

EE5120 Linear Algebra: Tutorial 7, July-Dec 2017-18
Covers sec 5.3 (only powers of a matrix part), 5.5,5.6 of GS

1. Prove that the eigenvectors corresponding to different eigenvalues are orthonormal for unitary matrices.

Hint: Use properties of unitary matrices

Solution: See pg. 287 of GS

2. Suppose $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & b \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix}$, where b and c are some non-zero finite real numbers with $c \neq 1$.

Compute the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of A . Further, if $X = \begin{bmatrix} A & O \\ O & A \end{bmatrix}$, which is a block diagonal matrix and O is an all-zero 2×2 matrix, then what are its eigenvalues and eigenvectors?

Hint: Use basic procedure for finding eigenvalues and eigenvectors.

Solution:

A is upper triangular. So, diagonal entries are its eigenvalues, i.e., $\lambda_A = 1, c$. Eigenvectors can be obtained as, $[1 \ 0]^T$ and $[\frac{b}{c-1} \ 1]^T$ respectively.

X is block diagonal. Since A is upper triangular, so is X . Thus eigen values of X are: $\lambda_X = 1, 1, c, c$ and corresponding eigenvectors are $[1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]^T$, $[0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0]^T$, $[\frac{b}{c-1} \ 1 \ 0 \ 0]^T$ and $[0 \ 0 \ \frac{b}{c-1} \ 1]^T$ respectively.

3. Let A be an $n \times n$ hermitian matrix with n distinct positive eigen values and for any column vector \mathbf{x} , let $x(k)$ denote the k^{th} entry in \mathbf{x} .

- (a) Prove that if $A = U\Lambda U^{-1}$ is the eigen decomposition of A , then (i) entries of Λ are real, and (ii) U is a unitary matrix.

Hint: First prove that (i) $\mathbf{y}^H A \mathbf{y}$ is real for any \mathbf{y} , (ii) columns of U can be orthonormal.

- (b) Let $\mathbf{u}_2 = \mathbf{u}_1 - aA\mathbf{u}_1$, $\mathbf{v}_i = U^H \mathbf{u}_i$, $i = 1, 2$ and a is a real positive number. If $|\mathbf{v}_2(k)| < |\mathbf{v}_1(k)|$, $\forall k$, then prove that $a < \frac{2}{\lambda_{\max}}$, where λ_{\max} is the maximum eigen value of A .

Hint: Replace A in terms of Λ and U , and then proceed.

Solution:

- (a) For any non-zero vector \mathbf{y} of appropriate dimension, note that $\mathbf{y}^H A \mathbf{y}$ is a scalar. Now, $(\mathbf{y}^H A \mathbf{y})^* = (\mathbf{y}^H)^* A^* \mathbf{y}^* = (\mathbf{y}^T A^* \mathbf{y}^*)^T = \mathbf{y}^H A^H \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}^H A \mathbf{y}$, where the third equality is due to the fact that $\mathbf{y}^H A \mathbf{y}$ is a scalar. Since $(\mathbf{y}^H A \mathbf{y})^* = \mathbf{y}^H A \mathbf{y}$, $\mathbf{y}^H A \mathbf{y}$ is a real number.

Now, let \mathbf{p} be a eigenvector corresponding to eigenvalue λ for A . Then, $\mathbf{p}^H A \mathbf{p}$ is real by above argument. And, $\mathbf{p}^H A \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{p}^H \lambda \mathbf{p} = \lambda \|\mathbf{p}\|^2$. When LHS is real and $\|\mathbf{p}\|^2$ is real, λ must also be real. Hence, all eigen values of a hermitian matrix

are real.

Further, let λ_1 and λ_2 be two eigen values of A with eigenvectors \mathbf{p}_1 and \mathbf{p}_2 respectively. Now, since λ_1 and λ_2 are real and distinct, we have,

$$\lambda_1 \mathbf{p}_1^H \mathbf{p}_2 = (\lambda_1 \mathbf{p}_1)^H \mathbf{p}_2 = (A \mathbf{p}_1)^H \mathbf{p}_2 = \mathbf{p}_1^H A^H \mathbf{p}_2 = \mathbf{p}_1^H A \mathbf{p}_2 = \lambda_2 \mathbf{p}_1^H \mathbf{p}_2.$$

Since eigenvalues are distinct the above relation holds only if $\mathbf{p}_1^H \mathbf{p}_2 \Rightarrow \frac{\mathbf{p}_1^H \mathbf{p}_2}{\|\mathbf{p}_1\|^2 \|\mathbf{p}_2\|^2} = 0$. Thus, eigen vectors are orthonormal, which implies U is unitary.

