

## Lecture 18 → Diagonalizing a Matrix:

We saw in the previous lecture that,  $Ax = \lambda x$ . So, when  $x$  is an eigenvector, multiplication by  $A$  is just multiplication by a number  $\lambda$ . All the difficulties of matrices are swept away. So, if we want to multiply this vector  $x$  by  $A$  100 times, we can actually follow the eigenvectors separately. It is like having a diagonal matrix with no off-diagonal interconnections. That's where the diagonalization comes.

Suppose, we have a  $n$  by  $n$  matrix  $A$ , where there are  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ . Let's put them into the columns of an eigenvector matrix  $S$ .

$$\text{so, } S = \begin{bmatrix} \uparrow & \uparrow & \dots & \uparrow \\ x_1 & x_2 & \dots & x_n \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \dots & \downarrow \end{bmatrix}$$

What happens if you multiply with  $A$ ?

$$AS = A \begin{bmatrix} \uparrow & \uparrow & \dots & \uparrow \\ x_1 & x_2 & \dots & x_n \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \dots & \downarrow \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \uparrow & \uparrow & \dots & \uparrow \\ \lambda_1 x_1 & \dots & \lambda_n x_n \\ \downarrow & & & \downarrow \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & \dots & x_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

diagonal eigenvalue matrix  
(1)

$$= S\Lambda$$

$$\therefore AS = S\Lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow S^{-1}AS = \Lambda \quad \left[ S \text{ has to be invertible.} \right]$$

$$\text{Or, } A = S\Lambda S^{-1} \quad \left[ \text{i.e. all the eigenvectors must be independent} \right]$$

So, what would be  $A^n$ ?

$$A^n = S \Lambda^n S^{-1}$$

$$= S \Lambda^n S^{-1}$$

$$\text{So, } A^k = S \Lambda^k S^{-1}$$

So, for diagonalization, there's a condition.

"Eigenvector  $S$  has to be invertible."

When do we get the  $S$  invertible? When all the eigenvalues are different.

If any <sup>two</sup> of the eigenvalues are same, then there would be repetition in the eigenvector, and  $S$  wouldn't be invertible.

Example: Let's say, we have this matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

As this is a triangular matrix,  $\lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 6$

so, for  $\lambda_1 = 1$ ,  $A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

and for  $\lambda_2 = 6$ ,  $A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$\therefore$  Powers of  $A$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}^k = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_S \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}}_{\lambda^k} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{S^{-1}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6^k - 1 \\ 0 & 6^k \end{bmatrix}$

Matrix Powers,  $A^k$

You'll see a bit of use of difference equation,  $u_{k+1} = Au_k$ , where in each step it is multiplied by  $A$ . The final solution is,  $u_k = A^k u_0$ .

For example, let's say you have a vector  $u_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . You need to multiply this vector 100 times by this matrix,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Remember,  $u^{100}$  and  $A^{100}$  are not the same.

So, you can do it in 3 easy steps -

① Write  $u_0$  as a combination  $c_1 x_1 + \dots + c_n x_n$  of the eigenvectors

② Now,  $A^{100} u_0 = A^k u_0 = c_1 A^k x_1 + c_2 A^k x_2 + \dots + c_n A^k x_n$

$$= c_1 \lambda_1^k x_1 + c_2 \lambda_2^k x_2 + \dots + c_n \lambda_n^k x_n$$

$$= \lambda^k S c \left[ \text{cause, } \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & \dots & x_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & \dots & c_n \end{bmatrix} = S c \right]$$

Combine all the eigenvectors  $c_1(x_1)^k + \dots + c_n(x_n)^k$  into  $u_k$ .

Let's find  $F_n$ .

We'll see 2 examples.

### 1. Fibonacci Numbers:

Let's say, we want to find the 100th fibonacci number,  $F_{100}$ .  
For fibonacci number, we know, every new fibonacci number is the sum of the previous two terms.

The sequence 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, ... Comes from  $F_{k+2} = F_{k+1} + F_k$

[Fact  $\rightarrow$  Fibonacci Plants and trees grow in a spiral pattern and all follows the rule of Fibonacci. Please search youtube]

Now, let's solve this with eigenvalues and eigenvectors.

