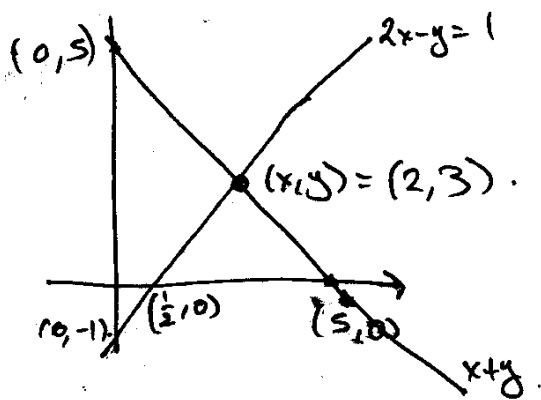


# 1. INTRODUCTION-REVIEW TO LINEAR ALGEBRA

Consider the system of equations:

$$\begin{aligned} 2x - y &= 1 && \text{with solution: } x = 2 \\ x + y &= 5 && y = 3 \end{aligned}$$

The solution represents the intersection of the two lines:



Similarly, we can represent the same system, as follows:

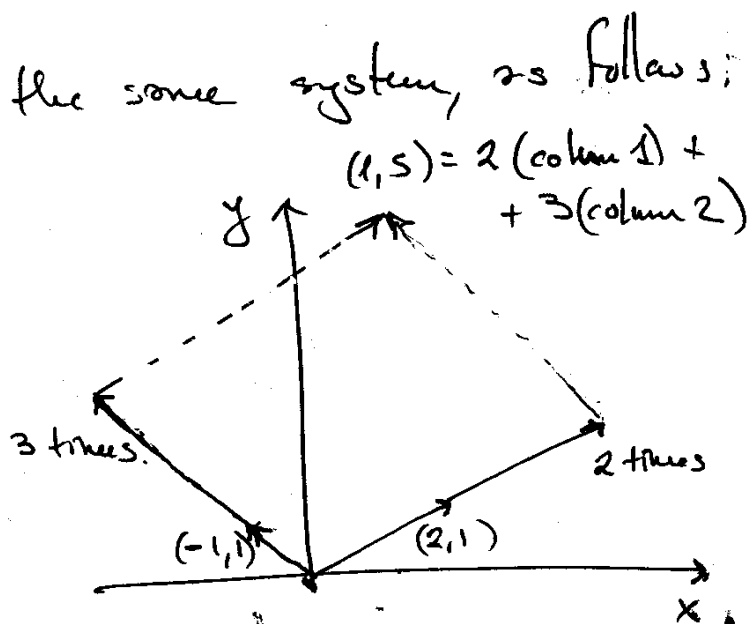
$$x \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + y \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find the combination of the vectors on the LHS, to get the vector on RHS.

LHS = Left-hand-side

RHS = Right-hand-side

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Now, the system of 3 eqs:

$$\begin{aligned} 2u + v + w &= 5 \\ 4u - 6v &= -2 \quad \dots \dots \dots (*) \\ -2u + 7v + 2w &= 9 \end{aligned}$$

Represent three planes in the 3-Dimensional space, whose solution  $u=1$ ,  $v=1$ ,  $w=2$  represents the intersection between them.

Similarly, the same system

$$u \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + v \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -6 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} + w \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

represents the combination of the vectors in the LHS to obtain the vector in the RHS.

Matrix notation. This system can be represented in matrix form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ -4 & -6 & 0 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix} \quad (**)$$

Similarly:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

represents the system of two eqs (previous page).

A matrix is an array of numbers (real or complex).  
 of  $n \times m$

A column vector is a  $n \times 1$  matrix. ( $n$  is a positive integer)

A row vector is a  $1 \times n$  matrix

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Vector = Column vector. (I usually use this convention)

Row vector = Row vector.

Multiplication of matrices  
Matrix notation:

Consider the system (\*)  
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The unknown is  $\bar{x} = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix}$

The solution is  $\bar{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

Call  $\bar{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix}$ .

The nine coefficients can be written as

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -6 & 0 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then eq (\*\*\*) becomes:

$$A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$$

Matrix notation of system (\*\*\*)

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Multiplication of a row with a column vector:

$$(2 \ 1 \ 1) \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix} = (2u + v + w)$$

Then, the product of a matrix by a ~~col~~ vector is:

$$A\bar{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -6 & 0 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (2u + v + w) \\ (4u - 6v) \\ (-2u + 7v + 2w) \end{pmatrix}$$

Similarly:

$$A\bar{x} = u \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + v \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -6 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} + w \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is a combination of } \underline{\text{the columns of } A}.$$

The coefficients of the columns are the components of  $x = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix}$ .

Notice that the multiplication was

$$(3 \times 3 \text{ matrix}) \text{ times } (3 \times 1 \text{ matrix}) = 3 \times 1 \text{ matrix}$$

In general, we can multiply:

$$(m \times k \text{ matrix}) \text{ times } (k \times n \text{ matrix}) = m \times n \text{ matrix.}$$

Notice this is not commutative, i.e.  $Ax \neq xA$ .

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## Subscript notation:

$j$ th component of  $\bar{x} = x_j$

$i$ th element of  $A = a_{ij}$  ← located at the  $i$ th row and the  $j$ th column.

