

## Math 1B03 - Tutorial #5

Review:

Recall: (a) Two matrices are said to commute if  $AB=BA$ .

(b)  $\det(\alpha A) = \alpha^n \det(A)$  if  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $A_{n \times n}$ .

e.g.7 If  $A$  is a  $7 \times 7$  matrix, &  $\det(A) = 2$ , then  $\det(-A) = \det(-1 \cdot A) = (-1)^7 \det(A) = -\det(A) = -2$ .

(c) The determinant of a triangular matrix is easy to find. (Triangular means upper triangular, lower triangular, or diagonal).

e.g.7  $\det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 & 7 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{0+0+}{=} 3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 3(2 \times 1 - 0) = 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 6$ .  
the diagonal entries

This is true in general... if  $A$  triangular, then  $\det(A)$  is the product of the diagonal entries.

(d)  $\det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B)$ .

e.g.7  $\det(A^T) = \det(A)\det(A)$ .

(e)  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \text{adj}(A) \rightarrow \text{adj}(A) = \det(A) A^{-1}$ .

(f)  $\det(A+B) \neq \det(A) + \det(B)$ .

(g)  $A$  symmetric if  $A=A^T$ .  $A$  skew-symmetric if  $A=-A^T$ .

e.g.7 Suppose  $A$  &  $B$  skew-symmetric.  $(A+B)^T = A^T + B^T = -A - B = -(A+B) \rightarrow$   $(A+B)$  skew-symmetric.

1. Consider  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 9 \\ -6 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$ . (a) What are the eigenvalues of  $A$ ?

Recall: • IF  $A$  is square, then  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  s.t.  $\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}$  is called an eigenvector of  $A$  if  $A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x}$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ . (i.e.,  $A\vec{x}$  is a scalar multiple of  $\vec{x}$ ). The scalar  $\lambda$  is called an eigenvalue of  $A$ , &  $\vec{x}$  is  $\lambda$ 's corresponding eigenvector.

$$\bullet A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x} \Leftrightarrow A\vec{x} - \lambda\vec{x} = \vec{0} \Leftrightarrow (A - \lambda I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}.$$

by our list of equivalent statements

We know  $\det(A) = 0 \Leftrightarrow A$  <sup>not</sup> invertible  $\Leftrightarrow A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  has non-trivial solutions.

So, since we're looking for vectors  $\vec{x}$  s.t.  $(A - \lambda I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ , & we know that  $\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}$  by def<sup>n</sup>, then by our equivalent statements, that must mean that  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$ .

So,  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A \Leftrightarrow$  it satisfies the eq<sup>n</sup>  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$ , called the characteristic eq<sup>n</sup>

$$\text{So, } \det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 8 - \lambda & 9 \\ -6 & -7 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (8 - \lambda)(-7 - \lambda) + 54$$

$$= -56 - 8\lambda + 7\lambda + \lambda^2 + 54 = \lambda^2 - \lambda - 2 = (\lambda - 2)(\lambda + 1) = 0$$

$\Leftrightarrow \lambda = 2$  or  $\lambda = -1$ .

So, the eigenvalues of  $A$  are 2 & -1.

⑥ Find all eigenvectors of  $A$ .

We know  $\vec{x} \neq 0$  is an eigenvector if  $A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x}$   
 for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ , or equivalently, if  $(A - \lambda I)\vec{x} = 0$ .  
 We already know that  $\lambda = 2$  &  $\lambda = -1$  are eigenvalues.

$$\underline{\lambda = -1}: 0 = (A - \lambda I)\vec{x} = \left( \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 9 \\ -6 & -7 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 9 \\ -6 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} = 0.$$

Let  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$ . So, we want to solve:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 9 & 9 \\ -6 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 9 & 9 & 0 \\ -6 & -6 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} r_1 \leftarrow r_1 + \frac{1}{9}r_2 \\ r_2 \leftarrow r_2 - \frac{1}{6}r_1 \end{array} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} r_2 \leftarrow r_2 - r_1 \end{array}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad \begin{array}{l} x = -y = -z \\ y = z \end{array} \quad \text{So, } \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} z \text{ is}$$

a solution to this eq<sup>n</sup>. So, the eigenvectors of  $A$  corresponding to  $\lambda = -1$  are  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} z$  for any  $z \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(We say  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is a "basis" for the eigenspace corresponding to  $\lambda = -1$ .)  $\hookrightarrow$  (don't worry about this yet).

