

# MATRIX REPRESENTATION OF A LINEAR MAP.

Let  $T: V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation from an  $n$ -dimensional vector space to an  $m$ -dimensional vector space  $W$ .

Let  $\alpha = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$  ordered basis of  $V$   
 $\beta = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m)$  ordered basis of  $W$ .

Consider,

$$\underbrace{T(v_1)}_{\in W} = a_{11}w_1 + a_{21}w_2 + \dots + a_{m1}w_m$$

$$T(v_2) = a_{12}w_1 + a_{22}w_2 + \dots + a_{m2}w_m$$

$\vdots$

$$T(v_n) = a_{1n}w_1 + a_{2n}w_2 + \dots + a_{mn}w_m$$

In short,

$$T(v_j) = \sum_{i=1}^m a_{ij} w_i, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

for some scalars,  $a_{ij}$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, m, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ).

For any vector  $x \in V$ , let

$$x = \sum_{j=1}^n x_j v_j$$

Consider

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(x) &= \sum_{j=1}^n x_j T(v_j) \\
 &= \sum_{j=1}^n x_j \sum_{i=1}^m a_{ij} w_i \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^m \left( \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j \right) w_i \\
 &= \left( \sum_{j=1}^n a_{1j} x_j \right) w_1 + \left( \sum_{j=1}^n a_{2j} x_j \right) w_2 + \dots + \left( \sum_{j=1}^n a_{mj} x_j \right) w_m
 \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
 [T(x)]_{\beta} &= \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{j=1}^n a_{1j} x_j \\ \sum_{j=1}^n a_{2j} x_j \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{j=1}^n a_{mj} x_j \end{bmatrix} \\
 \uparrow \\
 \text{coordinate vector} \\
 \text{of } T(x) \text{ w.r.t. } \beta. & \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= A [x]_{\alpha}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$[T(x)]_{\beta} = A [x]_{\alpha}$$

That is, for any  $x \in V$ , the coordinate vector of  $T(x)$  in  $W$  is just the product of a fixed matrix  $A$  and the coordinate vector  $[x]_{\alpha}$  of  $x$ .



Note that

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ [T(v_1)]_{\beta} & [T(v_2)]_{\beta} & \dots & [T(v_n)]_{\beta} \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix}$$

Columns are coordinate vectors of  $T(v_j)$ .

Def: The matrix  $A$  is called the associated matrix for  $T$  (or the matrix representation of  $T$ ) with respect to the ordered bases  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  and is denoted by  $A = [T]_{\alpha}^{\beta}$ .

When  $V = W$  and  $\alpha = \beta$  we simply write  $[T]_{\alpha}$ .

$$\boxed{[T(x)]_{\beta} = [T]_{\alpha}^{\beta} [x]_{\alpha}}$$

Theorem: Let  $T: V \rightarrow W$  be linear transformation from  $n$ -dimensional vector space  $V$  to an  $m$ -dimensional vector space  $W$ . For fixed ordered bases  $\alpha = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  for  $V$  and  $\beta = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m\}$  for  $W$ , there corresponds to a unique associated  $m \times n$  matrix  $[T]_{\alpha}^{\beta}$  for  $T$  such that for any vector  $x \in V$  the coordinate vector  $[T(x)]_{\beta}$  of  $T(x)$  w.r.t.  $\beta$  is given as a matrix product of the associated matrix  $[T]_{\alpha}^{\beta}$  for  $T$  and the coordinate vector  $[x]_{\alpha}$  i.e.,  $[T(x)]_{\beta} = [T]_{\alpha}^{\beta} [x]_{\alpha}$ .

Example: Let  $V$  be the vector space of functions with basis

$S = \{\sin t, \cos t, e^{3t}\}$  and let  $D: V \rightarrow V$  be the differential operator defined by

$$D(f(t)) = \frac{d}{dt}(f(t)).$$

Find  $[D]_S$ .