Then, the product  $A\bar{x}$  can be written as:

$\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j$  is the  $i$ th component of  $A\bar{x}$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j = a_{i1} x_1 + a_{i2} x_2 + \dots + a_{in} x_n.$$

## Multiplication of matrices - Revisited.

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \\ b_{31} & b_{32} \\ b_{41} & b_{42} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ * & * \\ * & (AB)_{32} \end{pmatrix}$$

$3 \times 4$  matrix  $4 \times 2$  matrix =  $3 \times 2$  matrix

$$a_{31} b_{12} + a_{32} b_{22} + a_{33} b_{32} + a_{34} b_{42} = (AB)_{32}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^4 a_{3i} b_{i2} = (AB)_{32}$$

Then, the  $ij$ -entry of  $AB$  is given by:

$$(AB)_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^m A_{ik} B_{kj}$$

(if  $B$  has columns  $(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n) = B$ .  
↑ vectors.

Then,

$$AB = (Ab_1, Ab_2, \dots, Ab_n)$$

This is consistent with the matrix-vector multiplication.

(if  $A$  has rows  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix}$

$$\text{Then } AB = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 B \\ a_2 B \\ \vdots \\ a_n B \end{pmatrix}$$

Matrix multiplication is associative

$$(AB)C = A(BC)$$

and distributive:

$$A(B+C) = AB+AC.$$

but rarely is commutative. I.e, is non-commutative,

i.e., usually  $AB \neq BA$ .

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The matrix  $A$  is invertible, if there exists a matrix  $B$  such that  $AB = I = \text{Identity matrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$   
and  $BA = I$

$B$  is called the inverse of  $A$ , denoted by  $B \equiv A^{-1}$ .

Then:  $AA^{-1} = I$  and  $A^{-1}A = I$ .

(a) Then, the system  $Ax = b$  has a solution if  $A$  is invertible. The solution is given by:  
 $x = A^{-1}b$ .

(b) The inverse is unique.

Assume two inverses  $B$  and  $C$  of  $A$ .

$$B = B(AC) = (BA)C = C, \text{ the same.}$$

(c) What is the inverse of the matrix  $A^{-1}$ ?

R: It is  $A$ .

(d) A  $1 \times 1$  matrix is invertible if it is  $\neq 0$ .

$$A = (a), \quad A^{-1} = \left(\frac{1}{a}\right)$$

(e) A  $2 \times 2$  matrix is invertible if  $ad - cb \neq 0$ , where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}. \quad \text{Then } A^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - cb} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$$

(f) A diagonal matrix  $\Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2 & \\ 0 & & \dots \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$  is invertible, if all of its entries are non-zero.

$$\Lambda^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\lambda_1} & & 0 \\ & \frac{1}{\lambda_2} & \\ 0 & & \dots \\ & & & \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \end{pmatrix}$$

(g) The matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is not invertible.

This columns are "linearly dependent".

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If  $A$  and  $B$  are invertible, and  $AB$  is defined, then, the inverse of  $AB$  is given by:

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

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The transpose of a matrix:

If  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  then  $A^t = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  is the transpose of  $A$ .

$$(A^t)_{ij} = A_{ji}$$

Properties: If  $AB$  is defined,  $(AB)^t = B^t A^t$

If  $A^{-1}$  exists, its transpose is  $(A^{-1})^t = (A^t)^{-1}$ .



## Vector Spaces and Subspaces

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Def: A real (complex) vector space is a set of "vectors" together with rules for vector addition and multiplication by real numbers. (or complex numbers).

These rules satisfy the following properties,

For all  $x, y, z$  in the vector space:

1)  $x + y = y + x$

2)  $x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z$

3)  $\exists \bar{0}$  such that  $x + \bar{0} = \bar{0} + x \quad \forall x$

4)  $\forall x$ , there is a  $-x$ , such that  $x + (-x) = 0$

5)  $1 \cdot x = x$

6)  $(c_1 c_2)x = c_1 (c_2 x)$

7)  $c(x + y) = cx + cy$

8)  $(c_1 + c_2)x = c_1 x + c_2 x$

$c_1, c_2, c$  are scalars (real or complex)

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Def. A subspace of a vector space is a nonempty subset that satisfies two requirements.

(i) The vectors  $x$  and  $y$  are in the subspace, implies  $x + y$  is in the subspace

(ii) The vector  $x$  is in the subspace,

then  $\alpha x$  is in the subspace, for  $\alpha$  scalar.

A subspace is a closed subset of the vector space under addition and scalar multiplication. = 9 =

## LINEAR DEPENDENCE, BASIS AND DIMENSION.

Def. Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k$  vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  ( $k \leq n$ )

If only the trivial combination of these vectors gives zero, this is to say, if

$$c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_k v_k = 0 \text{ and}$$

only happens when

$$c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_k = 0,$$

then the vectors are said to be linearly independent.

Otherwise, they are linearly dependent, and one of them is the linear combination of the others.

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Example. The columns of the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

are linearly independent.

look for a combination of the columns.

We have to show that  $c_1, c_2, c_3$  are all forced to be zero.

$$c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c_3 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

is.

$$3c_1 + 4c_2 + 2c_3 = 0$$

$$c_2 + 5c_3 = 0$$

$$2c_3 = 0$$

$$3c_1 = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_3 = 0$$

Then,  $c_1 = c_2 = c_3$ , and the three columns are linearly independent.

A set of  $m$  vectors of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  must be linearly dependent if  $m > n$ .

