

§5.2 Diagonalization

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Example $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ -6 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$ has eigenvector $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ with eigenvalue 2
 $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ with eigenvalue -1

$$\mathbb{R}^2 \xrightarrow{A} \mathbb{R}^2$$

$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

Q: what is matrix for A wrt to basis $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$?

$$\uparrow S$$
$$\mathbb{R}^2 \xrightarrow{\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}} \mathbb{R}^2$$

$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

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

so $A_{\text{new basis}} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Let S be the matrix that takes a vector in the $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ basis to a vector in the $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ basis, i.e. $S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

S is the matrix of eigenvectors. (if there are enough eigenvectors!).

note $S^{-1}AS = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ (check!)

In general: suppose A has n linearly independent eigenvectors

v_1, \dots, v_n with eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$. Let $S = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & v_2 & \dots & v_n \end{bmatrix}$

then

$$S^{-1}AS = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

equivalently

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

Remarks

① if all eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ are distinct, then there are n independent eigenvectors.

② S is not unique

③ not all matrices have n independent eigenvalues.

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problems: repeated eigenvalues.

examples $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0$. $\det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 = 0$.

but $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow x_2 = 0$ so $x = \begin{bmatrix} t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

only 1 eigenvector.

Def: the algebraic multiplicity of an eigenvalue is the power of $(\lambda - \lambda_i)$ in $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$.

the geometric multiplicity is $\dim(N(A - \lambda_i I))$

Note geometric multiplicity \leq algebraic multiplicity
 $<$ \rightarrow not diagonalizable.

Proof $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ not diagonalizable. $D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ but $S^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} S = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = S \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} S^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ also not diagonalizable.

$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 1 \quad v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = S^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Lemma (5D) Eigenvectors corresponding to distinct eigenvalues are independent #.

Proof Let v_1 have eigenvalue λ_1 $Av_1 = \lambda_1 v_1$
 v_2 λ_2 $Av_2 = \lambda_2 v_2$

suppose $c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 = 0$ ①

then $A(c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2) = c_1 Av_1 + c_2 Av_2 = c_1 \lambda_1 v_1 + c_2 \lambda_2 v_2 = 0$ ②

$$\lambda_1 \textcircled{1} - \textcircled{2} : \left. \begin{aligned} c_1 \lambda_1 v_1 - c_2 \lambda_1 v_2 &= 0 \\ c_1 \lambda_1 v_1 - c_2 \lambda_2 v_2 &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} c_2 (\lambda_2 - \lambda_1) v_2 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow c_2 &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{1} - \lambda_2 \textcircled{1} : \Rightarrow c_1 = 0. \quad \square.$$

Example projection matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$ eigenvalues: $(1/2 - \lambda)^2 - 1/4 = 0$
 $\lambda^2 - \lambda = 0$
 $\lambda(\lambda - 1) = 0$
 $\lambda = 0, 1.$
 eigenvectors $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Example rotation $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ $\det(A - \lambda I) = (-\lambda)^2 + 1 = \lambda^2 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm i$
 eigenvectors $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix}$ check $S^{-1}AS = D!$

Powers A^k : if v_i is an ^{eigenvector} eigenvalue of A with eigenvalue λ_i
 then v_i A^k λ_i^k .

check: $A^k v_i = A \dots A \frac{Av_i}{\lambda_i} = \underbrace{A \dots A}_{k-1} \lambda_i v_i = \dots \lambda_i^k v_i$

so if $S^{-1}AS = D$ then $S^{-1}A^kS = D^k$

alternate proof: $(S^{-1}AS)^k = \underbrace{S^{-1}AS}_{S^{-1}A^kS} \underbrace{S^{-1}AS}_{I} \dots \underbrace{S^{-1}AS}_{I} = D^k.$

also: eigenvalues of A^{-1} are $1/\lambda_i$ proof: $Av_i = \lambda_i v_i$
 $v_i = \lambda_i A^{-1}v_i$
 $1/\lambda_i v_i = A^{-1}v_i. \quad \square.$

