

Remark 1.5 For a real matrix $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$, we may not be able to find real eigenvalues, and we may not be able to find n linearly independent eigenvectors even if $\det(zI - A) = 0$ has only real roots.

$$-\det(\lambda I - A) = \lambda^2 + 1 \neq 0$$

Example 1.6 Consider $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. Then A has no real eigenvalues, and B does not have two linearly independent eigenvectors.

$$\rightarrow \det(zI - B) = z^2 \quad \begin{pmatrix} z & 0 \\ 0 & -z \end{pmatrix} x = 0 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

For $\lambda = i$, solve $(A - iI)x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} -i & 1 \\ -1 & -i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ~~$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$~~

$$\begin{bmatrix} -i & 1 & | & 0 \\ -1 & -i & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -i & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \therefore \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix}$$

For $\lambda = -i$ solve $\begin{bmatrix} i & 1 \\ -1 & i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} i & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \therefore \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix}$

$$A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \\ i \\ -i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ i & -i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{bmatrix} \quad \therefore S^{-1}AS = \begin{bmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ i & -i \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$-i - i = -2i \neq 0$

Remark 1.7 By the fundamental theorem of algebra, every complex polynomial can be written as a product of linear factors. Consequently, for every $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$, the characteristic polynomial has linear factors:

$$\det(zI - A) = (z - \lambda_1) \cdots (z - \lambda_n).$$

So, we need only to find n linearly independent eigenvectors.

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$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1(s) \\ \vdots \\ y_n(s) \end{pmatrix} = S^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} x_1(s) \\ \vdots \\ x_n(s) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$y_1(s) = b_{11}x_1(s) + b_{12}x_2(s)$$

$$y_2(s) = b_{21}x_1(s) + b_{22}x_2(s)$$

1. (12 points) Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

$(SDS^{-1})(SDS^{-1})$
 ~~SAS~~ = SDS^{-1}

- (a) Find the (complex) eigenvalues of A , and the corresponding eigenvectors.
- (b) Determine a complex matrix S such that $S^{-1}AS$ is in diagonal form.
- (c) Find a formula for A^k for $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

~~$A=S$~~
 $A = SDS^{-1}$
 $A^k = (SDS^{-1})^k = SD^kS^{-1}$

2. (24 points) Suppose $A = SDS^{-1} \in M_n$ such that $D = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$, and suppose S has columns x_1, \dots, x_n and S^{-1} has rows y_1^t, \dots, y_n^t .

$D^k = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^k & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n^k \end{bmatrix}$
 $D^2 = -I$
 $D^3 = \dots$

- (a) Show that $A^k = SD^kS^{-1}$.
- (b) Show that $A^k = \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j^k x_j x_j^t$ for every positive integer k .
- (c) If A is invertible, show that $A^k = SD^kS^{-1} = \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j^k x_j x_j^t$ for every negative integer k .
- (d) For any polynomial $f(z) = a_m z^m + \dots + a_0$, let $f(A) = a_m A^m + \dots + a_1 A + a_0 I_n$.

Show that

$$f(A) = S f(D) S^{-1} = \sum_{j=1}^n f(\lambda_j) x_j x_j^t.$$

$A^{-1} = S [D^{-1}] S^{-1}$
 $S^{-1} A S$
 $[\dots] [x_1 \dots x_n]$

(e) Show that $y_j^t x_j = \delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j, \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j. \end{cases}$

(f) Suppose S has rows u_1^t, \dots, u_n^t and S^{-1} has columns v_1, \dots, v_n . Show that $u_j^t v_j = \delta_{ij}$.

3. (12 points) Let $A \in M_n$ be diagonalizable with distinct eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$, and let

$$f(z) = (z - \lambda_1) \dots (z - \lambda_k).$$

- (a) Show that A is similar to $\lambda_1 I_{n_1} \oplus \dots \oplus \lambda_k I_{n_k}$ with $n_1 + \dots + n_k = n$.
- (b) Show that $f(A) = (A - \lambda_1 I) \dots (A - \lambda_k I) = 0_n$.
- (c) If $g(z) = \det(zI - A) = (z - \lambda_1)^{n_1} \dots (z - \lambda_k)^{n_k}$, show that $g(A) = 0_n$.