### Spanning

Def. If a vector space  $V$  consists of all the linear combinations of the particular vectors  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_\ell$ , then, we say these vectors span the vector space  $V$ . In other words, every vector  $v$  in  $V$  can be expressed as some combination of the  $w$ 's:

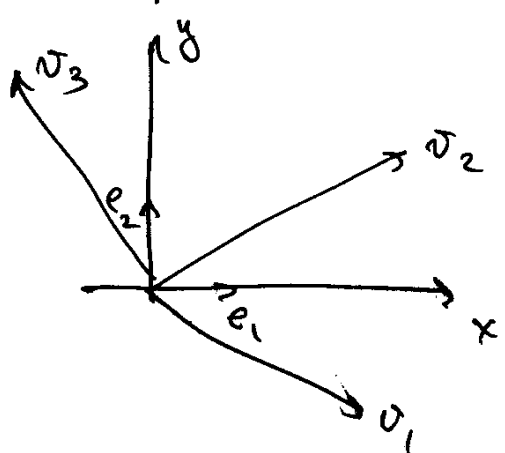
$$v = \alpha_1 w_1 + \alpha_2 w_2 + \dots + \alpha_\ell w_\ell, \text{ for some coefficients } \alpha_k \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Def A basis for a vector space  $V$  is a set of vectors such that:

- (a) It is linearly independent
- (b) It spans the space.

Remark The basis of a vector space is not unique.  
A vector space has infinitely many different basis.

Example  $\mathbb{R}^2$



$\{v_i\}$  is by itself linearly independent,  
but does not ~~span~~ span  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

$\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  span  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , but  
they are not independent.

Any two of these vectors, say  $\{v_2, v_3\}$   
- span  $\mathbb{R}^2$

- are linearly independent!

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Then, they form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

Similarly for  $\{v_1, v_2\}$ ,  $\{v_1, v_3\}$ ,  $\{e_1, v_2\}$ ,  $\{e_1, e_2\}$ , ...  
then, ~~the~~ basis is not unique.

Dimension

Def. Any two bases of a vector space  $V$  contain the same number  
of vectors. This number (which is shared by all the bases and  
express the number of "degrees of freedom" of the space) is  
called the dimension of  $V$ .

I.e., if  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  and  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  are both bases for  
the same vector space  $V$ , then  $m = n$ .

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# LINEAR TRANSFORMATIONS.

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1. Stretching  $A = \begin{pmatrix} c & 0 \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix}$  takes  $x \rightarrow cx$ :

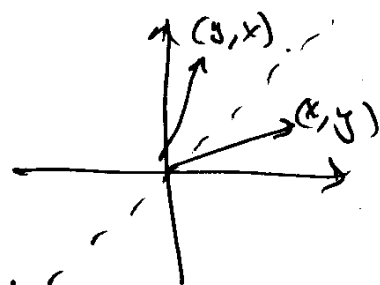
$$Ax = cx.$$

2. Rotation.  $A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$

A takes the vector  $x$ , and rotates by  $\theta$  degrees.

3. Reflection:  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

A takes  $\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$  into  $\begin{pmatrix} y \\ x \end{pmatrix}$ .



4. Projection A is a projection matrix if it takes the whole space onto a lower-dimensional subspace.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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IMPORTANT FACT: Some transformations are not possible with matrices.

(2) It is impossible to move the origin:

$$A \cdot \vec{0} = \vec{0}, \text{ for all matrices.}$$

(b) If  $\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{x}'$ , then  $2\vec{x} \rightarrow 2\vec{x}'$  (and no other).

In general  $\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{x}' \Rightarrow c\vec{x} \rightarrow c\vec{x}'$ ,

since

$$A(c\vec{x}) = c(A\vec{x}).$$

(c) If  $\begin{matrix} x \rightarrow x' \\ y \rightarrow y' \end{matrix}$  then  $x+y$  exactly goes to  $x'+y'$ ,  
and no other,

since

$$A(x+y) = Ax + Ay.$$

Def. Transformation that obey (a), (b), (c) are called linear transformations

For all  $c, d$  numbers, and  $x, y$  vectors, matrix multiplication satisfy:

$$A(cx + dy) = c(Ax) + d(Ay)$$

Every transformation that meets this requirement is a linear transformation.



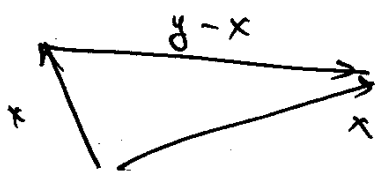
Orthogonality

The length of a vector  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is denoted by  $\|x\|$  and is computed by

$$\|x\| = \sqrt{x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2},$$

where  $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$ .

Notice that  $\|x\|^2 = x^T x$ .

Pythagoras formula

The vectors  $x, y$  are orthogonal if  $\|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2 = \|x-y\|^2$ ,

This implies

$$x^T y = 0$$

Def. The quantity  $x^T y$  is the inner product of the vectors  $x$  and  $y$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . It is zero iff  $x$  and  $y$  are orthogonal.

Orthogonality of two subspaces. This requires every vector in one subspace to be orthogonal to every vector in the other.

Def. Two subspaces  $V$  and  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are orthogonal if  $v^T w = 0, \forall v \in V$  and  $\forall w \in W$

Theorem  $A$  is  $m \times n$  matrix.

The row space is orthogonal to the null space ( $\text{in } \mathbb{R}^n$ )

$$R(A^t) \perp N(A)$$

The column space is orthogonal to the left null space  
(in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ )

$$R(A) \perp N(A^t)$$

Def Given a subspace  $V$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the space of all vectors orthogonal to  $V$  is called the orthogonal complement of  $V$ , and denoted by  $V^\perp$  ( $V$ -orthogonal or  $V$ -perp).

