

CPSC 531F, Jan 12

General Idea, Admin Stuff

Focus of course: "spectral methods" for

"Complex systems"  
graphs  
Markov chains  
⋮

Spectral: eigenvalues/vector of large matrices,  
focus on symmetric matrices ...

Idea: You have a large  $n \times n$  real/complex matrix,  
want to infer some "global properties" of the matrix  
with a few eigenvalues/vectors computation ...

— Does a graph have "clusters", or does that graph  
"expand" well?

— Does a Markov chain "mix quickly"?

e.g. shuffling cards — how many shuffles of  
a deck of cards are needed to have a

"randomly looking" deck?

52 cards  $\rightsquigarrow$   $52!$  Possible decks of 52 cards ...

— The above are examples where the top few  
eigenvalues tell you a lot.

- Say you have  $m$  points in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $m, n \approx 10^3, 10^6, \dots$   
 Want to represent the  $m$  points in a much smaller  
dimensional space. Arrange points in a matrix,  
 $m \times n$  matrix, use SVD (singular-value decomposition)  
 to get "low rank approximation to  $m \times n$  matrix"  
reducing the  $m$  points in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  
 " " "  $\mathbb{R}^k$  (much smaller)

- Side remarks: symmetric matrices } common theory  
 unitary " } of "normal  
 matrices"  
 unitary matrices  $\rightsquigarrow$  Quantum computing

Textbook (reference): - Matrix Analysis, Horn & Johnson

Grading: - Homework divided into 3 sets  
 3<sup>rd</sup> homework  
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 = short survey  
 article  
 < 80% unlikely

95% and higher = extremely strong encouragement, and  
 for a recommendation

90% " " = very " " "

85% - 89%

= { encouraging work in field, you'll  
have to develop more background  
- this is not your main field of  
research, but you can apply this well

80% - 84%

= student has filled expectations of  
a Ph.D. student in computer science

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- I'll post these iPad notes
- " " some rough and possibly changing notes
- Classes should be recorded

Start technical material!

- Why are symmetric matrices so prevalent?
  - Review the basic theory that we need.
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### Examples of Symmetric Matrices:

(1) Calculus:

$$f(x) = f(x_0) + (x_0 - x) f'(x_0) + \frac{(x - x_0)^2}{2} f''(x_0) + o(x - x_0)^2$$

in one variable, if

$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f$  twice differentiable.

If  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\vec{x}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$f(\vec{x}) = f(\vec{x}_0) + (\vec{x} - \vec{x}_0) \cdot \left[ (\nabla f)(x_0) \right] +$$

$$\frac{1}{2} (\vec{x} - \vec{x}_0)^T \left( D^2 f(x_0) \right) (\vec{x} - \vec{x}_0) + o(|\vec{x} - \vec{x}_0|^2)$$

Here  $D^2 f$  is the "Hessian"

$$D^2f \text{ in } 2\text{-dim} \quad \left. \begin{matrix} f_{x_1x_1} & f_{x_1x_2} \\ f_{x_2x_1} & f_{x_2x_2} \end{matrix} \right\} \begin{matrix} \text{is} \\ \text{symmetric} \end{matrix}$$

since

$$f_{x_2x_1} = f_{x_1x_2} \Rightarrow$$

Thm! If  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{bmatrix}$  is real, symmetric,  $2 \times 2$ ,

then after an "orthonormal change of basis"

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

① Review what this means

② There is an  $n \times n$  symmetric matrix analog to this theorem.

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Recommend to look at Horn & Johnson,

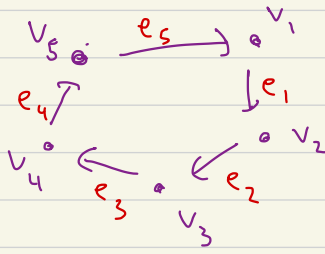
Sections 0.0 - 0.6 . Chapter 0 = collection of useful facts throughout the textbook

② Graph thty you have symmetric matrices:

Directed graph:

formally! a directed graph

(toddlers  
running  
around  
rooms)



$$G = (V_G, E_G, t_G, h_G)$$

$V_G$  = vertex set of  $G$

$E_G$  = (directed) edge set of  $G$

$t_G: E_G \rightarrow V_G$  "tails"

$h_G: E_G \rightarrow V_G$  "heads"

$$\tilde{V} = \{v_1, \dots, v_5\}$$

$$E = \{e_1, \dots, e_5\}$$

$$t_G(e_1) = v_1, h_G(e_1) = v_2$$

$$A_G = \text{adjacency matrix} \quad (A_G)_{ij}, \quad i, j \in \tilde{V}$$

$= \# \text{ edges from } i \text{ to } j$

$v_i, v_j \in \tilde{V}$

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Hern & Johnson: A matrix, entries  $a_{ij}$

$$A \in M_{m,n}(\mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \quad \begin{array}{l} m \text{ rows} \\ n \text{ columns} \end{array}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & & \\ a_{m1} & \dots & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

in this notation

$$A \text{ gives map } \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$v \mapsto Av$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a+2b+3c \\ 4a+5b+6c \end{bmatrix}$$

