

Lecture 16 Outline

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Eigensystems

Normal Matrix

Matrix Diagonalization

$$\underline{A} \underline{x} = \lambda \underline{x} \quad \text{Eigensystem of } \underline{A}$$

λ : Eigenvalue

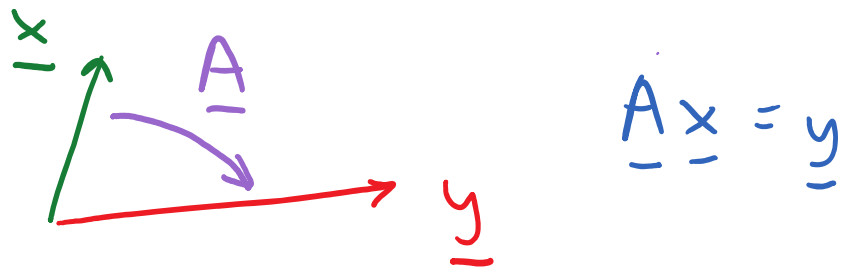
\underline{x} : Eigenvector

Frequently appears in applications

$$\underline{A} \underline{x} - \lambda \underline{x} = \underline{0}$$

$$(\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}) \underline{x} = \underline{0}$$

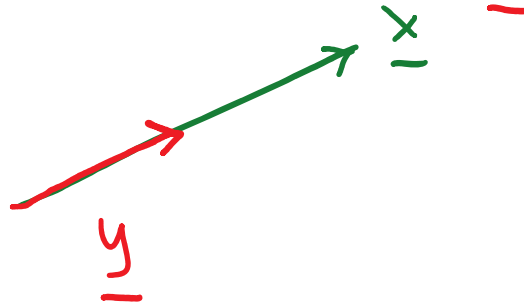
What, in general, does a matrix do?



Matrix \underline{A} transforms vector \underline{x}

into y

Now, consider $\underline{A} \underline{x} = \lambda \underline{x}$



x is a special set of vectors of A
such that applying A to x does
nothing but scale x

Consider

$$\underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{A} \underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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λ λ

$$\underline{\underline{A}} \underline{\underline{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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 $\underline{\underline{\lambda}}$ $\underline{\underline{x}}$

Eigenvalue $\lambda = 3$

$$\text{Eigenvector } \underline{\underline{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let $\underline{\underline{A}} \in M_{n \times n}$ (Eigensystems such as these
only valid for square
matrices)

Given $\underline{\underline{A}}$, find $\lambda + \underline{\underline{x}}$

$$\underline{\underline{A}} \underline{\underline{x}} = \lambda \underline{\underline{x}}$$

$$\underline{\underline{A}} \underline{\underline{x}} - \lambda \underline{\underline{x}} = \underline{\underline{0}}$$

$$(\underline{\underline{A}} - \lambda \underline{\underline{I}}) \underline{\underline{x}} = \underline{\underline{0}}$$

Here \underline{x} must be in the nullspace
of $\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}$

We do not want the trivial solution. Thus,

$\Rightarrow \underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}$ can not be of full rank

$\Rightarrow (\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I})^{-1}$ does not exist

$$\Rightarrow \det(\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}) = 0$$

unknown eigenvalue

$\det(\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}) \Rightarrow$ Characteristic polynomial
of matrix \underline{A} (in terms of λ)

Eigensystem Procedure:

Given $\underline{A} \in M_{n \times n}$

① Solve for all λ 's such that

$$\det(\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}) = 0$$

(Find roots of characteristic polynomial)

② For each λ_i , find the corresponding \underline{x}_i , such that

$$\underline{A} \underline{x}_i = \lambda_i \underline{x}_i$$

or

$$(\underline{A} - \lambda_i \underline{I}) \underline{x}_i = \underline{0}$$

Example: Let $\underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & 2 \\ 2 & 1-\lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & 2 \\ 2 & 1-\lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}) = (1-\lambda)^2 - 4 = 0$$

$$(1-\lambda)^2 = 4, \quad 1-\lambda = \pm 2$$



$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \lambda_1 = -1 \\ \lambda_2 = 3 \end{array} \right\} \text{Eigenvalues of } \underline{A}$$