Now, remember

$N(A)$  and  $R(A^t)$  are subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$N(A^t)$  and  $R(A)$  are subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^m$

If fact; we can prove that:

$$N(A) \oplus R(A^t) = \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$N(A^t) \oplus R(A) = \mathbb{R}^m$$

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## The Fundamental Theorem of Linear Algebra: Part II

(a) The null space is the orthogonal complement of the row space in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :  $N(A) = (R(A^t))^{\perp}$

(b) The left null space is the orthogonal complement of the column space in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ :  $N(A^t) = (R(A))^{\perp}$

This tells us what systems of equations can be solved!  
let's do this as follows. Look at:

$$Ax = b.$$

This equation says

$b$  is in the column space of  $A$ .

Therefore, by (b),

$b$  is orthogonal to the left null space of  $A$ ,

i.e.,  $\forall y \in \mathbb{R}^m$  s.t.  $A^t y = 0$ , then  $b^t y = 0$ .

The converse is also true.

This proves the following theorem.

Theorem. The equation  $Ax = b$  is solvable

if and only if

whenever  $A^t y = 0$ , then  $b^t y = 0$ .

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From this, the Fredholm alternative follows:

The Fredholm alternative. For any  $A$  and  $b$ , one and only one, of the following systems has a solution:

$$(1) Ax = b$$

$$(2) A^T y = 0, \quad y^T b \neq 0.$$

In other words, either  $b$  is in the column space,  $\mathcal{R}(A)$ , of  $A$ .  
or there is  $y_0 \in \mathcal{N}(A^T)$ , such that  $y_0$  and  $b$  are orthogonal.

# Determinants

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or

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \det: \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{R} \\ \det: \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{C} \end{array}$$

↑ square matrices.

The determinant is a function that takes the space of square matrices into the corresponding field ( $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ ).

Why determinants are important?

(1) Test for invertibility.

If the determinant of A is zero,

then A is singular.

If  $\det A \neq 0$ , then A is invertible.

(2) The determinant measures the volume of a parallelepiped P in an n-dimensional space.

(3) The determinant gives formula for pivots (Gaussian elimination)

$$\det(A) = \pm (\text{product of pivots})$$

(4) The det measures the dependence of  $A^{-1}b$  on each element of b.

$A^{-1}b$

If b is changed in experiment, then  $x = A^{-1}b$  is given by determinants.

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Examples  $A = (a)$ :  $\det A = 0$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}, \quad \det A = ad - bc$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & k \end{pmatrix} : \det A = a \det \begin{pmatrix} e & f \\ h & k \end{pmatrix} - b \det \begin{pmatrix} d & f \\ g & k \end{pmatrix} + c \det \begin{pmatrix} d & e \\ g & h \end{pmatrix}$$

Properties. Notation.

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = \det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|A| = \det A.$$

The simple thing about determinants are not the explicit formulas, but the properties it possesses.

Properties. 1)  $\begin{vmatrix} a+a' & b+b' \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a' & b' \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}$  and  $\begin{vmatrix} ta & tb \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = t \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}$ .

1) The determinant depends linearly on the first row:

$$\begin{vmatrix} \alpha a + \beta a' & \alpha b + \beta b' \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = \alpha \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} + \beta \begin{vmatrix} a' & b' \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}.$$

2) The determinant change sign when two rows are changed:

$$\begin{vmatrix} c & d \\ a & b \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}$$

Corollary The determinant depends linearly on each row separately  
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3) The determinant of the identity  $I_{n \times n}$  is 1,  
 $\det(I) = 1$ ,  $\det\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 1$ ,  $\det\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 1$ .

4) If two rows of  $A$  are equal, then  $\det A = 0$ .

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ a & b \end{vmatrix} = ab - ba = 0.$$

(It follows from 2)).

5) The elementary operation of subtracting a multiple of a row from another row leave the determinant unchanged.

$$\begin{vmatrix} a-lc & b-l d \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} - l \begin{vmatrix} c & d \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} \\ = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix},$$

by rules (1) and (4).

6) If  $A$  has a zero row, then  $\det A = 0$ .

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

7) If  $A$  is triangular, then:

$$\det A = a_{11} a_{22} a_{33} \cdots a_{nn}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & * & & \\ & a_{22} & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} = \det A =$$

8) If  $A$  is singular, then  $\det A = 0$ .  
If  $A$  is invertible, then  $\det A \neq 0$ .

9) For any two matrices  $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$   
the determinant of the product  $AB$  is the product of  
the determinants of each matrices.

$$\det(AB) = (\det A)(\det B)$$

10) The transpose of  $A$  has the same determinant as  $A$ .

$$\det(A^t) = \det A.$$



# EIGENVALUES AND EIGENVECTORS

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Dynamical systems  
Normal modes

Our main goal to use Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors is to solve differential equations.

Find  $v=v(t)$ ,  $w=w(t)$  that satisfy:

$$\begin{aligned} (*) \quad \frac{dv}{dt} &= 4v - 5w & v(0) &= 8 \\ \frac{dw}{dt} &= 2v - 3w & w(0) &= 5 \end{aligned} \quad (**)$$

If we define the vector  $u = \begin{pmatrix} v \\ w \end{pmatrix}$ , then we

$$u = \begin{pmatrix} v \\ w \end{pmatrix}, \quad u_0 = \begin{pmatrix} v(0) \\ w(0) \end{pmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -5 \\ 2 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

then, system (\*) becomes:

$$(**) \quad \frac{du}{dt} = Au, \quad u(0) = u_0. \quad (***)$$

How to find solutions?

If  $A$  is  $1 \times 1$ :  $A = (a)$ ,

$$\frac{du}{dt} = au, \quad u(0) = u_0,$$

then:

$$u(t) = e^{at} u_0$$

If  $a = \alpha + i\beta$  is complex,  
The solution is:

(a)  $\alpha > 0$ , unstable, approaches  $\infty$

(b)  $\alpha = 0$ , neutrally stable, remains bounded

(c)  $\alpha < 0$ , stable, goes to zero  
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} even if they oscillate due to  $e^{i\beta t}$ .

