

## Week 3

# Linear Algebra Review

### 3.1 Elements of Linear Algebra

10/10:

- Today: Review of linear algebra.
- Start with a **vector space** over  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$  or, more generally, any field  $K$ .
- **Vector space** (over  $K$ ): A set equipped with addition and scalar multiplication such that the following axioms are satisfied.
  1. Commutativity and associativity of addition.
  2. Additive identity and inverse.
  3. Compatibility of scalar multiplication and addition (distributive laws).
  4. The additive identity times any vector is zero.
- In  $\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{C}^n$ , addition is component-wise and scalar multiplication is scaling of the element.
- For a homogeneous equation

$$y' = A(t)y = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}(t)y^1 + a_{12}(t)y^2 + \cdots \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

- If  $y_1, y_2$  are solutions, any linear combination of them is a solution. This is called the **solution space** of the equation.
- **Linearly independent** (set of vectors): A set of vectors  $x_1, \dots, x_m \in V$  for which the only coefficients  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m$  such that

$$\lambda_1 x_1 + \cdots + \lambda_m x_m = 0$$

is  $\lambda_1 = \cdots = \lambda_m = 0$ .

- $\lambda_m \neq 0$  implies

$$x_m = -\frac{1}{\lambda_m}(\lambda_1 x_1 + \cdots + \lambda_{m-1} x_{m-1})$$

- **Maximal linear independence group**: A subset  $X \subset V$  such that for any  $y \in V$ ,  $\{y\} \cup X$  is not linearly independent. *Also known as basis*.
- Theorem: Any basis of  $V$  has the same cardinality.
- **Dimension** (of  $V$ ): The cardinality given by the above theorem. *Denoted by  $\dim V$* .
- We usually denote a basis as an ordered  $n$ -tuple since the order often matters (e.g., for orientation??).

- Notational conventions.
  - For  $\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{C}^n$ , we will always use column vectors.
  - $x_1, x_2, \dots$  denote vectors.
  - $x^1, x^2, \dots$  denote the components of a column vector.
  - Powers of vector components may be denoted  $(x^1)^2$ , for example.
- **Standard basis** (for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ): The set of  $n$  vectors of length  $n$  which have a 1 as one entry and a zero in all the others and are all distinct.
- **Linear transformation** (of  $V$  to  $V$ ): A mapping  $\phi : V \rightarrow V$  satisfying

$$\phi(\lambda x + \mu y) = \lambda \phi(x) + \mu \phi(y)$$

- A mapping is completely determined by its action on the basis vectors:

$$\phi\left(\sum_{k=1}^n x^k e_k\right) = \sum_{k=1}^n x^k \phi(e_k)$$

- **Matrix** (of a linear transformation wrt. the standard basis): The  $n \times n$  array

$$(\phi(e_1) \quad \cdots \quad \phi(e_n))$$

- If  $\phi, \psi : V \rightarrow V$  are linear,  $\phi \circ \psi$  is also linear.
  - Composition of linear transformations corresponds to matrix multiplication.
- Matrix multiplication: If

$$B = (b_1 \quad \cdots \quad b_n)$$

then

$$AB = (Ab_1 \quad \cdots \quad Ab_n)$$

where

$$Ax = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}x^1 + \cdots + a_{1n}x^n \\ \vdots \\ a_{n1}x^1 + \cdots + a_{nn}x^n \end{pmatrix}$$

- We can talk about matrix inverses: If it exists, it is unique, and

$$AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I_n$$

- Matrix multiplication is not commutative in general. Shao gives a counterexample.
- $A$  is invertible iff the columns of  $A$  are a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (resp.  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ).
- **Determinant** (of  $A$ ): Not explicitly defined.
- Properties of the determinant.

- Multilinear.

$$\det(a_1 \quad \cdots \quad \lambda a_k + \mu \tilde{a}_k \quad \cdots \quad a_n) = \lambda \det(a_1 \quad \cdots \quad a_k \quad \cdots \quad a_n) + \mu \det(a_1 \quad \cdots \quad \tilde{a}_k \quad \cdots \quad a_n)$$

- Skew-symmetric.

$$\det(a_1 \quad \cdots \quad a_i \quad \cdots \quad a_j \quad \cdots \quad a_n) = -\det(a_1 \quad \cdots \quad a_j \quad \cdots \quad a_i \quad \cdots \quad a_n)$$

- Theorem: The determinant is uniquely characterized by these two axioms.
- $\det I_n = 1$ .
- Shao goes over computing the determinant via minors.
- Special cases:
  - If the matrix is upper- or lower-triangular, the determinant is equal to the product of the diagonal entries.
  - If the matrix is blocked upper- or lower-triangular, e.g.,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & * \\ 0 & A_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

then  $\det A = \det A_1 \cdot \det A_2$ .

