

Lec 36

Diagonalisability

Def $A_{n \times n}$ is diagonalisable if \exists diagonal matrix D , $\exists P$, $\exists P^{-1}$, s.t.
 $P^{-1}AP = D$

Viz. it's similar to some diagonal matrix

Thm $A_{n \times n}$ diagonalisable $\Leftrightarrow A$ has n lin indep e-vecs
In that case

$P^{-1}AP = D \Rightarrow$ cols of P are e-vals and entries of D are corresponding e-vals

Proof

Suppose $P^{-1}AP = D$. Bind $\begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ P_1 & \dots & P_n \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} = P$, $\begin{bmatrix} d_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & d_n \end{bmatrix} = D$

$$\Rightarrow AP = PD$$

$$A \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ P_1 & \dots & P_n \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ P_1 & \dots & P_n \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & d_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ A P_1 & \dots & A P_n \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} = \sum \begin{bmatrix} | \\ P_i \\ | \end{bmatrix} [0 \dots 0 d_i 0 \dots 0]$$

$$= \sum \left[\vec{0} \dots \vec{0} d_i \begin{bmatrix} | \\ P_i \\ | \end{bmatrix} \vec{0} \dots \vec{0} \right]$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ d_1 P_1 & \dots & d_n P_n \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix}$$

So $AP_i = d_i P_i$ for $i \in 1..n$

So 1. cols of P are e-vecs of A
2. entries in D are corresponding e-vals

So cols of P form eigenbasis for \mathbb{R}^n

Now suppose $\{P_1..P_n\}$ is e-basis for A . Viz $AP_i = \lambda_i P_i$

$$\text{Let } P = \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ P_1 & \dots & P_n \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Notice the i th col of $P^{-1}AP$ is $P^{-1}APe_i$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= P^{-1}Ap_i \\
 &= P^{-1}\lambda_i p_i \\
 &= \lambda_i P^{-1}p_i \\
 &= \lambda_i e_i
 \end{aligned}
 \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} &= P^{-1}Ap_i \\ &= P^{-1}\lambda_i p_i \\ &= \lambda_i P^{-1}p_i \\ &= \lambda_i e_i \end{aligned}} \right\} P e_i = p_i \Rightarrow e_i = P^{-1} p_i$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{So } P^{-1}AP &= \begin{bmatrix} \dots & \lambda_i e_i & \dots \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= D
 \end{aligned}$$

Obstacles

- If geo multiplicity $<$ algebraic multiplicity, then we don't get diagonalisation
- Complex e-vals?

Thm If $A_{n \times n}$ with $\lambda_{1..k}$ and distinct e-vecs $B_i = \{v_{i1}, \dots, v_{in_i}\}$ as basis for E_{λ_i} , then $B = \cup B_i$ is a lin indep set.

Proof

$$B = \{v_{11}, \dots, v_{1n_1}, \dots, v_{k1}, \dots, v_{kn_k}\}$$

Suppose $\underbrace{c_{11}v_{11} + \dots + c_{1n_1}v_{1n_1}}_{u_1 \in E_{\lambda_1}} + \dots + \underbrace{c_{k1}v_{k1} + \dots + c_{kn_k}v_{kn_k}}_{u_k \in E_{\lambda_k}} = \vec{0}$

$$u_1 + \dots + u_k = \vec{0} \quad \text{for } u_i \in E_{\lambda_i}$$

If any $v_i \neq 0$, we could solve it in terms of others, but we can't as e-vecs from different e-vals are lin indep.

So $c_{11}, \dots, c_{1n_1} = 0$, and B is lin indep.

Thm If $A_{n \times n}$ with distinct e-vecs $\lambda_{1..k}$, TFAE

1. A is diagonalisable
2. $B = \cup B_i$ has n vecs
3. $\forall \lambda_i$, its geo multiplicity = algebraic multiplicity

Ex. $A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{4} & -5 \\ 5 & \frac{1}{2} & -10 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ with $\lambda_1 = 3$, $\lambda_2 = -2$
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Double root

$B_1 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ $B_2 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$
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dim = 2

So $\forall \lambda_i$, its geo multiplicity = algebraic multiplicity

So A is diagonalizable

We can take $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $D = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

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Note this is not the
unique way