Look for solution of the system of the form.

$$v(t) = e^{\lambda t} y$$

$$w(t) = e^{\lambda t} z$$

Some factor  $\nearrow$  constants  $\nwarrow$

Define:  $x = \begin{pmatrix} y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$ . Then

$$u(t) = e^{\lambda t} x$$

They substitute into system (\*) (or (\*\*)):

$$\lambda e^{\lambda t} y = 4 e^{\lambda t} y - 5 e^{\lambda t} z$$

$$\lambda e^{\lambda t} z = 2 e^{\lambda t} y - 3 e^{\lambda t} z$$

ie.

$$4y - 5z = \lambda y$$

$$2y - 3z = \lambda z$$

or, in matrix form:

$$\lambda e^{\lambda t} x = A e^{\lambda t} x \Rightarrow$$

$$\boxed{Ax = \lambda x}$$

Fundamental equation for eivals and eivct's.

$\lambda \equiv$  eigenvalue of  $A$ ,

$x =$  the associated eigenvector of  $A$

We can also write:

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$Ax = \lambda Ix$ , where  $I =$  identity matrix.

i.e.

$$(A - \lambda I)x = 0. \quad (**)$$

- The vector  $x$  is in the nullspace of  $A - \lambda I$ .
- The number  $\lambda$  is chosen s.t.  $A - \lambda I$  has a nullspace.

Obviously,  $x = 0$  is in the nullspace of  $A - \lambda I$ , but this does not give information for the system of differential equations ( $u(t) = e^{At}x = 0$ , but does not satisfy  $u(0) = u_0$ ).

Look for solutions of  $(**)$  s.t.  $x \neq 0$ , i.e., the matrix  $A - \lambda I$  must be singular, i.e.

The number  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ , iff

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0. \quad (\text{Characteristic equation})$$

and each solution,  $\lambda$ , has a corresponding eigenvector

$$x \neq 0, \quad (A - \lambda I)x = 0, \quad \text{i.e. } Ax = \lambda x$$

$p(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I)$ : characteristic polynomial  
its zeroes,  $p(\lambda) = 0$ , are the eigenvalues.

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For our example.

$$A - \lambda I = \begin{pmatrix} 4 - \lambda & -5 \\ 2 & -3 - \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I) = (4 - \lambda)(-3 - \lambda) + 10$$

$$\text{i.e. } \det(A - \lambda I) = \lambda^2 - 1 = 2.$$

The eigenvalues solve

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

$$\lambda^2 - \lambda - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda + 1)(\lambda - 2) = 0$$

Eigenvalues

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} \lambda_1 = -1 \\ \lambda_2 = 2 \end{array}}$$

For each  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$ , we have one  $x_1$ , and  $x_2$ .

$$\lambda_1 = -1; (A - \lambda_1 I)x_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -5 \\ 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ z_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow x_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2 = 2; (A - \lambda_2 I)x_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ 2 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_2 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow x_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Note that  $\alpha x_1$  is also eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda_1$ , for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}, \alpha \neq 0$ . Similarly,  $\alpha x_2$  is eivet for  $\lambda_2$ .

Steps in solving the eigenvalue problem. 04070208.

1. Compute the determinant of  $A - \lambda I$
2. Find the roots of this polynomial
3. For each eigenvalue, solve the equation  $(A - \lambda I)x = 0$ .

Go back to the diff. eq. The pure exponential solutions are:

$$u_1 = e^{\lambda_1 t} x_1 = e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } u_2 = e^{\lambda_2 t} x_2 = e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The general solution is a combination of both.

$$u(t) = c_1 u_1(t) + c_2 u_2(t).$$

i.e.

$$u(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} x_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} x_2.$$

We have to adjust  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  to  $u_0 = (8, 5)^t$ , the initial condition.

$$c_1 x_1 + c_2 x_2 = u_0 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then, the solution to the initial

value problem (\*) is:

$$u(t) = 3e^{-t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + e^{2t} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

or  $v(t) = 3e^{-t} + 5e^{2t}$  and  $w(t) = 3e^{-t} + 2e^{2t}$   
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If a matrix is diagonal or triangular.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & & 0 \\ & a_{22} & \\ 0 & & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}; \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & & * \\ & a_{22} & \\ & & \dots \\ & & & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix},$$

its eigenvalues are  $\lambda_1 = a_{11}, \lambda_2 = a_{22}, \dots, \lambda_n = a_{nn}$ .

Def The trace of  $A$  is defined by

$$\text{tr}(A) = a_{11} + a_{22} + \dots + a_{nn}.$$

Thm

$$\text{tr } A = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_n$$

$$\det(A) = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \dots \lambda_n$$

# The Diagonal form of a Matrix.

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Suppose  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix, with  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors,  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n$ . Choose

$$P = (P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n).$$

Then,  $P^{-1}AP$  is a diagonal matrix  $\Lambda$ , with the eigenvalues along the diagonal:

$$P^{-1}AP = \Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ & & \dots & \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

The vector  $P_j$  corresponds to the eigenvalue  $\lambda_j$ ,  $j=1, 2, \dots, n$ .

$P$  = eigenvector matrix

$\Lambda$  = eigenvalue matrix.

