



Rec 11

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Similar matrices and PCA

Worksheet 11

1. Similar matrices

A, B are similar if $B = PAP^{-1}$

$\Rightarrow A, B$ have the same eigenvalues
have the same Jordan forms.

2. Jordan form

Each block $\begin{pmatrix} \square & & 0 \\ & \square & \\ 0 & & \square \end{pmatrix}$ $\square = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 & & \\ & \lambda & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$
\square with eigenvalue $\lambda = \dim(\text{null}(A - \lambda I))$

3. Statistics

Given a set of data x_1, \dots, x_n in \mathbb{R} .

(a) The average $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n}(x_1 + \dots + x_n)$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} - \bar{x} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \left(I - \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{n} & \dots & \frac{1}{n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{1}{n} & \dots & \frac{1}{n} \end{pmatrix} \right) \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

(b) The sample variance $\sigma^2 = \frac{\sum \|x_i - \bar{x}\|^2}{n-1}$

$$= \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^T (x_i - \bar{x})}{n-1}$$

$= \frac{1}{n-1} (x_1 \dots x_n P^T P \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}) = \frac{1}{n-1} x^T P x$

$P^T = P$
 $P^2 = P$

4. PCA

$A \text{ rand}(n) + \mu \mathbf{1} \mathbf{1}^T$

variance: $A^T A$

$$A = U \Sigma V^T$$

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 & & 0 \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > \dots$$

Problems

U_1 : Important

1. Suppose A, B are 2×2 similar matrices, say $B = PAP^{-1}$. Let A has two different eigenvalues λ_1, λ_2 and the corresponding eigenvectors are u_1, u_2 . Write down the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of B .

$$A = U \Sigma U^{-1} \quad U = (u_1, u_2) \quad \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \\ & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B = PAP^{-1} = P U \Sigma U^{-1} P^{-1}$$

So B have eigenvalues λ_1, λ_2 and eigenvectors Pu_1, Pu_2 .

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2. Find the Jordan form of the following matrices

(a) $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ Eigen value 1

$$(\lambda - 1, I) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{null space is 2-dim}$$

So the Jordan form is $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

(b) $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ $\det(A - \lambda I) = \det \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1-\lambda \end{pmatrix} = (\lambda^2 - 1)(1-\lambda) = 0$

A has two eigenvalue 1 and one eigenvalue -1.

$$(A - 1I) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{null space is 1'd}$$

$$(A - (-1)I) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{null space is 1'd}$$

So Jordan form $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

3. If A is a symmetric matrix. Can A be similar to $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$? Do not use the fact that symmetric matrices are diagonalizable.

No. If so, $A = P \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} P^T$

$$A = A^T \quad A^T = (P^{-1})^T \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} P^T = (P^{-1})^T \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} P^T$$

$$\text{So } (P^{-1})^T \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = k P \quad k \neq 0$$

So $k P^T P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ which is impossible due to #3 in Worksheet 10.

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