Solution:  $D(\sin t) = \cos t = 0 \cdot (\sin t) + 1 \cdot (\cos t) + 0 \cdot (e^{3t})$

$$D(\cos t) = -\sin t = -1 \cdot (\sin t) + 0 \cdot (\cos t) + 0 \cdot (e^{3t})$$

$$D(e^{3t}) = 3e^{3t} = 0 \cdot (\sin t) + 0 \cdot (\cos t) + 3 \cdot (e^{3t})$$

Hence  $[D]_S = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

Check: Find  $D(\sin t + 2\cos t + e^{3t})$  with the help of  $[D]_S$ .

Coordinates of  $(\sin t + 2\cos t + e^{3t})$  are  $[1, 2, 1]^T$

hence,  $[D]_S \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = [D(\sin t + 2\cos t + e^{3t})]_S$

$$\Rightarrow D(\sin t + 2\cos t + e^{3t}) = -2 \cdot \sin t + 1 \cdot \cos t + 3e^{3t} \\ = -2\sin t + \cos t + 3e^{3t}.$$

Verified!



**Ex 1:** Let  $F: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be the linear operator defined by  $F(x, y) = (2x + 3y, 4x - 5y)$ .

(a) Find the matrix representation of  $F$  relative to the basis  $S = \{u_1, u_2\} = \{(1, 2), (2, 5)\}$ .

(1) First find  $F(u_1)$ , and then write it as a linear combination of the basis vectors  $u_1$  and  $u_2$ . (For notational convenience, we use column vectors.) We have

$$F(u_1) = F\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix} = x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{cases} x + 2y = 8 \\ 2x + 5y = -6 \end{cases}$$

Solve the system to obtain  $x = 52, y = -22$ . Hence  $F(u_1) = 52u_1 - 22u_2$ .

(2) Next find  $F(u_2)$ , and then write it as a linear combination of  $u_1$  and  $u_2$ :

$$F(u_2) = F\left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 19 \\ -17 \end{bmatrix} = x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{cases} x + 2y = 19 \\ 2x + 5y = -17 \end{cases}$$

Solve the system to get  $x = 129, y = -55$ . Thus  $F(u_2) = 129u_1 - 55u_2$ .

Now write the coordinates of  $F(u_1)$  and  $F(u_2)$  as columns to obtain the matrix

$$[F]_S = \begin{bmatrix} 52 & 129 \\ -22 & -55 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) Find the matrix representation of  $F$  relative to the (usual) basis  $E = \{e_1, e_2\} = \{(1, 0), (0, 1)\}$ .

Find  $F(e_1)$  and write it as a linear combination of the usual basis vectors  $e_1$  and  $e_2$ , and then find  $F(e_2)$  and write it as a linear combination of  $e_1$  and  $e_2$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} F(e_1) &= F(1, 0) = (2, 2) = 2e_1 + 2e_2 \\ F(e_2) &= F(0, 1) = (3, -5) = 3e_1 - 5e_2 \end{aligned} \quad \text{and so} \quad [F]_E = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that the coordinates of  $F(e_1)$  and  $F(e_2)$  form the columns, not the rows, of  $[F]_E$ . Also, note that the arithmetic is much simpler using the usual basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

## Ex2

Consider the following matrix  $A$ , which may be viewed as a linear operator on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , and basis  $S$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 4 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad S = \{u_1, u_2\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

(1) First we write  $A(u_1)$  as a linear combination of  $u_1$  and  $u_2$ . We have

$$A(u_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 4 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix} = x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and so} \quad \begin{cases} x + 2y = -1 \\ 2x + 5y = -6 \end{cases}$$

Solving the system yields  $x = 7, y = -4$ . Thus  $A(u_1) = 7u_1 - 4u_2$ .

