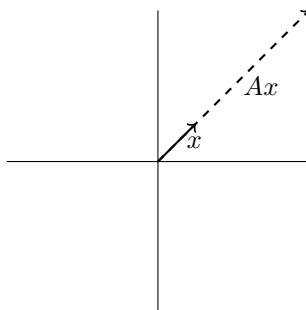


## 1/28: Introduction to Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

- $Ax = b = \lambda x$
- $Ax = \lambda x, \lambda \in \mathbb{F}, x \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue.  $\lambda x$  is an eigenvector.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  with corresponding eigenvalue of 4.
- $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = 4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$



$$Ax = \lambda x$$

$$Ax - \lambda x = 0$$

$$Ax - \lambda Ix = 0$$

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

- $(A - \lambda I)x = 0 \Rightarrow x \in N(A - \lambda I)^{[1]} \Rightarrow |A - \lambda I| = 0$

- $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 - \lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 3 - \lambda \end{bmatrix}$

- $\begin{vmatrix} 3 - \lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 3 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= (3 - \lambda)^2 - 1^2 \\ &= 3^2 - 6\lambda + \lambda^2 - 1 \\ &= \lambda^2 - 6\lambda + 8 \\ &= (\lambda - 4)(\lambda - 2) \end{aligned}$$

- $\lambda = 4, 2$ .
- $\lambda^2 - 6\lambda + 8$  is the **characteristic polynomial** of  $A$ .
- $A - 2I = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \in N(A - 2I)$ .
- $A - 4I = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \in N(A - 4I)$ .

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<sup>1</sup>To have a null space,  $A - \lambda I$  has free columns.

- “Eigenspace” is not  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , but two lines in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , specifically  $y = \pm x$ .

$$- y = \pm x \text{ comes from } c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(\lambda) &= |A - \lambda I| \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 3-\lambda & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -1 \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 3 \\ 0 & -2 \end{vmatrix} (-1)^{3+2} + (2-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & -2 \\ 0 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} (-1)^{3+3} \\ &= ((2-\lambda)(-2)) + (2-\lambda)((2-\lambda)(3-\lambda)) \\ &= -4 + 2\lambda + (2-\lambda)^2(3-\lambda) \\ &= -4 + 2\lambda + (4 - 4\lambda + \lambda^2)(3-\lambda) \\ &= -4 + 2\lambda + 12 - 4\lambda - 12\lambda + 4\lambda^2 + 3\lambda^2 - \lambda^3 \\ &= -\lambda^3 + 7\lambda^2 - 14\lambda + 8 \\ &= -(\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 4) \end{aligned}$$

$$A - I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad A - 2I = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad A - 4I = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $P(\lambda)$  is positive when  $n \in 2\mathbb{N}$ , negative otherwise.
  - Signs flip term to term (think about binomial expansion).
- Coefficients of the  $n - 1$  degree term is the sum of the diagonal entries.
- Coefficient of the 0<sup>th</sup> degree term is  $|A|$ .
  - $P_\lambda(0) = |A - 0 \cdot I| = |A|$ .
- Product of the eigenvalues is  $|A|$ .
  - Think about expanding the factorization.
- Eigenvalues of  $U$  are the diagonal values.
  - $\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \cdots \lambda_n = |A|$ , which is the product of the diagonal entries.
  - $\lambda_1 + \cdots + \lambda_n = \text{trace}(A)$ , which is the sum of the diagonal entries.
- $Ax = \lambda x$ 
  - $A^2x = AAx = A\lambda x = \lambda Ax = \lambda \lambda x = \lambda^2 x$

## Similarity

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1. If  $A \sim B$ , then  $|A| = |B|$ .

$$\begin{aligned} B &= S^{-1}AS \\ |B| &= |S^{-1}AS| \\ |B| &= |S^{-1}||A||S| \\ |B| &= \frac{1}{|S|}|A||S| \\ |B| &= |A| \end{aligned}$$

2. If  $A \sim B$ , then they share the same characteristic polynomial.

$$\begin{aligned} B &= S^{-1}AS \\ |B - \lambda I| &= |S^{-1}AS - \lambda I| \\ &= |S^{-1}AS - \lambda S^{-1}IS| \\ &= |S^{-1}S(A - \lambda I)| \\ &= |I(A - \lambda I)| \\ |B - \lambda I| &= |A - \lambda I| \end{aligned}$$

– If they have the same characteristic polynomial,  $\therefore A$  and  $B$  have the same eigenvalues.

• What is the best possible  $B$  if  $A \sim B$ ?

- Sparse.
- Diagonal.

$$- A = [\text{ugly}] \rightarrow B = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} = \Lambda$$

• **Diagonalization:**

$$\begin{aligned} A &= S\Lambda S^{-1} \\ \Lambda &= SAS^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

•  $A = S\Lambda S^{-1}$

$$- A^2 = AA = S\Lambda S^{-1}S\Lambda S^{-1} = S\Lambda\Lambda S^{-1} = S\Lambda^2 S^{-1}$$

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

$$- A^k = S \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^k & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n^k \end{bmatrix} S^{-1}$$

• Diagonalize the following matrix  $A$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & -3 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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<sup>2</sup> $A$  “is similar to”  $B$

- Find the characteristic polynomial.

$$\begin{aligned}
 |A - \lambda I| &= \begin{vmatrix} -1 - \lambda & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 - \lambda & -3 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= (-1 - \lambda)((-\lambda)(-1 - \lambda)) + (-1)(-\lambda) \\
 &= -\lambda(-1 - \lambda)^2 + \lambda \\
 &= -\lambda(1 + 2\lambda + \lambda^2) + \lambda \\
 &= -\lambda^3 - 2\lambda^2 \\
 &= -\lambda^2(\lambda + 2)
 \end{aligned}$$

- Find the eigenvalues:  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0$ ,  $\lambda_3 = -2$

- **Algebraic multiplicity** of  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  is 2.

- A.M. of  $\lambda_3$  is 1.

$$- A - 0I = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & -3 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $\text{rank}(A - 0I) = 1 \Rightarrow \dim(N(A - 0I)) = 2$

- The 2 directly above is the **geometric multiplicity**.

- $A$  is diagonalizable iff A.M. of  $\lambda_i = \text{G.M.}$

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- Eigenvectors are  $x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$- A + 2I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & -3 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Eigenvector is  $x_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

- Use an  $S$  matrix of eigenvectors.

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

$$- \text{Note that } A^{9752} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & \\ & 0 & \\ & & (-2)^{9752} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & -3 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- **Algebraic multiplicity:** The number of repeated roots to a polynomial. For all of the roots, it adds up to  $n$  ( $n$ -square matrix). *Also known as A.M.*
- **Geometric multiplicity:** The number of eigenvectors produced from each root. For all of the roots, it may not add up to  $n$  ( $n$ -square matrix).  $\dim(N(A - \lambda I))$ . *Also known as G.M.*
- A nondiagonalizable example:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 1$  and  $\lambda_3 = 4$ .
- $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  have A.M. = 2.

–  $\lambda_3$  has A.M. = 1.

$$- A - I = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

–  $\text{rank}(A - I) = 2 \Rightarrow \dim(N(A - I)) = 1 \Rightarrow \text{G.M.} = 1$ .

$$- x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$- A - 4I = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$- x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

–  $S$  would be  $3 \times 2$  and, thus, not square, so  $\nexists S^{-1}$ <sup>[3]</sup>.

- **Canonical** (form): An accepted way of expressing something.

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<sup>3</sup>At a later date, we will look at an analogy of projections to diagonalization that finds the “best possible” diagonalization (which may not be perfectly diagonal).