4. (12 points) Let $x(s) = (x_1(s), \dots, x_n(s))^t$ be such that $x_1(s), \dots, x_n(s)$ are differentiable functions. Suppose $x'(s) = (x_1'(s), \dots, x_n'(s))^t = Ax(s)$, where $A = SDS^{-1}$ with $S = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$, and $y(t) = (y_1(s), \dots, y_n(s))^t = S^{-1}x(s) = (y_1(s), \dots, y_n(s))^t$.

(a) Show that $y'(s) = S^{-1}x'(s)$ so that $y'(s) = Dy(s)$.

(b) Show that $y_i(s) = c_i e^{s\lambda_i}$ with $c_i = y_i(0)$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$.

(c) Show that $x(s) = Sy(s) = S(c_1 e^{s\lambda_1}, \dots, c_n e^{s\lambda_n})^t$.

$x_1(s)' = \lambda_1 x_1(s) + 0$
 $x_2(s)' = 0 + \lambda_2 x_2(s)$

$A = SDS^{-1}$
 $= [x_1 \dots x_n] \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1^t \\ \vdots \\ y_n^t \end{bmatrix}$
 $= \lambda_1 x_1 y_1^t + \lambda_2 \dots$

$S^{-1}S = I_n$
 $SS^{-1} = I_n$

$x = \lambda y \quad x = t e^{\lambda s}$
 $x = t e^{\lambda s}$

$\begin{pmatrix} x_1(s) \\ x_2(s) \end{pmatrix}' = \begin{pmatrix} x_1'(s) \\ x_2'(s) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1(s) \\ x_2(s) \end{pmatrix}$

1.2 Triangular form and Jordan form

Question What simple form can we get by similarity if $A \in M_n$ is not diagonalizable?

Theorem 1.8 Let $A \in M_n$ be such that $\det(zI - A) = (z - \lambda_1) \cdots (z - \lambda_n)$. For any permutation (j_1, \dots, j_n) of $(1, \dots, n)$, A is similar to a matrix in (upper) triangular form with diagonal entries $\lambda_{j_1}, \dots, \lambda_{j_n}$.

Proof. By induction and block form.

$$n=1 \quad \text{o.k.} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S^{-1}AS = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{i_1} & * \\ 0 & \ddots \\ & & \lambda_{i_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

Suppose the Theorem holds for matrices of sizes $< n$, $n \geq 2$.

Consider $A \in M_n$.

Let $Ax_{i_1} = \lambda_{i_1}x_{i_1}$, $x_{i_1} \neq 0$, and $S_1 = [x_{i_1} | y_2 | \dots | y_n] \in M_n$ be invertible \Leftrightarrow

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & A [x_{i_1} | y_2 | \dots | y_n] \\ &= [x_{i_1} | y_2 | \dots | y_n] \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{i_1} & * \\ 0 & \ddots \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$Ax_{i_1} = \lambda_{i_1}x_{i_1}$$

$$Ay_2 = b_{12}x_{i_1} + b_{22}y_2 + b_{32}y_3 + \dots + b_{n2}y_n$$

$$\vdots$$

$$Ay_n = b_{1n}x_{i_1} + b_{n2}y_2 + b_{n3}y_3 + \dots + b_{nn}y_n$$

$$A [x_{i_1} | y_2 | \dots | y_n]$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} x_{i_1} | y_2 | \dots | y_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{i_1} & b_{12} & \dots & b_{1n} \\ 0 & b_{22} & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & b_{n2} & \dots & b_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore AS_1 = S_1 \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{i_1} & * \\ 0 & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S_1^{-1}AS_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{i_1} & * \\ 0 & A_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S_0 \ni \text{invertible } S_2 \in M_{n-1}$$

$$S_2^{-1}A_2S_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{i_2} & * \\ 0 & \ddots \\ & & \lambda_{i_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$* = \alpha_1 u_1 + \dots + \alpha_n u_n$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & \dots & u_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Apply row reduction to $[x_{i_1} e_1 \dots e_n]$ and pick up the pivoting column

