

### 4.3 Applications

#### 4.3.1 Powers and products: $A^k$ and $AB$ .

Lemma 29:  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k$ : eigenvalues of  $A$ . Then

(1)  $\lambda_1^m, \lambda_2^m, \dots, \lambda_k^m$ : eigenvalues of  $A^m$ .

(2) every eigenvector of  $A$  is also an eigenvector of  $A^m$ .

proof: Let  $u$ : eigenvector of  $A$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda$   
then

$$\begin{aligned} A^m u &= A^{m-1} (Au) = A^{m-1} (\lambda u) = \lambda A^{m-1} u = \lambda A^{m-2} (Au) \\ &= \lambda A^{m-2} (\lambda u) = \lambda^2 A^{m-2} u = \dots = \lambda^m u \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 30:  $A$ : invertible  $\Rightarrow$  all of its eigenvalues  $\neq 0$ .

Moreover, the eigenvalue of  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\lambda}$

proof:  $A$ : invertible  $\Rightarrow \det(A) \neq 0$

$\Rightarrow 0$  cannot be an eigenvalue of  $A$ .

Furthermore,

$$Au = \lambda u \Rightarrow u = A^{-1}(\lambda u) = \lambda A^{-1}u$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1}u = \frac{1}{\lambda} u$$

( $\Rightarrow A, A^{-1}$  的 eigenvectors 相同)

Lemma 31:  $A$ : diagonalizable  $\Rightarrow A^m, A^{-1}$ : diagonalizable.

proof: 這裏只證  $A^m$  的 case.

$A$ : diagonalizable  $\Rightarrow \exists$  eigenvector matrix  $Q$  and diagonal matrix  $D$   
such that

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

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow A^m &= (QDQ^{-1})(QDQ^{-1})\dots(QDQ^{-1}) \\ &= QD(Q^{-1}Q)D(Q^{-1}Q)D\dots DQ^{-1} = QDD\dots DQ^{-1} \\ &= QD^mQ^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

and  $D^m$  is a diagonal matrix.

$\Rightarrow A^m$ : diagonalizable.

Remark 32:  $A, B$  have the same eigenvector  $U$  corresponding to the eigenvalues  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ , respectively, i.e.,

$$AU = \lambda U, \quad BU = \mu U.$$

then

(1)  $A+B$  has an eigenvalue  $\lambda + \mu$ .

(2)  $AB$  has an eigenvalue  $\lambda\mu$ .

注意: 若  $A, B$  "共有" 相同的 eigenvector, 這個結果會是錯的.

Example 33: Consider

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A: \text{eigenvalue } 5, \quad E_5 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{eigenvalue } -1, \quad E_{-1} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$B: \text{eigenvalue } 4, \quad E_4 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{eigenvalue } -1, \quad E_{-1} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$A+B = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 6 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$



eigenvalue 9.  $E_9 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

eigenvalue -2  $E_{-2} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} 11 & 10 \\ 9 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

eigenvalue 20.  $E_{20} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

eigenvalue 1  $E_1 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

比較一下這些性質與 Remark 22 之間的關係。

如果只有一組 eigenvectors 相同的話，有沒有別的可能呢？

Lemma 34:  $A, B$ : diagonalizable

$A, B$  share the same eigenvector matrix  $Q \iff AB = BA$ .

proof: " $\Rightarrow$ " Suppose  $A = QD_1Q^{-1}$ ,  $B = QD_2Q^{-1}$   
where  $D_1, D_2$ , diagonal matrices.

Since  $D_1D_2 = D_2D_1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} AB &= (QD_1Q^{-1})(QD_2Q^{-1}) = QD_1(Q^{-1}Q)D_2Q^{-1} \\ &= QD_1D_2Q^{-1} = QD_2D_1Q^{-1} = (QD_2Q^{-1})(QD_1Q^{-1}) \\ &= BA. \end{aligned}$$

" $\Leftarrow$ " 省略