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## Eigen values and Eigen vectors

**Definition:** If A is a  $n \times n$  matrix, then a non-zero vector  $v$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is called Eigen vector of A if  $Av$  is a scalar multiple of  $v$ , that is,  $Av = \lambda v$  .... (1) For some scalar  $\lambda$ . The scalar  $\lambda$  is called an eigen value of A and  $v$  is called an eigen vector of A corresponding to  $\lambda$ .

**Characteristic Matrix:** Let a matrix  $A = (a_{ij})_{n \times n}$  and  $I_n = I$  be a identity matrix of some order over field F.

Then,

$$\lambda I - A = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} \lambda - a_{11} & -a_{12} & \dots & -a_{1n} \\ -a_{21} & \lambda - a_{22} & \dots & -a_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ -a_{n1} & -a_{n2} & \dots & \lambda - a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \text{ is to be characteristic matrix of A}$$

### Characteristic Polynomial:

The determiner of matrix  $\lambda I - A$  i.e.

$$|\lambda I - A| = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - a_{11} & -a_{12} & \dots & -a_{1n} \\ -a_{21} & \lambda - a_{22} & \dots & -a_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ -a_{n1} & -a_{n2} & \dots & \lambda - a_{nn} \end{vmatrix} \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

is said to be characteristic polynomial.

**# Find the Eigen values and Eigen vectors of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$**

**Solution:** The characteristic matrix of A is  $\lambda I - A = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda - 3 & 1 \\ -1 & \lambda - 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Now the characteristic equation of A is

$$|\lambda I - A| = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 3 & 1 \\ -1 & \lambda - 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow (\lambda - 3)(\lambda - 1) + 1 = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 3 + 1 = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 4 = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow (\lambda - 2)^2 = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 2, 2.$$

This is the Eigen value of A, and  $\lambda = 2$  is the only one Eigen value of A.

Now by definition  $V = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$  is an Eigen vector of A corresponding to  $\lambda$  if and only if V is a non-trivial solution of  $(\lambda I - A)V = 0$ , that is of  $\begin{pmatrix} \lambda - 3 & 1 \\ -1 & \lambda - 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} (\lambda - 3)x + y \\ -x(\lambda + 1)y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Now, for  $\lambda = 2$ , equation (1)  $\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -x + y = 0 \\ -x + y = 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow x - y = 0 \dots\dots\dots(2)$

$\therefore$  the system (2) is consistent and has more than one solution.

Now, Let  $y = a$ , then (2)  $\Rightarrow x = a$ ,  $y = a$ . Therefore the Eigen vectors of A corresponding to the Eigen value  $\lambda = 2$  are non-zero vector of the form  $V = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ a \end{pmatrix}$ .

In particular, Let,  $a = 1$ , then  $V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is an Eigen vector corresponding to the Eigen value  $\lambda = 2$ .

**# Find all Eigen values and corresponding Eigen vectors of the matrix.**

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 & -1 \\ -7 & 5 & -1 \\ -6 & 6 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution:** The characteristic matrix of A is  $\lambda I - A = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda + 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 7 & \lambda - 5 & 1 \\ 6 & -6 & \lambda + 2 \end{pmatrix}$

Now the characteristic equation is  $|\lambda I - A| = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda + 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 7 & \lambda - 5 & 1 \\ 6 & -6 & \lambda + 2 \end{vmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda + 3)(\lambda^2 - 3\lambda - 4) + (7\lambda - 8)(-6\lambda - 12) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda^3 - 13\lambda - 12) + (7\lambda - 8)(-6\lambda - 12) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^3 - 12\lambda - 16 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda + 2)^2(\lambda - 4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = -2, -2, 4$$

Which is the Eigen values of A.

Now, by definition  $V = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$  is an Eigen vector of A corresponding to the Eigen value  $\lambda$  if and only if V is a non-trivial solution of  $(\lambda I - A)V = 0 \dots\dots\dots(1)$

Now equation 1 becomes  $\begin{pmatrix} \lambda + 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 7 & \lambda - 5 & 1 \\ 6 & -6 & \lambda + 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} &(\lambda + 3)x - y + z = 0 \\ \Rightarrow &\begin{cases} 7x + (\lambda - 5)y + z = 0 \\ 6x - 6y + (\lambda + 2)z = 0 \end{cases} \dots\dots\dots(2) \end{aligned}$$

Now, when  $\lambda = \lambda_1 = -2$  then Equation 2 becomes

$$\begin{array}{lcl} x - y + z = 0 & & x - y + z = 0 \\ 7x - 7y + z = 0 & R'_2 = R_2 - R_1 & x - y + z = 0 \\ 6x - 6y = 0 & \sim & 6x - 6y = 0 \end{array} \sim \begin{array}{l} x - y + z = 0 \\ x - y = 0 \end{array} \dots\dots\dots (3)$$

Therefore the system is consistent and has more than one solution.