For $\lambda_1 = -1$

$$\text{Solve } (\underline{A} - \lambda_1 \underline{I}) \underline{x}_1 = \underline{0}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1-(-1) & 2 \\ 2 & 1-(-1) \end{bmatrix} \underline{x}_1 = \underline{0}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} \\ x_{12} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: Rows are linearly dependent,
 $\det(\underline{A} - \lambda_1 \underline{I}) = 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \underline{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Eigenvector associated with $\lambda_1 = -1$

Let $\lambda_2 = 3$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 - \lambda_2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 - \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} \underline{x}_2 = \underline{0}$$

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

$$\therefore \underline{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Eigenvector associated with $\lambda_2 = 3$

Summary for $\underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Two eigenvalues & eigenvectors

$$\lambda_1 = -1, \quad \underline{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2 = 3, \quad \underline{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: Eigenvectors can be multiplied
by any non-zero constant &
remain eigenvectors

Check:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = (-1) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\underline{A} \quad \underline{x}_1 \quad = \quad \lambda_1 \quad \underline{x}_1$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = (3) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{A} \underline{x}_2 = \lambda_2 \underline{x}_2 \quad \checkmark$$

Summary:

λ is an eigenvalue of square matrix \underline{A}
with eigenvector \underline{x} iff

$$\underline{A} \underline{x} = \lambda \underline{x}$$

To determine λ , we need

$$(\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}) \underline{x} = \underline{0}$$

For non-trivial solutions

$$\det(\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}) = |\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}| = 0$$

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characteristic polynomial of A

Find roots λ of characteristic polynomial

Example 2: Let $\underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$|\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}| = \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 2 \\ 2 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (1-\lambda)(3-\lambda) - 4 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 4\lambda - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{-b \pm (b^2 - 4ac)^{1/2}}{2a}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{4 \pm (16 + 4)^{1/2}}{2} = 2 \pm \sqrt{5}$$

To find eigenvector, use λ for each root

1) $\lambda = 2 + \sqrt{5}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 - (2 + \sqrt{5}) & 2 \\ 2 & 3 - (2 + \sqrt{5}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$\det(\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}) = 0 \rightarrow$ rows must be linearly dependent

singular, rank < 2

$$(-1 - \sqrt{5})x_1 + 2x_2 = 0 \rightarrow \underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2) \lambda = 2 - \sqrt{5}$$

$$\text{Similar procedure, } \underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Summary:

$$\lambda_1 = 2 + \sqrt{5}, \quad \underline{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{////} \quad \lambda_2 = 2 - \sqrt{5}, \quad \underline{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Properties of Eigensystems:

- ① Eigenvalues of \underline{A}^2 are the square of the eigenvalues of \underline{A} , but eigenvectors are

exactly the same

Assume $\underline{A}\underline{x} = \lambda \underline{x}$ is known

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{A}^2 \underline{x} &= \underline{A}(\underline{A}\underline{x}) = \underline{A}(\lambda \underline{x}) = \lambda \underline{A}\underline{x} \\ &= \lambda(\lambda \underline{x}) = \lambda^2 \underline{x} \Rightarrow \underline{A}^2 \underline{x} = \lambda^2 \underline{x}\end{aligned}$$

Higher powers:

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{A}^3 \underline{x} &= \underline{A}(\underline{A}^2 \underline{x}) = \underline{A}(\lambda^2 \underline{x}) = \lambda^2 \underline{A}\underline{x} = \lambda^3 \underline{x} \\ \Rightarrow \underline{A}^3 \underline{x} &= \lambda^3 \underline{x}\end{aligned}$$

In general, eigenvalues of \underline{A}^n are λ^n of

$$\underline{A}\underline{x} = \lambda \underline{x}$$

Recall Markov Chains:

\underline{M} is transition matrix

Columns of \underline{M} sum to one; all entries > 0

\underline{P}_n probability of states after step n

$$\underline{P}_n = \underline{M} \underline{P}_{n-1}$$

$$\underline{P}_n = \underline{M} (\underline{M} \underline{P}_{n-2})$$

$$\underline{P}_n = \underline{M}^n \underline{P}_0$$

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may need to raise \underline{M} to a large
power; find eigensystem of \underline{M}

