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Recap:

Eigenspace = $\text{Nul}(A - \lambda I)$

Characteristic equation

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

Characteristic polynomial

$$\det(A - \lambda I), \text{ degree } n, A = n \times n$$

↓

$$(\lambda - \lambda_1)^{n_1} (\lambda - \lambda_2)^{n_2} \dots$$

Algebraic multiplicity of λ_1 : n_1

Geometric multiplicity of λ_1 : $\dim \text{Nul}(A - \lambda_1 I)$
 $= \#$ of free variables
in $(A - \lambda_1 I) \vec{x} = \vec{0}$

Geometric multiplicity \neq Algebraic multiplicity

Geometric multiplicity is based on eigenspace

Algebraic multiplicity is based on characteristic polynomial

Theorem 1, Chapter 5

Eigenvalues of
$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

are $a_{11}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{nn}$

Theorem 2, Chapter 5

Eigenvectors for distinct eigenvalues are linearly independent.

Q: How to find eigenvalues?

Method: Solve $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$.
 λ is unknown

Q: How to find a basis for the eigenspace of eigenvalue λ ?

Method: Solve $(A - \lambda I) \vec{x} = 0$.
 \vec{x} is unknown, λ is known

Caution: Row reduction is not a tool for finding eigenvalues!
 $A \xrightarrow{\text{row reduction}} B$

A and B have different sets of eigenvalues.

Ex

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

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Find eigenvalues and find a basis for each eigenspace.

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

$$= (1-\lambda)(-1)^{3+3} \det \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & -2 \\ -2 & 1-\lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= (1-\lambda) [(1-\lambda)^2 - (-2)^2]$$

$$= (1-\lambda) [\lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 3]$$

$$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{(\lambda-3)(\lambda+1)}$$

Characteristic eq:

$$(\lambda-1)(\lambda-3)(\lambda+1) = 0$$

eigenvalues: $\lambda_1 = 1$, $\lambda_2 = 3$, $\lambda_3 = -1$

A basis for eigenspace of $\lambda_1 = 1$

$$A - \lambda_1 I = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Interchange R_1 and R_2

$$\longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(-\frac{1}{2}) \times R_1, -\frac{1}{2} \times R_2 \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \text{REF}$$

Basic variables = x_1, x_2

Free variable = x_3 .

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for the eigenspace of $\lambda_1 = 1$.

A basis for the eigenspace of $\lambda_2 = 3$

$$A - \lambda_2 I = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Add } (-1) \times R_1 \text{ to } R_2} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{Interchange } R_2 \text{ and } R_3} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(-\frac{1}{2}) \times R_1, (-\frac{1}{2}) \times R_2 \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \text{REF}$$

Basic variables: x_1, x_3

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Free variable: x_2

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -x_2 \\ x_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for the eigenspace of $\lambda_2 = 3$

A basis for the eigenspace of $\lambda_3 = -1$

$$A - \lambda_3 I = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ x_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for the eigenspace of $\lambda_3 = -1$

Complex eigenvalues.

EX $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Find eigenvalues and find a basis for each eigenspace.

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \det \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & 2 \\ -2 & -\lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= (-\lambda)(-\lambda) - (-2)2 = \lambda^2 + 4$$

Characteristic eq: $\lambda^2 + 4 = 0$

$$\lambda^2 - (-4) = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - (2i)^2 = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 2i)(\lambda + 2i) = 0$$

Eigenvalues: $\lambda_1 = 2i$, $\lambda_2 = -2i$

A basis for the eigenspace of $\lambda_1 = 2i$

$$A - \lambda_1 I = \begin{bmatrix} -2i & 2 \\ -2 & -2i \end{bmatrix}$$

Add $(+i) \times R_1$ to $R_2 \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -2i & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$(\frac{1}{2}i) \times R_1 \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & i \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \text{REF}$

Basic variable: x_1 ,

Free variable: x_2

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -i x_2 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for the eigenspace of $\lambda_1 = 2i$

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A basis for the eigenspace of $\lambda_2 = -2i$

$$A - \lambda_2 I = \begin{bmatrix} 2i & 2 \\ -2 & 2i \end{bmatrix}$$

Add $(-i) \times R_1$ to R_2 \rightarrow $\begin{bmatrix} 2i & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$(-\frac{1}{2}i) \times R_1$ \rightarrow $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -i \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \text{REF}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} i x_2 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for the eigenspace of $\lambda_2 = -2i$

Similarity between two matrices.

Def. We say A is similar to B if there is an invertible matrix P such that

$$B = P^{-1} A P$$

Statement: If A is similar to B ,
then B is similar to A .

proof: We need to find an invertible matrix Q
such that

$$A = Q^{-1} B Q$$

We are given $B = P^{-1} A P$.

$$P B P^{-1} = P (P^{-1} A P) P^{-1}$$

$$(P P^{-1})^{-1} B (P P^{-1}) = (P P^{-1}) A (P P^{-1})$$

$$(P P^{-1})^{-1} B (P P^{-1}) = A$$

$$\Rightarrow A = Q^{-1} B Q, \quad \underline{Q = P^{-1}}$$

Def: The mapping $A \rightarrow P^{-1} A P$
is called a similarity transformation.

