

Homework 10: Eigenvalues & Eigenvectors, some complex

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§ 5.1 # 66, 69, 73 // § 5.2 # 48

§ 5.1 # 66 Prove that $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is invertible iff $\lambda = 0$ is not an eigenvalue.

Proof: Assume A^{-1} exists then $Ax = 0 \Rightarrow A^{-1}Ax = A^{-1}0 \Rightarrow x = 0$. Therefore, $\nexists v \neq 0$ such that $Av = 0$ hence 0 is not an e-value.

Conversely, assume zero is not an e-value for A . This means that $\text{Null}(A) = \{0\}$ hence $v = 0$. We know $\dim(\text{col}(A)) + r = n$ hence $\dim(\text{col}(A)) = n$ so L_A is onto $\mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$ ($L_A(x) = Ax$) Likewise, $\text{Kernel}(L_A) = \{0\}$ since $Ax = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$. Thus L_A is a bijection and so L_A^{-1} exists & $[L_A^{-1}] = A^{-1}$.

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Or, $Ax = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$ thus A^{-1} exists.

(there are dozens of reasonable arguments given our dimension theorems etc...)

§ 5.1 # 69 Prove that if λ is an e-value of A then λ^2 is an e-value of A^2

Suppose A has e-vector v with e-value λ , this means $Av = \lambda v$.

Notice $A^2v = AA v = A\lambda v = \lambda Av = \lambda\lambda v = \lambda^2 v \therefore \lambda^2$ is e-value of A^2 with e-vector v .

§ 5.1 # 73 Let v_1 and v_2 be e-vectors of a linear operator T on $\mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$, and let λ_1 and λ_2 be their respective e-values. Prove that if $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$ then $\{v_1, v_2\}$ is linearly independent

Suppose $v_1 = kv_2$ towards a contradiction. Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} T(v_1) &= T(kv_2) \Rightarrow \lambda_1 v_1 = kT(v_2) = k\lambda_2 v_2 \\ &\Rightarrow k\lambda_1 v_2 = k\lambda_2 v_2 \\ &\Rightarrow k(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)v_2 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \text{either } k=0 \text{ or } \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 \text{ or } v_2 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

But, $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$ & $v_2 \neq 0 \Rightarrow \nexists k \neq 0$ such that $v_1 = kv_2$

$\Rightarrow \{v_1, v_2\}$ is L.I. //

§5.2 #48] Find e-vectors and e-values for $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

(find basis for e-space, in this case find an example e-vector)

$$\begin{aligned}\det(A - \lambda I) &= \det \begin{pmatrix} 2-\lambda & -1 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (\lambda-2)^2 + 1 \\ &= 0 \quad \Rightarrow \underline{\lambda = 2 \pm i}.\end{aligned}$$

Find $\vec{u} = [u, v]^T \in \mathbb{C}^{2 \times 1}$ such that $\lambda = 2+i$ meaning that \vec{u} solves $(A - (2+i)I)\vec{u} = 0$;

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 - (2+i) & -1 \\ 1 & 2 - (2+i) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -i & -1 \\ 1 & -i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence, $-iu - v = 0$ and $u - iv = 0$ which are actually the same eqⁿ since $iv = u \Rightarrow -v = iu \Rightarrow v = -iu$.
Choose $u = 1$ to obtain

$$\boxed{\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + i \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}}$$

This decomposition into
 $\vec{u} = \text{Re}(\vec{u}) + i \text{Im}(\vec{u})$
is important for applications.

Remark: I suspect my proofs for \Leftarrow of #66 and #73 are not very clear. My apologies. Please ask me if you need them explained a different way.