

# Ch 4: Spectral theory

## → Definition 1

$A$  is  $n \times n$  matrix and  $X \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be vector nonzero.

$$AX = \lambda X$$

$\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ : eigen value of  $A$

$X \in \mathbb{R}^n$ : eigen vector of  $A$

identity matrix

→ to find eigen values ( $\lambda$ ):  $\det(\lambda I - A) = 0$

## → Finding eigen vectors and eigen values

1. Find the eigen value  $\lambda$  by solving the characteristic equation:  
 $\det(\lambda I - A) = 0$

2. For each  $\lambda$ , find the basic eigen vector  $X \neq 0$  by finding the basic solution to:  
 $(\lambda I - A)X = 0$

3. To verify your work make sure that  
 $AX = \lambda X$  for each  $\lambda$ .

$$\text{Ex: } A = \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 2 \\ -7 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find its  
and eigenvalues  
and eigenvectors

1. Characteristic eqn:  
 $\det(\lambda I - A) = 0$

$$\left| \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 2 \\ -7 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \right| = 0$$

$$\left| \begin{pmatrix} \lambda + 5 & -2 \\ 7 & \lambda - 4 \end{pmatrix} \right| = 0$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow (\lambda + 5)(\lambda - 4) - (7 \times (-2)) &= 0 & \lambda_1 &= -3 \quad (1) \\ \lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 5\lambda - 20 + 14 &= 0 & \Rightarrow \lambda_2 &= 2 \quad (2) \\ \lambda^2 + \lambda - 6 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

2. For  $\lambda_1 = -3$

$$(\lambda_1 I - A)X = 0$$

$$\left[ -3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 2 \\ -7 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left[ \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 2 \\ -7 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 7 & -7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 7 & -7 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$R_2 \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{2}} R_1 \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 7 & -7 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$R_2 - 7R_1 \rightarrow R_2 \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$y = t \\ x - t = 0 \Rightarrow x = t$$

$$X \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} t \\ t \end{pmatrix} = t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

For  $\lambda_2 = 2$

$$(2I - A)X = 0$$

$$\left[ \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 2 \\ -7 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 7 & -2 & 0 \\ 7 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$R_2 \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{7}} R_1 \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -\frac{2}{7} & 0 \\ 7 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$R_2 - 7R_1 \rightarrow R_2 \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -\frac{2}{7} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$y = t \\ x - \frac{2}{7}t = 0 \\ x = \frac{2}{7}t$$

$$X \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{7}t \\ t \end{pmatrix} = t \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{7} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Ex2:  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -10 & -5 \\ 2 & 14 & 2 \\ -4 & -8 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$  Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of A

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

$$\left| \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -10 & -5 \\ 2 & 14 & 2 \\ -4 & -8 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \right|$$

$$\left| \begin{pmatrix} \lambda - 5 & 10 & 5 \\ -2 & \lambda - 14 & -2 \\ 4 & 8 & \lambda - 6 \end{pmatrix} \right|$$

$$(\lambda - 5) \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 14 & -2 \\ 8 & \lambda - 6 \end{vmatrix} - 10 \begin{vmatrix} -2 & -2 \\ 4 & \lambda - 6 \end{vmatrix} + 5 \begin{vmatrix} -2 & \lambda - 14 \\ 4 & 8 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$(\lambda - 5) [(\lambda - 14)(\lambda - 6) + 16] - 10[-2(\lambda - 6) + 8] + 5(-16 - (4(\lambda - 14))) = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 5)(\lambda^2 - 20\lambda + 100) - 10(-2\lambda + 12 + 8) + 5(-16 - 4\lambda + 56) = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 5)(\lambda^2 - 20\lambda + 100) - 10(-2\lambda + 20) + 5(-4\lambda + 40) = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 5)(\lambda^2 - 20\lambda + 100) + (20\lambda - 200) + (-20\lambda + 200) = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 5)(\lambda - 10)^2 = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 = 5 \quad (\lambda_1)$$

$$\lambda_2 = 10 \quad (\lambda_2)$$

For  $\lambda_1 = 5$

$$(\lambda_1 I - A)X = 0$$

$$\left[ \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -10 & -5 \\ 2 & 14 & 2 \\ -4 & -8 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 10 & 5 & 0 \\ -2 & -9 & -2 & 0 \\ 4 & 8 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \quad R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2 \quad \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} -2 & -9 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 & 5 & 0 \\ 4 & 8 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$R_1 \times \frac{1}{-2} \quad \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & \frac{9}{2} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 & 5 & 0 \\ 4 & 8 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \quad R_3 - 4R_1 \rightarrow R_3 \quad \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & \frac{9}{2} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & -10 & -5 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$R_3 + R_2 \rightarrow R_3 \quad \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & \frac{9}{2} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$R_2 \times \frac{1}{10} \quad \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & \frac{9}{2} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$z = t$$

$$y + \frac{1}{2}t = 0 \Rightarrow y = -\frac{1}{2}t$$

$$x + \frac{9}{2}\left(-\frac{1}{2}t\right) + t = 0$$

$$x - \frac{5}{4}t = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{5}{4}t$$

$$X \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = t \begin{pmatrix} \frac{5}{4} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

