

§ 2.3 DIAGONALIZATION§§ Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

Def: If A is an $n \times n$ (square) mx., a number λ is called an eigenvalue of A if $Ax = \lambda X$ for some $X \neq 0$.

Such a non-zero column X is called an eigenvector of A corresponding to the eigenvalue λ .

EXP: Given $A = \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 3 \\ 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$, is $\lambda = -2$ an eigenvalue of A ?

SOL: We need to solve $Ax = \lambda X$; $Ax = (-2)X$; $Ax + 2X = 0$
 $(A + 2I)X = 0$. So $\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 9 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 - \frac{1}{3}R_1} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 9 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{3}R_1}$

$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$: ∞ -ly many sol, or non-trivial solutions.

$X_2 = t$ scalar; $X_1 = -\frac{1}{3}t \Rightarrow X = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{3}t \\ t \end{pmatrix} = t \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

choose $t=1 \Rightarrow X = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, it is NOT 0!!

EXP: is $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ an eigenvector of $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 6 & 7 \\ 3 & 3 & 7 \\ 5 & 6 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$? if YES, find eigenvalue.

SOL: $\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 6 & 7 \\ 3 & 3 & 7 \\ 5 & 6 & 5 \end{pmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}_X = -2 \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}_X = -2X$. Since $X \neq 0 \Rightarrow$

Answer is YES; $\lambda = -2$

Q: How do we get all eigenvalues?

Def The characteristic polynomial of an $n \times n$ matrix is $\chi_A(x) = \det(xI_n - A)$. Its degree is n .

THM Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix.

- (1) The eigenvalues λ of A are the roots of the characteristic polynomial $\chi_A(x)$ of A .
- (2) To get the eigenvectors X corresponding to λ , just solve $(\lambda I - A)X = 0$.

2-c/99 $A = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ -4 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$; find c.p., e, e.

Sol:
$$xI_3 - A = \begin{pmatrix} x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & x & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & x \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ -4 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x-7 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & x-5 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & x+2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\chi_A(x) = (x-5)(-1)^{2+2} \det \begin{pmatrix} x-7 & -5 \\ 4 & x+2 \end{pmatrix} = (x-5) [(x-7)(x+2) + 20]$$

$$= (x-5)(x^2 - 5x + 6) = (x-5)(x-2)(x-3).$$

Solve: $(x-5)(x-2)(x-3) = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = 5, x_2 = 2, x_3 = 3.$

For $x_1 = 5$ solve $(5I_3 - A)X = 0 \Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} -2 & 0 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 7 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 + 2R_1} \rightarrow$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} -2 & 0 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} \textcircled{1} & 0 & \frac{5}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \quad X = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$$

$b = t$, t scalar $\Rightarrow c = 0, a = -\frac{5}{2}t = 0 \Rightarrow X = t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, t scalar

For $x_2 = 2$ solve $(2I_3 - A)X = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{-5}R_1 \\ \rightarrow \\ -\frac{1}{3}R_2, \frac{1}{4}R_3 \end{array}$

$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 - R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ Say $X = \begin{pmatrix} r \\ s \\ t \end{pmatrix}$ $r = t$, t scalar

$b = 0$, $r = -t \Rightarrow X = \begin{pmatrix} -t \\ 0 \\ t \end{pmatrix} = t \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ t scalar

For $x_3 = 3$ solve: $(3I_3 - A)X = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{array}{l} R_3 + R_1 \\ \rightarrow \\ -\frac{1}{2}R_2 \end{array}$

$\begin{pmatrix} -4 & 0 & -5 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow$ If $X = \begin{pmatrix} r \\ s \\ t \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow$ $r = t$, t scalar

$b = 0$
 $r = -\frac{5}{4}t$

So $X = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{5}{4}t \\ 0 \\ t \end{pmatrix} = t \begin{pmatrix} -5/4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$; t scalar

One may get \leftarrow repeated roots!
complex roots!

§§ DIAGONALIZATION

Def An $n \times n$ $m \times D$ is called a diagonal $m \times$ if its off main diagonal entries are zero.

EXP: $D = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$; $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$

~~DEF~~ An $n \times n$ $m \times A$ is called diagonalizable if $P^{-1}AP = D$ for some invertible $m \times P$ and $m \times D$.

some diagonal

WHY? FACT: powers of such D , and then A are easy to compute!

• If $D = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow D^2 = D \cdot D = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5^2 & 0 \\ 0 & (-1)^2 \end{pmatrix}$
 $\dots \dots \dots$, $D^m = \begin{pmatrix} 5^m & 0 \\ 0 & (-1)^m \end{pmatrix}$.

• If $P^{-1}AP = D \Rightarrow A = PDP^{-1} \Rightarrow A^m = \underbrace{PDP^{-1} \cdot PDP^{-1} \cdot \dots \cdot PDP^{-1}}_{m \text{ times}}$
 $= P \underbrace{(D^m)}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{as above}}}} P^{-1}$

THM Let A be an $n \times n$ mx.

(1) A is diagonalizable \Leftrightarrow it has eigenvectors x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n such that $P = [x_1 \ x_2 \ \dots \ x_n]$ is invertible

(2) In this case: $P^{-1}AP = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$, where

each λ_i is the eigenvalue corresponding to x_i .

before exercises: When is that possible?

THM: If an $n \times n$ mx. A has n distinct eigenvalues then A is diagonalizable

2 e/93 $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

SOL: $XI_3 - A = \begin{pmatrix} X & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & X & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & X \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} X-1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & X-1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & X-1 \end{pmatrix}$

$0 = \det \begin{pmatrix} X-1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & X-1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & X-1 \end{pmatrix} = \cancel{X-1} (X-1) \det \begin{pmatrix} X-1 & 1 \\ -1 & X-1 \end{pmatrix} +$

$$+ (-1)(-1)^{1+2} \det \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & x-1 \end{pmatrix} = (x-1) [(x-1)^2 + 1]$$

$$+ (-1)(x-1) = (x-1) [(x-1)^2 + 1 - 1]$$

$$= (x-1)^3 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = 1$$

Find eigenvectors for $x_1 = 1$

Solve $(1 \cdot I_3 - A)X = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} c = t, t \text{ scalar} \\ b = 0 \\ a = t \end{matrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow X = t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix} ?$$

Even if we can construct $D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, P does not exist!

So: not diagonalizable !!

The Algorithm for Diagonalization / pg 96

1 find the distinct eigenvalues of A

2 for each eigenvalue, find the basic solutions of $(xI - A)X = 0$

3 A is diagonalizable \Leftrightarrow there are n vectors found at

2.

4 Construct P with the vectors in 2

$$\text{Construct } D = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ & & x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Keep the ORDER!

fff SIMILARITY

Def A and B are similar if $B = P^{-1}AP$ for some inv. mat

We write: $A \sim B$.

NOTE: $A \sim A$; $A \sim B \Leftrightarrow B \sim A$; $A \sim B, B \sim C \Rightarrow$

$A \sim C$.

(THM) If A, B are similar, then

(1) $\det A = \det B$; (2) $C_A(x) = C_B(x)$; (3) A, B have the same eigenvalues.

Pf: @ blackboard since it's easy - - -

NOTE: $A \sim B \Rightarrow \begin{cases} A^{-1} \sim B^{-1} \\ A^T \sim B^T \\ A^k \sim B^k \end{cases}$

$k \geq 0$
↑ show some of them.

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