- $\det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B)$ .
- $\det A \neq 0$  iff  $A$  is invertible.
- Direct formula to compute the inverse.

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} ((-1)^{i+j} \det A_{ji})$$

- Tedious for higher-dimensional cases, but quite sufficient for  $n = 2, 3$ .
- Essentially, the inverse of  $A$  is the **adjoint** of  $A$  divided by  $\det A$ . The adjoint is the transpose of the **cofactor matrix**. The **cofactor** of  $a_{ij}$  (the element in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  row and  $j^{\text{th}}$  column of  $A$ ) is  $(-1)^{i+j} \det A_{ij}$ , where  $A_{ij}$  is  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  matrix created by removing the  $i^{\text{th}}$  row and the  $j^{\text{th}}$  column of  $A$ .  $\det A_{ij}$  is the **minor** of  $a_{ij}$ .
- Let  $A$  be  $n \times n$ , and let  $Ax = b$ .
  - If  $A$  is invertible, then  $x = A^{-1}b$ .
  - If  $A$  is not invertible and  $b \in \text{span}(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ , then  $x = x_h + x_p$  where  $Ax_h = 0$  and  $Ax_p = b$ .
- **Kernel** (of  $A$ ): The set of all vectors  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  (resp.  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ) such that  $Ay = 0$ .
- **Range** (of  $A$ ): The set of all linear combinations of the columns  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  of  $A$ .
- Suppose  $\phi: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  has matrix  $A$  under  $(e_1, \dots, e_n)$ . Let  $(q_1, \dots, q_n)$  be another basis.
  - There exists a matrix  $Q$  such that  $q_k = Qe_k$ .  $Q$  is called the **connecting matrix** between  $(e_1, \dots, e_n)$  and  $(q_1, \dots, q_n)$ .
  - Claim: Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  have representation  $x = (x^1, \dots, x^n)$  under the standard basis. Then under the  $Q$  basis,  $x$  has representation  $x' = Q^{-1}(x^1, \dots, x^n)$ . Similarly,  $x = Qx'$ .
  - Claim:  $\phi$  has matrix  $B = Q^{-1}AQ$  with respect to the  $Q$  basis.
- Matrix similarity:  $A \sim B$  iff there exists  $Q$  invertible such that  $B = Q^{-1}AQ$ .
  - Implies that  $A$  and  $B$  describe the same matrix under different bases.
  - Matrix product under the old and new bases are related.

$$Q^{-1}ABQ = (Q^{-1}AQ)(Q^{-1}BQ)$$

- Similarity preserves the determinant:

$$\det(Q^{-1}AQ) = \det(Q^{-1}) \det(A) \det(Q) = \det(A) \det(Q^{-1}) \det(Q) = \det(A)$$

- There is an extra example in Shao's notes of a linear transformation in two bases.

## 3.2 Diagonalization and Jordan Normal Form

10/12:

- Similar matrices and Jordan Normal Form (JNF).
- Suppose  $A : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$  is linear. We can express  $A$  in a different basis with the help of a connecting matrix  $Q$ .
- In this lecture, we seek to find the most convenient basis in which to discuss our linear transformation.
- Today we will work in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  (but all results hold for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , too).
- **Invariant subspace** (of  $A$ ): A subspace  $K \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  such that  $A(K) = K$ .
- Suppose you have  $m$  invariant subspaces  $K_1, \dots, K_m \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  whose pairwise intersection is  $\{0\}$ .
- **Direct sum** (of  $K_1, \dots, K_m$ ): The set of all vectors which can be represented as a sum containing one vector from each of  $K_1, \dots, K_m$ . Denoted by  $K_1 \oplus \dots \oplus K_m$ . Given by

$$K_1 \oplus \dots \oplus K_m = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid x = \sum_{j=1}^m x_j, x_j \in K_j \right\}$$

- Suppose  $K_1, K_2 \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  are invariant subspaces of  $A$  of dimension  $n_1, n_2$ , respectively, such that  $K_1 \oplus K_2 = \mathbb{C}^n$ . Then choosing a basis for  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ , the matrix  $A$  takes the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} B_1 & 0 \\ 0 & B_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $B_1$  is an  $n_1 \times n_1$  block and  $B_2$  is an  $n_2 \times n_2$  block.

