

Diagonalization (By Friedberg)

★ Diagonal Matrix:- A square matrix A is said to be diagonal matrix if it is of the form

where $a_{ii} \in \mathbb{F} \quad \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & & 0 \\ & a_{22} & \\ 0 & & \ddots \\ & & & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n}$$

★ Definition:- A linear operator T on a finite dimensional vector space V is called diagonalizable if there is an ordered basis β for V such that

$[T]_{\beta}$ is a diagonal matrix.

A square matrix A is called diagonalizable if L_A operator is diagonalizable.

★ Definition:- Let $T: V \rightarrow V$ be a linear operator where V is a vector space. A vector $v (\neq 0) \in V$ is called an eigenvector of T if there exists a scalar λ such that $T(v) = \lambda v$.

The scalar λ is called the eigenvalue corresponding to the eigenvector v .

Let $A \in M_{n \times n}(F)$. A vector $v (\neq 0) \in F^n$ is called an eigenvector of A if v is an eigenvector of L_A ; that is, if $Av = \lambda v$ for some scalar λ .

The scalar λ is called the eigenvalue of A (or LA) corresponding to the eigenvector v .

* The words 'characteristic' is ~~is~~ ~~etc.~~ and 'Proper' are also used in place of 'Eigen'.

Theorem 5.1 A linear operator T on a finite dimension vector space V is diagonalizable $\iff$ there exists an ordered basis β for V consisting of eigenvectors of T . Furthermore, if T is diagonalizable, $\beta = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ is an ordered basis of eigenvectors of T , and $D = [T]_{\beta}$, then D is a diagonal matrix and D_{jj} is the eigenvalue corresponding to v_j for $1 \leq j \leq n$.

Proof let $T : V \rightarrow V$ be diagonalizable. and $\dim V = n$

$\Rightarrow$ there exists an ordered basis $\beta = \{\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n\}$ of V such that $[T]_{\beta}$ is a diagonal matrix.

$$\text{let } [T]_{\beta} = D = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & & 0 \\ & a_{22} & \\ 0 & & \ddots \\ & & & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow T\beta_i = a_{ii}\beta_i \quad \forall 1 \leq i \leq n$$

Since β is an ordered basis for $V \Rightarrow$

$$\beta_i \neq 0 \quad \forall 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$\Rightarrow$ each β_i is an eigenvector of T .

$\Rightarrow \beta$ consists of eigenvectors of T .

Conversely, let there exists an ordered basis β for V consisting of eigenvectors of T . — ①

Since $\dim V = n$

$\Rightarrow$ order of $\beta = n$

~~let~~ let $\beta = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$.

By eqⁿ ①, we have that each v_i is an eigen vector of T

$\Rightarrow$ for each $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, there exists $\lambda_i \in F$ such that $T v_i = \lambda_i v_i \quad \forall 1 \leq i \leq n$

$$\Rightarrow [T]_{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2 & \\ 0 & & \ddots \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \equiv \text{diagonal Matrix.}$$

$\Rightarrow T$ is diagonalizable.

Ex 1 let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

Find eigenvectors, eigen values of A and $[L_A]_{\beta}$

Proof let $v = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \neq 0$ be an eigen vector of A — (I)

$\Rightarrow$ There exists a $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $Av = \lambda v$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x + 3y \\ 4x + 2y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda x \\ \lambda y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} x + 3y &= \lambda x \\ 4x + 2y &= \lambda y \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} (1-\lambda)x + 3y &= 0 \\ 4x + (2-\lambda)y &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-\lambda)x = -3y \quad - (2)$$

$$4x = (\lambda-2)y \quad - (3)$$

Multiplying by -3 ~~eq~~, eqⁿ (3) becomes

$$-12x = (\lambda-2)(-3y) \quad - (4)$$

Substituting the value of $(-3y)$ from eqⁿ (2) ~~to~~ in eqⁿ (4)

