

Mathematics for AI

Lecture 11

Complex Matrices, Diagonalization,
Eigendecomposition of Symmetric and Hermitian
Matrices, Positive Definite Matrices

Real Symmetric Matrices



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$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \text{ symmetric} \left. \begin{array}{l} \Downarrow \\ \bar{A} = A \\ \Downarrow \\ A^T = A \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

Eigenvalues are real ^{(eigs) (IV)}

Eigenvectors are orthogonal \Downarrow

(can be chosen to be)
orthogonal

\Downarrow
if $\dim(\text{eigenspace}) \geq 2$

Complex dot product



$$u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n \Rightarrow \langle u, v \rangle = u^T v = v^T u$$

$$u, v \in \mathbb{C}^n \Rightarrow \langle u, v \rangle = u^T \bar{v} = \bar{v}^T u = v^* u = v^H u$$

$$\langle u, u \rangle = \bar{u}^T u = \sum_i |u_i|^2 = \bar{u} \cdot u$$

$$|x| u^T v = (|x| u^T v)^T = v^T |x| u$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = v^T u$$

$$\langle u, v \rangle = \overline{\langle v, u \rangle}$$

$$U U^T = U^T U = I \quad / \quad U U^H = U^H U = I$$

Orthogonal matrices \Rightarrow Unitary Matrices



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$$UU^T = U^T U = I \quad / \quad UU^H = U^H U = I.$$

Real Symmetric Matrices



$$Av = \lambda v \Rightarrow \underbrace{\bar{v}^T A v}_{\in \mathbb{R}} = \lambda \underbrace{\bar{v}^T v}_{\in \mathbb{R} \neq 0} \Rightarrow \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} Av_1 = \lambda_1 v_1 \\ Av_2 = \lambda_2 v_2 \\ \lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} \bar{v}_2^T A v_1 = \lambda_1 \bar{v}_2^T v_1 \\ \bar{v}_1^T A v_2 = \lambda_2 \bar{v}_1^T v_2 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \bar{v}_2^T A v_1 = \lambda_2 \bar{v}_2^T v_1$$

$\uparrow a(\bar{\cdot})^T$
 $\parallel \lambda_2$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} \bar{v}_2^T A v_1 = \lambda_1 \bar{v}_2^T v_1 \\ \bar{v}_2^T A v_1 = \lambda_2 \bar{v}_2^T v_1 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} \lambda_1 \bar{v}_2^T v_1 = \lambda_2 \bar{v}_2^T v_1 \\ \lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \bar{v}_2^T v_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow v_1 \perp v_2$$

Real Symmetric Matrices



$A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is ~~is~~ a real symmetric matrix ^{eigs} (1)

all the eigenvalues are real.

the eigenvectors are (can be chosen to be) orthogonal.

(Also true for Hermitian matrices $\bar{A}^T = A$)

Independent Eigenvectors and Diagonalization



Assume that the matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ has

n independent eigenvectors

(A has an eigenbasis)

Let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n be independent eigenvectors of $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ be the corresponding eigenvalues

$$Av_1 = \lambda_1 v_1, Av_2 = \lambda_2 v_2, \dots, Av_n = \lambda_n v_n$$

$$\Rightarrow A \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & v_2 & \dots & v_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Av_1 & Av_2 & \dots & Av_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 v_1 & \lambda_2 v_2 & \dots & \lambda_n v_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} v_1 & v_2 & \dots & v_n \end{bmatrix}}_V = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} v_1 & v_2 & \dots & v_n \end{bmatrix}}_V \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}}_\Lambda$$

$$AV = V\Lambda \xrightarrow{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \text{ independent}} A = V\Lambda V^{-1}$$

matrix of eigenvectors

diagonal matrix of eigenvalues

eigen decomposition of A

Independent Eigenvectors and Diagonalization



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A has n independent ~~eigenval~~ ^{eig} eigennefors

