

Welcome back!!

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Week 11.

I hope everyone had an excellent SPRING BREAK!...

... OK Now BACK TO WORK!!

This week DIAGONALIZATION!

Idea IF A is square $n \times n$ and has

n linearly independent eigenvectors

Then A is diagonalizable and can be written as

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

diagonal $D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2 & \\ 0 & & \ddots \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$

P invertible matrix whose columns are the n linearly indep. eigenvectors of A

Eigenvalues λ_i ass. to eigenvector v_i

so.

$$A v_i = \lambda_i v_i$$

$$P = [v_1 \ v_2 \ \dots \ v_n]$$

Ex. Diagonalize

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{ans} \\ = P \cdot D \cdot P^{-1} \\ \uparrow \quad \uparrow \\ \text{tell me } P \quad \text{tell me } D. \end{array} \right)^2$$

Step 1: Find D.

Don't have to compute P^{-1} .

The entries of the diagonal matrix D are just the eigenvalues of A w/ associated multiplicities.

To find the 3 eigenvalues of A we need to solve the characteristic poly

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

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} =$$

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

$$= (2-\lambda) \left[(3-\lambda)(2-\lambda) - 2 \right] - \left[2(2-\lambda) - 2 \right] + \left[2 - (3-\lambda) \right].$$

idea: keep as polynomial as possible

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (2-\lambda)[\lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 4] - [-2\lambda + 2] + [-1 + \lambda] \\
&= (2-\lambda)[(\lambda-4)(\lambda-1)] + 2[\lambda-1] + [\lambda-1] \\
&= (\lambda-1) \underbrace{[(2-\lambda)(\lambda-4) + 2 + 1]}_{\text{deg 2 so I can solve quadratics easily!}}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (\lambda-1)[- \lambda^2 + 6\lambda - 5] \\
&= (\lambda-1)(-\lambda^2 + 6\lambda + 5) \\
&= -(\lambda-1)(\lambda-5)(\lambda-1) = 0
\end{aligned}$$

$\lambda = 1, 5$
 mult. 2 mult. 1.

recall.
 $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

Step 2: For each λ you have to find "the right number" of eigenvectors.

So $D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

↑ as many as the alg. mult. of λ .

$\lambda = 5$ $\text{null}(A - 5I) = \text{null} \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$A - 5I \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ -3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & -4 & 4 \\ 0 & 8 & -8 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$X = 5 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ← basis for the $\lambda = 5$ eigenspace

Next, we want the 2 eigenvectors

for eigenvalue $\lambda=1$, had algebraic multiplicity 2

(Note: If we don't find 2 lin. ind. $\lambda=1$ eigenvectors, then the matrix A is NOT diagonalizable)

$\lambda=1$

$\text{null}(A - I) = \text{null} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}; A - I \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$x + 2s + t = 0 \Rightarrow x = -2s - t$
 $y = s$ (free)
 $z = t$ (free)

$X = s \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$X = \begin{bmatrix} -2s - t \\ s \\ t \end{bmatrix} = s \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Step 3: Construct P .

$P = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ $D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

$A = PDP^{-1}$

OK

$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ $D = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

or any comb. which keeps

lin. ind. (right)

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Kicker: Use diagonalization to compute

$$A^n = (PDP^{-1})^n$$
$$= \underbrace{(PDP^{-1})(PDP^{-1}) \dots (PDP^{-1})}_{n \text{ times}}$$
$$= P \cdot D^n \cdot P^{-1}$$

punchline

$$D^n = \begin{bmatrix} d_1^n & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & d_k^n \end{bmatrix}$$

The power of a diagonal matrix is diagonal & the entries are the powers of the original matrix.

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad D^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D^k = \begin{bmatrix} 2^k & 0 \\ 0 & 3^k \end{bmatrix}$$

Ex. Compute A^4 where

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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 12 \\ -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 1: diagonalize A . $A = P \cdot D \cdot P^{-1}$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \det \begin{bmatrix} -2 - \lambda & 12 \\ -1 & 5 - \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= +(\lambda + 2)(\lambda - 5) + 12$$

$$= +(\lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 10) + 12$$

$$= +\lambda^2 - 3\lambda + 2$$

$$= (\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 1)$$

$\lambda = 1, 2$ (both have mult. 1)

$$\underline{\underline{\lambda = 1}} \quad \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 12 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad x = s \begin{bmatrix} +4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{\underline{\lambda = 2}} \quad \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 12 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad x = s \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad P = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 2 : Compute $A^4 = P \cdot D^n \cdot P^{-1}$

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$$A^4 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^4 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 16 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \frac{1}{4-3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 48 \\ 1 & 16 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -44 & -12 + 4(48) \\ -15 & -3 + 4(16) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -44 & 180 \\ -15 & 61 \end{bmatrix}$$

Wed Week 11

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Some fun (theoretical) facts about eigenvalues and diagonalization.

#1 The set of ~~eigenvalues~~ eigenvectors of A associated to a particular eigenvalue λ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n (if A is $n \times n$) called the eigenspace of A .

Proof. $V_\lambda = \{x: Ax = \lambda x\}$ the eigenspace is just $\text{null}(A - \lambda I)$, which is a subspace.

