

# Linear algebra for AI & ML

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Eigenvalues/eigenvectors:

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

$$; A: \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$x \mapsto Ax$$

Linear transformation.  
(Scalar  $\mathbb{R}$ )

We are trying to see if there are any vectors  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ;  $x \neq 0$  which upon action of  $A$ ,  $(Ax)$  do not "change the direction". That means,

$x$  and  $Ax$  have same direction,  
( $x$  and  $Ax$  are linear multiples of each other).

Such a vector  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  ( $x \neq 0$ ) is called as an eigenvector and  $Ax = \lambda x$  where  $\lambda$  (scalar multiple) is called as eigenvalue correspond  $x$ .

Given  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , if there exists  $x \neq 0$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $Ax = \lambda x$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $x$  is called an eigenvector and  $\lambda$  is its corresponding eigenvalue.

$$Ax = \lambda x \quad (x \neq 0)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \underbrace{(A - \lambda I)}_{(A - \lambda I)} x = 0$$

Note  $(A - \lambda I)$  is a matrix in  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  for some value of  $\lambda$ .

We will find  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $(A - \lambda I)$  is not invertible or  $(A - \lambda I)$  is not full rank.

$\Rightarrow$  for this  $\lambda$ ,  $\exists x \neq 0$  in the null space of  $(A - \lambda I)$ .

$$\Rightarrow (A - \lambda I)x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow Ax = \lambda x$$

$\Rightarrow \lambda$  and  $x$  is an eigenvalue, eigenvector pair (eigen pair).

Notice:  $A - \lambda I$  is not invertible.

$$\Leftrightarrow \det(A - \lambda I) = 0$$

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

$$\det(S - \lambda I) = \det \left[ \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} \right]$$

$$= \det \begin{bmatrix} 2-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow (2-\lambda)^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2-\lambda-1)(2-\lambda+1) = 0$$

$\lambda = 1, 3$  are eigenvectors.

$$(s - \lambda I) = s - 1I = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let  $x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ;  $y = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ ;  $z = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ -\alpha \end{bmatrix}$  for  $\alpha \neq 0 \in \mathbb{R}$

$$Sx = x$$

$x$  = eigenvector corresponding  
to the eigenvalue  $\lambda = 1$

Similarly for  $\lambda = 3$ ,  $x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is the eigenvector.

$$N(S - \lambda I) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid (S - \lambda I)x = 0\}$$

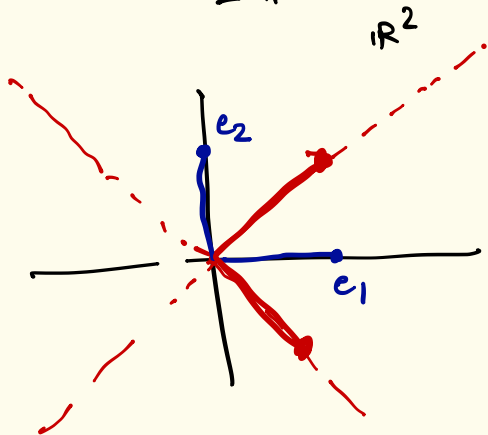
for every  $\downarrow$  vector  $x \in N(S - \lambda I)$   
non-zero

$$(S - \lambda I)x = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{Sx = \lambda x}}$$

$$\dim N(S - \lambda I) = 1$$

$$\subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$$

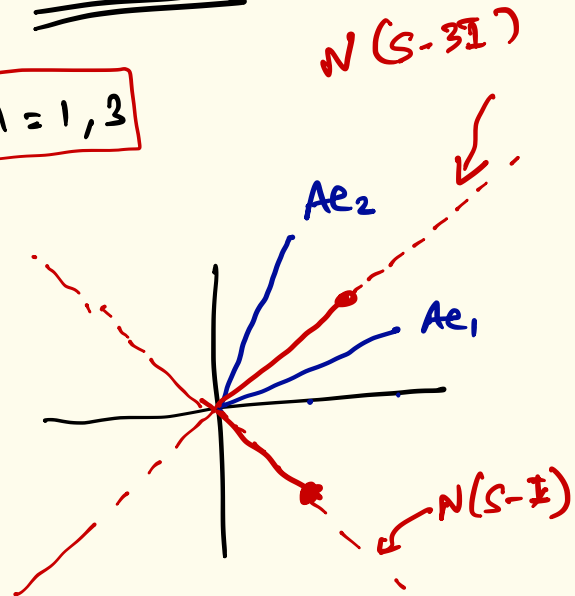
for  $\lambda = 1, 3$



$\mathbb{R}^2$

$A$

$\rightarrow$



Ex:

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} : \text{rotator matrix.}$$

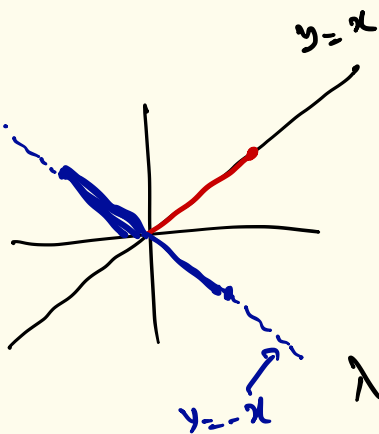
$$\det(Q - \lambda I) = \det \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & -1 \\ 1 & -\lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \lambda^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \pm i$$

$$\text{where } i = \sqrt{-1}$$

Ex:



$Q =$  Reflection through  $y=x$  line.

