

16B Make-up lecture due to zoom recording glitch 😞

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Today: Finish Uppertriangularization story: eigenvalues
Understand consequences for stability
Symmetric Matrix Case

Recall: $\tilde{A} = U^T A U$ where $U^T U = I$ since U has n orthonormal columns that form a basis for n -dim

Upper-triangular: $\tilde{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$ "stuff"

From last lecture

How to Upper-Triangularize: ← Assuming all real eigenvalues.

$UT(A)$: returns a pair U_n^n orthonormal & T upper-triangular
s.t. $U^T A U = T$

$UT(A)$:

if A is 1-dim, return $(U = [1], T = A)$

else. Let \vec{v}_1 be a unit eigenvector of A with eigenvalue λ_1 .

If complex

These boxes would have to change

Use G.S. to construct $n-1$ vectors $R = [\vec{r}_1, \dots, \vec{r}_{n-1}]$

s.t. $[\vec{v}_1, R]$ is orthonormal.

Compute $B = R^T A R$. ← $(n-1) \times (n-1)$ matrix.

Let $U', T' = UT(B)$

Set $U = [\vec{v}_1, R U']$

$T = U^T A U$

Return (U, T)

Schur Decomposition — upper-triangularization.

$\tilde{A} = U^T A U$ where $U^T U = I$ since U has orthonormal columns that form a basis for \mathbb{R}^n

Upper-triangular $\tilde{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$ "stuff"

2 Questions

- 1) What are the eigenvalues of \tilde{A} ?
 \hookrightarrow The $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ on the diagonal of \tilde{A}
- 2) How are the eigenvalues of \tilde{A} related to the eigenvalues of A ?
 \hookrightarrow They're the same.

1) General Fact: If a matrix is upper-triangular, the entries on the diagonal are the eigenvalues.

Consider $\tilde{A}_\lambda = (\tilde{A} - \lambda I)$

We know that if λ is an eigenvalue of \tilde{A} , then the matrix \tilde{A}_λ is not invertible. And vice-versa.

If $\lambda \neq \lambda_i$ for any i , then λ is not an eigenvalue of \tilde{A} .

If $\lambda \neq \lambda_i$, then $\tilde{A}_\lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 - \lambda & & & \\ & \lambda_2 - \lambda & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \lambda_n - \lambda \end{bmatrix}$

has all nonzero entries on the diagonal.

$\implies \tilde{A}_\lambda$ is invertible.

Since $\tilde{A}_\lambda \vec{x} = \vec{b}$ is uniquely solvable by back-substitution.

$\implies \lambda$ is not an eigenvalue of \tilde{A} .

Other direction: If $\lambda = \lambda_i$ for some i , then λ is an eigenvalue of \tilde{A} .

Need to show that $\tilde{A}_\lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 - \lambda & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \lambda_{i-1} - \lambda & \\ & & & 0 \\ & & & & \lambda_{i+1} - \lambda \\ & & & & & \ddots \\ & & & & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$

is not invertible. \Rightarrow Clearly Gaussian elimination will fail to find a pivot at i^{th} step.

Consider first i columns of \tilde{A}_λ .

Claim. $\vec{\alpha}_{\lambda,i}$ is a linear combination of the first $i-1$ columns.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 - \lambda & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 - \lambda & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda_{i-1} - \lambda \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{i-1} \\ \alpha_i \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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 i^{th} column of \tilde{A}_λ

Can use back substitution to solve for weights $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{i-1}$

$$\text{st. } \vec{\alpha}_{\lambda,i} = \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \alpha_j \vec{\alpha}_{\lambda,j}$$

\Rightarrow shows linear dependence.

$\Rightarrow \tilde{A}_\lambda$ has a nullspace that is non-trivial

$\Rightarrow \lambda$ is an eigenvalue of \tilde{A} .

Claim Eigenvalues of \tilde{A} are the same as eigenvalues of A .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Consider: } \det(\lambda I - \tilde{A}) &= \det(\lambda I - U^T A U) \\ &= \det(\lambda U^T U - U^T A U) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \det(U^T (\lambda I - A) U) \\ &= \det(U^T) \det(\lambda I - A) \det(U) \\ &= \det(\lambda I - A) \det(U^T) \det(U) \\ &= \det(\lambda I - A) \det(U^T U) \\ &= \det(\lambda I - A) \det(I) \\ &= \det(\lambda I - A) \end{aligned}$$

The two characteristic polynomials are the same.

\implies eigenvalues are the same.