$$\underline{\lambda = 2}: \text{Similarly: } \begin{bmatrix} 8 - \lambda & 9 \\ -6 & -7 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 8 - 2 & 9 & 0 \\ -6 & -7 - 2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 6 & 9 & 0 \\ -6 & -9 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} r_2 \leftarrow r_2 + r_1 \end{array} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 6 & 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$6x = -9y \rightarrow x = -\frac{9}{6}y = -\frac{3}{2}y$$

$$y = z$$

So,  $\begin{bmatrix} -3/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} z$  are the set of eigenvectors corresponding to  $\lambda = 2$ .  $\begin{bmatrix} 3/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is a basis for the eigenspace corresponding to  $\lambda = 2$ .

don't worry about what this means yet!

Note: Since  $z \in \mathbb{R}$ , we know if  $z = 2$ , then  $\begin{bmatrix} -3/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} * 2 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  is an eigenvector.

$\begin{bmatrix} -3/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} z$  gives us an eigenvector for any value of  $z$ .

Do our answers satisfy  $A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x}$ ?

Check

$$\begin{bmatrix} 8 & 9 \\ -6 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

using any eigenvector works here

e.g.  $\begin{bmatrix} 8 & 9 \\ -6 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -16 + 9 \\ 6 - 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = -1 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -8 & +9 \\ 6 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = -1 * \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 8 & 9 \\ -6 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -24 + 18 \\ 18 - 14 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -7 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. @ Find all eigenvalues of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 & -6 \\ -1 & -4 & 5 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & 6 & -6 \\ -1 & -4-\lambda & 5 \\ 2 & 2 & -1-\lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

doing a few row/column ops will make our lives easier!

$$C_3 \leftarrow C_3 + C_2$$

adding a multiple of a row/column to another does not change the determinant.

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & 6 & 0 \\ -1 & -4-\lambda & -\lambda+1 \\ 2 & 2 & -\lambda+1 \end{vmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - R_2} \begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & 6 & 0 \\ -1 & -4-\lambda & -\lambda+1 \\ 3 & \lambda+6 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} + & - & + \\ - & + & - \\ + & - & + \end{pmatrix} = -(-\lambda+1) \begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & 6 \\ 3 & \lambda+6 \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda-1) [(3-\lambda)(\lambda+6) - 18]$$

$$= (\lambda-1) [3\lambda + 18 - \lambda^2 - 6\lambda - 18] = (\lambda-1)(-\lambda^2 - 3\lambda)$$

$$= -\lambda(\lambda-1)(\lambda+3). \text{ So, the eigenvalues of } A \text{ are } \lambda_1=0, \lambda_2=1, \lambda_3=-3.$$

(b) Find the eigenvectors corresponding to  $\lambda_3 = -3$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3+3 & 6 & -6 & | & 0 \\ -1 & -4+3 & 5 & | & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & -1+3 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 6 & -6 & | & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 5 & | & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} R_1 \leftarrow R_1 + 6R_2 \\ R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + 2R_2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 24 & | & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 5 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 12 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} R_1 \leftarrow R_1 - 2R_3 \\ R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - \frac{5}{12}R_3 \end{array} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 12 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} 12z=0 \rightarrow z=0 \\ -x=y \rightarrow x=-y \\ y=z \end{array}$$

So,  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  are eigenvectors corresponding to  $\lambda = 0$ .

In particular,  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is an eigenvector

of  $A$  corresponding to  $\lambda_3 = -3$ .

Check

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 & -6 \\ -1 & -4 & 5 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 + 6 \\ 1 - 4 \\ -2 + 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = -3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$A \quad \vec{x}$   $\vec{x}$

© IS  $A$  invertible?

Recall:  $A$  invertible  $\Leftrightarrow \lambda = 0$  is not an eigenvalue of  $A$ .

i.e.  $A$  not invertible  $\Leftrightarrow \lambda = 0$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ .

So, since we showed  $\lambda = 0$  is an eigenvalue  $\rightarrow A$  not invertible.

b/c " $\rightarrow$ "  $A$  not invertible  $\rightarrow A\vec{x} = 0$  has nontrivial solutions  
 $\rightarrow \exists \vec{x} \neq 0$  s.t.  $A\vec{x} = 0 \rightarrow A\vec{x} = 0\vec{x} \rightarrow 0$  eigenvalue

w/ eigenvector  $\vec{x}$ .