§5.3 Applications

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Difference equations

interest. P_k = amount of money

$$P_{k+1} = (1.05)P_k$$

solution: $P_k = (1.05)^k P_0$

Fibonacci numbers

1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, ...

$$F_{n+2} = F_{n+1} + F_n$$

set $u_k = \begin{bmatrix} F_{k+1} \\ F_k \end{bmatrix}$ then $u_{k+1} = \begin{bmatrix} F_{k+2} \\ F_{k+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_{k+1} + F_k \\ F_{k+1} \end{bmatrix}$

so $u_{k+1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} u_k$ $u_{k+1} = A u_k$ $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

closed form: $u_k = A^k u_0$

recall: if $A = SDS^{-1}$ then $A^k = SD^k S^{-1}$

eigenvalues: $(1-\lambda)(-\lambda) - 1 = 0$ $\lambda^2 - \lambda - 1 = 0$

$$\lambda = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1+4}}{2} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2} \quad (u_k \Rightarrow F_k = a \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^k + b \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^k)$$

eigenvectors:

$$\lambda = \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} : \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} & 1 \\ 1 & -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} - \frac{5}{4} + 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} : \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} & 1 \\ 1 & -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} - \frac{5}{4} + 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{bmatrix} \quad S^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Markov chains

Example



each year $\frac{1}{10}$ of people outside CA move to CA
 $\frac{2}{10}$ in CA move out of CA.

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ z_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.9 & 0.2 \\ 0.1 & 0.8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ z_0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \& \quad x_k = A^k x_0$$

↑ properties: each column adds up to 1
non-negative entries.

find eigenvalues: $\det(A - \lambda I) = \lambda^2 - 1.7\lambda + 0.7 = (\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 0.7)$

$$SDS^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2/3 & 1/3 \\ 1/3 & -1/3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_k \\ z_k \end{bmatrix} = SDS^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2/3 & 1/3 \\ 1/3 & -1/3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1^k & 0 \\ 0 & 0.7^k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = (y_0 + z_0) \begin{bmatrix} 2/3 \\ 1/3 \end{bmatrix} + (y_0 - 2z_0)(0.7)^k \begin{bmatrix} 2/3 \\ 1/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2/3 \\ 1/3 \end{bmatrix} (y_0 + z_0) \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty$$

Population example

stability of $A^k x_0 = SDS^{-1} x_0 = c_1 \lambda_1^k x_1 + \dots + c_n \lambda_n^k x_n$

stable all eigenvalues $|\lambda_i| < 1$ ($\Rightarrow A^k \rightarrow 0$)

neutrally stable if some $|\lambda_i| = 1$ and all other $|\lambda_i| < 1$

unstable if at least one $|\lambda_i| > 1$

recalls if $A = SDS^{-1}$ $D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$

then $A^k = (SDS^{-1})(SDS^{-1}) \dots (SDS^{-1}) = SD^k S^{-1}$

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

Q: what should e^{At} be? $e^{ct} = 1 + ct + \frac{t^2}{2!} + \frac{t^3}{3!} + \dots$

$e^{At} = 1 + At + A^2 \frac{t^2}{2!} + A^3 \frac{t^3}{3!} + \dots$

$e^{SDS^{-1}t} = 1 + SDS^{-1}t + SD^2S^{-1} \frac{t^2}{2!} + SD^3S^{-1} \frac{t^3}{3!} + \dots$

$= S \left(1 + Dt + D^2 \frac{t^2}{2!} + \dots \right) S^{-1} = S \begin{pmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & e^{\lambda_n t} \end{pmatrix} S^{-1}$

not every matrix can be diagonalized

Jordan normal form

Def: A Jordan block is a matrix of the form $\begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ & \lambda & \ddots \\ 0 & & \lambda \end{bmatrix}$ (1×1 case) $[\lambda]$

Thm Every matrix A has a matrix S s.t. $A = SJS^{-1}$

where $J = \begin{bmatrix} J_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & J_k \end{bmatrix}$ Jordan blocks on the diagonal