\Rightarrow A diagonalizable

$$A = V \Lambda V^{-1}$$

\rightarrow diagonal

Eigen-decomposition



$$A \text{ diagonalizable} \Rightarrow A = V D V^{-1} \Rightarrow AV = VD$$
$$\Rightarrow A \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & v_2 & \dots & v_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & \dots & v_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & & & \\ & d_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & d_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$AV_i = d_i \cdot v_i$ v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n independent

$$\Rightarrow A \text{ has } n \text{ independent eigenvalues.}$$

Eigen-decomposition - Symmetric Matrices



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A $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is symmetric & has n independent
eigen vectors

$$A = V \Lambda V^{-1} \quad [v_1 \ v_2 \ \dots \ v_n]$$

A symmetric $v_i \perp v_j \quad i \neq j \quad v_i^T v_j = 0$

choose eigen values to be unit vector

\Rightarrow ~~V~~ V is an orthogonal matrix $\Rightarrow V^{-1} = V^T$

\Rightarrow $A = V \Lambda V^T$ \rightarrow eigen-decomposition for
symmetric matrices

Transformation in Eigenbasis



$$A x = [v_1 \ v_2] \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{[v_1 \ v_2]^{-1}}_{x \text{ in the eigenbasis}} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\underbrace{[v_1 \ v_2]^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{transformed } x \text{ in eigenbasis}}$
 $\underbrace{[v_1 \ v_2] \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{back to the standard basis}}$
 Ax in the standard basis

$$V = [v_1 \ v_2]$$
$$A = V \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & \\ & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} V^{-1}$$

Transformation in Eigenbasis



$f: \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ linear $x \mapsto Ax$ $f(x) = Ax$

& A is diagonalizable $f(x), f(f(x)) = \cancel{f(x)}$
 $f(f(f(\dots)))$

$$y = f(x) = Ax = V\Lambda V^{-1}x$$

$$\boxed{U = V^{-1}} = U^{-1}\Lambda Ux$$

$$y = Ax = U^{-1}\Lambda Ux \Rightarrow Uy = \Lambda Ux \Rightarrow y' = \Lambda x'$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1' \\ x_2' \\ x_3' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2 & \\ 0 & & \lambda_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1' \\ x_2' \\ x_3' \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 x_1' \\ \lambda_2 x_2' \\ \lambda_3 x_3' \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f(f(x)) = AAx = V\Lambda V^{-1}V\Lambda V^{-1}x = V\Lambda^2 V^{-1}x$$

$$\stackrel{\text{L.H.}}{=} V\Lambda^2 V^{-1}x$$

$$f(f(f(x))) = f^n(x) = A^n x = V\Lambda^n V^{-1}x.$$

Joint diagonalization



Let A, B have the same eigen basis

$$A \rightarrow (v_1, \lambda_1), (v_2, \lambda_2)$$

$$B \rightarrow (v_1, \gamma_1), (v_2, \gamma_2)$$

$$A = V \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & \\ & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} V^{-1}$$

$$B = V \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_1 & \\ & \gamma_2 \end{bmatrix} V^{-1}$$

$$BA = V \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \gamma_1 & \\ & \gamma_2 \end{bmatrix}}_B \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & \\ & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}}_A V^{-1}$$

\downarrow
 A & B are jointly diagonalizable

Joint diagonalization



$A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$, $B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ are jointly diagonalizable if

there exist an invertible V such that
 $\Lambda_1 = V^{-1}AV$, $\Lambda_2 = V^{-1}BV$ are both diagonal. ①

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow AB &= \cancel{V^{-1}V} V \Lambda_1 V^{-1} V \Lambda_2 V^{-1} = V \Lambda_1 \Lambda_2 V^{-1} \\ &= V \Lambda_2 \Lambda_1 V^{-1} = V \Lambda_2 V^{-1} V \Lambda_1 V^{-1} = BA \end{aligned}$$

Eigen-decomposition



Assume $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ has n linearly independent
eigenvectors v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n . $Av_i = \lambda_i v_i$
eigen basis

$$V = [v_1 \ v_2 \ \dots \ v_n]$$
$$AV = A[v_1 \ v_2 \ \dots \ v_n] = [Av_1 \ Av_2 \ \dots \ Av_n] = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 v_1 & \lambda_2 v_2 & \dots & \lambda_n v_n \\ v_1 & v_2 & \dots & v_n \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} v_1 & v_2 & \dots & v_n \end{bmatrix}}_V \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}}_{\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)}$$

