

Eigenproblems : Eigenvalues, Eigenvectors, Diagonalization, Self-Adjoint Operators

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Quote of Homework Three

**Raoul Duke:** Nonsense. We came here to find the American Dream, and now we're right in the vortex you want to quit? You must realize that we've found the Main Nerve.

Grisoni and Gilliam : Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas (1998)

## 1. EIGENVALUES AND EIGENVECTORS

$$\mathbf{A}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} .1 & .6 \\ .9 & .4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

1.1. **Eigenproblems.** Find all eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ .

## 2. DIAGONALIZATION

2.1. **Eigenbasis and Decoupled Linear Systems.** Find the diagonal matrix  $\mathbf{D}_i$  and vector  $\tilde{\mathbf{Y}}$  that completely decouples the system of linear differential equations  $\frac{d\mathbf{Y}_i}{dt} = \mathbf{A}_i \mathbf{Y}_i$  for  $i = 3, 4, 5$ .

## 3. REGULAR STOCHASTIC MATRICES

For the *regular stochastic matrix*  $\mathbf{A}_4$ , define its associated steady-state vector,  $\mathbf{q}$ , to be such that  $\mathbf{A}_4 \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{q}$ .

3.1. **Limits of Time Series.** Show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{A}_4^n \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{q}$  where  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $x_1 + x_2 = 1$ .

## 4. ORTHOGONAL DIAGONALIZATION AND SPECTRAL DECOMPOSITION

Recall that if  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{C}^n$  then their inner-product is defined to be  $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \mathbf{x}^H \mathbf{y} = \bar{\mathbf{x}}^T \mathbf{y}$ . In this case, the 'length' of the vector is  $\|\mathbf{x}\| = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle}$ .

4.1. **Self-Adjointness.** Show that  $\mathbf{A}_5$  is a self-adjoint matrix.

4.2. **Orthogonal Eigenvectors.** Show that the eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}_5$  are orthogonal with respect to the inner-product defined above.

4.3. **Orthonormal Eigenbasis.** Using the previous definition for length of a vector and the eigenvectors of the self-adjoint matrix, construct an *orthonormal basis* for  $\mathbb{C}^2$ .

4.4. **Orthogonal Diagonalization.** Show that  $\mathbf{U}^H = \mathbf{U}^{-1}$ , where  $\mathbf{U}$  is a matrix containing the normalized eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{A}_5$ .

4.5. **Spectral Decomposition.** Show that  $\mathbf{A}_5 = \lambda_1 \mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_1^H + \lambda_2 \mathbf{x}_2 \mathbf{x}_2^H$ .

## 5. INTRODUCTION OF SELF-ADJOINT OPERATORS

A *Sturm-Liouville (SL) Problem* is defined by the linear transformation  $L$ ,

$$(1) \quad Lu = \frac{1}{w(x)} \left( -\frac{d}{dx} \left[ p(x) \frac{du}{dx} \right] + q(x)u \right),$$

whose nontrivial solutions must satisfy the boundary conditions,

$$(2) \quad k_1 u(a) + k_2 u'(b) = 0$$

$$(3) \quad l_1 u(b) + l_2 u'(a) = 0.$$

5.1. **Equations in SL Form.** Let  $p(x) = 1$ ,  $q(x) = 0$ ,  $w(x) = 1$ ,  $k_1 = l_1 = 0$ ,  $k_2 = l_2 = 1$  and  $a = 0$ ,  $b = \pi$ . Show that the eigenvalue/eigenfunction pairs to the SLP are defined by  $u_n(x) = c_n \cos(\sqrt{\lambda_n} x)$ ,  $c_n \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\lambda_n = n^2$ , for  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$ .

5.2. **Orthogonality of Eigenfunctions.** Using the abstract inner-product defined in homework 2 problem 5.2,  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x)g(x) dx$ , show that the previous eigenfunctions form an orthogonal set. That is, show that  $\langle u_n, u_m \rangle = \pi \delta_{nm}$  for  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , and  $m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ .