

# Chapter 6 :- 6.1: Eigenvalues of a matrix

$$Ax = \lambda x$$

Eigenvalue  $\lambda$       Eigenvector  $x$

- $A$  is a  $n \times n$  matrix
- $\lambda$  is a scalar called an eigenvalue
- $x$ : **non zero** vector called an eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda$

\* The system  $(A - \lambda I)x = 0$

↳ has a non-zero solution (since  $x \neq 0$ )

⇒ So  $(A - \lambda I)$  is nonsingular and  $|A - \lambda I| = 0$

- Eigenvalues are the roots of  $(\det(A - \lambda I) = 0)$
- Eigenvectors are the non-zero solutions to the system  $(A - \lambda I)x = 0$

**Eigenspace** :

- ↳ for each eigenvalue there is an eigenspace
- ↳ The eigenspace of  $\lambda$  is the null space of  $A - \lambda I$
- ↳  $E(\lambda)$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- ↳ Eigenvectors does not form a subspace for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  because  $x \neq 0 \rightarrow 0 \notin \mathbb{R}^n$
- ↳ But Eigenspace is a subspace

• Characteristic Polynomial :-  $\rightarrow$  of degree  $n$  (It has  $n$  roots)

$$P(\lambda) = |A - \lambda I|$$

• roots of  $P(\lambda)$  are the eigenvalues for  $A$  (solve  $P(\lambda) = 0$ )

$\rightarrow$  The roots can be Real numbers or Imaginary numbers

• roots can be different or multiplicied

$$n = \text{multiplicity} + \text{different}$$

• distinct roots: Multiplicity not Counted  
 $\rightarrow$  number of distinct eigenvalues  $\leq n$

$\Delta$  Remark:- If  $\lambda = 0$  is an eigenvalue for  $A$  Then  
 $A$  is "singular"

### Notes

II. If  $A$  is a real matrix (meaning all the elements are real numbers)

And  $\underline{z = a + ib}$  is an eigenvalue for  $A$  with eigen vector  $X$

Then :- \*  $\bar{\lambda} = a - ib$  is also an eigenvalue  
 $\bar{X}$  is an eigenvector for  $\bar{\lambda}$

Ex:-  $X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix}$       Then  $\bar{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{pmatrix}$   
 $\lambda = 1 + 2i$        $\bar{\lambda} = 1 - 2i$

12]  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  are eigenvalues

$$\hookrightarrow P(\lambda) = (\lambda - \lambda_1)(\lambda - \lambda_2) \dots (\lambda - \lambda_n) = \det(A - \lambda I) \text{ if } \lambda = 0$$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{Trace of } (A) := \text{Tr}(A) = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_n = a_{11} + a_{22} + \dots + a_{nn} \\ = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$$

$\rightarrow$  Sum of elements of  $A$  on the Main Diagonal

Similar Matrices :-

\* Matrix  $B_{n \times n}$  is similar to  $A_{n \times n}$  if there exists  
or nonsingular matrix  $S$   
such that :-  $A = S^{-1} B S$  (And  $A$  is similar to  $B$ )

\* If  $A$  is similar to  $B$  Then :-

- 1] They have the same characteristic polynomial
- 2]  $\sim \sim \sim \sim$  eigenvalues

# \* How to Solve Problems?

outline find the eigenvalues and the eigenspaces of A:-

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3-\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & -1-\lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (1-\lambda) [(3-\lambda)(-1-\lambda) - 5] = 0$$

$$= (1-\lambda) [-3 - 3\lambda + \lambda + \lambda^2 - 5] = 0$$

$$= (1-\lambda) [\lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 8] = 0$$

$$= (1-\lambda)(\lambda-4)(\lambda+2) = 0$$

$$\text{So: } \lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 4, \lambda_3 = -2$$

$$\textcircled{1} \lambda_1 = 1$$

$$E(\lambda_1 = 1) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \alpha \text{ scalar} \right\}$$

$$A - I = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

solve for zero

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_3 &= 0 \\ x_2 &= 0 \\ x_1 &= \alpha \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \lambda_2 = 4$$

$$E(\lambda_2 = 4) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} B \\ B \\ B \end{pmatrix}, B \text{ scalar} \right\}$$

$$A - 4I = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solve for zero

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x_3 = B$$

$$x_2 = B$$

$$x_1 = -\frac{3B}{-3} = B$$

$$\textcircled{3} \lambda_3 = -2 \quad (\text{Same way})$$

Ex 14 (outline): -

$$\text{Tr}(A) = 8$$

$$\det(A) = 12$$

$$A_{2 \times 2}$$

Then eigenvalues = ??

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A - \lambda I = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} - \lambda & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} - \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{a_{11} + a_{22} = 8} *$$

$$|A - \lambda I| = 0$$

$$\underline{a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21} = 12}$$

$$(a_{11} - \lambda)(a_{22} - \lambda) - a_{12}a_{21} = 0$$

$$\underline{a_{11}a_{22} - a_{11}\lambda - a_{22}\lambda + \lambda^2 - a_{12}a_{21}} = 0$$

$$\underline{a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21} - \lambda(a_{11} + a_{22}) + \lambda^2} = 0$$

$$12 - 8\lambda + \lambda^2 = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 = 2, \quad \lambda_2 = 6$$