$\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)$
diagonal matrix of
eigenvalues

$$AV = V\Lambda$$

Eigen-decomposition



$$AV = V\Lambda$$

diagonal matrix of
eigenvalues

$$\Lambda = V^{-1}AV$$

↙ diagonalization
A in the
eigenbasis

A is diagonalizable iff A has an eigenbasis

($A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ has n independent
eigen vectors)

A is diagonalizable

$$\Rightarrow AV = V\Lambda$$

$$\Lambda = V^{-1}AV$$

$$\underline{A = V\Lambda V^{-1}} : \text{eigen-decomposition}$$

Eigen-decomposition



A is diagonalizable eigen vectors

$$\Rightarrow AV = V\Lambda$$
$$\Lambda = V^{-1}AV$$
$$\underline{A = V\Lambda V^{-1}} : \text{eigen-decomposition}$$
$$A^2 = AA = V\Lambda V^{-1}V\Lambda V^{-1} = V\Lambda^2 V^{-1} = V \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^2 & & \\ & \lambda_2^2 & \\ & & \ddots \\ & & & \lambda_n^2 \end{bmatrix} V^{-1}$$
$$A^m = V\Lambda^m V^{-1}$$
$$A^m x = \underbrace{AAA \dots A}_m x = V \underbrace{\Lambda^m}_{\overbrace{x}^{-1}} = V \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^m & \overline{x_1} \\ \lambda_2^m & \overline{x_2} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \lambda_n^m & \overline{x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$x = \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n$$
$$Ax = \alpha_1 \lambda_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 \lambda_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n \lambda_n v_n \Rightarrow A^m x = \alpha_1 \lambda_1^m v_1 + \alpha_2 \lambda_2^m v_2 + \dots + \alpha_n \lambda_n^m v_n$$

Eigen-decomposition



$$A^n x$$

(IV)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A^n x = ?$$

Assume $|\lambda_i| < 1$ for all eigenvalues λ_i ,
and A is diagonalizable.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A^n x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} V \Lambda^n V^{-1} = V \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Lambda^n V^{-1} = 0$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A^n = 0_{n \times n}$$

Eigen-decomposition



if $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ($A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$) has n distinct eigenvalues (A has simple spectrum)

$\implies A$ is diagonalizable

(the ~~reverse~~ _{converse} is not necessarily true, $A=I$)

(Exercise)

[Geometric Vs. Algebraic
Multiplicity]

Symmetric Matrices



$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{All eigenvalues are real} \\ \text{Eigenvectors are orthogonal } v_i^T v_k = 0 \text{ for } i \neq k \\ \Rightarrow \text{scale } v_i\text{'s such that } \|v_i\| = 1 \\ \Rightarrow v_i\text{'s are orthonormal} \end{array} \right.$

$\Rightarrow V = [v_1 \ v_2 \ \dots \ v_n]$ is an orthogonal matrix $V^T V = I$

$$V^{-1} = V^T$$

$$A = V \Lambda V^{-1} = V \Lambda V^T = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & v_2 & \dots & v_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1^T \\ v_2^T \\ \vdots \\ v_n^T \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \lambda_1 \underline{v_1 v_1^T} + \lambda_2 \underline{v_2 v_2^T} + \dots + \lambda_n \underline{v_n v_n^T}$$

Positive Definiteness



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A^T = A \\ \forall x \neq 0 \quad \underbrace{x^T}_{1 \times n} \underbrace{A}_{n \times n} \underbrace{x}_{n \times 1} > 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$Av = \lambda v \Rightarrow v^T Av = \lambda \underbrace{v^T v}_{> 0} > 0$$

$$\text{All eigenvalues } > 0 \Rightarrow \lambda > 0$$

A is positive definite $A > 0$

$$A > 0 \Leftrightarrow \lambda_i > 0 \quad \forall i$$

$$A = V \Lambda V^T = \sum \lambda_i v_i v_i^T$$

$x^T A x > 0$

Positive semi-definite



$$x \in \mathbb{R}^n \neq 0 \quad x^T A x = 0 \quad \underline{\underline{A \text{ is singular}}}$$
$$A \succeq 0$$

$x^T A x = 0$ at least one $\lambda_i = 0$

$$A = V \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} V^T = V \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ & & 0 & \\ & & & \lambda_4 \end{bmatrix} V$$

rank $< n$

Positive semi-definite



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$x^T A x \geq 0$ for all $x \Rightarrow A$ is

positive semi-definite