Let $S = S_1 \left[\begin{array}{c|c} I & 0 \\ \hline 0 & S_2 \end{array} \right]$ Then $S^{-1} = \left[\begin{array}{c|c} I & 0 \\ \hline 0 & S_2^{-1} \end{array} \right] S_1^{-1}$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 S^{-1} A S &= \left[\begin{array}{c|c} I & 0 \\ \hline 0 & S_2^{-1} \end{array} \right] \underbrace{S_1^{-1} A S_1}_{\left[\begin{array}{c|c} \lambda_{i_1} & * \\ \hline 0 & A_1 \end{array} \right]} \left[\begin{array}{c|c} I & 0 \\ \hline 0 & S_2 \end{array} \right] \\
 &= \left[\begin{array}{c|c} I & 0 \\ \hline 0 & S_2^{-1} \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{c|c} \lambda_{i_1} & * \\ \hline 0 & A_1 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{c|c} I & 0 \\ \hline 0 & S_2 \end{array} \right] \\
 &= \left[\begin{array}{c|c} \lambda_{i_1} & * \\ \hline 0 & S_2^{-1} A_1 S_2 \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{c|c} I & 0 \\ \hline 0 & S_2 \end{array} \right] \\
 &= \left[\begin{array}{c|c} \lambda_{i_1} & * \\ \hline 0 & S_2^{-1} A_1 S_2 \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{c|c} \lambda_{i_1} & * \\ \hline 0 & \lambda_{i_2} \dots \lambda_{i_n} \end{array} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Done!

Remark.

If we consider A^t .

and get $S^{-1} A^t S = \left[\begin{array}{c|c} \lambda_{i_1} & * \\ \hline 0 & \lambda_{i_n} \end{array} \right]$

then $\underbrace{S^t A (S^{-1})^t}_{\text{"}} = \left[\begin{array}{c|c} \lambda_{i_1} & 0 \\ \hline * & \lambda_{i_n} \end{array} \right]$
 $T A T^{-1}$

$$2 \times 2 \quad 3 \times 3 \quad \begin{matrix} 2 \times 3 & 2 \times 3 = C \\ A[X] - X[B] = C \end{matrix}$$

Lemma 1.9 Suppose $A \in M_m, B \in M_n$ have no common eigenvalues. Then for any $C \in M_{m,n}$ there is $X \in M_{m,n}$ such that $AX - XB = C$.

Proof. By the theory of linear equations.

Theorem 1.10 Suppose $A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ 0 & A_{22} \end{pmatrix} \in M_n$ such that $A_{11} \in M_k, A_{22} \in M_{n-k}$ have no common eigenvalue. Then A is similar to $A_{11} \oplus A_{22}$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \checkmark & \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Corollary 1.11 Suppose $A \in M_n$ has distinct eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$. Then A is similar to $A_{11} \oplus \dots \oplus A_{kk}$ such that A_{jj} has (only one distinct) eigenvalue λ_j for $j = 1, \dots, k$.

Proof of Lemma 1.9

May assume A, B are in triangular form because of the following.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & \\ 0 & \lambda_1 & & \\ & & \lambda_2 & \\ & & & \ddots \\ 0 & & & & \lambda_k \end{bmatrix}$$

Let $A = S_1^{-1} \hat{A} S_1$ $S_1^{-1} A S_1 = \hat{A}$ } upper triangular
 $B = S_2^{-1} \hat{B} S_2$ $S_2^{-1} B S_2 = \hat{B}$ } ~~triangular~~ lower triangular

To solve
i.e...

$$AX - XB = C$$

$$S_1^{-1} (S_1 \hat{A} S_1^{-1} X - X S_2 \hat{B} S_2^{-1}) S_2 = S_1^{-1} C S_2$$