(b) Now,

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = \mathbf{u}_1 - aA\mathbf{u}_1 = \mathbf{u}_1 - aU\Lambda U^H \mathbf{u}_1 = (UU^H - aU\Lambda U^H)\mathbf{u}_1 = U(I - a\Lambda)U^H \mathbf{u}_1.$$

Thus, $U^H \mathbf{u}_2 = (I - a\Lambda)U^H \mathbf{u}_1 \Rightarrow \mathbf{v}_2 = (I - a\Lambda)\mathbf{v}_1$. Let k^{th} diagonal entry in Λ be λ_k . Then, $|\mathbf{v}_2(k)| = |1 - a\lambda_k| |\mathbf{v}_1(k)|, \forall k$. If we want $|\mathbf{v}_2(k)| < |\mathbf{v}_1(k)|, \forall k$, then we must have $|1 - a\lambda_k| < 1, \forall k \Rightarrow -1 < 1 - a\lambda_k < 1 \Rightarrow 0 < a < \frac{2}{\lambda_k}$. Since, this is true for all k , we have $0 < a < \frac{2}{\lambda_{\max}}$, where λ_{\max} is the maximum eigen value of A .

4. Find a third column so that U is unitary. How much freedom in column 3?

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{3} & i/\sqrt{2} & x \\ 1/\sqrt{3} & 0 & y \\ i/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{2} & z \end{bmatrix}$$

Hint: Use the definition of unitary matrix.

Solution: Given $U^H U = I$. On equating LHS and RHS, we get 9 equations of which 4 are redundant. The other 5 equations are given below ,

$$\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2} + x\bar{x} = 1 \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{1}{3} + y\bar{y} = 1 \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2} + z\bar{z} = 1 \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{1}{3} + x\bar{y} = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{-i}{3} + \frac{i}{2} + x\bar{z} = 0 \quad (5)$$

From equations (1), (2) and (3),

$x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \exp(i\theta_x)$, $y = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \exp(i\theta_y)$ and $z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \exp(i\theta_z)$, respectively.

From equations (4) and (5),

$\theta_x - \theta_y = (2n + 1)\pi$ and $\theta_x - \theta_z = (2k - \frac{1}{2})\pi$, respectively. So, $x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \exp(i\theta_x)$,

$y = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \exp i(\theta_x - (2n + 1)\pi) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \exp i(\theta_x - \pi)$

and $z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \exp i(\theta_x - (2k - \frac{1}{2})\pi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \exp i(\theta_x + \frac{\pi}{2})$.

The third column is “ $\exp(i\theta_x) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \exp(-i\pi) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \exp(i\frac{\pi}{2}) \end{bmatrix}$ ”, which has no degree of freedom.

5. Suppose each “Gibonacci” number G_{k+2} is the average of the two previous numbers G_{k+1} and G_k . Then $G_{k+2} = \frac{1}{2}(G_{k+1} + G_k) : \begin{bmatrix} G_{k+2} \\ G_{k+1} \end{bmatrix} = [A] \begin{bmatrix} G_{k+1} \\ G_k \end{bmatrix}$

(a) Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of A .

Hint: Use basic procedure for finding eigenvalues and eigenvectors.

(b) Find the limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$ of the matrices $A^n = S\Lambda^n S^{-1}$.

Hint: Compute A^∞ .

(c) If $G_0 = 0$ and $G_1 = 1$, show that the Gibonacci numbers approach $\frac{2}{3}$.

Hint: Compute $A^\infty \begin{bmatrix} G_1 \\ G_0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution:

(a) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0.5 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Eigenvalues (λ , s.t. $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$) are 1 and -0.5, with eigen-

vectors (v_i , s.t. $Av_i = \lambda v_i$) are $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{-1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \end{bmatrix}$

(b) $S = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \end{bmatrix}$, $S^{-1} = \frac{\sqrt{10}}{3} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$.

$A^\infty = S \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.5^\infty \end{bmatrix} S^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$.

(c) $\begin{bmatrix} G_\infty \\ G_{\infty-1} \end{bmatrix} = A^\infty \begin{bmatrix} G_1 \\ G_0 \end{bmatrix} = A^\infty \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix}$

6. Suppose there is an epidemic in which every month half of those who are well become sick, and a quarter of those who are sick become dead. Find the steady state for the corresponding Markov process:

$$\begin{bmatrix} d_{k+1} \\ s_{k+1} \\ w_{k+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{4} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{4} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d_k \\ s_k \\ w_k \end{bmatrix}$$

Hint: Steady state is the eigen vector corresponding eigen value 1.