Similarly:

$$A = P\Lambda P^{-1}$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} AP &= A(P_1, \dots, P_n) = (AP_1, \dots, AP_n) = \\ &= (\lambda_1 P_1, \dots, \lambda_n P_n) = (P_1, \dots, P_n) \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & \\ & \dots & & \\ & & \dots & \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow AP = P\Lambda$$

Then:

$$A = P\Lambda P^{-1}$$

i.e.

$$P^{-1}AP = \Lambda$$

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Remark 1 Any matrix with distinct eivals is diagonalizable.

Remark 2 The eivct' matrix  $P$  is not unique.  
(since  $p_i$  and  $\alpha p_i$  are eivct's,  $\alpha \neq 0$ )

Remark 3 Any other matrices  $S'$  will not produce a diagonal  $\Lambda$ .  
 $AS' \neq S'\Lambda$ .

Remark 4 Not all matrices are diagonalizable.

Example.

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

Eivals  $\lambda = 0, 0$ . (its algebraic multiplicity is 2),  
 $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  only.

The eival  $\lambda = 0$  (even it is a double eival, multiplicity 2),  
it has a one-dimensional space of eivectors.

I.e., the geometric multiplicity is 1, there is  
only one independent eivct, and we cannot construct  $P$ .

Diagonalizability is concerned with eigenvectors  
Invertibility is concerned with eigenvalues

Thm If the eivectors  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$  correspond to  
different eivals  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ , then the eivectors  
are linearly independent.



Proof: Consider

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$c_1 P_1 + c_2 P_2 = 0$ .  
We must force  $c_1 = 0$ , and  $c_2 = 0$ .

$$A / c_1 P_1 + c_2 P_2 = 0$$

$$\lambda_2 / c_1 P_1 + c_2 P_2 = 0$$

imply

$$c_1 A P_1 + c_2 A P_2 = c_1 \lambda_1 P_1 + c_2 \lambda_2 P_2 = 0$$

$$c_1 \lambda_2 P_1 + c_2 \lambda_2 P_2 = 0$$

Subtract:

$$c_1 (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) P_1 = 0$$

Since  $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$ ,  $P_1 = 0$ , then  $c_1 = 0$ .

Similarly  $c_2 = 0$ . An inductive argument shows that  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n$  are linearly independent QED.

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Powers and Products:  $A^k$  and  $AB$

Consider  $A$  has eivals  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  w/corresponding eigenvectors  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n$ . Then,

the eigenvalues of  $A^k$  are  $\lambda_1^k, \lambda_2^k, \dots, \lambda_n^k$  with same eigenvectors  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n$ , and:

$$A^k = P \Lambda^k P^{-1}$$

If  $\lambda_j$  is eival with eivct  $P_j$ , of  $A$ :

$$AP_j = \lambda_j P_j.$$

Then  $A^2 P_j = \lambda_j A P_j = \lambda_j^2 P_j.$

Then  $\lambda_j^2$  is eival of  $A^2$ , w/ eivct  $P_j$ .

Similarly,

$$A^k P_j = \lambda_j^k P_j,$$

and the eival. matrix is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1^k & & & \\ & \lambda_2^k & & \\ & & \dots & \\ & & & \lambda_n^k \end{pmatrix} = \Lambda^k$$

and eivct matrix:

$$P = (P_1, \dots, P_n).$$

Then:

$$A^k = P \Lambda^k P^{-1},$$

as we can easily verify:

$$\begin{aligned} A^k &= \underbrace{(P \Lambda P^{-1})(P \Lambda P^{-1}) \dots (P \Lambda P^{-1})(P \Lambda P^{-1})}_{k \text{ times}} \\ &= P (\Lambda \Lambda \dots \Lambda \Lambda) P^{-1} \\ &= P \Lambda^k P^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Thm. Assume  $A$  and  $B$  are diagonalizable. 04070208.

$A$  and  $B$  share the same eivect's iff  $AB = BA$ .

Proof. If they share the same eivect's, then  $P$  diagonalizes both  $A$  and  $B$ :

$$A = P \Lambda_1 P^{-1} \quad B = P \Lambda_2 P^{-1}$$

Now:

$$\begin{aligned} AB &= (P \Lambda_1 P^{-1})(P \Lambda_2 P^{-1}) = P \Lambda_1 \Lambda_2 P^{-1} \\ &= P \Lambda_2 \Lambda_1 P^{-1} = (P \Lambda_2 P^{-1})(P \Lambda_1 P^{-1}) \\ &= BA. \end{aligned}$$

Conversely, if  $AB = BA$ , and assume the eivct's of  $A$  are different. Then:

From  $Ax = \lambda x$ , it follows  $ABx = BAx = B\lambda x = \lambda Bx$ .

Then,  $Bx$  is eivct, with same eivct  $\lambda$ . Since the eivct's are different, then the eivct's should be linearly indep.

This force  $Bx$  and  $x$  to be proportional, i.e.,

$$Bx = \mu x,$$

and they share the same eivectors. If the eigenvalues are repeated, the proof is longer.

Similarly  $ABx = A\mu x = \mu Ax = \mu \lambda x,$

and  $\mu \lambda$  is eivct of  $AB$ .

## DIFFERENCE EQUATIONS

They move forward in a finite number of steps.  
(differential equations do it continuously).

Suppose you invest \$1000 at rate 6%.