Let's make a vector with the terms of Fibonacci -

$$u_k = \begin{bmatrix} F_{k+1} \\ F_k \end{bmatrix}$$

If you have two term  $(x, y)$  and a matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x+y \\ x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_{k+1} \\ F_k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_k + F_{k-1} \\ F_k + 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} F_k \\ F_{k-1} \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} F_k \\ F_{k-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

Similarly, If you have two term of Fibonacci series, namely  $F_k$  and  $F_{k-1}$   $\rightarrow$

$$A \begin{bmatrix} F_k \\ F_{k-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} F_k \\ F_{k-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_k + F_{k-1} \\ F_k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_{k+1} \\ F_k \end{bmatrix} = u_{k+1}$$

$$\downarrow u_k \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} F_{k+1} \\ F_k \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} F_k \\ F_{k-1} \end{bmatrix} = A (A \begin{bmatrix} F_{k-1} \\ F_{k-2} \end{bmatrix}) = A^2 \begin{bmatrix} F_{k-1} \\ F_{k-2} \end{bmatrix} = A^k \begin{bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_0 \end{bmatrix} = A^k \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now,  $u_{k+1} = A u_k$

Every step multiplies by  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . After 100 steps, we reach  $u_{100} = A^{100} u_0$ .

$$u_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, u_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \dots, u_{100} = \begin{bmatrix} F_{101} \\ F_{100} \end{bmatrix}$$

This problem is just right for eigenvalues! Subtract 1 from the diagonal of  $A$ :

$$A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & -\lambda \end{bmatrix} \text{ leads to } \det(A - \lambda I) = \lambda^2 - \lambda - 1$$

$$\text{solving with the quadratic formula, } \lambda = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$\text{So, } \lambda_1 = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \approx 1.618$$

$$\lambda_2 = \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \approx -0.618$$

Let's follow the steps -

① Express  $u_0$  as  $c_1 n_1 + c_2 n_2$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & -\lambda \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} -0.618 & 1 \\ 1 & -1.618 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_1 = 1.618$$

$$x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1.618 & 1 \\ 1 & -0.618 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2 = -0.618$$

$$x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$u_0 = c_1 n_1 + c_2 n_2 = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} =$$

Let's find out the eigenvectors -

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & -\lambda \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} -0.618 & 1 \\ 1 & -1.618 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_1 = 1.618$$

$$x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1.618 & 1 \\ 1 & -0.618 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2 = -0.618$$

$$x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$S^{-1} = \frac{1}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\lambda_2 \\ -1 & \lambda_1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2}$$

$$\therefore \Lambda = S^{-1} A S = \frac{1}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\lambda_2 \\ -1 & \lambda_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\lambda = \frac{1}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\lambda_2 \\ -1 & \lambda_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 + 1 & \lambda_2 + 1 \\ \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 + 1 - \lambda_2 \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 + 1 - \lambda_2 \\ \lambda_1 - \lambda_1 - 1 & \lambda_1 \lambda_2 - \lambda_2 - 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

But, do you remember that  $\lambda^2 - \lambda - 1 = 0$ ?

so,  $\lambda_1^2 - \lambda_1 - 1 = 0$

and  $\lambda_2^2 - \lambda_2 - 1 = 0$  or  $\lambda_2 + 1 - \lambda_2^2 = 0$

$$= \frac{1}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 + 1 - \lambda_1 \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & -(\lambda_2 + 1 - \lambda_1 \lambda_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

now  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = \frac{(1+\sqrt{5})(1-\sqrt{5})}{2 \cdot 2} = \frac{(1)^2 - (\sqrt{5})^2}{4} = \frac{1-5}{4} = -1$

$$= \frac{1}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 + 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -(\lambda_2 + 2) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_1 + 2 = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} + 2 = \frac{5+\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$\lambda_2 + 2 = \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} + 2 = \frac{5-\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} = \frac{1}{\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} - \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}} = \frac{2}{1+\sqrt{5} - 1 + \sqrt{5}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$$

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

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now,

$$A^k = (S \Lambda S^{-1})^k = S \Lambda S^{-1} \cdot S \Lambda S^{-1} \cdot \dots \cdot S \Lambda S^{-1} = S \Lambda^k S^{-1}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} F_{k+1} \\ F_k \end{pmatrix} &= A^k \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = S \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1^k & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2^k \end{pmatrix} S^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1^k & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2^k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\lambda_2 \\ -1 & \lambda_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^{k+1} & -\lambda_2^{k+1} \\ \lambda_1^k & -\lambda_2^k \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1^k & -\lambda_2^k \\ -\lambda_2^k & \lambda_1 \lambda_2^k \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$F_k = \frac{\lambda_1^k - \lambda_2^k}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2}$$

$$\therefore F_{100} = \frac{(1+\sqrt{5})^{100} - (1-\sqrt{5})^{100}}{2^{100}(\sqrt{5})}$$

Another Example: Find  $F_k$  where  $F_{k+2} = F_{k+1} + 3F_k$

$$u_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Compute  $A^{50} u_0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_1 &= 2, & \lambda_2 &= -1 \\ u_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} & u_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$S^{-1} = \frac{1}{-3} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \Lambda &= S^{-1} A S = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$A^{50} = S \Lambda^{50} S^{-1} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2^{50} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2^{50} & 2^{50} \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$