

RECALL : Linear operator $T: V \rightarrow V$ (\longleftrightarrow matrix)

is diagonalizable when we have a basis of eigenvectors

If $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$ are distinct eigenvalues of T
 w/ resp. eigenvectors v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k ,
 then $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$ are L.I.

Furthermore, if S_i is a L.I. subset of
 the eigenspace E_{λ_i} (for each i), then

$$S := S_1 \cup \dots \cup S_k$$

is L.I.

THM Let T be a linear operator on a finite-dim'l v.s. V such that the characteristic polynomial $\chi_T(t)$ splits, and let $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$ be the distinct eigenvalues of T .

Then: (i) T is diagonalizable iff the multiplicity of λ_i equals $\dim(E_{\lambda_i})$

for all i .

(ii) If T is diagonalizable and β_i is an ordered basis for E_{λ_i} for each i , then $\beta = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k)$ is an ordered basis for V consisting of eigenvectors of T .

(Here: $\beta = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k)$ means,
if $\beta_i = (v_{\lambda_1}, \dots, v_{\lambda_{m_i}})$,
then $\beta = (v_{1,1}, \dots, v_{1,n_1}, v_{2,1}, \dots, v_{k,n_k})$)

Pf Let m_i denote the mult. of λ_i ,
 $d_i := \dim(E_{\lambda_i})$, $n = \dim(V)$.

Suppose first T is diagonalizable,
and let β be a basis of eigenvectors.

For each i , let $\beta_i := \beta \cap E_{\lambda_i}$
and let $n_i := |\beta_i|$.

Since β_i is a L.I. subset of E_{λ_i} ,

$$n_i \leq d_i (= \dim(E_{\lambda_i})) ,$$

and we know $d_i \leq m_i$ ($=$ mult of λ_i).

Since $|\beta| = n$, $\sum_{i=1}^k n_i = n$.

On the other hand, we know that

$$\sum_{i=1}^k m_i = n, \text{ since } X_T \text{ splits.}$$

Thus: $n = \sum_{i=1}^k n_i \leq \sum_{i=1}^k d_i \leq \sum_{i=1}^k m_i = n$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^k (m_i - n_i) = \sum_{i=1}^k (m_i - d_i) = 0$$

Since $m_i - d_i \geq 0$ for all i ,

we conclude $n_i = m_i = d_i$ for all i .

This shows that each β_i is a basis
for E_{λ_i} .

Conversely, suppose $m_i = d_i$ for each i .

For each i , let β_i be a basis
for E_{λ_i} , and let

$$\beta = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k).$$

By the result we mentioned @ beginning of lecture, β is L.I.

Since $d_i = m_i$ for all i ,

$$\sum_{i=1}^k d_i = \sum_{i=1}^k m_i = n,$$

so $|\beta| = n$, β is a basis,
and T is diagonalizable.

(NOTE: This also shows (ii).) \square

TEST FOR DIAGONALIZATION:

(1) See if χ_T splits

(2) If it does split, for each eigenvalue λ of T , check
if $\text{mult } \lambda = n - \text{rank}(T - \lambda I)$

$$(\longleftrightarrow \text{mult } \lambda = \dim(\ker(T - \lambda I)))$$

DEF direct sum

W_1, \dots, W_k : subspaces of V

$$V = W_1 \oplus W_2 \oplus \dots \oplus W_k = \bigoplus_{i=1}^k W_i$$

means: (1) $V = \sum_{i=1}^k W_i = \{w_1 + \dots + w_k : w_i \in W_i\}$

$$(2) W_j \cap \sum_{i \neq j} W_i = \{0\}$$

for each j

THM A linear operator T on a finite-dim'l v.s. V is diagonalizable iff

V is the direct sum of the eigenspaces of T .

Pf Let $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$ be the distinct eigenvalues. First, suppose T is diagonalizable.

Then $V = \sum_{i=1}^k E_{\lambda_i}$ by previous THM.

Suppose $v \in E_{\lambda_j} \cap \sum_{i \neq j} E_{\lambda_i}$

This means $(-v_j) = \sum_{i \neq j} v_i$, where $v_i \in E_{\lambda_i}$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^k v_i = 0$$

\Rightarrow each $v_i = 0$ (LEMMA from last time)

$$\Rightarrow v = 0$$

Hence $V = \bigoplus_{i=1}^k E_{\lambda_i}$

Conversely, suppose $V = \bigoplus_{i=1}^k E_{\lambda_i}$.

Then $\sum_{i=1}^k \dim(E_{\lambda_i}) = \dim(V) = \sum_{i=1}^k \text{mult}(\lambda_i)$

$$\Rightarrow \dim(E_{\lambda_i}) = \text{mult}(\lambda_i),$$

so, by previous THM,

T is diagonalizable.

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MATRIX LIMITS AND MARKOV CHAINS

DEF Let L, A_1, A_2, \dots be $n \times p$ matrices w/ entries in \mathbb{C} .

The sequence A_1, A_2, \dots is said to converge to the $n \times p$ matrix L , called the limit of the sequence, if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (A_n)_{ij} = L_{ij}$$

for all $1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq p$.

NOTATION: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n = L$

Ex If

$$A_m = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2m^2+m}{5m^2+43m-187} & 5 \\ \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^m & \left(1+\frac{1}{m}\right)^m \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\text{then } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{5} & 5 \\ 0 & e \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since limits of matrices are essentially limits of sequences in each entry/coordinate, we can exploit known properties of limits: sums, products by constant scalar, etc.

Ex if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n = L \quad \text{and} \quad c \in \mathbb{C},$

$$\text{then } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (cA_n) = c \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n = cL.$$

In particular :

THM If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n = L \quad \text{and} \quad Q \text{ is an invertible matrix, then}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (Q A_n Q^{-1}) = Q L Q^{-1}.$$

DEF open unit disk $\mathbb{D} := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$

RECALL: If $z = a + bi$,
 $|z| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = \sqrt{z\bar{z}}$.

THM Let A be a square matrix w/
complex entries. Then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A^n$ exists
iff both of the following conditions hold:

- (i) Every eigenvalue of A is contained
in $\mathbb{D} \cup \{1\}$.
- (ii) If 1 is an eigenvalue of A ,
then the dimension of the
eigenspace corresponding to 1 equals
the mult. of 1 as an eigenvalue
of A .

IDEA: $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is bad for the
purpose of taking
limits,

since $B^m = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & m \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$,

and so $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} B^m$ DNE.

Failing condition (ii) leads to a situation like this.

Easier:

THM Let $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ satisfy:

(i) Every eigenvalue of A is contained in $D \cup \{1\}$

(ii) A is diagonalizable.

Then $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} A^m$ exists.

IDEA: If $Q A Q^{-1} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$,
then:

$$Q A^m Q^{-1} = (Q A Q^{-1})^m = \text{diag}(\lambda_1^m, \dots, \lambda_n^m)$$

$$\Rightarrow A^m = Q^{-1} \operatorname{diag} (\lambda_1^m, \dots, \lambda_n^m) Q.$$

If $\lambda_i \in D \cup \{-1\}$, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_i^n = \begin{cases} 0, & \lambda_i \in D \\ 1, & \text{if } \lambda_i = -1 \end{cases}$$

Result follows.