(2) Next we write  $A(u_2)$  as a linear combination of  $u_1$  and  $u_2$ . We have

$$A(u_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 4 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix} = x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and so} \quad \begin{cases} x + 2y = -4 \\ 2x + 5y = -7 \end{cases}$$

Solving the system yields  $x = -6, y = 1$ . Thus  $A(u_2) = -6u_1 + u_2$ . Writing the coordinates of  $A(u_1)$  and  $A(u_2)$  as columns gives us the following matrix representation of  $A$ :

$$[A]_S = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -6 \\ -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Remark:** Suppose we want to find the matrix representation of  $A$  relative to the usual basis  $E = \{e_1, e_2\} = \{[1, 0]^T, [0, 1]^T\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} A(e_1) &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 4 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = 3e_1 + 4e_2 \\ A(e_2) &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 4 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} = -2e_1 - 5e_2 \end{aligned} \quad \text{and so} \quad [A]_E = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 4 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that  $[A]_E$  is the original matrix  $A$ . This result is true in general:

The matrix representation of any  $n \times n$  square matrix  $A$  over a field  $K$  relative to the usual basis  $E$  of  $K^n$  is the matrix  $A$  itself; that is,

$$[A]_E = A$$

**Ex 3:** Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a linear transformation defined by  $T \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y + z \\ y - z \end{bmatrix}$ . Determine the matrix of the linear transformation  $T$  with respect to the ordered bases:

$$X = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^3 \quad \text{and} \quad Y = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^2$$

Consider

$$T \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 0 \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore, the matrix of linear transformation with respect to the given basis is

$$[T]_X^Y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

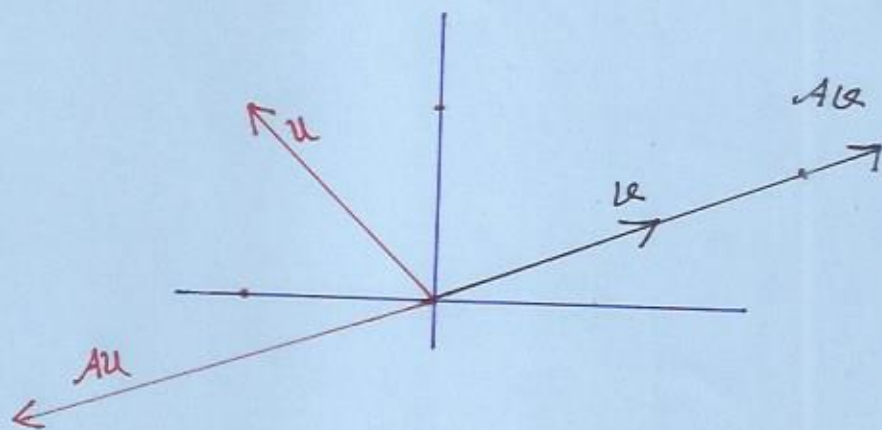


## EIGENVALUES AND EIGENVECTORS

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Consider  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $u = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $v = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$Au = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$



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

Def. Let  $A$  be any square matrix (real or complex). A scalar  $\lambda$  is called an eigenvalue of  $A$  if there exists a non-zero vector  $x$  such that

$$Ax = \lambda x$$

The vector  $x$  is an eigenvector associated with the eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .

Geometrically, an eigenvector of a matrix  $A$  is a nonzero vector  $x$  in the  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that the vectors  $x$  and  $Ax$  are parallel.

Algebraically, an eigenvector  $x$  is a nontrivial solution of the homogeneous system  $(A - \lambda I)x = 0$  of linear equations, i.e., an eigenvector  $x$  is a nonzero vector in the nullspace of  $(A - \lambda I)$ .

## How to find eigen values and eigenvectors

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

Two unknowns  $\lambda$  and  $x$ .

Note that  $(A - \lambda I)x = 0$  has a nontrivial solution  $x$  iff  $\lambda$  satisfies the equation

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0 \quad (c_0 \lambda^n + c_1 \lambda^{n-1} + \dots + c_n = 0)$$

The above equation is called the characteristic equation of  $A$ .

Eigenvalues (or characteristic roots) are the roots of the characteristic equation  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$ .

Eigenvectors (or ~~eigen~~ characteristic vectors) of  $A$  can be determined by solving the homogeneous system of equations

$$(A - \lambda I)x = 0 \quad \text{for each eigenvalue } \lambda.$$

The nullspace  $\text{Null}(A - \lambda I)$  is called the eigenspace of  $A$  corresponding to eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .