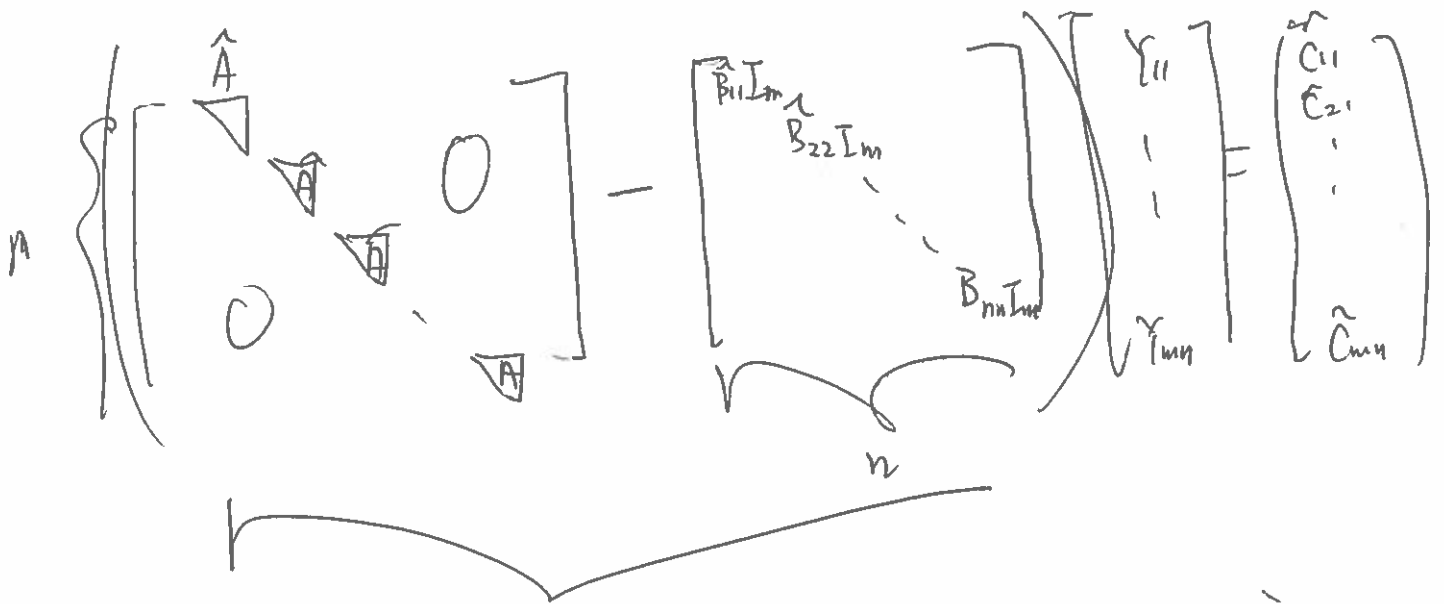
$$\hat{A} S_1^{-1} X S_2 - S_1^{-1} X S_2 \hat{B} = S_1^{-1} C S_2 = \hat{C}$$

\therefore We only need to solve

$$\hat{A} Y - Y \hat{B} = \hat{C}, \text{ and then recover } X = S_1 Y S_2^{-1}$$

Let $Y = (Y_{ij})_{m \times n}$ $\hat{A} = (\hat{A}_{ij})_{m \times m}$ $\hat{B} = (\hat{B}_{ij})_{n \times n}$ $X = S_1 Y S_2^{-1}$

Then $n \left[\begin{matrix} \hat{A} & & 0 \\ 0 & \hat{A} & \\ & & \ddots \\ 0 & & & \hat{A} \end{matrix} \right] \begin{bmatrix} Y_{11} \\ \vdots \\ Y_{1n} \\ Y_{21} \\ \vdots \\ Y_{2n} \\ \vdots \\ Y_{m1} \\ \vdots \\ Y_{mn} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \hat{B}_{11} & & \\ & \hat{B}_{22} & \\ & & \ddots \\ \hat{B}_{n1} & & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} Y_{11} \\ Y_{21} \\ \vdots \\ Y_{n1} \\ \vdots \\ Y_{m1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{C}_{11} \\ \hat{C}_{21} \\ \vdots \\ \hat{C}_{n1} \\ \vdots \\ \hat{C}_{m1} \end{bmatrix}$



is in triangular with non-zero diagonal
 diagonal. \therefore the system is always
 solvable.