

5.2,5.3 Similar Matrices and Diagonalization

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 14 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det A = 2 - 30 = -28 \quad \det B = 0 - 28 = -28 \quad \det C = -28$$

$$\text{trace} A = 1 + 2 = 3 \quad \text{trace} B = 3 + 0 = 3 \quad \text{trace} C = 7 - 4 = 3$$

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There is a connection between A, B, C

$$B = \begin{matrix} & & A \\ \begin{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ P^{-1} \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ A \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \\ P \end{matrix} \end{matrix}$$

Definition The $n \times n$ matrices A and B are similar if there is an invertible matrix P so that

$$B = P^{-1}AP$$

OR

$$A = PBP^{-1}$$

Properties of Similar Matrices Suppose A, B are similar.

$$B = P^{-1}AP$$

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \det(B) &= \det(P^{-1}AP) \\ &= \det P^{-1} \det A \det P \\ &= \frac{1}{\det P} \det A \det P \\ &= \det(A) \end{aligned}$$

(2) A and B will have the same characteristic polynomial ($\det(A - \lambda I) = \det(B - \lambda I)$), and so will have the same eigenvalues.

$$\begin{aligned}\det(B - \lambda I) &= \det(P^{-1}AP - \lambda I) \\ &= \det(P^{-1}AP - \lambda P^{-1}P) \\ &= \det(P^{-1}(A - \lambda I)P) \\ &= \det(P^{-1})\det(A - \lambda I)\det(P) \\ &= \det(A - \lambda I)\end{aligned}$$

Diagonalization

If A is similar to a diagonal matrix D

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & d_n \end{bmatrix}$$

then A is diagonalizable. In this case, we can convert A into a diagonal matrix D , by some matrix P .

$$D = P^{-1}AP$$

A is 2×2

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$$\begin{bmatrix} d_1 & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{P}_1 & \vec{P}_2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} A \begin{bmatrix} \vec{P}_1 & \vec{P}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{P}_1 & \vec{P}_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} \vec{P}_1 & \vec{P}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} (d_1\vec{P}_1 + 0\vec{P}_2) & (0\vec{P}_1 + d_2\vec{P}_2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A\vec{P}_1 & A\vec{P}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$1^{st} \text{ column : } A\vec{P}_1 = d_1\vec{P}_1$$

$$2^{st} \text{ column : } A\vec{P}_2 = d_2\vec{P}_2$$

d_1, d_2 are eigenvalues, \vec{P}_1, \vec{P}_2 are eigenvectors

$$D = P^{-1}AP$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{Diagonal} \\ \text{matrix} \\ \text{of eigenvalues} \\ \text{of } A \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} A \begin{bmatrix} \text{matrix whose} \\ \text{columns are} \\ \text{eigenvectors of } A \\ P \end{bmatrix}$$

If P has indep. columns,

P will be invertible.

EX:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Diagonalizable ? If so, P, D ?

(1) Find the eigenvalues of A

$$\begin{aligned} \left[A - \lambda I \right] &= \begin{bmatrix} 4 - \lambda & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 - \lambda & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \dots \\ &= (2 - \lambda)^2(8 - \lambda) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Two eigenvalue :

$$\lambda_1 = 2 \text{ (algebraic multiplicity 2)}$$

$$\lambda_2 = 8 \text{ (algebraic multiplicity 1)}$$

(2) For each eigenvalue, find a basis for the eigenspace

(a) $\lambda_1 = 2$

$$(A - 2I)\vec{X} = \vec{0}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 & : & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & : & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & : & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & : & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & : & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & : & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X_1 + X_2 + X_3 = 0$$

X_2 free

X_3 free

$$\vec{X} = \begin{bmatrix} -X_2 - X_3 \\ X_2 \\ X_3 \end{bmatrix} = X_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + X_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Eigenspace basis } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$\dim = 2$, the geometric multiplicity of $\lambda_1 = 2$.

(b) $\lambda = 8$

$$(A - 8I)\vec{X} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow \vec{X} = X_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Eigenspace basis : $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

$\dim = 1$, geometric mult. of $\lambda_2 = 8$.

(3) Three independent eigenvectors

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\lambda_1 = 2 \qquad \lambda_2 = 8$

So yes, A is diagonalizable with

$$D = P^{-1}AP$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$E - vals \qquad \qquad \qquad E - vect.$