### CAYLEY - HAMILTON THEOREM:

Every square matrix satisfies its own characteristic equation, i.e.,  
$$c_0 A^n + c_1 A^{n-1} + \dots + c_n I_n = 0.$$



Example: Use Cayley-Hamilton theorem to find

$$A^{-1} \text{ when } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Characteristic equation of  $A$  is

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 4 \\ 3 & 5-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 10 - 7\lambda + \lambda^2 - 12 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 - 7\lambda - 2 = 0$$

By Cayley-Hamilton theorem

$$A^2 - 7A - 2I_n = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A(A - 7I) = 2I_n$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1} = \frac{1}{2}(A - 7I)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

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

Theorem: If  $x$  is characteristic vector of  $A$  corresponding to the characteristic value  $\lambda$  then  $kx$  is also a characteristic vector corresponding to the same characteristic value  $\lambda$ . Here  $k$  is any non-zero scalar.

$$Ax = \lambda x \Rightarrow k(Ax) = k(\lambda x)$$

$$\Rightarrow A(kx) = \lambda(kx)$$

$\Rightarrow kx$  is a characteristic vector corresponding to the characteristic value  $\lambda$ .

**Theorem:** If  $x$  is a characteristic vector of a matrix  $A$  then  $x$  cannot correspond to more than one characteristic value of  $A$ .

Proof: let us assume

$$Ax = \lambda_1 x \quad \& \quad Ax = \lambda_2 x$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 x = \lambda_2 x$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 = 0 \text{ since } x \neq 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \lambda_2$$

**Theorem:** Two eigenvectors of a square matrix  $A$  corresponding to two distinct eigenvalues of  $A$  are linearly independent.

Solution: let  $x_1, x_2$  be the eigenvectors of  $A$  corresponding to two distinct eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$ , respectively.

$$\text{Then, } Ax_1 = \lambda_1 x_1 \quad \& \quad Ax_2 = \lambda_2 x_2$$

$$\text{Consider } c_1 x_1 + c_2 x_2 = 0 \quad \text{--- (1), } c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\text{then, } c_1 Ax_1 + c_2 Ax_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 \lambda_1 x_1 + c_2 \lambda_2 x_2 = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{(1) \& (2) } \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 x_1 \\ c_2 x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Clearly } \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 \end{vmatrix} = \lambda_2 - \lambda_1 \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 x_1 = 0 \quad \& \quad c_2 x_2 = 0$$

$$\text{Since } x_1 \neq 0 \quad \& \quad x_2 \neq 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = 0 = c_2$$

Hence  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are linearly independent.



Th. If  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r$  be  $r$  eigenvectors of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  corresponding to  $r$  distinct eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_r$ , respectively. Then  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r$  are linearly independent.

PROPERTIES OF EIGENVALUES AND EIGENVECTORS:

Let  $\lambda$  be an eigenvalue of  $A$  and  $x$  be its corresponding eigenvector.

Then,

1)  $\alpha A$  has eigenvalue  $\alpha\lambda$  and corresponding eigenvector  $x$ .

$$Ax = \lambda x \Rightarrow (\alpha A)x = (\alpha\lambda)x.$$

2)  $A^m$  has eigenvalues  $\lambda^m$  and corresponding eigenvectors  $x$  for any positive integer  $m$ .

$$Ax = \lambda x \Rightarrow A \cdot Ax = A(\lambda x) \Rightarrow A^2 x = \lambda Ax = \lambda \lambda x = \lambda^2 x \\ \Rightarrow \lambda^2 \text{ is the eigenvalue of } A^2$$

3)  $A - kI$  has eigenvalue  $\lambda - k$  and corresponding vector  $x$ .

$$Ax = \lambda x \Rightarrow Ax - kIx = \lambda x - kx \Rightarrow$$

$$(A - kI)x = (\lambda - k)x$$

4)  $A^{-1}$  (if it exists) has eigenvalue  $1/\lambda$  and corresponding eigenvector  $x$ .

$$Ax = \lambda x \Rightarrow A^{-1}Ax = A^{-1}\lambda x \Rightarrow A^{-1}x = \frac{1}{\lambda}x.$$

5)  $A$  and  $A^T$  has same eigenvalues.