Q: Why study similarity transformation?

Theorem 4: If A and B are similar, then they have
the same characteristic polynomial.

→ Same set of eigenvalues.

→ Same algebraic multiplicities.

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proof: $B = P^{-1}AP$

$$\begin{aligned}\det(B - \lambda I) &= \det(P^{-1}AP - \lambda I) \\ &= \det(P^{-1}AP - \lambda P^{-1}IP) \\ &= \det[P^{-1}(A - \lambda I)P] \\ &= \det(P^{-1}) \det(A - \lambda I) \det P \\ &= \det(A - \lambda I)\end{aligned}$$

Statement: If A and B are similar, then they also have the same geometric multiplicities.

proof: Suppose λ is an eigenvalue of A , and B .

Suppose \vec{z} is in the eigenspace of B for eigenvalue λ .

$$(B - \lambda I)\vec{z} = \vec{0} \quad B = P^{-1}AP$$

$$(P^{-1}AP - \lambda I)\vec{z} = \vec{0}$$

$$(P^{-1}AP - \lambda P^{-1}IP)\vec{z} = \vec{0}$$

$$P^{-1}(A - \lambda I)(P\vec{z}) = \vec{0}$$

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

$\Rightarrow P\vec{z}$ is in the eigenspace of A for eigenvalue λ .

$\text{Nul}(A-\lambda I) \longleftrightarrow \text{Nul}(B-\lambda I)$
one-to-one correspondence.

$$\dim \text{Nul}(A-\lambda I) = \dim \text{Nul}(B-\lambda I)$$

Sec 5.3. Diagonalization.

Def: A diagonal matrix =
$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & a_{22} & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Def: We say matrix A is diagonalizable if there is an invertible matrix P such that

$P^{-1}AP$ is diagonal.

Q: Why study diagonalization?

Theorem 5: The diagonalization theorem

$A = n \times n$.

A is diagonalizable if and only if A has n linearly independent eigenvectors.

proof: "Only if" part.

A is diagonalizable $\longrightarrow A$ has n linearly independent eigenvectors.

Suppose $P^{-1}AP = D$, $D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow AP = PD$

Let $P = [\vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2 \ \dots \ \vec{v}_n]$

$\Rightarrow A[\vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2 \ \dots \ \vec{v}_n] = [\vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2 \ \dots \ \vec{v}_n] \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$

Focus on the j -th column

$A\vec{v}_j = [\vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2 \ \dots \ \vec{v}_n] \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_j \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda_j \vec{v}_j$

$A\vec{v}_j = \lambda_j \vec{v}_j$

λ_j is an eigenvalue and \vec{v}_j is an eigenvectors.

$\Rightarrow \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$ are a set of n linearly independent eigenvectors.

"If" part

A has n linearly independent eigenvectors

$\longrightarrow A$ is diagonalizable.

Suppose $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$ are n linearly independent eigenvectors.

Let $P = [\vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2 \ \dots \ \vec{v}_n]$

Linear independence $\implies P$ is invertible.

$$A \vec{v}_j = \lambda_j \vec{v}_j$$

$$\Rightarrow A [\vec{v}_1 \vec{v}_2 \dots \vec{v}_n] = [\vec{v}_1 \vec{v}_2 \dots \vec{v}_n] \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow P^{-1} A P = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Q: How to read out eigenvalues and eigenvectors for the given diagonalization.

$$P^{-1} A P = D$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$P = [\vec{v}_1 \vec{v}_2 \dots \vec{v}_n] \quad \vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n \text{ are eigenvectors.}$$

Q: How to construct the diagonalization of A.

Step 1: Find all eigenvalues of A.

Step 2: Find a basis for each eigenspace.

Step 3: Construct $D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$

Step 4: Construct $P = [\vec{v}_1 \vec{v}_2 \dots \vec{v}_n]$

Ex. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Eigenvalues: $1, 3, -1$

Eigenvectors: $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 3 & \\ & & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P = [\vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2 \ \vec{v}_3] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\boxed{P^{-1}AP = D.}$$

Theorem 6: $A: n \times n$.

Suppose A has n distinct eigenvalues.

Then A is diagonalizable.

Relation between finding eigenvalues of A
and diagonalizing A

In theoretical discussion.

A Exact calculation. \rightarrow Exact eigenvalues
and eigenvectors.
 \rightarrow Diagonalizing A.

In numerical computation.

A Numerical computation. \rightarrow Diagonalizing A approximately.
 \rightarrow Read ^{out} eigenvalues and
eigenvectors approximately.