$$\Rightarrow -12x = (\lambda-2)(1-\lambda)x$$

$$\Rightarrow -12x + (\lambda-2)(\lambda-1)x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x[(\lambda-2)(\lambda-1) - 12] = 0$$

$$\text{eig} \Rightarrow \text{Either } x=0 \text{ or } (\lambda-2)(\lambda-1) - 12 = 0$$

$$\text{If } x=0 \text{ then by eqⁿ (2), } y=0$$

$$\Rightarrow v = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ but } v \neq 0 \text{ (see eqⁿ I)}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda-2)(\lambda-1) - 12 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 - 3\lambda - 10 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{9+40}}{2} = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{49}}{2}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{3+7}{2}, \frac{3-7}{2} = 5, -2.$$

$$\text{let } \lambda_1 = 5 \text{ and } \lambda_2 = -2$$

$$\Rightarrow \{\lambda_1, \lambda_2\} \text{ are the eigenvalues of } A$$

$$\text{let } v_i (\neq 0) \text{ be eigen vector of } A \text{ corresponding to eigen value } \lambda_i \text{ and } v_i = \begin{bmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow Av_1 = \lambda_1 v_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} = 5 \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 + 3y_1 = 5x_1$$

$$4x_1 + 2y_1 = 5y_1$$

$$\Rightarrow 3y_1 = 4x_1 \quad \& \quad 4x_1 = 3y_1$$

$$\Rightarrow v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ 4/3 x_1 \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4/3 \end{bmatrix}; x_1 \neq 0$$

Similarly, let $v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$ is an eigenvector of A corresponding to eigenvalue $\lambda_2 = -2$

$$\Rightarrow Av_2 = \lambda_2 v_2 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = -2 \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_2 + 3y_2 = -2x_2$$

$$4x_2 + 2y_2 = -2y_2$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x_2 = -3y_2$$

$$2x_2 = -2y_2$$

$$\Rightarrow x_2 = -y_2$$

$$\Rightarrow v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ -x_2 \end{bmatrix} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}; x_2 \neq 0$$

★ Eigenspace:- let T be a linear operator on a vector space V . Then the eigenspace of T corresponding to eigen value λ is

$$E_\lambda = \{ v : Tv = \lambda v \}$$

= {collection of all eigen vectors corresponding to λ and λ is scalar}

Therefore, for the above example,

$$E_5 = \left\{ x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4/3 \end{bmatrix} : x_1 \in \mathbb{C} \right\}$$

$$\text{and } E_{-2} = \left\{ x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} : x_2 \in \mathbb{C} \right\}$$

The collection E_5 and E_{-2} already contain 0 vector
($\because$ if $x_1 = 0 \Rightarrow 0 \in E_5$ and if $x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow 0 \in E_{-2}$)

Ex-3 let

$$C^\infty(\mathbb{R}) = \left\{ f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f^n \text{ has derivatives of all orders} \right\}$$

$$\text{and } F(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}) = \left\{ f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f \text{ is a } f^n \right\}$$

It is easy to show that $F(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$ is a vector space and $C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ is its subspace.

Let $T: C^\infty(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ be a f^n defined by

$$T(f) = f' \quad \forall f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}).$$

Find Eigenvalues and eigenvectors of T ?

Proof To show T is a linear operator. (Prove it yourself)

Let $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ be an eigenvalue of T corresponding to eigenvector $f \Rightarrow f \neq 0$ and $T(f) = \lambda f$

$$\Rightarrow f' = \lambda f$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{df}{f} = \lambda dt \quad \Rightarrow \int \frac{df}{f} = \lambda \int dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \log f = \lambda t + C_1 \quad \text{where } C_1 \text{ is a constt of integration}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(t) = e^{\lambda t + C} = C e^{\lambda t} \quad \text{where } C = e^C \text{ is a constt.} \quad (7)$$

$$\in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}).$$

$\Rightarrow$ For each real no. ' λ ', there exists a non zero function f ($f \neq 0$ if $C \neq 0$) s.t.

