

linear Algebra 2

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Lecture2

Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

$$\begin{aligned}
 8. &= (1-\lambda)(-2-\lambda+\lambda^2+1) + (-3-3\lambda+2) + (12-16+8\lambda) \\
 &= -2 - \lambda + \lambda^2 + 1 + 2\lambda + \lambda^2 - \lambda^3 - \lambda - 1 - 3\lambda - 4 + 8\lambda \\
 &= -\lambda^3 + 2\lambda^2 + 5\lambda - 6
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the characteristic polynomial of the matrix B is $-\lambda^3 + 2\lambda^2 + 5\lambda - 6$ and the characteristic equation of the matrix B is $-\lambda^3 + 2\lambda^2 + 5\lambda - 6 = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 &-\lambda^3 + 2\lambda^2 + 5\lambda - 6 = 0 \quad \lambda^2 + \lambda + 6 \\
 &\Rightarrow (-\lambda + 1)(-\lambda - 2)(-\lambda + 3) = 0 \\
 &\Rightarrow -\lambda + 1 = 0 \text{ or } -\lambda - 2 = 0 \text{ or } -\lambda + 3 = 0 \\
 &\Rightarrow \lambda = 1 \text{ or } \lambda = -2 \text{ or } \lambda = 3
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\lambda = 1$ and $\lambda = -2$ and $\lambda = 3$ are the eigenvalues of the matrix B .

Remarks:

- 1) The characteristic equation of a 2×2 matrix D is $a_2 \lambda^2 + a_1 \lambda + a_0 = 0$ where $a_2 = 1$, $a_1 = -d_{11} - d_{22}$, and $a_0 = |D|$.
- 2) The characteristic equation of a 3×3 matrix E is $a_3 \lambda^3 + a_2 \lambda^2 + a_1 \lambda + a_0 = 0$ where $a_3 = -1$, $a_2 = e_{11} + e_{22} + e_{33}$,

$$a_1 = - \begin{vmatrix} e_{22} & e_{23} \\ e_{32} & e_{33} \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} e_{11} & e_{13} \\ e_{31} & e_{33} \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} e_{11} & e_{12} \\ e_{21} & e_{22} \end{vmatrix}, \text{ and }$$

$$a_0 = |E|$$

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Example : Given that the characteristic equation of the matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$ is

$\lambda^2 - 8\lambda + 7 = 0$. Find

- i) the eigenvalues of the matrix A.
- ii) the eigenvectors of the matrix A.

Solution :

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i) $\lambda^2 - 8\lambda + 7 = 0$

$\Rightarrow (\lambda - 7)(\lambda - 1) = 0$

$\Rightarrow \lambda - 7 = 0$ or $\lambda - 1 = 0$

$\Rightarrow \lambda = 7$ or $\lambda = 1$

$\Rightarrow \lambda = 7$ and $\lambda = 1$ are the eigenvalues of the matrix A.

ii) i- We find the eigenvectors corresponding to the eigenvalue $\lambda = 7$ as follows:

$AV = \lambda V$

$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = 7 \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} - 7 \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2x_1 + 5x_2 \\ x_1 + 6x_2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 7x_1 \\ 7x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2x_1 + 5x_2 - 7x_1 \\ x_1 + 6x_2 - 7x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -5x_1 + 5x_2 \\ x_1 - x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$-5x_1 + 5x_2 = 0 \quad \dots (1)$

$x_1 - x_2 = 0 \quad \dots (2)$

10. From (1) and (2), we get that $x_1 = x_2$. So the eigenvectors corresponding to the eigenvalue $\lambda = 7$ are $v = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = x_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, for all $x_2 \in \mathbb{C}$.

2 - We find the eigenvectors corresponding to the eigenvalue $\lambda = 1$ as follows:

$$AV = \lambda V$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2x_1 + 5x_2 \\ x_1 + 6x_2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2x_1 + 5x_2 - x_1 \\ x_1 + 6x_2 - x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + 5x_2 \\ x_1 + 5x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 + 5x_2 = 0 \quad \dots (1)$$

$$x_1 + 5x_2 = 0 \quad \dots (2)$$

From (1) and (2), we get $x_1 = -5x_2$. So the eigenvectors corresponding to the eigenvalue $\lambda = 1$ are $v = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -5x_2 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = x_2 \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, for all $x_2 \in \mathbb{C}$.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 9+7i \\ 9+7i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2(9+7i) + 5(9+7i) \\ 1(9+7i) + 6(9+7i) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7(9+7i) \\ 7(9+7i) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -5(9+7i) \\ 9+7i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -10(9+7i) + 5(9+7i) \\ -5(9+7i) + 6(9+7i) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -5(9+7i) \\ 9+7i \end{pmatrix} = 1 \begin{pmatrix} -5(9+7i) \\ 9+7i \end{pmatrix}$$

Properties of Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

1) The sum of the eigenvalues of a matrix is

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equal to its trace, which is the sum of the elements on its main diagonal.

2) A matrix and its transpose has the same eigenvalues.

3) The eigenvalues of an upper or lower triangular matrix are the elements on its main diagonal.

4) The product of the eigenvalues of a matrix equals the determinant of the matrix.

5) If u is an eigenvector of a matrix A corresponding to the eigenvalue λ , then ku is also an eigenvector of the matrix A corresponding to the same eigenvalue λ , for any nonzero constant k .

§2: Similar Matrices

Definition: Let A and B be two $n \times n$ matrices. We say that B is similar to A if there is an invertible matrix P such that $B = P^{-1}AP$.

Remark: If a matrix A is similar to a matrix B then the matrix B is similar to the matrix A .

$$\begin{aligned} B &= P^{-1}AP \\ P B &= P P^{-1}AP \\ P B P^{-1} &= P P^{-1} A P P^{-1} \\ P B P^{-1} &= A P P^{-1} \\ P B P^{-1} &= A \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A &= (P^{-1})^{-1} B P^{-1} \\ A &= P B P^{-1} \end{aligned}$$