Now let  $y=1$ , then (3)  $\Rightarrow x = 1, y = 1, z = 0$ .

Therefore for  $\lambda_1 = -2$ , the corresponding Eigen vector is  $v_1 = v = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and for that

Eigen value corresponding all Eigen vectors are

$$kv_1 = k \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} k \\ k \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ where } k \in \mathbb{R} (k \neq 0)$$

Again when  $\lambda = \lambda_2 = 4$  then equation (2) becomes

$$\begin{array}{l} 7x - y + z = 0 \\ 7x - y + z = 0 \\ 6x - 6y + 6z = 0 \end{array} \} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} 7x - y + z = 0 \\ x - y + z = 0 \end{array} \} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} 7x - y + z = 0 \\ x = 0 \end{array} \} \dots\dots\dots (4).$$

Therefore the system is consistent and has more than one solution.

Now let  $z=1$ , then (4)  $\Rightarrow x = 0, y = 1, z = 1$ . Therefore for  $\lambda_2 = 4$ , the corresponding Eigen

Vector is  $V_2 = V = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and all the Eigen vectors corresponding the Eigen value  $\lambda_2 =$

4 are  $kv_2 = k \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ k \\ k \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{R} (k \neq 0)$ .

### # Cayley- Hamilton Theorem:

Every square matrix satisfies its own characteristics equation, i.e. if the characteristic equation of the nth order matrix A is

$$f(\lambda) = \lambda^n + a_1\lambda^{n-1} + a_2\lambda^{n-2} + \dots + a_{n-1}\lambda + a_n = 0$$

then Cayley-Hamilton theorem states that,

$f(A) = A^n + a_1A^{n-1} + a_2A^{n-2} + \dots + a_{n-1}A + a_nI = 0$ , where I is the nth order unit matrix and 0 is the nth order zero matrix.

### # Determination of an inverse matrix of a non-singular matrix by Cayley Hamilton theorem:

Let A be a non-singular matrix of n order and the characteristic polynomial is

$$f(\lambda) = \lambda^n + a_{n-1}\lambda^{n-1} + \dots + a_1\lambda + a_0 \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

$$\text{then } A^{-1} = -\frac{1}{a_0}(A^{n-1} + a_{n-1}A^{n-2} + \dots + a_1I)$$

### # Using Cayley- Hamilton theorem find $A^{-1}$ and $A^{-2}$ of the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

Solution:

$$\text{Here the characteristic of A is } \lambda I - A = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda - 1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & \lambda + 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & \lambda + 1 \end{pmatrix} \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

Now the characteristic polynomial of A is

$$\begin{aligned} f(\lambda) &= |\lambda I - A| = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & \lambda + 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & \lambda + 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (\lambda - 1)\{(\lambda + 1)^2 - 1\} + (-\lambda - 1 - 1) - 1(1 + \lambda + 1) \\ &= (\lambda - 1)(\lambda^2 + 2\lambda) - \lambda - 2 - \lambda - 2 \\ &= \lambda^3 - 2\lambda^2 - \lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 2\lambda - 4 \\ &= \lambda^3 + \lambda^2 - 4\lambda - 4 \dots \dots \dots (2) \end{aligned}$$

Now using Cayley- Hamilton theorem we get

$$f(A) = 0$$

$$\therefore A^3 + A^2 - 4A - 4I = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Rightarrow A^{-1}(A^2 + A - 4I - 4A^{-1}) = A^{-1}0 \\
&\Rightarrow A^2 + A - 4I - 4A^{-1} = 0 \\
&\Rightarrow 4A^{-1} = A^2 + A - 4I \\
&\Rightarrow A^{-1} = \frac{1}{4}(A^2 + A - 4I) \dots\dots\dots(3)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{But } A^2 = A \times A &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\therefore (3) \Rightarrow A^{-1} &= \frac{1}{4} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 3+1-4 & 1+1-0 & 1+1-0 \\ 1+1-0 & 3-1-4 & -1+1-0 \\ 1+1-0 & -1+1-0 & 3-1-4 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ Ans.}
\end{aligned}$$

Again multiplying both sides of (3) by  $A^{-1}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
A^{-2} &= \frac{1}{4} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1+1 & 1-2 & 1-2 \\ 1-2 & -1+1+2 & 1 \\ 1-2 & 1 & -1+1+2 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ Ans.}
\end{aligned}$$

## Linear Dependence and Linear Independence

Linear Dependence: Let  $V$  be a vector space over the field  $F$ . The vector  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \in V$  are said to be linearly dependent over  $F$  or simply dependent if there exists a non-trivial combination of them equal to the zero vector  $0$ .

