{u}_2, -\underline{u}_1]) = 1.$$

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Ex 5.

a) Explain that $\underline{y} = \underline{Q} \underline{x}$ appears
by rotating by u .

We can use the given base

$\underline{q} = (\underline{q}_1, \underline{q}_2)$ and the standard

basis. Then $\underline{Q} = \underline{e} \underline{M}_{\underline{q}}$, so also

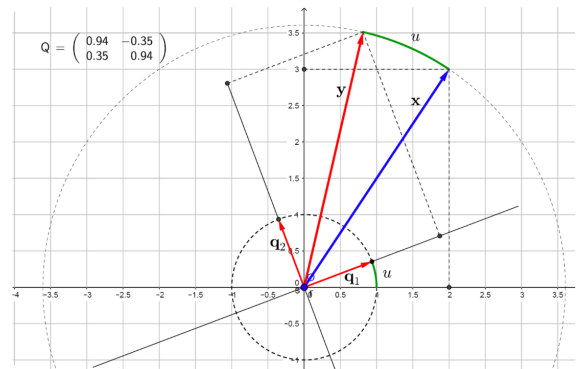
$$\underline{e} \underline{y} = \underline{Q} \underline{e} \underline{x} = \underline{e} \underline{M}_{\underline{q}} \underline{e} \underline{x}.$$

In \underline{q} we have

$$\underline{q} \underline{y} = \underline{q} \underline{M}_{\underline{e}} \underline{e} \underline{y} = \underline{q} \underline{M}_{\underline{e}} (\underline{e} \underline{M}_{\underline{q}} \underline{e} \underline{x}) = \underline{e} \underline{x}.$$

Thus we obtain \underline{y} by rotating precisely u radians in

$$\underline{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos u & -\sin u \\ \sin u & \cos u \end{bmatrix}.$$



b) Geogebra sheet.

\underline{Q} rotates by u and \underline{Q}^T rotates by $-u$. This follows from transposing and noting $-\sin u = \sin(-u)$, so we swapped the action across the diagonal.

The maps preserve length, but alter the angle as stated.

The angle between \underline{q}_1 and $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is u , and all the basis vectors are tied to \underline{q}_1 so that this dictates the angle of rotation.

Exb. Assume \underline{A} is 2×2 and $\underline{Q}^T \underline{A} \underline{Q} = \underline{1}$.

a) Show that $\underline{A} = \underline{Q} \underline{1} \underline{Q}^T$.

Recall that $\underline{Q}^T = \underline{Q}^{-1}$ for orthogonal matrices. As such

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{Q}^T \underline{A} \underline{Q} = \underline{1} &\Leftrightarrow \underline{Q} \underline{Q}^T \underline{A} \underline{Q} \underline{Q}^T = \underline{Q} \underline{1} \underline{Q}^T \\ &\Leftrightarrow \underline{A} = \underline{Q} \underline{1} \underline{Q}^T. \end{aligned}$$

b) Explain that a symmetric map is composed by

1. A rotation of $-u$
2. Scaling by λ_1 and λ_2 along \underline{i} and \underline{j} .
3. A rotation of u .

This follows from all orthogonal matrices being of the type

$$\underline{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos u & -\sin u \\ \sin u & \cos u \end{bmatrix}$$

So $\underline{A} = \underline{Q} \underline{\Lambda} \underline{Q}^T$ implies $\underline{A} \underline{x} = \underline{Q} (\underline{\Lambda} (\underline{Q}^T \underline{x}))$. Hence firstly a rotation $-u$, then $\underline{\Lambda} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$ scales along the first and second axis. Lastly \underline{Q} rotates back by u .

c) Consider $\underline{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$. Find the angle u and scaling factors.

$$P(\lambda) = (2-\lambda)^2 - 1 = 0 \Leftrightarrow (2-\lambda)^2 = 1 \Leftrightarrow \lambda_1 = 3 \vee \lambda_2 = 1.$$

The eigenvalues are the scaling factors, so $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$\lambda_1: \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \underline{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \underline{q}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \underline{q}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The angle u is $\frac{\pi}{4}$ radians by the coordinates of \underline{q}_1 .

d) Maple sheet. Follow steps and try $u = -\frac{\pi}{3}$, $a = 5$, $b = -2$.

This is just to see the steps in action. Try the Maple sheet.