- **Eigenvalue** (of  $A$ ): A complex number  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $A - \lambda I$  is not invertible. Denoted by  $\lambda$ .
  - Equivalently,  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$ .
- **Characteristic polynomial**: The polynomial in  $z$  defined as follows. Denoted by  $\chi_A(z)$ . Given by
 
$$\chi_A(z) = \det(A - zI)$$
  - Similar matrices have the same characteristic polynomials.
- **Spectrum** (of  $A$ ): The set of all eigenvalues of  $A$ . Denoted by  $\sigma(A)$ .
- **Eigenvector** (of  $A$ ): A vector  $v \in \mathbb{C}^n$  corresponding to an eigenvalue  $\lambda$  via

$$Av = \lambda v$$

- Claim: The set of all eigenvectors corresponding to  $\lambda$  form an invariant subspace.

*Proof.*

$$A(v_1 + v_2) = \lambda v_1 + \lambda v_2 = \lambda(v_1 + v_2)$$

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- **Eigenspace** (of  $\lambda$ ): The vector subspace of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  equal to the span of the eigenvectors of  $\lambda$ . Denoted by  $V_\lambda$ .
- **Algebraic multiplicity** (of  $\lambda$ ): The degree of the  $(z - \lambda)$  term in the factorization of the characteristic polynomial. Denoted by  $\alpha_\lambda$ .
- **Geometric multiplicity** (of  $\lambda$ ): The dimension of the eigenspace of  $\lambda$ . Denoted by  $\gamma_\lambda$ .

- $\gamma_\lambda \leq \alpha_\lambda$ .
- If  $\alpha_\lambda = \gamma_\lambda$  for each  $\lambda$ , then each eigenspace  $V_\lambda$  has a basis such that  $\oplus_\lambda V_\lambda = \mathbb{C}^n$ .
  - Under this basis, the matrix of  $A$  is diagonal with all  $\lambda$ 's (along the diagonal) repeated according to their algebraic multiplicity.
- **Superdiagonal:** The set of entries in a matrix which are directly above a diagonal entry.
- **Jordan block:** A  $d \times d$  matrix corresponding to an eigenvalue  $\lambda$  that has  $\lambda$  as every diagonal entry, 1 as every superdiagonal entry, and zeroes everywhere else. Denoted by  $J_d(\lambda)$ .
  - A Jordan block is an example of a matrix with one eigenvalue of algebraic multiplicity  $d$  and geometric multiplicity 1.
  - The geometric multiplicity  $\gamma_j$  is the number of Jordan blocks with eigenvalue  $\lambda_j$ . Of course, when  $\gamma_j = \alpha_j$  (in particular, if  $\alpha_j = 1$ ), there is no Jordan block corresponding to  $\lambda_j$  at all.
- For any linear transformation, we can find a basis such that the matrix of the transformation is block-diagonalized with each block being a Jordan block. Formally...
- Theorem: Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  complex matrix. Then there is a **Jordan basis**  $Q$  under which

$$Q^{-1}AQ = \begin{pmatrix} J_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & J_k \end{pmatrix}$$

i.e., under which the matrix of  $Q^{-1}AQ$  is block-diagonalized Jordan blocks.

- The proof will not be tested — it is very hard. Shao will sketch it, though.
- The proof is constructive: It will tell you how to convert a matrix into the Jordan normal form.
- Proof procedure:
  1. Determine the eigenvalues as well as their algebraic and geometric multiplicities.
    - (a) Compute  $\chi_A(z)$ .
    - (b) Find  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m$  (factor  $\chi_A(z)$ ).
    - (c) Find  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m$  (combine like terms in the factorization of  $\chi_A(z)$ ).
    - (d) Find  $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_m$  ( $\gamma_i = n - \text{rank}(A - \lambda_i I)$ ).
  2. Find the **generalized eigenspaces** of each  $\lambda_i$ . This will allow us to block-diagonalize  $A$ .
    - (a) For each  $\lambda_i$ , compute the  $\ker(A - \lambda_i I) \subset \ker(A - \lambda_i I)^2 \subset \ker(A - \lambda_i I)^3 \subset \dots$ .
    - (b) The sequence will stop at some  $d_i \in \mathbb{N}$ . In particular, it will stop when  $\dim \ker(A - \lambda_i I)^{d_i} = \alpha_i$ .
      - Claim:  $\mathbb{C}^n = K_1 \oplus \dots \oplus K_m$ .
    - (c) Since each  $K_i$  is an invariant subspace of  $A$ , we know that there is a matrix of the linear transformation corresponding to  $A$  of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} B_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & B_m \end{pmatrix}$$