That is  $\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n = 0$

Where  $\alpha_i \neq 0$  for at least one  $i$ .

❖ Show that the three vectors  $(1, 3, 2), (1, -7, -8), (2, 1, -1)$  are linearly dependent?

Sol<sup>n</sup>:

Set a linear combination of the given vectors equal to zero by using unknown scalar  $x, y, z$ :

$$x(1, 3, 2) + y(1, -7, -8) + z(2, 1, -1) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow (x, 3x, 2x) + (y, -7y, -8y) + (2z, z, -z) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow (x+y+2z, 3x-7y+z, 2x-8y-z) = (0, 0, 0)$$

Equation corresponding components and forming the linear system, we get

$$\begin{array}{l} \left. \begin{array}{l} x+y+2z=0 \\ 3x-7y+z=0 \\ 2x-8y-z=0 \end{array} \right\} \\ \left. \begin{array}{l} L_2' \rightarrow L_2 - 3L_1 \\ L_3' \rightarrow L_3 - 2L_1 \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x+y+2z=0 \\ -10y-5z=0 \\ -10y-5z=0 \end{array} \right. \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x+y+2z=0 \\ 2y+z=0 \end{array} \right. \end{array}$$

The system is in echelon form and has only two non zero equation in three unknowns, hence the system has non-zero solution. Thus the original vectors are linearly dependent.

❖ Show that the set of vectors  $\{(2, 1, 2), (0, 1, -1), (4, 3, 3)\}$  is linearly dependent?

Proof: From the matrix whose rows are the given vectors and reduce the matrix to echelon form by using the elementary row operations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 4 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

we multiply first row by 2 and then subtract from the third row,

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

we subtract second row from the third row

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrix is in echelon form and has a zero row, hence the vectors are linearly dependent.

**Linear Independence:** Let  $V$  be a vector space over the field  $F$ . The vectors  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \in V$  are said to be linearly independent over  $F$  or simply independent if the only linear combination of them equal to 0 (zero) is the trivial one.

i.e,  $\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n = 0$  if and only if  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \dots = \alpha_n = 0$ .

❖ Show that the set of vectors  $\{(1,1,-1), (2,1,0), (-1,1,1)\}$  is linearly independent.

**Proof:**

Set a linear combination of the given vectors equal to the zero vector using unknown scalar  $x, y, z$ :

$$X(1,1,-1) + y(2,1,0) + z(-1,1,1) = (0,0,0)$$

$$\Rightarrow (x, x, -x) + (2y, y, 0) + (-z, z, z) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow (x+2y-z, x+y+z, -x+z) = (0, 0, 0)$$

Equating corresponding components and forming the linear system, we get.

$$\begin{cases} x+2y-z=0 \\ x+y+z=0 \\ -x+z=0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{matrix} L_2 - L_1 \\ L_3 + L_1 \end{matrix} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x+2y-z=0 \\ -y+2z=0 \\ 2y=0 \end{array} \right.$$

In echelon form there are exactly three equations in three unknown, hence the system has only the zero solution  $x=0, y=0, z=0$

Accordingly the vectors are linearly independent.



- ❖ Show that the vectors  $(2,-1,4)$ ,  $(3,6,2)$  and  $(2,10,-4)$  are linearly independent.

**Proof:** From the matrix whose rows are the given vectors and reduce the matrix to echelon form by elementary row operations.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 & 2 \\ 2 & 10 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

We divide third row by 2 and then interchange with the first row.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & -2 \\ 3 & 6 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

We Multiply first row by 3 and 2 and then subtract from the second and third rows respectively.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & -2 \\ 0 & -9 & 8 \\ 0 & -11 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

we multiply second row by  $\frac{11}{9}$  and then subtract from the third row.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & -2 \\ 0 & -9 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{16}{9} \end{bmatrix}$$

since the echelon matrix has no zero row.

∴ The vectors are linearly independent.

- ❖ Linear spans/ Generate:

Let  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be a vector space and  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  be a vector set. Now if

$V = \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n$  where  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \in F$ . Then we can say that vector set is the Generator of the vector space  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and its called linear spans.

- ★ Non Zero row and column are linearly independent ★