

Linear Systems: Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors Assignment

1. Explain why an eigenvector cannot be associated with two eigenvalues.
2. What are the eigenspaces associated with the diagonal matrix $\mathbf{D} = \text{diag}(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$?
3. If a matrix \mathbf{A} has zero as one of its eigenvalues, explain why \mathbf{A} must be singular.
4. For a matrix \mathbf{A} with eigenvalues $\{\lambda_i\}_{i=1}^n$, verify for the following matrices that $\prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = \det(\mathbf{A})$ and $\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = \text{trace}(\mathbf{A})$.
 - (a) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
 - (b) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
 - (c) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
 - (d) $\frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$
5. Let $\{\lambda_i, \mathbf{v}_i\}_{i=1}^n$ be the eigenpairs of a matrix \mathbf{A} . Then prove that,
 - (a) $\{\lambda_i^k, \mathbf{v}_i\}_{i=1}^n$ are the eigenpairs of \mathbf{A}^k .
 - (b) $\{p(\lambda_i), \mathbf{v}_i\}_{i=1}^n$ are the eigenpairs of $p(\mathbf{A})$, where $p(\mathbf{A}) = \alpha_0 \mathbf{I} + \alpha_1 \mathbf{A} + \dots + \alpha_k \mathbf{A}^k$.
6. Prove that if $\{\lambda_i, \mathbf{v}_i\}_{i=1}^n$ are the eigenpairs of a matrix \mathbf{A} , then the eigenpairs of \mathbf{A}^k are $\{\lambda_i^k, \mathbf{v}_i\}_{i=1}^n$.
7. Consider the matrices $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Are the eigenvalues of \mathbf{AB} equal the eigenvalues of \mathbf{BA} ?
8. Consider the matrices \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} . If \mathbf{v} is an eigenvector of \mathbf{B} , under what condition will \mathbf{v} also be the eigenvector of \mathbf{AB} . Under these conditions, what will be corresponding eigenvalue of \mathbf{v} ? How do your answers change in the case of \mathbf{BA} ?
9. Let $\{\lambda_i, \mathbf{v}_i\}_{i=1}^n$ are the eigenpairs of a matrix \mathbf{A} . What are the eigenpairs of the following?
 - (a) $2\mathbf{A}$
 - (b) $\mathbf{A} - 2\mathbf{I}$
 - (c) $\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}$
10. Let $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6 & 0.2 \\ 0.4 & 0.8 \end{bmatrix}$. What is the value of: (a) \mathbf{A}^2 (b) \mathbf{A}^{100} (c) \mathbf{A}^∞ ?
11. Show that $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ is an eigenvector of $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}^T$. What are the two eigenvalues of \mathbf{A} ?
12. Consider two similar matrices \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} . Prove that the eigenvalues of \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} are the same. How are the eigenvectors of \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} related to each other for a given eigenvalue?
13. Find the eigenvectors of the following permutation matrix $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.
14. **Left eigenvectors:** Consider a matrix \mathbf{A} with eigenpairs $\{\lambda_i, \mathbf{v}_i\}_{i=1}^n$. The left eigenvectors of the matrix \mathbf{A} are the vectors that satisfy the equation, $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{w} = \mu \mathbf{w}$ (or $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{A} = \mu \mathbf{w}^T$), and let $\{\mu_i, \mathbf{w}_i\}_{i=1}^n$ be the left eigenpairs of \mathbf{A} . Show the following,
 - (a) The eigenvalues of both \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{A}^T are the same.
 - (b) $\mathbf{v}_i^T \mathbf{w}_j = 0$. The eigenvector \mathbf{v}_i corresponding to the eigenvalue λ_i and the left eigenvector \mathbf{w}_j corresponding to the eigenvalue λ_j are orthogonal, when $\lambda_i \neq \lambda_j$.
 - (c) The matrix \mathbf{A} can be expressed as a sum of rank-one matrices,

$$\mathbf{A} = \lambda_1 \mathbf{v}_1 \mathbf{w}_1^T + \lambda_2 \mathbf{v}_2 \mathbf{w}_2^T + \dots + \lambda_n \mathbf{v}_n \mathbf{w}_n^T$$
15. Prove that \mathbf{AA}^T has real and positive eigenvalues, and that the eigenvectors corresponding to distinct eigenvalues of \mathbf{AA}^T are orthogonal.
16. If $\{\lambda_i, \mathbf{v}_i\}_{i=1}^n$ are the eigenpairs of a non-singular matrix \mathbf{A} , then prove that $\{\lambda_i^{-1}, \mathbf{v}_i\}_{i=1}^n$ are the eigenpairs of \mathbf{A}^{-1} .
17. A matrix \mathbf{A} is called *nilpotent* if $\mathbf{A}^k = \mathbf{0}$ for some finite positive integer k . Prove that the $\text{trace}(\mathbf{A}) = 0$ for a nilpotent matrix \mathbf{A} . What are all the eigenvalues of such a matrix?