If compounded once a year:

$$P_{k+1} = (1 + 0.06) P_k$$

Difference Equation.

$$P_{k+1} = 1.06 P_k$$

After 5 years:

$$P_5 = (1 + 0.06)^5 P_0 = \$1338$$

If the compound is now reduced to each month:

$$P_{k+1} = \left(1 + \frac{0.06}{12}\right) P_k$$

After 5 years = 60 months:

$$P_{60} = \left(1 + \frac{0.06}{12}\right)^{60} P_0 = \left(1 + \frac{0.06}{12}\right)^{60} P_0$$

$$= \$1349.$$

If daily compounded:

$$P_{k+1} = \left(1 + \frac{0.06}{365}\right)^{365} P_0 = \$1349.83$$

If compounded  $N$  times a year:

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$$P_{k+1} = \left(1 + \frac{0.06}{N}\right) P_k$$

After one year

$$P_N = \left(1 + \frac{0.06}{N}\right)^N P_0.$$

After 5 years

$$P_{5N} = \left(1 + \frac{0.06}{N}\right)^{5 \cdot N} P_0.$$

Now, if we do it continuously,  $N \rightarrow \infty$ . Then:

$$\left(1 + \frac{0.06}{N}\right)^{5 \cdot N} = \left(1 + \frac{\frac{1}{M}}{\frac{0.06}{M}}\right)^{5 \cdot N} = \left(1 + \frac{1}{M}\right)^{(M)(0.3)} \rightarrow e^{0.3}$$

$M = \frac{N}{0.06}$

$\xrightarrow[N \rightarrow \infty]{\text{i.e. } M \rightarrow \infty}$

$$\text{Then: } P_{5N} = \left(1 + \frac{0.06}{N}\right)^{5 \cdot N} P_0 \rightarrow e^{0.3} \cdot 1000 \approx \$1349.87$$

One can switch to a differential equation:

$$\text{From: } P_{k+1} = \left(1 + \frac{0.06}{N}\right) P_k = (1 + 0.06 \Delta t) P_k,$$

where  $\Delta t$  are the increments in time of compounded interest:

$$P_{k+1} - P_k = 0.06 \Delta t P_k \Rightarrow \frac{P_{k+1} - P_k}{\Delta t} = 0.06 P_k$$

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If  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ :

$$\frac{dp}{dt} = 0.06 p.$$

Then:

$$p(t) = e^{0.06t} P_0.$$

After 5 years:  $p(5) = e^{0.3} \cdot 1000 = \$1349.87$   
same

The Fibonacci sequence.

0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, ...

$$F_{k+2} = F_{k+1} + F_k, \quad F_0 = 0, \\ F_1 = 1.$$

Define: this sequence as a system:

$$\begin{aligned} F_{k+2} &= F_{k+1} + F_k \\ F_{k+1} &= F_{k+1} \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} F_{k+2} \\ F_{k+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} F_{k+1} \\ F_k \end{pmatrix}.$$

or  $u_{k+1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} u_k$

$$u_{k+1} = A u_k \quad \text{Difference equation}$$

The solution to  $u_{k+1} = A u_k$ :

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is  $u_k = A^k u_0$

If  $A^k$  can be diagonalized;  $A = P \Lambda P^{-1}$ ,

then  $u_k = A^k u_0 = P \Lambda^k P^{-1} u_0$ .

$$= (P_1 \cdots P_n) \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1^k & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n^k \end{pmatrix} P^{-1} u_0.$$

If the initial condition is written in terms of  $P_1, \dots, P_n$ :

$$u_0 = c_1 P_1 + \cdots + c_n P_n, \quad \dots \quad (*)$$

then:  $u_k = c_1 \lambda_1^k P_1 + \cdots + c_n \lambda_n^k P_n, \quad \dots \quad (**)$

i.e., the solution is a combination of the pure solutions:  
 $\lambda_j^k P_j$ .

The role of the  $c$ 's is to match the initial condition  $(*)$ .

$$u_0 = (P_1, \dots, P_n) \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} = P c.$$

i.e.

$$P^{-1} u_0 = c,$$

and

$$u_k = P \Lambda^k P^{-1} u_0 = P \Lambda^k c = (P_1 \cdots P_n) \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1^k & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n^k \end{pmatrix} c,$$

which turns to be  $(**)$  above.

## Stability of solutions of difference equations

Thm. The difference equation  $u_{k+1} = A u_k$  has solutions which are

(a) stable, if all eigenval's  $|A_k| < 1$ .

(b) neutrally stable, if some eigen's are  $|A_k| = 1$   
and the rest  $|A_k| < 1$ .

(c) unstable if at least one eigen  $|A_k| > 1$ .

In the stable case, the powers  $A^k$  approach to zero,  
and so does the solutions  $u_k = A^k u_0$



# Applications of Linear Algebra

to Differential Equations and the Exponential  $e^{At}$ .

For difference equations  $u_{k+1} = Au_k$  the solutions are

$$u_k = A^k u_0.$$

For differential equations,  $\frac{du}{dt} = Au$ , similarly, we have:

$$u(t) = e^{At} u_0,$$

where it depends on the exponential of  $A$ ,  $e^A$ .

We are going to define  $e^A$  in this section.

Consider

$$\frac{du}{dt} = Au = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} u.$$

1st step Find eivals and eivectors.

