

Read: Strang, Section 6.6, 6.7.

Suggested short conceptual exercises: Strang, Section 6.6, #1, 4, 7, 8, 12–15, 17, 20. Strang, Section 6.7, #3, 9–13, 15.

- Suppose $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{M}$ is an $n \times n$ matrix. The relationship between \mathbf{A} , \mathbf{B} , and \mathbf{M} as functions $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is shown in the following *commutative diagram*:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{R}^n & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{B}} & \mathbb{R}^n \\ \mathbf{M} \downarrow & & \downarrow \mathbf{M} \\ \mathbb{R}^n & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{A}} & \mathbb{R}^n \end{array}$$

Remember that matrix multiplication represents function composition, and so should be read from *right-to-left*.

- Draw a commutative diagram showing $\mathbf{B}^2 = (\mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{M})(\mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{M}) = \mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^2\mathbf{M}$. [Hint: Imagine “stacking” two diagrams horizontally.]
 - Suppose that $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{M}$ and $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{N}^{-1}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{N}$. Draw a commutative diagram showing how \mathbf{A} is similar to \mathbf{C} . Write this out algebraically as well. You have just proven that similarity is *transitive*.
 - Suppose \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} have the same eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$, all distinct. Prove that \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} are similar.
 - Show by example how the result in Part (c) fails if the eigenvalues are not distinct.
- Show that each pair \mathbf{A}_i and \mathbf{B}_i are similar by finding \mathbf{M}_i such that $\mathbf{B}_i = \mathbf{M}_i^{-1}\mathbf{A}_i\mathbf{M}_i$.

$$\mathbf{A}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{B}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{A}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{B}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{A}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{B}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- There are sixteen 2×2 matrices whose entries are 0's and 1's. Partition these matrices into “families” (equivalence classes) where similar matrices go into the same family.
- Let \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} be $n \times n$ matrices with \mathbf{B} invertible.

- Prove that \mathbf{AB} is similar to \mathbf{BA} .
- Illustrate your proof from Part (a) by correctly labeling the six maps in the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathbb{R}^n & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{R}^n & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{R}^n \\ \downarrow & & & & \downarrow \\ \mathbb{R}^n & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{R}^n & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{R}^n \end{array}$$

- Conclude that \mathbf{AB} and \mathbf{BA} have the same eigenvalues.

5. Consider the following Jordan blocks with eigenvalue λ :

$$\mathbf{J}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{J}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{J}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}.$$

For each \mathbf{J}_i , compute \mathbf{J}_i^2 and \mathbf{J}_i^3 . Guess the form of \mathbf{J}_i^k . Set $k = 0$ to find \mathbf{J}_i^0 and $k = -1$ to find \mathbf{J}_i^{-1} .

6. Suppose \mathbf{A} is a 4×4 matrix that has exactly two distinct eigenvalues, $\lambda = 0$ and $\lambda = 2$, but you do not know how many of each occurs.
- Write down a list of matrices such that \mathbf{A} must be similar to exactly one matrix on your list.
 - For each matrix above, find the number of linearly independent eigenvectors for $\lambda = 0$ and for $\lambda = 2$. Recall that this is the dimension of $N(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I})$.

7. Consider the following matrices: $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 15 \\ 15 & 45 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 20 \\ 20 & 40 \end{bmatrix}$.

- Find the eigenvalues σ_1^2, σ_2^2 and unit eigenvectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$ of $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$.
- For the $\sigma_i \neq 0$, compute $\mathbf{u}_i = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v}_i / \sigma_i$ and verify that indeed $\|\mathbf{u}_i\| = 1$. Find the other \mathbf{u}_i by computing the other unit eigenvector of $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T$.
- Write out the singular value decomposition (SVD), $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^T$.
- Write down orthonormal bases for the four fundamental subspaces of \mathbf{A} .
- Describe *all* matrices that have the same four fundamental subspaces.