We now just need to choose the *best* basis of each  $K_i$ , i.e., the one that makes each  $B_i$  into a (direct sum of) Jordan block(s).

3. Find the best basis for each  $K_i$ .

- (a) Recall that each  $\lambda_i$  corresponds to  $\gamma = \gamma_i$  linearly independent eigenvectors, which we will denote  $v_{i,1}, \dots, v_{i,\gamma}$ . We will block-diagonalize  $B_i$  into  $\gamma$  Jordan blocks, each of which corresponds to a  $v_{i,j}$  as follows.  
Every Jordan block is of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda_i & 1 & & 0 \\ & \lambda_i & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ 0 & & & \lambda_i \end{pmatrix}$$

Let the above block be of dimension  $k_{i,j} = d$ . It follows that this block will be responsible for linearly transforming  $d$  vectors in the Jordan basis. Let  $v_{i,j,1} = v_{i,j}$  be the first of these  $d$  vectors. Then the submatrix of  $v_{i,j,1}$  in the Jordan basis corresponding to this Jordan block is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

which should make sense since we want  $Av_{i,j} = \lambda_i v_{i,j}$  and under this definition,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda_i & 1 & & 0 \\ & \lambda_i & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ 0 & & & \lambda_i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \lambda_i \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now let  $v_{i,j,2}$  be the second of the  $d$  vectors. Naturally, its submatrix in the Jordan basis should be

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

But this implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_i & 1 & & 0 \\ & \lambda_i & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ 0 & & & \lambda_i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \lambda_i \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_i \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$Jv_{i,j,2} = v_{i,j,1} + \lambda_i v_{i,j,2}$$

$$(J - \lambda_i I)v_{i,j,2} = v_{i,j,1}$$

Naturally, this process will generalize to show that  $(J - \lambda_i I)v_{i,j,k} = v_{i,j,k-1}$ , i.e., we can recursively determine the  $v_{i,j,1}, \dots, v_{i,j,k_{i,j}}$ .

- (b) However, there is slightly more subtlety than we might guess at first glance. Indeed, of our  $\gamma$  eigenvectors corresponding to  $\lambda_i$ , pick the first  $\gamma'$  to be elements of  $\ker(A - \lambda_i I) \cap \text{im}(A - \lambda_i I)$ . This is a necessary condition for the existence of  $v_{i,j,2}$  such that  $(A - \lambda_i I)v_{i,j,2} = v_{i,j,1}$  for  $j = 1, \dots, \gamma'$ .

- (c) Thus, using the above process, we will find  $k_{i,j}$  elements of the Jordan basis for each  $v_{i,j}$ . The full, ordered set of these vectors, listed as follows, constitutes the Jordan basis.

$$\begin{aligned} &v_{i,1,1}, \quad v_{i,1,2}, \quad \dots, \quad v_{i,1,k_{i,1}} \\ &v_{i,2,1}, \quad v_{i,2,2}, \quad \dots, \quad v_{i,2,k_{i,2}} \\ &\dots \\ &v_{i,\gamma',1}, \quad v_{i,\gamma',2}, \quad \dots, \quad v_{i,\gamma',k_{i,\gamma'}} \\ &v_{i,\gamma'+1}, \quad v_{i,\gamma'+2}, \quad \dots, \quad v_{i,\gamma} \end{aligned}$$

- (d) Note that each of these vectors is naturally an element of the generalized eigenspace  $K_i$  since for each  $k = 1, \dots, k_{i,j}$ , the formula  $(A - \lambda_i I)v_{i,j,k} = v_{i,j,k-1}$  implies that

$$(A - \lambda_i I)^k v_{i,j,k} = 0$$

Also note that each  $k_{i,j} \leq d_i$  and  $k_{i,1} + \dots + k_{i,\gamma'} + \gamma - \gamma' = \alpha_i$ .