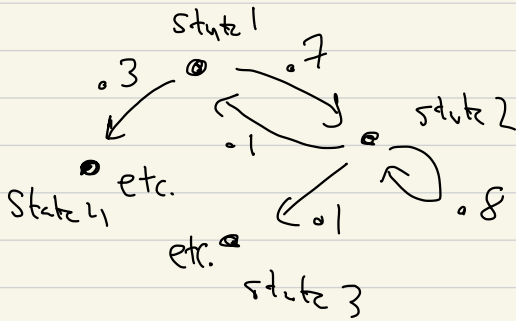


usual linear alg

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

usual way directed graphs and Markov chains

# Markov chain



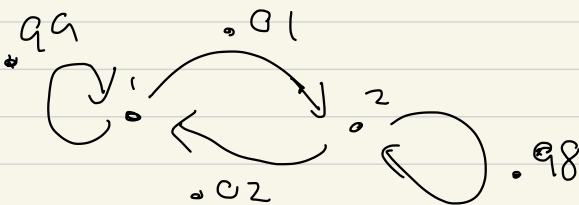
$\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is stochastic (or a probability vector)

if

$\vec{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$  and  $v_i \geq 0$  for all  $i$ ,

$$v_1 + \dots + v_n = 1.$$

A Markov matrix : is an  $n \times n$  matrix  
whose rows are stochastic vectors.



$P_{ij}$  = prob of moving  
from state  $i$  to  $j$



$$[x_1, x_2] \begin{bmatrix} .99 & .01 \\ .02 & .98 \end{bmatrix} = \text{[new distribution]}$$

Class ends

$$\begin{matrix} x_1, x_2 \geq 0 \\ x_1 + x_2 = 1 \end{matrix} = \begin{bmatrix} .99x_1 + .02x_2, & .01x_1 \\ & + .98x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[1 \ 0] \begin{bmatrix} .99 & .01 \\ .02 & .98 \end{bmatrix} = [.99 \ .01]$$

$$[0 \ 1] \quad " \quad = [-.02 \ .98]$$

$x_1$  = probability of being in state 1,  
at some  
time  $t$

$$[x_1, x_2] \text{ time } 0, \quad x_1(0), x_2(0)$$

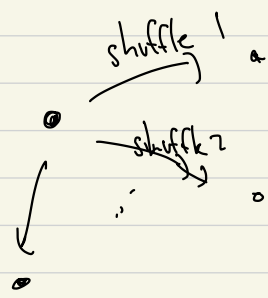
$$[\overset{\text{new}}{x_1}, \overset{\text{new}}{x_2}] \text{ time } 1, \quad x_1(1), x_2(1)$$

$\dots$   $\dots$   $\dots$  2,  $x_1(1), x_2(2)$   
 $\dots$  3,  $\dots$  3 3

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1(t+1) & x_2(t+1) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) & x_2(t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} .99 & .01 \\ .02 & .98 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) & x_2(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1(0) & x_2(0) \end{pmatrix} \left[ \quad \right]^t$$

52 cards : 52! states

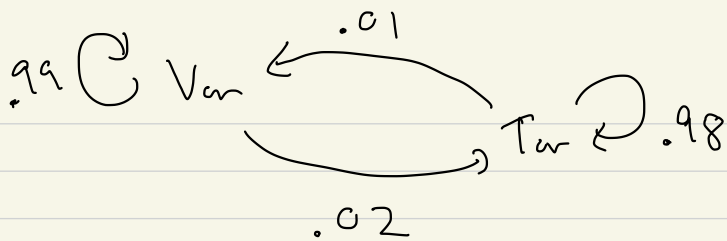


Think of time  $t=0$

probability

- A spades
- K "
- Q "
- J "
- 10 "
- 9 "
- :
- :
- 2 clubs

People in Vancouver  
 $\dots$   $\dots$  Toronto !



each month

time  $t=0$ :  $10^6$  in Van

$10^6 \cdot 1.2$  Toronto

$t=1$ :

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 10^6 & 10^6 \cdot 1.2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{convenient to make this stochastic}} \begin{bmatrix} .99 & .01 \\ .02 & .98 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} & \\ & \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{one month later}$$

convenient to make this stochastic

$$10^6 \begin{bmatrix} 1.0 & 1.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\hookrightarrow$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1.0}{2.2} & \frac{1.2}{2.2} \end{bmatrix} = \text{stochastic}$$