" $\leftarrow$ "  $\lambda = 0$  eigenvalue  $\rightarrow A\vec{x} = 0\vec{x}$  for  $\vec{x} \neq 0$  eigenvector  
 $\rightarrow A\vec{x} = 0$  has nontrivial solution  $\rightarrow A$  not invertible.

3. (a) Find the eigenvalues of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} a - \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & a - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (a - \lambda)(a - \lambda) = (a - \lambda)^2$$

→  $\lambda = a$  is an eigenvalue.

(b) Find all eigenvectors of  $A$ .

$$(A - \lambda I)\vec{x} = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a - a & 0 & \vdots & 0 \\ 0 & a - a & \vdots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \vdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \vdots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} x = t \\ y = s \end{matrix}$$

2 rows of zeros → 2 free parameters

So  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} t + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} s$  is the set of all solutions

→  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  &  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  are eigenvectors → the basis for the

eigenspace is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

don't worry about this yet.

Check

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \checkmark \quad \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ a \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \checkmark$$

Note: Plugging any value of  $t$  &  $s$  into  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} t + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} s$  will work:

e.g.  $t=4, s=1$  gives us  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4a \\ a \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \checkmark$$

4. Consider  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -3 \\ a & b \end{bmatrix}$  and suppose  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is an eigenvector of  $A$ . What must the eigenvalue  $\lambda$  corresponding to  $\vec{x}$  be?

By def<sup>n</sup>  $\vec{x} \neq 0$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  if

$$\boxed{A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x}} \quad \text{for some } \lambda \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -3 \\ a & b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ a+b \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\lambda}_{\lambda} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1}{\lambda}(a+b) \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since we know  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is an eigenvector, we need to get that "1" in the top row. We need to factor out a 2 to do this, so  $\lambda = 2$  must be the eigenvalue. (It doesn't matter what  $a + b$  are ... looking at the first row suffices).

5. (a) Find the eigenvalues of  $A^{10}$  if  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 9 \\ -6 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$ .  
 (b) Find the eigenvectors of  $A^{10}$ .

From #1, we know  $\lambda = 2$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  w/ corresponding eigenvectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + t$ , +  $\lambda = -1$  is an eigenvalue w/ eigenvectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + t$ .

Recall: If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  w/ corresponding eigenvector  $\vec{x}$ , then  $\lambda^k$  an eigenvalue of  $A^k$  w/ corresponding eigenvector  $\vec{x}$ .

e.g.: We know  $A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x} \rightarrow A^3\vec{x} = AA(A\vec{x}) = AA\lambda\vec{x} = \lambda A(A\vec{x}) = \lambda A\lambda\vec{x} = \lambda^3\vec{x}$ .



So,  $(-1)^{10} = 1$  is an eigenvalue of  $A^{10}$  w/ eigenvectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \pm$

and  $\lambda = 1024$  is an eigenvalue of  $A^{10}$  w/ eigenvectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \pm$ .

for some  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$   $\boxed{A^2 = I}$

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a^2 + b^2 & 2bc \\ 2cd & c^2 + d^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Since we know  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , then  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is also an eigenvector of  $A^2$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda^2$ . But  $A^2 = I$ , so  $\lambda^2 = 1$ . This means  $\lambda = 1$  or  $\lambda = -1$ .  
 Similarly,  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  with eigenvalue  $\mu$ , so  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  is an eigenvector of  $A^2$  with eigenvalue  $\mu^2$ . Since  $A^2 = I$ ,  $\mu^2 = 1$ , so  $\mu = 1$  or  $\mu = -1$ .  
 However, the eigenvectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  are linearly independent, so  $A$  must have two distinct eigenvalues,  $1$  and  $-1$ .  
 The eigenvector  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  corresponds to  $\lambda = 1$ , and the eigenvector  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  corresponds to  $\lambda = -1$ .  
 Therefore,  $A$  is similar to  $\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Find the eigenvalues of  $A^{10}$ .  
 Since  $A$  has eigenvalues  $1$  and  $-1$ ,  $A^{10}$  has eigenvalues  $1^{10} = 1$  and  $(-1)^{10} = 1$ .  
 So,  $1$  is the only eigenvalue of  $A^{10}$ .

From #1, we know  $\lambda = 1$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  w/ corresponding eigenvector  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .  
 So,  $1$  is an eigenvalue of  $A^{10}$  w/ eigenvector  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

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$A^{10} = (A^2)^5 = I^5 = I$