- (e) Under this basis, the Jordan normal form of  $A$  on the generalized eigenspace  $K_i$  will be

$$\begin{pmatrix} J_{k_{i,1}}(\lambda) & & & & \\ & J_{k_{i,2}}(\lambda) & & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & J_{k_{i,\gamma'}}(\lambda) & \\ & & & & \lambda I_{\gamma-\gamma'} \end{pmatrix}$$

- **Generalized eigenspace** (of  $\lambda$ ): The kernel of  $(A - \lambda I)^{d_\lambda}$ . Denoted by  $\mathbf{K}_\lambda$ . Given by

$$K_\lambda = \ker(A - \lambda I)^{d_\lambda}$$

- $d_\lambda$ : The power of  $A - \lambda I$  for which the kernel stabilizes.
- The JNF computation can be really heavy; we'll only ever compute  $2 \times 2$  or  $3 \times 3$  versions.
- Example<sup>[1]</sup>:

- Consider

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 2 & 1 \\ -7 & 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Then

$$\chi_A(z) = z(z-1)^2$$

- (1) It follows that

$$\lambda_1 = 0 \qquad \qquad \lambda_2 = 1$$

- (2) We have that

$$\ker(A - 0I) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \qquad \ker(A - 1I) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

■ We call the left vector above  $q_1$  and the right vector above  $q_2$ .

- Thus,

$$A \sim \left( \begin{array}{c|cc} 0 & & \\ \hline & 1 & x \\ \hline & & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

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<sup>1</sup>Largely ignore this misguided relic of class that day.

- We find that

$$(A - I)^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 10 & -5 & -3 \\ -20 & 10 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

so

$$\ker(A - I)^2 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

- Clearly,

$$\ker(A - I) \subsetneq \ker(A - I)^2$$

so we can stop here because the dimension of the kernel has reached the algebraic multiplicity.

- Since  $q_2 \in K_1$ ,  $q_3$  solves the equation  $(A - I)q_3 = q_2$ .
- We know that

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} e_1 = \lambda e_1 \qquad \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} e_2 = e_1 + \lambda e_2$$

- It follows that

$$q_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

and hence

$$Q = (q_1 \quad q_2 \quad q_3) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$Q^{-1}AQ = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Simple cases.

- The  $2 \times 2$  case.

- $A \in \mathcal{M}^2(\mathbb{C})$  can only have nontrivial Jordan form if it has a single eigenvalue  $\lambda$  with  $\alpha_\lambda = 2$  and  $\gamma_\lambda = 1$ . If both equal 2, then  $A = \lambda I_2$ . If it has two eigenvalues, then it is regularly diagonalizable.
- In this particular case, calculate  $\lambda$  from  $\chi_Z(z) = (z - \lambda)^2$ , find one eigenvector  $v$ , and find the other generalized eigenvector  $u$ ;  $u$  will satisfy  $(A - \lambda I)u = v$ . The connecting matrix will be  $Q = (v|u)^{[2]}$  and the JNF is

$$Q^{-1}AQ = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

- The  $3 \times 3$  case.

- We divide into three nontrivial cases:  $\chi_A(z) = (z - \lambda)^3$  with  $\gamma_\lambda = 2$ ,  $\chi_A(z) = (z - \lambda)^3$  with  $\gamma_\lambda = 1$ , and  $\chi_A(z) = (z - \lambda)^2(z - \mu)$  with  $\gamma_\lambda = 1$ .
- In the first case, we have two eigenvectors  $v_1, v_2$  (make sure to pick  $v_1$  such that it is also in the column space of  $A - \lambda I$ ). We can find the third (generalized) eigenvector by solving  $(A - \lambda I)u = v_1$ . Then  $Q = (v_1|u|v_2)$  and the JNF is

$$Q^{-1}AQ = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

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<sup>2</sup>Order matters! We need the eigenvector, specifically, to get scaled by  $\lambda$  only.