$$Tf = \lambda f$$

$\Rightarrow$ each real no. λ is an eigen ~~vector~~ value of T corresponding to eigen vector $C e^{\lambda t}$ ($C \neq 0$)

Also, for $\lambda = 0$, $f(t) = C \neq 0$ if $C \neq 0$

$\Rightarrow \{ \text{Eigen values of } T \} \leftarrow \text{set} = \mathbb{R}.$

Theorem 5.2 Let $A \in M_{n \times n}(F)$. Then a scalar λ is an eigen value of A if $\Leftrightarrow \det(A - \lambda I_n) = 0$

Proof Let ' λ ' be an eigenvalue of A

$\Leftrightarrow$ there exists a non-zero vector $v \in F^n$ s.t.

$$Av = \lambda v$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (A - \lambda I_n)v = 0 \quad \text{for some } v (\neq 0) \text{ in } F^n \quad \text{--- (II)}$$

$\Leftrightarrow$ Matrix $(A - \lambda I_n)$ is not invertible

$\because$ if $(A - \lambda I_n)$ is invertible $\Rightarrow (A - \lambda I_n)^{-1}$ exists such that $(A - \lambda I_n)^{-1}(A - \lambda I_n) = I_n$ --- (III)

Consider $(A - \lambda I_n)^{-1}(A - \lambda I_n)v = (A - \lambda I_n)^{-1}0 \quad (\because \text{eqn II})$

$$= 0$$

$$\Rightarrow Iv = 0 \quad (\text{By eqn III})$$

$$\Rightarrow v = 0 \quad \text{but } v \neq 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \det(A - \lambda I_n) = 0.$$

Definition:- let $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{F})$. The polynomial $f(t) = \det(A - tI_n)$ is called Characteristic polynomial of A .

Ex 4 Find eigen values of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$

Proof Consider Characteristic polynomial of A ,

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A - \lambda I_2) &= \det \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= \det \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & 1 \\ 4 & 1-\lambda \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 1 \\ 4 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (1-\lambda)^2 - 4 \\ &= \lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 3 = (\lambda - 3)(\lambda + 1) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$ By theorem 5.2 says. ' λ ' is an eigen value of A
 $\Leftrightarrow \det(A - \lambda I_2) = 0$

$\Rightarrow \lambda = 3, -1$ are the eigen values of A .

Definition:- let $T: V \rightarrow V$ be a linear operator where $V \equiv$ 'n' dim. vector space. with ordered basis β . The characteristic polynomial of $[T]_\beta$ is called the characteristic polynomial of T .

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Notation :- Characteristic polynomial of T is denoted by ~~P_T~~ $\det(T - \lambda I)$.

Ex-5 Let $T: P^2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow P^2(\mathbb{R})$ be a linear operator defined by $T(f(x)) = f(x) + (x+1)f'(x)$.
Find Characteristic poly. of T ?

Ans Solⁿ We know that $P^2(\mathbb{R}) \equiv$ set of polynomials ^{over} $\mathbb{R}$ of degree at most 2.

$$= \{ a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 \mid a_0, a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

$\beta = \{1, x, x^2\}$ forms a basis of $P^2(\mathbb{R})$.

$$T(1) = 1 + (x+1) \cdot 0 = 1 + 0 \cdot x + 0 \cdot x^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(x) &= x + (x+1) \cdot 1 = 2x + 1 \\ &= 1 + 2 \cdot x + 0 \cdot x^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$T(x^2) = x^2 + (x+1)(2x) = 0 + 2x + 3 \cdot x^2$$

$$[T]_{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Characteristic polynomial of T is $\det([T]_{\beta} - \lambda I_3)$

$$= \det \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$\stackrel{e}{=} \det$

$$= \det \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2-\lambda & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3-\lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= (1-\lambda)(2-\lambda)(3-\lambda)$$

Hence by theorem 5.2, $\lambda = 1, 2, 3$ are the eigen values of T and

$f(\lambda) = (1-\lambda)(2-\lambda)(3-\lambda)$ is the characteristic polynomial of T .

Do Exercise Questions related to it.