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Lecture 23

$$Av = \lambda v \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{eigenvalue } \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \\ \text{eigenvector } v \in \mathbb{C}^n \end{array}$$

Example: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -6 & -7 \\ 1 & 8 & 5 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

How to find all eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors?

1. let $p(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I) = \dots = -(\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 4)(\lambda - 6)$

$$\lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = 4, \lambda_3 = 6$$

2. $\lambda_1 = 2$: $(A - 2I)v = \vec{0}$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -6 & -7 \\ 1 & 6 & 5 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} v = \vec{0} \quad (\Leftrightarrow \dots$$

$$v \in \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = E_2$$

eigenspace for $\lambda = 2$.

$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is an eigenvector corresponding to eigenvalue $\lambda_1 = 2$.

$\lambda_2 = 4$: $(A - 4I)v = \vec{0}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -6 & -7 \\ 1 & 4 & 5 \\ -1 & -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} v = \vec{0} \quad (\Leftrightarrow \dots$$

$$v \in \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = E_4$$

eigenspace for $\lambda = 4$

$$v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\lambda_3 = 6$: $\dots v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$E_6 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

Note: In this example we started with a 3×3 matrix A .

and obtained 3 distinct eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$ and eigenvectors v_1, v_2, v_3 that are l.i.

We say that $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ is an eigenbasis.

Theorem: Let A be $n \times n$. If all n eigenvalues are distinct, then the corresponding eigenvectors ~~are~~ form a basis for \mathbb{R}^n (or \mathbb{C}^n).

Other possibilities: repeated eigenvalues

Example: A could be such that $p(\lambda) = (\lambda - 2)^2(\lambda - 3)$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 2; \lambda_3 = 3.$$

* later OR $p(\lambda) = (\lambda - 1)^2(\lambda^2 + 1) = (\lambda - 1)^2(\lambda - i)(\lambda + i)$.

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 1; \lambda_3 = i, \lambda_4 = -i.$$

(complex eigenvalue is ok).

Example: let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$p(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I) = \det \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & -1 \\ 1 & -\lambda \end{bmatrix} = \lambda^2 + 1 = (\lambda - i)(\lambda + i)$$

$$\lambda_1 = i, \lambda_2 = -i.$$

$$\lambda_1 = i: (A - iI)v = \vec{0}$$
$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -i & -1 \\ 1 & -i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v_1 \in \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\lambda_1 = i, v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2 = -i: (A + iI)v = \vec{0}$$
$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} i & -1 \\ 1 & -i \end{bmatrix} v = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v \in \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$
$$\lambda_2 = -i, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Useful fact: If $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ (i.e., its entries are real), and λ_1 is an eigenvalue of A with eigenvector v_1 , then $\bar{\lambda}_1$ is also an eigenvalue of A with corresp. eigenvector \bar{v}_1 .

Proof: $Av_1 = \lambda_1 v_1$

$\Leftrightarrow A\bar{v}_1 = \bar{\lambda}_1 \bar{v}_1$

$\Leftrightarrow A\bar{v}_1 = \bar{\lambda}_1 \bar{v}_1$

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as long as
 A is real-valued.

Repeated eigenvalues:

*. Say $\det(A - \lambda I) = (\lambda - \lambda_1)^2 (\lambda - \lambda_2) (\lambda - \lambda_3)^3$.

Then, the algebraic multiplicities of $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$ are

$m_1 = 2; m_2 = 1; m_3 = 3$.

Next set $\dim(E_{\lambda_j}) = d_j$

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geometric multiplicity of λ_j .

In our example from last lecture, we had $A: 3 \times 3$
with $\lambda_1 = 2; \lambda_2 = 4; \lambda_3 = 6$ with $m_1 = m_2 = m_3 = 1$
 $d_1 = d_2 = d_3 = 1$.

In general, $\boxed{1 \leq d_j \leq m_j}$.

Example: (1). $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. $p(\lambda) = (\lambda - 1)^2 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 1$.

$\boxed{m_1 = 2}$.

$A - \lambda_1 I = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} v = \vec{0} \Rightarrow v \in \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$
 $E_1 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \Rightarrow \boxed{d_1 = 1}$.

$$(2) \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\Rightarrow p(\lambda) = (\lambda + 1)^2 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = -1, \quad \boxed{w_1 = 2}$$

$$E_1 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{d_1 = 2}.$$

a basis of \mathbb{C}^n of $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$
st. ~~each~~ each x_j is an
eigenvector of A

Theorem: There exists an eigenbasis corresp. to a matrix A

iff $d_j = w_j \quad \forall j$.

Diagonalization IV.1.9.

Setting: A $n \times n$

$\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ eigenvalues.

(s.t. $Av_j = \lambda_j v_j$).

$\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$: eigenbasis.

Let: $S = [v_1 | v_2 | \dots | v_n]$

(eigenvector v_j is in the j th column of S)

Note: S is $n \times n$.

$$\bullet \quad AS = A[v_1 | \dots | v_n] = [Av_1 | Av_2 | \dots | Av_n]$$

$$= [\lambda_1 v_1 | \lambda_2 v_2 | \dots | \lambda_n v_n]$$

$$= \underbrace{[v_1 | \dots | v_n]}_{= S} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \lambda_2 & \\ & & \dots \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}}_{=: D \text{ diagonal matrix!}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{AS = SD}$$

Since S is invertible ($\{v_j\}$ is a basis), we have:

$$\boxed{A = SDS^{-1}} \rightarrow \text{diagonalization of } A.$$

Note also that $D = S^{-1}AS$.

Example: diagonalize $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -6 & -7 \\ 1 & 8 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution: We know: $\lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = 4, \lambda_3 = 6$

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

So: $A = SDS^{-1}$ with

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Definition: A matrix A is diagonalizable if such S and D exist.

Why is diagonalization useful?

Suppose A is $n \times n$, $A = SDS^{-1}$.

(1). Determinant and trace. (2) Power.

Recall that $\cdot \det(BC) = \det(B)\det(C)$

$$\cdot \det(B^{-1}) = 1/\det(B).$$

Then, $\det(A) = \det(S)\det(D)\det(S^{-1}) = \det(S)\det(D)\frac{1}{\det(S)}$

$$\boxed{\det(A) = \det(D) = \lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_n}$$
 product of its eigenvalues (with multiplicities).

Trace: For $n \times n$ B , $\text{trace}(B) := \sum_{i=1}^n B_{ii} =: \text{tr}(B)$.

Fact: $\text{tr}(BC) = \text{tr}(CB)$, $\forall B, C$ (for which multiplying BC and CB both make sense).