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Today:

- 2 other proofs that symmetric matrices are diagonalizable with an ON basis
- Perron-Frobenius thm

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4 other classes

- Applications
- Student Presentations

some currently  
open research  
problems

Important idea!

Let's say that  $A = A^T$ ,  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$

say that  $A$  has distinct eigenvalues,

$\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ .

①  $\lambda_i$  are real:

Define standard inner product on  $\mathbb{C}^n$

$$\langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle = \underbrace{\vec{v}^* \vec{u}}_{\text{Horn & Johnson}}$$

$$= \underbrace{\vec{v}^H \vec{u}}_{\text{H} = * = \text{conjugate transpose}}$$

$$= u_1 \overline{v_1} + u_2 \overline{v_2} + \dots + u_n \overline{v_n}$$

$$\overline{a+ib} = a - ib, \quad a, b \in \mathbb{R},$$

Warning:  $\langle \alpha \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle, \alpha \in \mathbb{C}$

$$= \bar{\alpha} \langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle$$

but

$$\langle \vec{u}, \alpha \vec{v} \rangle = \bar{\alpha} \langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle$$

BUT, THERE IS NO UNIFORM  
CONVENTION ON THIS! ELSEWHERE

$$\langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle := \bar{u}_1 v_1 + \dots + \bar{u}_n v_n$$

$$\text{then } \langle \alpha \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle = \bar{\alpha} \langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle \dots$$

We want!

$$\langle \vec{u}, \vec{u} \rangle = |u_1|^2 + \dots + |u_n|^2$$

So

$$u_1 \bar{u}_1 + u_2 \bar{u}_2 + \dots$$

=

$$\bar{u}_1 u_1 + \bar{u}_2 u_2 + \dots$$

If  $A = A^T$ ,  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ , and

$$A \vec{u} = \lambda \vec{u}, \quad \vec{u} \neq 0 \quad \text{but} \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$$

(since  $\lambda$  is of rotation generally complex)  
--- (large Markov chain)

$$\langle \vec{A}\vec{u}, \vec{u} \rangle = \vec{u}^H \vec{A} \vec{u}$$

$$= (A^H \vec{u})^H \vec{u}$$

$$= \langle \vec{u}, (A^H)^H \vec{u} \rangle$$

$$= \langle \vec{u}, (A\vec{u}) \rangle$$

Remark:

$$\langle \vec{A}\vec{u}, \vec{u} \rangle = \langle \vec{u}, A\vec{u} \rangle$$

only really use  $\boxed{A^H = A}$  &

$$(\bar{A})^T$$

Hermitian

If  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $A^T = A$

or  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $A^H = A$

then

$$\boxed{\langle A\vec{u}, \vec{u} \rangle = \langle \vec{u}, A\vec{u} \rangle}$$

also

$$\boxed{\langle A\vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle = \langle \vec{u}, A\vec{v} \rangle}$$

e.g.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1+i \\ 1-i & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$A^T = A, \text{ real, } A^H = A$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad A\vec{v} = \lambda \vec{v}, \quad \vec{v} \neq 0, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

if  $A$  real symmetric (or Hermitian)

$$\langle A\vec{v}, \vec{v} \rangle = \langle \vec{v}, A\vec{v} \rangle$$

$$\begin{matrix} \\ \text{II} \end{matrix} \quad \langle \lambda \vec{v}, \vec{v} \rangle = \langle \vec{v}, \lambda \vec{v} \rangle$$

$$\lambda \underbrace{\langle \vec{v}, \vec{v} \rangle}_{\neq 0} = \overline{\lambda} \underbrace{\langle \vec{v}, \vec{v} \rangle}_{\neq 0}$$

$$\lambda = \overline{\lambda}, \quad \text{so} \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \text{ IF } A\vec{v} = \lambda \vec{v}$$

and

$$A\vec{w} = \mu \vec{w}$$

and  $\lambda \neq \mu$ , then  $\vec{v} \perp \vec{w}$ :

$$\langle A\vec{v}, \vec{w} \rangle = \langle \vec{v}, A\vec{w} \rangle$$

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$$\langle \lambda \vec{v}, \vec{w} \rangle = \langle \vec{v}, \mu \vec{w} \rangle$$

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$$\lambda \langle \vec{v}, \vec{w} \rangle$$

$$\langle \vec{v}, \vec{w} \rangle \bar{\mu}$$

$$\langle \vec{v}, \vec{w} \rangle \mu$$

$$(\lambda - \mu) \langle \vec{v}, \vec{w} \rangle = 0$$

$$\cancel{\lambda \neq \mu} \Rightarrow \langle \vec{v}, \vec{w} \rangle = 0$$

So A has distinct eigenvalues

$$\lambda_n < \dots < \lambda_2 < \lambda_1$$

A has eigenvectors  $A \vec{v}_i = \lambda_i \vec{v}_i$

and  $\vec{v}_i \perp \vec{v}_j$  for  $i \neq j$

so  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n$  are mutually orthogonal

Could take  $\hat{v}_i = \vec{v}_i / |\vec{v}_i|$

We've proved:  $A = A^T$  real

or  $A = A^H$

then

if  $A$  has distinct eigenvalues,

then  $A$  has ON eigensbasis.