6) For a real matrix  $A$  if  $\alpha + i\beta$  is an eigenvalue then its conjugate  $\alpha - i\beta$  is also an eigenvalue.

**Theorem:** The characteristic roots of a Hermitian matrix are real.

Proof: Recall:  $A$  is Hermitian  $\Leftrightarrow A^* = A$

Let  $\lambda$  be a characteristic root of  $A$  and  $x$  its eigenvector.

Then,  $Ax = \lambda x$

Premultiplying both sides by  $x^*$ .

$$x^* Ax = x^* \lambda x = \lambda x^* x \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Taking conjugate transform both sides.

$$(x^* Ax)^* = (\lambda x^* x)^*$$

$$\Rightarrow x^* A^* x = \bar{\lambda} x^* x \quad (\text{as } (x^*)^* = x)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^* Ax = \bar{\lambda} x^* x \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{From (1) \& (2) } \Rightarrow \lambda x^* x = \bar{\lambda} x^* x$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda - \bar{\lambda}) x^* x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda - \bar{\lambda} = 0 \text{ since } x^* x \neq 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \bar{\lambda}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda \text{ is real.}$$

In a similar way, we can prove the following:

- 1) The characteristic roots of a real symmetric matrix are all real.
- 2) The characteristic roots of a skew-Hermitian matrix are either purely imaginary or zero.
- 3) The characteristic roots of a real skew-symmetric matrix are either purely imaginary or zero.



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Theorem: The characteristic roots of a unitary matrix are of unit modulus.

Proof: Recall: unitary matrix  $A^*A = I$

Consider

$$Ax = \lambda x \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow (Ax)^* = (\lambda x)^* \Rightarrow x^* A^* = \bar{\lambda} x^* \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \& \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow (x^* A^*) (Ax) = (\bar{\lambda} x^*) (\lambda x)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^* (A^* A) x = \bar{\lambda} \lambda x^* x$$

$$\Rightarrow x^* I x = \bar{\lambda} \lambda x^* x$$

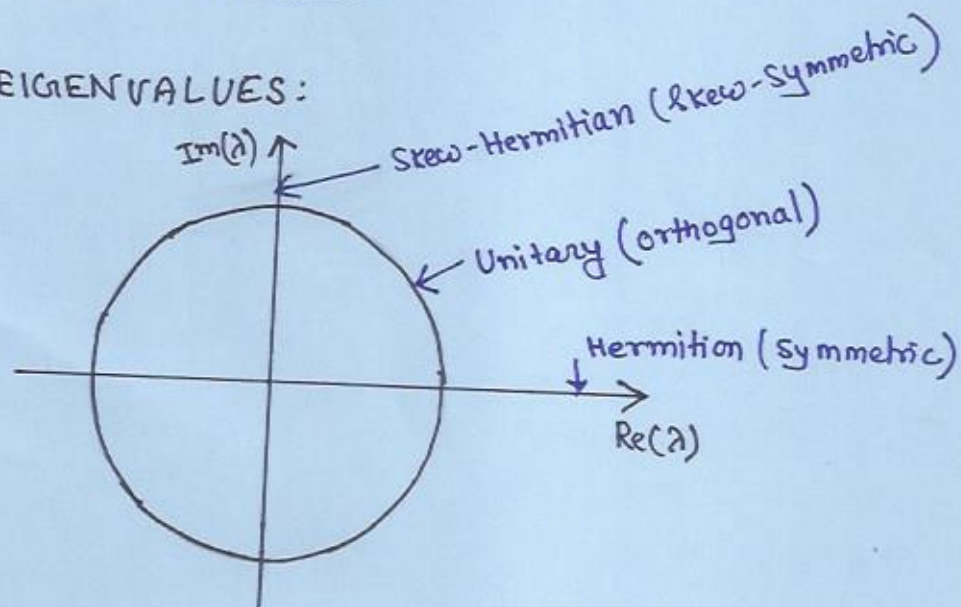
$$\Rightarrow x^* x (1 - \bar{\lambda} \lambda) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \bar{\lambda} \lambda = 0 \quad \text{as } x^* x \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{\lambda} \lambda = 1 \Rightarrow |\lambda|^2 = 1.$$

