

Ultimately : Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

## Lec 35: Spectral Theory Eigenvalue Decomposition

## Eigenvalue Decomposition (EVD)

## Eigenvalue Problem

$n \times n$  matrix w/  
complex entries

if  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  
stretch or compress

Give a square matrix  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ ,  
find  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{C}^n$  such that  
 $A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$  nonzero

Geometry

$$A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$$

"image of  $\vec{v}$   
under  $A$ "

"scalar multiple  
of  $\vec{v}$ "

- $\lambda$  : eigenvalue of  $A$
  - $\vec{v}$  : eigenvector of  $A$
- } eigenpair.
- How do we find them?

$$A\vec{v} - \lambda\vec{v} = \vec{0}$$

$$(A - \lambda I)\vec{v} = \vec{0}$$

This eqn has a nontrivial soln  $\vec{v}$   
iff  $A - \lambda I$  is singular. In other words,

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

(characteristic  
eqn)

poly. in  $\lambda$  (deg-n)

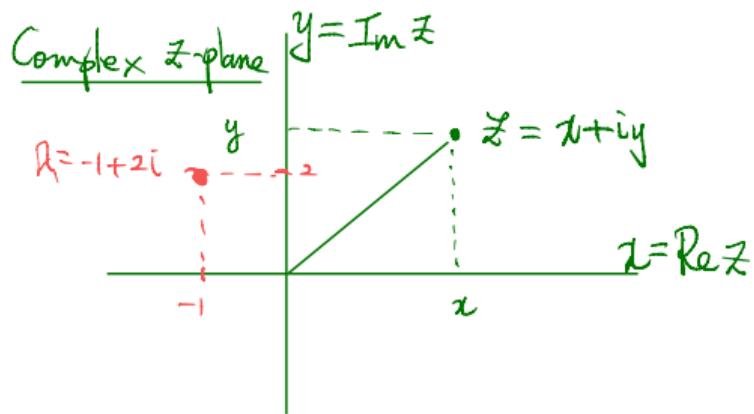
## Terminology

- $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  has  $n$  eigenvalues counting multiplicity:  
 $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$
- The set of all eigenvalues of  $A$  is called the spectrum of  $A$ .  
 $\text{Spec}(A) = \{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n\}$
- $\max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |\lambda_j|$  = spectral radius

## Digression: Geometry of Comp. numbers

$$z = x + iy \in \mathbb{R}$$

$(x, y \in \mathbb{R}) \quad i = \sqrt{-1}$



## Eigenvalue Decomposition (EVD)

- $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$
- $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ : eigenvalues
- $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n$ : eigenvectors

$$\Rightarrow AV = VD \text{ (general)}$$

- $V$ : columns are eigenvectors
- $D$ : diagonal matrix w/ eigenvalue on the diagonal.

$$A\vec{v}_j = \lambda_j \vec{v}_j \quad \text{for } j=1, \dots, n$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{matrix} & \left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c|c} A\vec{v}_1 & A\vec{v}_2 & \cdots & A\vec{v}_n \end{array} \right] \\ \text{$n \times n$ matrix} & \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} & \left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c|c} \lambda_1 \vec{v}_1 & \lambda_2 \vec{v}_2 & \cdots & \lambda_n \vec{v}_n \end{array} \right] \\ V & \end{matrix}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{D}$

$$\Rightarrow A \left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c|c} \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 & \cdots & \vec{v}_n \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c|c} \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 & \cdots & \vec{v}_n \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} \lambda_1 & & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ 0 & & \ddots & \lambda_n \end{array} \right]$$

In a special case where eigenvectors  
of  $A$  are linearly independent, then  $\rightarrow$  rank ( $V$ ) =  $n$   
(full rank)

$$V = [\vec{v}_1 \mid \vec{v}_2 \mid \cdots \mid \vec{v}_n]$$

$\nwarrow P \quad \searrow$

Linearly independent

is nonsingular (or invertible).

Consequence:  $AV = VD$  (true always for square  $A$ )

$$\Rightarrow A = V D V^{-1} \quad (\text{EVD})$$

# Eigenvalue Decomposition (cont')

eigenvectors of  $A$  are lin-indep.

If  $A$  has an EVD, we say that  $A$  is **diagonalizable**; otherwise **nondiagonalizable**.

## Theorem 1 (Diagonalizability)

If  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  has  $n$  distinct eigenvalues, then  $A$  is diagonalizable.

### Notes.

- Let  $A, B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ . We say that  $B$  is **similar** to  $A$  if there exists a nonsingular matrix  $X$  such that

$$B = XAX^{-1}.$$

- So **diagonalizability is similarity to a diagonal matrix**.
- Similar matrices share the same eigenvalues.

↳ Exercise : Confirm this .

( Review your 2568 notes / text.)

## Calculating EVD in MATLAB

- $E = \text{eig}(A)$   
produces a column vector  $E$  containing the eigenvalues of  $A$ .
- $[V, D] = \text{eig}(A)$   
produces  $V$  and  $D$  in an EVD of  $A$ ,  $A = VDV^{-1}$ .