- In the second case, we have one eigenvector  $v$ . We can find the second and third generalized eigenvectors by solving  $(A - \lambda I)u_1 = v$  and  $(A - \lambda I)u_2 = u_1$ . Then  $Q = (v|u_1|u_2)$  and

$$Q^{-1}AQ = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

- In the third case, we have two eigenvectors  $v_\lambda, v_\mu$ . We can find the third (generalized) eigenvector by solving  $(A - \lambda I)u = v_\lambda$ . Then  $Q = (v_\lambda|u|v_\mu)$  and

$$Q^{-1}AQ = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mu \end{pmatrix}$$

### 3.3 Matrix Calculus

10/14:

- Today: Matrix calculus.
- We introduced the Jordan normal form because it is an easy form on which to do matrix calculus.
- **Matrix norm:** A function for  $n \times n$  complex matrices such that

1.  $\|A\| \geq 0$ ,  $\|A\| = 0$  iff  $A = 0$ .
2.  $\|A + B\| \leq \|A\| + \|B\|$ .
3.  $\|\lambda A\| = |\lambda| \|A\|$ .
4.  $\|AB\| \leq \|A\| \|B\|$ .

Denoted by  $\|\cdot\|$ .

- The first three axioms above are the normal norm axioms; the last one is unique to matrix norms.

- **Operator norm:** The norm defined by

$$\|Ax\| = \sup_{|x|=1} |Ax|$$

- **??:** The norm defined by

$$\|A\| = \sum_{i,j=1}^n |a_{i,j}|$$

- Theorem: Any two matrix norms are equivalent<sup>[3]</sup>.
- **Convergent** (sequence of matrices): A sequence of matrices  $A_n$  for which there exists  $A$  such that  $\|A_n - A\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Denoted by  $A_n \rightarrow A$ .

- Note that  $\|A_n - A\| \rightarrow 0$  iff the entries of  $A_n$  converge to the entries of  $A$ .

- Suppose  $A(t) = (a_{ij}(t))_{i,j=1}^n$  is a matrix function. Then

$$A'(t) = (a'_{ij}(t))_{i,j=1}^n \qquad \int_{t_0}^t A(t) dt = \left( \int_{t_0}^t a_{ij}(\tau) d\tau \right)_{i,j=1}^n$$

- The product rule holds:

$$\frac{d}{dt}[A(t)B(t)] = A'(t)B(t) + A(t)B'(t)$$

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<sup>3</sup>See MATH20800Notes, PSet 1, Q1 for a proof.

- However, matrix multiplication is not commutative. This can get us into trouble in the following situation: We might think that

$$\frac{d}{dt}[A(t)^2] = 2A'(t)A(t)$$

but, in fact,

$$\frac{d}{dt}[A(t)^2] = A'(t)A(t) + A(t)A'(t)$$

- For example, let

$$A(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ t & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Then

$$A'(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- It follows that

$$\frac{d}{dt}[A'(t)^2] = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{A'(t)A(t)} + \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{A(t)A'(t)}$$

- Notice that  $A'(t)A(t) \neq A(t)A'(t)$ .

- Suppose we have a matrix  $A$  and we want to compute  $A^{100}$ .
- If  $A$  is diagonalizable, then  $A^n = Q\Lambda^n Q^{-1}$ .
- What if  $A$  is not diagonalizable?
  - Then we convert to  $A$  to Jordan normal form  $A = QBQ^{-1}$ . Thus, we just need to compute the powers of the Jordan blocks.
  - Suppose

$$J_d(\lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 & & 0 \\ & \lambda & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ 0 & & & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

■ In a given Jordan block, all entries above the diagonal are 1.

- Decompose

$$J_d(\lambda) = \lambda I_d + N_d$$

- Note that  $N_d$  is nilpotent — every successive power to which you raise it shifts the 1s up one row until it becomes the zero matrix.
- In computing  $[J_d(\lambda)]^m$ , invoke the binomial expansion. When  $m < d$  invoke the full expansion. When  $m \geq d$ , neglect all zero terms (terms with  $N_d^i$  for  $i \geq m$ ):

$$[J_d(\lambda)]^m = \binom{m}{0} \lambda^m I_d + \binom{m}{1} \lambda^{m-1} N_d + \cdots + \binom{m}{d-1} \lambda^{m-d+1} N_d^{d-1}$$

- Example: When  $d = 3$ , then

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ & \lambda & 1 \\ & & \lambda \end{pmatrix}^m = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^m & m\lambda^{m-1} & m(m-1)\lambda^{m-2} \\ & \lambda^m & m\lambda^{m-1} \\ & & \lambda^m \end{pmatrix}$$

- We will only compute JNF for  $2 \times 2$  and  $3 \times 3$ ; Shao reviews these cases from last class.