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} & \\ & \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Qv &= v \\ Qu &= -u \end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda = 1, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = -1, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Ex:  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 3 \\ 2 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 8-\lambda & 3 \\ 2 & 7-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= (8-\lambda)(7-\lambda) - 6$$

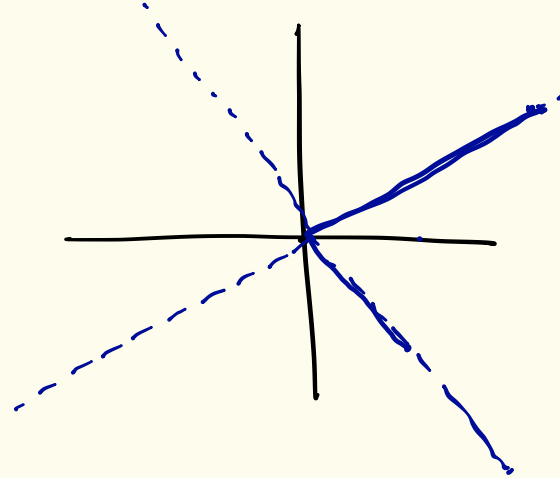
$$= \lambda^2 - 15\lambda + 50$$

$$= (\lambda - 10)(\lambda - 5)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 5, 10 \quad \leftarrow \text{eigenvalues.}$$

$$\lambda_1 = 5, \quad x_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad ; \quad \lambda_2 = 10, \quad x_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\nearrow$   $\nearrow$





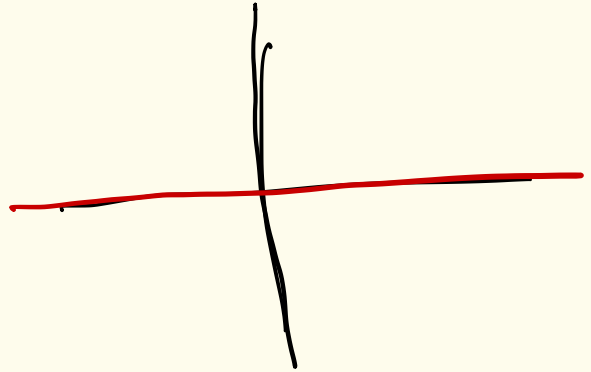
Ex:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Eigenvalues are : 1, 1

eigenvectors:

$$(A - I) \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



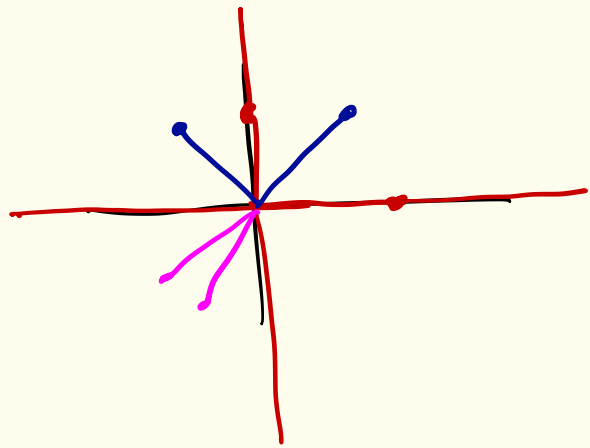
Ex:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\lambda_1 = 1, \quad \lambda_2 = 1$$

$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow$   
 $e_1 \qquad \qquad e_2$

$$\dim(A - \lambda I) = \dim \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \text{2-dimensional.}$$

$\text{span}\{e_1, e_2\}$



Observations :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i) Trace}(A) &= \text{sum of diagonal entries} \\ &= \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \\ &= \text{sum of eigenvalues} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{ii) } \det(A) = \lambda_1 \lambda_2$$

$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$  : quadratic polynomial.  
Suppose  $\lambda_1$  &  $\lambda_2$  are roots of this polynomial.  
 $\lambda^2 + a\lambda + b = 0$

Note: Given  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

→  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$  (\*)

→ get a monic polynomial of degree 'n'. (\*)

→ compute the roots of this polynomial.

→ compute the corresponding eigenvectors.