Corollary: The characteristic roots of an orthogonal matrix are of unit ~~matrix~~ modulus.

LOCATION OF EIGENVALUES:



Example

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Find Eigenvalues and eigenvectors of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Sol: Characteristic polynomial is

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

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2-\lambda)(1-\lambda) - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 - 3\lambda + \lambda^2 - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda(\lambda - 3) = 0$$

Thus the eigenvalues are  $\lambda_1 = 0$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 3$ .

$$\lambda_1 = 0: (A - \lambda I)x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & \sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Choose  $x_2 = \alpha$

$$x_1 = -\frac{\sqrt{2}\alpha}{2} = -\frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2 = 3: \begin{bmatrix} -1 & \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -1 & \sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Choose  $x_2 = \alpha$ ,  $x_1 = \sqrt{2}\alpha$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Note that eigenvectors are linearly independent.



Ex. Find eigenvalues and eigenvectors of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Characteristic polynomial:  $|A - \lambda I| = 0$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & 3-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (3-\lambda)(3-\lambda)(5-\lambda) + 2(-2(5-\lambda)) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda-1)(\lambda-5)^2 = 0$$

Eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_{2,3} = 5$

Eigenvectors:  $\lambda_1 = 1: (A - \lambda I)x = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} x_2 = \alpha \\ x_3 = 0 \\ x_1 = 2\alpha/2 = \alpha \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = 5: \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_2 = \alpha \quad x_3 = \beta \quad x_1 = -\alpha$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \beta \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Two linearly indep. eigenvector correspond to  $\lambda=5$ :  $[-1, 1, 0]^T$  &  $[0, 0, 1]^T$ .

Ex. Find a basis for the eigenspace of

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

Ch. equation:

$$|A - \lambda I| = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2-\lambda & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2-\lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2-\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 2, 2, 2, 2, 2.$$

Eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda = 2$ :

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 = \alpha, \quad x_2 = 0, \quad x_3 = 0, \quad x_4 = 0, \quad x_5 = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Basis} = \{(1, 0, 0, 0, 0)^T\}.$$



Algebraic Multiplicity: multiplicity of  $\lambda$  as a root of the characteristic polynomial.

Geometric Multiplicity: dimension of the eigenspace of  $\lambda$ .  
(number of linearly independent eigenvectors corresponding to an eigenvalue  $\lambda$ ).

Theorem: The geometric multiplicity of an eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of a matrix  $A$  does not exceed its algebraic multiplicity.

$$\boxed{\text{Geometric multiplicity} \leq \text{Algebraic multiplicity}}$$

Ex. Find the characteristic roots and the corresponding characteristic vectors of the matrix

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

Characteristic equation:

$$|A - \lambda I| = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2-\lambda)(\lambda-2)(\lambda-8) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 2, 2, 8.$$

Algebraic multiplicity of  $\lambda = 2$  is 2.

" " of  $\lambda = 8$  is 1.

Eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda = 8$ :

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & -5 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{-2} & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & \boxed{-3} & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

These equations possess  $3 - 2 = 1$  linearly independent solution.

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \alpha \neq 0, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Geometric multiplicity of  
 $\lambda = 8$  is 1.

Eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda = 2$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

These equations possess  $3 - 1 = 2$  linearly indep. solutions.

$$\begin{aligned} x_3 &= \alpha_2 \\ x_2 &= \alpha_1 \quad x_1 = \frac{1}{2}(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \alpha_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \alpha_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Geometric multiplicity of  $\lambda = 2$  is 2.