For  $\lambda_2 = 10$

$$(\lambda_2 I - A)X = 0$$

$$\left[ \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 10 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -10 & -5 \\ 2 & 14 & 2 \\ -4 & -8 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 10 & 5 & | & 0 \\ -2 & -4 & -2 & | & 0 \\ 4 & 8 & 4 & | & 6 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1/5} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & | & 0 \\ -2 & -4 & -2 & | & 0 \\ 4 & 8 & 4 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} R_2 + 2R_1 \rightarrow R_2 \\ R_3 - 4R_1 \rightarrow R_3 \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} z &= t \\ y &= s \\ x + 2s + t &= 0 \\ x &= -2s - t \end{aligned}$$

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} -2s - t \\ s \\ t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2s \\ 0 \\ t \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -t \\ s \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

## → Definition 2

- A and B are similar matrices if there exist P invertible matrix such that  $P^{-1}BP = A$

$$\text{trace}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$$

ex:  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\text{trace}(A) = 1 + 5 + 9$$

- if A and B are similar:

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

$$\rightarrow \text{trace}(A) = \text{trace}(B)$$

## → Diagonalisable

A  $n \times n$  matrix is diagonalisable if there exist an invertible matrix P such that  $P^{-1}AP = D$  where D is a diagonal matrix;

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

if  $\lambda_i$  is invertible P is diagonalisable A is

Theorem:

A  $n \times n$  matrix is diagonalisable if and only if there exist invertible matrix P given by:

$$P = [x_1 \ x_2 \ \dots \ x_n]$$

where  $x$  are eigen vector of A.

Ex 3: 6)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & -1 \\ -2 & -4 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$  a) Find an invertible matrix  $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $P^{-1}AP = D$

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

$$\begin{vmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & -1 \\ -2 & -4 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 2 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & \lambda - 4 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & \lambda - 4 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\lambda - 2) \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 4 & 1 \\ 4 & \lambda - 4 \end{vmatrix} &\Rightarrow (\lambda - 2) [(\lambda - 4)(\lambda - 4) - 4] = 0 \\ (\lambda - 2)(\lambda^2 - 4\lambda - 4\lambda + 16 - 4) &= 0 \\ (\lambda - 2)(\lambda^2 - 8\lambda + 12) &= 0 \\ \lambda^3 - 8\lambda^2 + 12\lambda - 2\lambda^2 + 16\lambda - 24 &= 0 \\ \lambda^3 - 10\lambda^2 + 28\lambda - 24 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 2 \quad (\lambda_1)$$

$$\lambda_2 = 6 \quad (\lambda_2)$$

For  $\lambda_1 = 2$

$$(\lambda_1 I - A)X = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & -1 \\ -2 & -4 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3 \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 4 & -2 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$R_1 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow R_1 \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$R_2 + R_1 \rightarrow R_2 \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} z &= s \\ y &= t \\ x + 2t - s &= 0 \\ x &= -2t + s \end{aligned}$$

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2t + s \\ t \\ s \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2t \\ t \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} s \\ 0 \\ s \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= t \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$x_1 \qquad x_2$

For  $\lambda_2 = 6$   
 $(\lambda_2 I - A)X = 0$

$$\left[ \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & -1 \\ -2 & -4 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right) \quad R_2 + \frac{1}{4}R_1 \rightarrow R_2 \quad \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$R_3 - R_1 \rightarrow R_3 \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right) \quad R_3 - 2R_2 \rightarrow R_3 \quad \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$R_2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow R_2 \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$R_1 \cdot \frac{1}{4} \rightarrow R_1 \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$z = t$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{2}t$$

$$x = 0$$

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2}t \\ t \end{pmatrix} = t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$x_3$

$$P [x_1, x_2, x_3] = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P^{-1} = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} -2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{4} \end{pmatrix}$$

P is invertible

A is diagonalisable

$$P^{-1}AP = D = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

Theorem:

$$P^{-1}AP = D \Rightarrow A = PDP^{-1}$$

$$A^n = [PDP^{-1}]^n$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ex: } A^2 &= [PDP^{-1}]^2 = P \underbrace{D P^{-1} P}_{I} D P^{-1} \\ &= P D^2 P^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow A^n = P D^n P^{-1}$$

Ex3: b) Find  $A^{50}$

$$A^{50} = P D^{50} P^{-1}$$

$$A^{50} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2^{50} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2^{50} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6^{50} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{4} \end{pmatrix}$$