

9 Diagonalization

Big idea: $A = S \Lambda S^{-1}$
 matrix of eigenvectors. \swarrow \nwarrow matrix of eigenvalues

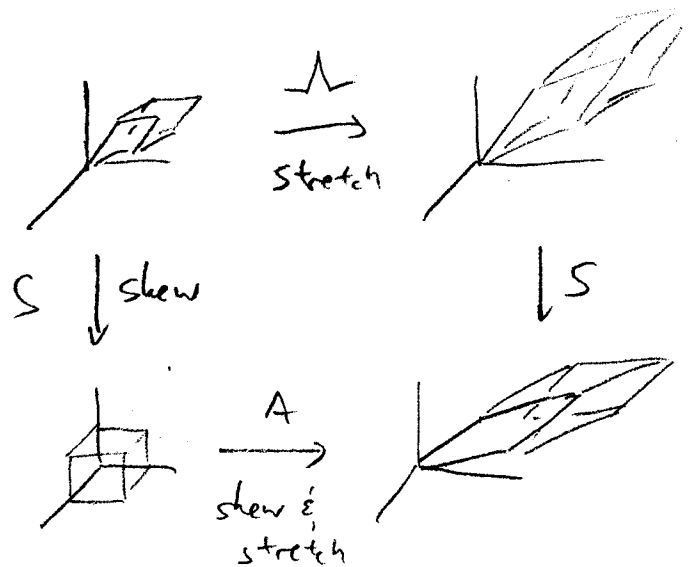
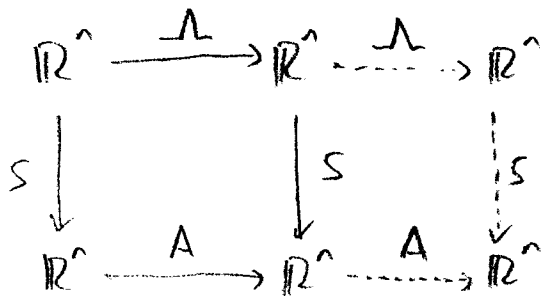
Suppose we have n linearly independent e-vectors of A .

Put them into the cols. of S . "eigenvector matrix"

Note: $AS = A \begin{bmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ v_1 & v_2 & \dots & v_n \\ | & | & \dots & | \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 v_1 & \lambda_2 v_2 & \dots & \lambda_n v_n \end{bmatrix}$
 $= \begin{bmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ v_1 & \dots & v_n \\ | & | & \dots & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ & & \dots & \\ 0 & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} = S \Lambda.$

Thus, $AS = S \Lambda \Rightarrow A = S \Lambda S^{-1}$ or $S^{-1} A S = \Lambda.$

Grid picture:



$A^2 = S \Lambda S^{-1} S \Lambda S^{-1} = S \Lambda^2 S^{-1}$ $A^k = S \Lambda^k S^{-1}$

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Powers of matrices: $Ax = \lambda x \Rightarrow A^2 x = \lambda Ax = \lambda^2 x$.

Summary: A^k has:
* same e-vectors as A
* eigenvalues λ_i^k

Theorem: $A^k \rightarrow 0$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$ iff all $|\lambda_i| < 1$.

(Assumption: we still have n lin indep. e-vectors.)

Main point: A is sure to have n indep. e-vectors (and be diagonalizable) if all λ_i 's are different.

Repeated eigenvalues: May or may not have n indep. e-vectors.

Problem case: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 2$
 \uparrow algebraic multiplicity = 2

$A - 2I = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ \leftarrow geometric multiplicity = 1.

Compare to $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 2$.

But every vector is an e-vector. So pick $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Application: Difference equations.

Start with initial vector u_0 .

Iteratively multiply A : $u_0 \xrightarrow{A} u_1 \xrightarrow{A} u_2 \xrightarrow{A} u_3 \rightarrow \dots$

$\Rightarrow u_1 = Au_0, u_2 = Au_1 = A^2u_0$, in general: $u_{k+1} = A^k u_0$

Better way to find u_{k+1} (for large k !)

Write $u_0 = c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_n v_n = S \vec{c}$

$A u_0 = c_1 \lambda_1 v_1 + c_2 \lambda_2 v_2 + \dots + c_n \lambda_n v_n = \Lambda S \vec{c}$

$A^k u_0 = c_1 \lambda_1^k v_1 + c_2 \lambda_2^k v_2 + \dots + c_n \lambda_n^k v_n = \Lambda^{(k)} S \vec{c}$

* We're using $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ (eigenvectors) as a basis instead of $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$

Ex: Fibonacci sequence: 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, ...

- Questions:
- What is F_{100} ?
 - How fast are these growing?

Answers lie in the eigenvalues.

Rule: $F_{k+2} = F_{k+1} + F_k$ trick \rightarrow $\begin{cases} F_{k+2} = F_{k+1} + F_k \\ F_{k+1} = F_{k+1} + 0 F_k \end{cases}$

Let $u_k = \begin{bmatrix} F_{k+1} \\ F_k \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} F_{k+2} \\ F_{k+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} F_{k+1} \\ F_k \end{bmatrix}$

$u_{k+1} \rightarrow \quad A \quad \leftarrow u_k$

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$$\text{If } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \det(A - \lambda I) = \lambda^2 - \lambda - 1 = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2} \quad \lambda_1 = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{5}) \approx 1.618 \quad (\text{Golden ratio!})$$

$$\lambda_2 = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \sqrt{5}) \approx -0.618$$

Note: $A^{100} u_0 = c_1 \lambda_1^{100} v_1 + \underbrace{c_2 \lambda_2^{100} v_2}_{\approx 0} \Rightarrow F_{100} \approx c_1 \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{100}$

E-vectors: $A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 1 \\ 1 & -\lambda \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}. \quad v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$u_0 = \begin{bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2$$

Solve $\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$