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

i.e.

$$\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 3 = 0$$

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

$$\boxed{\begin{matrix} \lambda_1 = -1 \\ \lambda_2 = -3 \end{matrix}} \text{ are the eivals.}$$

$$\lambda_1 = -1, (A - \lambda_1 I)x_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}$$

$$= \lambda_1 =$$

$$\lambda_2 = -3, \quad (A - \lambda_2 I)x_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The pure exponential solutions are

$$u_1(t) = e^{\lambda_1 t} x_1 \quad u_2(t) = e^{\lambda_2 t} x_2.$$

The general solution, is any linear combination of both:

$$\begin{aligned} u(t) &= c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} x_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} x_2 \\ &= (x_1, x_2) \begin{pmatrix} c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} & 0 \\ 0 & c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (x_1, x_2) \begin{pmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\lambda_2 t} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

At  $t=0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} u_0 &= c_1 x_1 + c_2 x_2 = (x_1 \ x_2) \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= P c. \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow c = P^{-1} u_0$$

Then:

$$u(t) = P \begin{pmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\lambda_2 t} \end{pmatrix} c = P \begin{pmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\lambda_2 t} \end{pmatrix} P^{-1} u_0.$$

Compare with  $u(t) = e^{A \cdot t} u_0.$

Then:

$$e^{At} = P \begin{pmatrix} e^{2t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{3t} \end{pmatrix} P^{-1} \quad 04070208.$$

or:

$$(\star) \dots e^{At} = P e^{\Lambda t} P^{-1} \dots (\star)$$

The fundamental formula:

$$u(t) = P e^{\Lambda t} S^{-1} u_0$$

The key matrices:

$$\Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad e^{\Lambda t} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-3t} \end{pmatrix}$$

Define  $e^{At}$ :

As we have  $e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \dots$ ,

we define:

$$e^{At} = I + At + \frac{A^2}{2!} t^2 + \dots + \frac{A^n}{n!} t^n + \dots$$

This series is convergent, and has the properties:

$$e^{At} e^{As} = e^{A(t+s)}$$

$$e^{At} e^{-At} = I$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} (e^{At}) = A e^{At}$$

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We see then, that  $u(t) = e^{At} u_0$ , solves the diff. eq.  $\frac{du}{dt} = Au$ .

This solution must be the same as the one previously found:  $u = P e^{\Lambda t} P^{-1} u_0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} e^{At} &= I + A t + \frac{A^2 t^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{A^n t^n}{n!} + \dots \\ &= I + P \Lambda P^{-1} t + \frac{P \Lambda^2 P^{-1} t^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{P \Lambda^n P^{-1} t^n}{n!} + \dots \\ &= P \left( I + \Lambda t + \frac{\Lambda^2 t^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{\Lambda^n t^n}{n!} + \dots \right) P^{-1} \\ &= P e^{\Lambda t} P^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

The two different notations coincide.

Example: The exponential of  $\Lambda t = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} t$  is:

$$\begin{aligned} e^{At} &= P e^{\Lambda t} P^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e^{-t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-3t} \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e^{-t} & e^{-t} \\ e^{-3t} & -e^{-3t} \end{pmatrix} \\ e^{At} &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} e^{-t} + e^{-3t} & e^{-t} - e^{-3t} \\ e^{-t} - e^{-3t} & e^{-t} + e^{-3t} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 44 = \end{aligned}$$

Notice that, at  $t=0$ ,

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$$e^{A \cdot 0} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1+1 & 1-1 \\ 1-1 & 1+1 \end{pmatrix} = I,$$

is the identity matrix.

We also called  $e^{At}$ , the fundamental matrix.

If  $A$  can be diagonalized  $A = P \Lambda P^{-1}$ , then the solution to the differential equation  $\frac{du}{dt} = Au$  is given by:

$$u(t) = e^{At} u_0 = P e^{\Lambda t} P^{-1} u_0$$

The columns of  $P$  are the eigenvectors of  $A$ , so that:

$$u(t) = (P_1 \cdots P_n) \begin{pmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & e^{\lambda_n t} \end{pmatrix} P^{-1} u_0$$

$$= c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} P_1 + \cdots + c_n e^{\lambda_n t} P_n$$

is the general solution, combination of pure exponentials.

The constants  $c_i$ 's, match the initial condition  $u_0$ :

$$c = P^{-1} u_0$$

\* The matrix  $e^{At}$  is never singular:

$$\det e^{At} = e^{\lambda_1 t} e^{\lambda_2 t} \dots e^{\lambda_n t} = e^{(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_n)t}$$

$$= e^{\text{tr}(A)t} \neq 0.$$

\* If  $n$  vectors  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  are linearly independent, and are chosen as initial conditions, they will remain linearly independent.

These vectors will evolve as:

$$(e^{At} v_1, e^{At} v_2, \dots, e^{At} v_n) = e^{At} (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$$

Now:

$$\det(e^{At} v_1, \dots, e^{At} v_n) = \det(e^{At}) \det(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n).$$

Then,  $e^{At} v_1, \dots, e^{At} v_n$  are lin. independent  $\neq 0$ , since  $v_j$ 's are linearly independent.

Def:  $W(v_1(t), v_2(t), \dots, v_n(t)) \equiv \det(v_1(t), \dots, v_n(t))$ ,  
is called the Wronskian of  $v_1(t), v_2(t), \dots, v_n(t)$ .

## Stability of solutions.

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We established that a solution of the diff. eq.  $\frac{du}{dt} = Au$  can be written as:

$$u(t) = P e^{At} P^{-1} u_0 = \\ = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} P_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} P_2 + \dots + c_n e^{\lambda_n t} P_n.$$

i.e., as the linear combination of pure exponential solutions.

The stability is governed by the factors  $e^{\lambda_j t}$ .

One the real part of  $\lambda_j$  determines the stability,

since  $|e^{\lambda_j t}| = |e^{\nu_j t + i\beta_j t}| = e^{\nu_j t}$

The differential equation  $\frac{du}{dt} = Au$  has

- a stable solution if all  $\text{Re } \lambda_j < 0$  ( $e^{At} \xrightarrow[t \rightarrow \infty]{} 0$ )
- a neutrally stable solution if  $\text{Re } \lambda_j \leq 0$ ,  
and some  $\text{Re } \lambda_j = 0$ , exa
- an unstable solution if  $\text{Re } \lambda_j > 0$  for at least one eigenvalue