Solution: Let us denote the given matrix equation as $\mathbf{u}_{k+1} = A\mathbf{u}_k$

where $\mathbf{u}_{k+1} = \begin{bmatrix} d_{k+1} \\ s_{k+1} \\ w_{k+1} \end{bmatrix}$, $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{4} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{4} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{u}_k = \begin{bmatrix} d_k \\ s_k \\ w_k \end{bmatrix}$.

The steady state is given by $A\mathbf{u}_\infty = \mathbf{u}_\infty$, i.e., \mathbf{u}_∞ is the eigenvector corresponding to eigenvalue 1 (A Markov matrix will always have one of the eigenvalues as 1 and the rest of magnitude ≤ 1). To find it, we equate $(A - 1I)\mathbf{u}_\infty = \mathbf{0}$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{4} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{-1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{-1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d_\infty \\ s_\infty \\ w_\infty \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

This gives $\mathbf{u}_\infty = \begin{bmatrix} d_\infty \\ s_\infty \\ w_\infty \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, in other words, everyone will die from the epidemic.

7. Show that every number is an eigenvalue for the transformation $T(f(x)) = \frac{df}{dx}$, but the transformation $T(f(x)) = \int_0^x f(t)dt$ has no eigenvalues (here $-\infty < x < \infty$).

Hint: Take $f(x) = e^{ax}$ for any real number a and solve.

Solution: If $f(x) = e^{ax}$ for any real number a , for the first T ,

$$T(f(x)) = \frac{df}{dx} = ae^{ax} = af(x)$$

Hence, any number a is an eigenvalue of T . [Note: the eigenvalues of a linear transformation are not dependent on a basis, so if we have found them in one basis that is good enough. Why? Any change of basis is given by a similarity transform, and it is easy to prove that similar matrices have the same eigenvalues. In this case we chose $f(x) = e^{ax}$ because it was an easy to guess eigenfunction. Since the question is regarding eigenvalues, it is important to only choose those f that are eigenfunctions, not arbitrary functions.]

For the second T , suppose $T(f(x)) = af(x)$ for some number a and some function f , i.e.,

$$\int_0^x f(t)dt = af(x)$$

Now, differentiate both sides to get

$$f(x) = af'(x)$$

Solving for f , we get

$$\int \frac{f'(x)dx}{f(x)} = \int \frac{1}{a}dx$$

This gives

$$\ln|f(x)| = \frac{x}{a} + C \quad \text{or} \quad |f(x)| = e^{\frac{x}{a} + C} \quad \text{or} \quad |f(x)| = e^C e^{\frac{x}{a}}$$

We can get rid of the absolute value signs by substituting A for e^C (allowing A to possibly be negative):

$$f(x) = Ae^{\frac{x}{a}}$$

Therefore we have

$$T(f(x)) = \int_0^x f(t)dt = \int_0^x Ae^{\frac{t}{a}}dt = aAe^{\frac{t}{a}}\Big|_0^x = aAe^{\frac{x}{a}} - aA = a(Ae^{\frac{x}{a}} - A) = a(f(x) - A)$$

But our initial assumption was that $T(f(x)) = af(x)$. For this either $a = 0$ or $A = 0$, either of which implies $f(x) = 0$. Hence T has no eigenvalues.

8. Let \mathbf{A} be a square matrix. Define $\mathbf{B}_1 = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}^H)$, $\mathbf{B}_2 = \frac{1}{2i}(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}^H)$

- Prove that $\mathbf{B}_1, \mathbf{B}_2$ are hermitian and $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}_1 + i\mathbf{B}_2$
- Suppose that $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{C}_1 + i\mathbf{C}_2$, where \mathbf{C}_1 and \mathbf{C}_2 are hermitian, then prove that $\mathbf{C}_1 = \mathbf{B}_1$ and $\mathbf{C}_2 = \mathbf{B}_2$
- What conditions of \mathbf{B}_1 and \mathbf{B}_2 make \mathbf{A} normal ?

Hint: Use definitions.