- We now have a formula to compute the powers of matrices with ease, so we can move onto more complicated functions of matrices now.
- Consider the power series

$$f(z) = c_0 + c_1 z + c_2 z^2 + \dots$$

– The  $c_i$  are complex coefficients.

- **Analytic** (function): A function whose Taylor series (locally) converges and converges to the function in question.
- We can consider an analytic function of matrices:

$$f(A) = c_0 I + c_1 A + c_2 A^2 + \dots$$

- **Radius of convergence:** The number  $R$  such that the series converges absolutely for  $\|A\| < R$ .
  - We do not talk about the radius of convergence any more in this course.
- **von Neumann series:** The series  $I + A + A^2 + \dots$  converging to  $(I_n - A)^{-1}$  for any  $\|A\| < 1$ .
  - Example: We can check that the von Neumann series for  $N_d$  converges.
- Suppose  $A = QBQ^{-1}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} f(A) &= f(QBQ^{-1}) \\ &= c_0 I + c_1 (QBQ^{-1}) + c_2 (QBQ^{-1})^2 + \dots \\ &= Q(c_0 I + c_1 B + c_2 B^2 + \dots)Q^{-1} \\ &= Qf(B)Q^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

– Going even further,

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} B_1 & 0 \\ 0 & B_2 \end{pmatrix} \implies f(B) = \begin{pmatrix} f(B_1) & 0 \\ 0 & f(B_2) \end{pmatrix}$$

– In particular, if  $A$  is diagonalizable, then

$$f(A) = Q \begin{pmatrix} f(\lambda_1) & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & f(\lambda_n) \end{pmatrix} Q^{-1}$$

- Suppose  $A$  is not diagonalizable, and  $f$  is some analytic function.
  - Then in the vicinity of  $a$ ,  $f$  can be approximated by the Taylor series

$$f(z) = f(a) + f'(a)(z - a) + \frac{1}{2!}f^{(2)}(a)(z - a)^2 + \dots$$

– Similarly, we can approximate  $f[J_d(\lambda)]$  in the vicinity of  $\lambda I_d$  with the Taylor series

$$\begin{aligned} f[J_d(\lambda)] &= f(\lambda I_d + N_d) \\ &= f(\lambda I_d) + f'(\lambda I_d)[(\lambda I_d + N_d) - \lambda I_d] + \frac{1}{2!}f^{(2)}(\lambda I_d)[(\lambda I_d + N_d) - \lambda I_d]^2 + \dots \\ &= f(\lambda)I_d + f'(\lambda)N_d + \frac{1}{2!}f^{(2)}(\lambda)N_d^2 + \dots \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} f(\lambda) & f'(\lambda) & \dots & \frac{f^{(d-1)}(\lambda)}{(d-1)!} \\ & f(\lambda) & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & \ddots & f'(\lambda) \\ & & & f(\lambda) \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

- **Matrix exponential** (of  $A$ ): The matrix with identical dimensions to  $A$  defined by the following power series. Denoted by  $e^A$ . Given by

$$e^A = I_n + A + \frac{1}{2!}A^2 + \dots$$

- This power series is convergent for matrices with  $\|A\| < 1$  since  $\|A^m\| \leq \|A\|^m \rightarrow 0$ .
- Usual rules that you might expect the matrix exponential to obey based on the notation are obeyed.

$$e^{(t+\tau)A} = e^{tA}e^{\tau A}$$

$$e^{A+B} = e^A e^B$$

- An explicit formula for the  $e^{tA}$ .
  - We know that  $tA = tQBQ^{-1}$ , where we may take  $B$  be in JNF.
  - Consider  $e^{tJ_3(\lambda)}$ , for example.
  - Then from the above, we have that

$$e^{tJ_3(\lambda)} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{t\lambda} & te^{t\lambda} & \frac{t^2}{2}e^{t\lambda} \\ & e^{t\lambda} & te^{t\lambda} \\ & & e^{t\lambda} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Thus,

$$e^{tA} = Qe^{tB}Q^{-1}$$

- Next time: First order linear systems with constant coefficients; will make use of  $e^{tA}$ .
- Next Wednesday: Review; next Friday: Midterm.