② Row reduction does not preserve eigenvalues

Row reduction involves the scaling + addition
of the matrix rows

Example: $\underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Example. $\underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 4-\lambda & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1-\lambda & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 6-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (4-\lambda)(1-\lambda)(6-\lambda) = 0$$

$$\therefore \lambda = 4, 1, 6$$

Flip rows 1 \leftrightarrow 3

$$\underline{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & -3 & 6 \\ 0 & 1-\lambda & 0 \\ 4 & -1 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (2-\lambda)(1-\lambda)(-\lambda) - 4(1-\lambda)6$$

$$= -(2-3\lambda+\lambda^2)\lambda - 24(1-\lambda)$$

$$= -\lambda^3 + 3\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 24\lambda - 24$$

$$= -[\lambda^3 - 3\lambda^2 - 22\lambda + 24]$$

$$= -(\lambda - 1)(\lambda + 4)(\lambda - 6)$$

$$\therefore \lambda = 1, -4, \underline{6}$$

$$\therefore \lambda \text{ of } \underline{B} \neq \lambda \text{ of } \underline{A}$$

- ③ The product of the eigenvalues of A equals $\det(\underline{A})$ and the sum of the eigenvalues equals $\text{tr}(\underline{A})$, where

$$\text{tr}(\underline{A}) = \text{trace of } \underline{A} = \text{sum of the diagonal}$$

Aside: ERO of swapping rows. What happens to $\det(\underline{A})$ after swap?

- ④ One can have imaginary (or complex) eigenvalues, even if A is real

Example:

$$\underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 6-\lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2-\lambda & 2 \\ 4 & -1 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$= (6-\lambda)[(2-\lambda)(-\lambda) - (-1)(2)] = 0$$

$$= (6-\lambda)(\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 2) = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \hookrightarrow \\ \lambda = 6 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \hookrightarrow \\ \lambda = \frac{2 \pm (4-8)^{1/2}}{2} \end{array}$$

$$\lambda = 1 \pm i$$

$$\therefore \lambda = 6, 1+i, 1-i$$

Eigenvalues can be complex!

What are the corresponding eigenvectors?

$$\text{Let } \lambda = 1+i$$

$$(\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}) \underline{x} = \underline{0}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6-(1+i) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2-(1+i) & 2 \\ 4 & -1 & -(i+1) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{rref: } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1+i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{rank} = 2$$

$$\det(\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I}) = 0$$

$$\therefore x_1 = 0$$

$$\text{Let } x_2 = 1, \quad x_3 = -\frac{x_2}{1+i} \cdot \frac{1-i}{1-i} = -\frac{1-i}{2}$$

$$\underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -\frac{1}{2}(1-i) \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{for } \lambda = 1+i$$

⑤ For a real matrix, all complex eigenvectors will come in complex conjugate pairs

If $\lambda = a+ib$ and $\underline{A}\underline{x} = \lambda\underline{x}$ gives the eigenvector \underline{x} , then

$$\overline{(\underline{A}\underline{x})} = \overline{(\lambda\underline{x})} \Rightarrow \underline{\bar{A}}\underline{\bar{x}} = \bar{\lambda}\underline{\bar{x}}$$

$$\text{for } \underline{A} \text{ real} \rightarrow \underline{A}\underline{\bar{x}} = \bar{\lambda}\underline{\bar{x}}$$

$\therefore \lambda$ has eigenvector $\underline{\bar{x}}$

λ has eigenvector $\underline{\underline{x}}$

⑥ Repeated eigenvalues are possible

Example:

$$\underline{\underline{A}} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 & 6 \\ -2 & 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \lambda = -4, 2, 2$$

Then $\lambda = 2$ has a multiplicity of 2
(more precisely, this is the algebraic multiplicity)

Let $\lambda = 2$, Then

$$\underline{\underline{A}} - \lambda \underline{\underline{I}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 3 & -3 & 6 \\ -2 & 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{ref}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

\Rightarrow 2 free variables

$$\Rightarrow \dim(N(\underline{\underline{A}} - \lambda \underline{\underline{I}})) = 2$$

\Rightarrow 2 eigenvectors

If the # of eigenvectors (or geometric multiplicity) equals the algebraic multiplicity, then that eigenvalue is said to be complete

If the # of eigenvectors is less than the (algebraic) multiplicity, then that eigenvalue is said to be defective

Example:

$$\underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \lambda = 3, 3$$

Algebraic multiplicity equals 2

$$\underline{A} - \lambda \underline{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ only has}$$

$$\text{eigenvector } \underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Geometric multiplicity equals 1}$$

$\Rightarrow \lambda = 3$ is defective

If any eigenvalue of \underline{A} is defective,
then \underline{A} is said to be defective

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow x_2 = 0$$

Choose $x_1 = 1$

$$\text{for } \lambda = 3, \quad \underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$