#2 If $\lambda = 0$ is an eigenvalue of A , then the $\lambda = 0$ eigenspace is just $\text{null}(A)$. In particular, A is not invertible! (and visa versa).

Proof. $Ax = 0 \cdot x, x \neq 0 \iff A$ not invertible.

#3. The algebraic multiplicity of an eigenvalue λ is always greater than or equal to the dim of the corr. eigenspace, that is, the number of linearly independent eigenvectors for that eigenvalue.

$$\text{alg. mult} \geq \text{geometric mult.}$$

↑
of times λ is a root of $p(\lambda)$.
the characteristic poly.

↑
of linearly ind eigenvectors for λ .

#4. If $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$ are both eigenvalues, but distinct (different) then if v_1 eigenvector for λ_1 , v_2 eigenvector for λ_2 , then v_1, v_2 are linearly independent.

Proof. Suppose $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$ two distinct eigenvalues w/ eigenvectors v_1, v_2 resp. Suppose v_1, v_2 are linearly dependent. ~~Then~~ Then $\boxed{c_1 v_1 = v_2}$ for some scalar $c_1 \neq 0$

mult by A

$$A \cdot (c_1 v_1) = A v_2$$

$$c_1 (A v_1) = A v_2$$

mult. by λ_2

$$\lambda_2 \cdot c_1 v_1 = \lambda_2 v_2$$

$$c_1 \lambda_2 v_1 = \lambda_2 v_2$$

So we have both are true:

$$c \cdot \lambda_1 v_1 = \lambda_2 v_2 \quad \text{or} \quad c \cdot \lambda_2 v_1 = \lambda_2 v_2$$

Subtract the eqns from each other.

$$c \cdot \lambda_1 v_1 - c \cdot \lambda_2 v_1 = \lambda_2 v_2 - \lambda_2 v_2 = 0$$

So

$$c \cdot (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) \cdot v_1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\lambda_1 = \lambda_2} \quad \text{Contradiction}$$

This is true in general.

Suppose $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$ are all eigenvalues, all distinct, and v_1, v_2, v_3 are eigenvectors ass. to $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$ (respectively).

Then v_1, v_2, v_3 are lin. ind.

Proof: Suppose not. We already saw that v_2 is not a scalar mult. of v_1 (from previous example)

So $c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 = v_3$ (otherwise can rename v_1, v_2, v_3)
 $c_1, c_2 \neq 0$.

mult. by A .

$$A c_1 v_1 + A c_2 v_2 = A v_3$$

mult. by λ_3

$$\lambda_3 c_1 v_1 + \lambda_3 c_2 v_2 = \lambda_3 v_3$$

$$c_1 \lambda_1 v_1 + c_2 \lambda_2 v_2 = \lambda_3 v_3$$

$$c_1 \lambda_3 v_1 + c_2 \lambda_3 v_2 = \lambda_3 v_3$$

$$c_1 (\lambda_1 - \lambda_3) v_1 + c_2 (\lambda_2 - \lambda_3) v_2 = 0$$

v_1, v_2
are lin. ind.
so
 $\lambda_1 = \lambda_3$ or
 $\lambda_2 = \lambda_3$

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Punchline: eigenvectors coming from different eigen values are linearly independent. (#4)

In order to determine whether or not a $n \times n$ matrix is diagonalizable you have to decide if there are n linearly independent eigenvectors.

ONE WAY: If there are n distinct eigenvalues, then A is diagonalizable.

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

↑
eigenvalues

↙
eigenvectors

OTHER WAY: If not all eigenvalues are distinct, then you have to check that

alg mult. = geo. mult.

for each eigenvalue (w/ mult. > 1)

Q: Is it diagonalizable?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad ?$$

Ans: yes. Notice

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4-\lambda & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 6-\lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= (1-\lambda)(4-\lambda)(6-\lambda) = 0$$

Get $\lambda = 1, 4, \text{ or } 6.$ all distinct

Q: Is $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ diagonalizable?

yes. $A = P \cdot D \cdot P^{-1}$

↙ diagonal

↑ invertible

Choose $P=I, D=A.$

Q: Is this diagonalizable?

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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & -2 \\ 2 & 5 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} ?$$

Idea: First find all eigenvalues w/ mult.

Then decide if

alg mult. = geo. mult (for each λ).

↑
of times λ is
a root of $p(\lambda)$

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dim of $\text{null}(A - \lambda I)$
or $n - \text{rank}(A - \lambda I)$
or # of lin ind eigenv.

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 4-\lambda & 0 & -2 \\ 2 & 5-\lambda & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 5-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = (5-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 4-\lambda & 0 \\ 2 & 5-\lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (5-\lambda)[(4-\lambda)(5-\lambda) - 0]$$

$$= -(\lambda-5)^2(\lambda-4) = 0$$

$$\lambda = 4, \text{ or } 5.$$

Only care to check
 $\lambda=5$ (mult. 2)

$$A - 5I = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$V_5 = \{\lambda=5 \text{ eigenspace}\}$ has dim 2

geo mult of $\lambda=5$.

So A diagonalizable!!!