Solution:

- $\mathbf{B}_1^H = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{A}^H + \mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{B}_1$ similarly, $\mathbf{B}_2^H = \frac{-1}{2i}(\mathbf{A}^H - \mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{B}_2$ and $\mathbf{B}_1 + i\mathbf{B}_2 = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}^H) + \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}^H) = \mathbf{A}$
- $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{C}_1 + i\mathbf{C}_2 \Rightarrow \mathbf{A}^H = \mathbf{C}_1^H + i\mathbf{C}_2^H = \mathbf{C}_1 - i\mathbf{C}_2$ using the expressions of \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{A}^H , we get $\mathbf{C}_1 = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}^H) = \mathbf{B}_1$ and $\mathbf{C}_2 = \frac{1}{2i}(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}^H) = \mathbf{B}_2$
- $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^H = \mathbf{A}^H\mathbf{A} \Rightarrow (\mathbf{B}_1 + i\mathbf{B}_2)(\mathbf{B}_1 - i\mathbf{B}_2) = (\mathbf{B}_1 - i\mathbf{B}_2)(\mathbf{B}_1 + i\mathbf{B}_2)$ simplification yields $\mathbf{B}_1\mathbf{B}_2 = \mathbf{B}_2\mathbf{B}_1$

9. Let \mathbf{A} be a normal matrix. Prove the following:

- $\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\| = \|\mathbf{A}^H\mathbf{x}\|$ for every $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^n$
- $\mathbf{A} - c\mathbf{I}$ is a normal operator for every $c \in \mathbb{C}$
- If \mathbf{x} is an eigen vector of \mathbf{A} with eigen value λ , then \mathbf{x} is also an eigen vector of \mathbf{A}^H with eigen value λ^* (λ^* is the complex conjugate of λ)

Hint: Use part (a) and part (b) to solve part (c)

Solution:

- $\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|^2 = (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x})^H\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^H\mathbf{A}^H\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^H\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^H\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{A}^H\mathbf{x})^H\mathbf{A}^H\mathbf{x} = \|\mathbf{A}^H\mathbf{x}\|^2$
- $(\mathbf{A} - c\mathbf{I})(\mathbf{A} - c\mathbf{I})^H = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^H - c^*\mathbf{A} - c\mathbf{A}^H + |c|^2\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{A}^H\mathbf{A} - c^*\mathbf{A} - c\mathbf{A}^H + |c|^2\mathbf{I} = (\mathbf{A} - c\mathbf{I})^H(\mathbf{A} - c\mathbf{I})$ therefore normal
- Let \mathbf{x} be an eigen vector of \mathbf{A} with eigen value $\lambda \Rightarrow \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$. Define $\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I}$. From part b, \mathbf{U} is normal. From part a, $\|\mathbf{U}\mathbf{x}\| = \|\mathbf{U}^H\mathbf{x}\| \Rightarrow 0 = \|(\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I})\mathbf{x}\| = \|\mathbf{A}^H\mathbf{x} - \lambda^*\mathbf{x}\| \Rightarrow \mathbf{A}^H\mathbf{x} = \lambda^*\mathbf{x}$

10. If the transformation T is a reflection across the 45° line in the plane, find its matrix with respect to the standard basis $v_1 = (1, 0)$, $v_2 = (0, 1)$, and also with respect to $V_1 = (1, 1)$, $V_2 = (1, -1)$. Show that those matrices are similar.

Hint: Use Change of basis or Similarity transformation $B = M^{-1}AM$.

Solution: Let T be the Transformation matrix for reflection across any θ line given by,

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 2c^2 - 1 & 2cs \\ 2cs & 2s^2 - 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Here, $\theta = 45^\circ$. Substituting this value, we get the transformation matrix wrt standard basis v_1, v_2 . Lets call this matrix A , where $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Now, we change the basis to $V_1 = (1, 1)$, $V_2 = (1, -1)$ and find the reflection transformation matrix (call it B). Observe where the new basis vectors land after reflection through the given line,

$$TV_1 = V_1$$

$$TV_2 = -V_2$$

Thus, the transformation matrix wrt V_1, V_2 will be $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$. Next, to show that A and B are similar matrices, we need to find a matrix M such that, $B = M^{-1}AM$. Matrix M is constructed by writing new basis vectors V_1, V_2 as a linear combination of standard basis vectors v_1, v_2 . Since $(1, 1) = 1(1, 0) + 1(0, 1)$ and $(1, -1) = 1(1, 0) - 1(0, 1)$, we get

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using this M , it can be verified that $B = M^{-1}AM$. Note that, $(1, 1)$ and $(1, -1)$ are also the eigenvectors of A (or T).