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Principle! If  $A$  is  $A = A^T$  real

or  $A = A^H$ , there exist

$A_1, A_2, \dots$

s.t. (1)  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} A_m = A$

(2)  $A_m$  are  $\begin{cases} \text{Hermitian} \\ \text{real symmetric} \end{cases}$

if  $A$  is

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Idea

$$A(\varepsilon) = A + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ 2 & 3 & & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & & n \end{bmatrix} \varepsilon$$

real symmetric  
Hermitian

consider

$$A_1 = A(1), \quad A_2 = A\left(\frac{1}{2}\right), \quad A_3 = A\left(\frac{1}{3}\right),$$

$$\dots \quad \text{So} \quad A_m = A\left(\frac{1}{m}\right) \rightarrow A \quad m \rightarrow \infty$$

Claim:  $A(\varepsilon)$ ,  $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}$  has distinct eigenvalues for all but at most finitely

values of  $\varepsilon$ :

Moreover:  $B \in M_n(\mathbb{R}), M_n(\mathbb{C})$ ,

$B$  has distinct eigenvalues

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{poly}_{\lambda_n} \left( b_{11}, b_{12}, \dots, b_{1n}, b_{21}, \dots, b_{nn} \right)$$

$$= 0$$

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$\Leftrightarrow$  other  $\text{poly}_B(\lambda)$  has

distinct roots

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$$p(\lambda) = c_0 + c_1 \lambda + c_2 \lambda^2 + \dots + c_n \lambda^n,$$

$c_n \neq 0$ ,  $p$  has distinct roots iff

$p'(\lambda)$  and  $p(\lambda)$  don't have a common root

e.g.

$$A\lambda^2 + B\lambda + C = 0$$

double-root iff  $B^2 - 4AC = 0$

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In particular

$$A(\varepsilon) = A(1-\varepsilon) + \varepsilon \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 2 & & \\ & & 3 & \\ 0 & & & \ddots \\ & & & n \end{pmatrix}$$

then  $A(\varepsilon)$  has distinct roots

iff some poly or entries of

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc}
 (1-\varepsilon)Q_{11} + \varepsilon & (1-\varepsilon)Q_{12} & (1-\varepsilon)Q_{13} & \cdots & (1-\varepsilon)Q_{1n} \\
 (1-\varepsilon)Q_{21} & (1-\varepsilon)Q_{22} + 2\varepsilon & - & - & - \\
 | & | & | & | & | \\
 (1-\varepsilon)Q_{nn} + \varepsilon n & & & & 
 \end{array} \right)$$

is 0. So distinct eigenvalues

iff poly  $q_A(\varepsilon) = 0$ .

$$\text{But } A(1) = A(1-1) + 1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & \dots & n \end{bmatrix}$$

this has distinct roots. So  $q_A(\varepsilon)$

is not the zero polynomial.

Hence  $q_A(\zeta)$  has only finitely many roots.

mult. rgs

$$q_A(\sigma) = 0 \rightarrow A(\sigma) \quad A\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \quad A(1) \quad \left[ \begin{matrix} i \\ z_2 \\ \dots \\ z_n \\ 0_1 \\ 0_2 \\ \dots \\ 0_n \end{matrix} \right]$$

"homotopy"  $A(\varepsilon) = A - (\mathbb{I} - \varepsilon)^{-1} \left( \begin{matrix} i \\ z_2 \\ \dots \\ z_n \\ 0_1 \\ 0_2 \\ \dots \\ 0_n \end{matrix} \right) \varepsilon$

$$A(\sigma) = A$$

$$A(1) = \left[ \begin{matrix} i \\ z_2 \\ \dots \\ z_n \\ 0_1 \\ 0_2 \\ \dots \\ 0_n \end{matrix} \right]$$

①  $A = A^H$  (or  $A = A^T$  real)

if A has distinct eigenvalues,

→ ON eigenbasis for A

② There is  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m \rightarrow A$

$$\begin{matrix} & A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m \rightarrow A \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ A(1) & A\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) & A\left(\frac{1}{m}\right) \end{matrix}$$

Perturbation

throw out any  $A\left(\frac{1}{m}\right)$  with multiple eigenvalues.

So each  $A_m$  has an eigenbasis.

③ If you have

$A_m$  have ON eigenvectors

$$\vec{V}_{m,1}, \vec{V}_{m,2}, \dots, \vec{V}_{m,n}$$

then a subsequence of

$$m_1, m_2, m_3 \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\vec{V}_{m_j, i} \rightarrow \vec{V}_i$$

and

$\vec{V}_1, \dots, \vec{V}_n$  is an ON eigenvectors

for  $A$ .

Rem:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix},$$

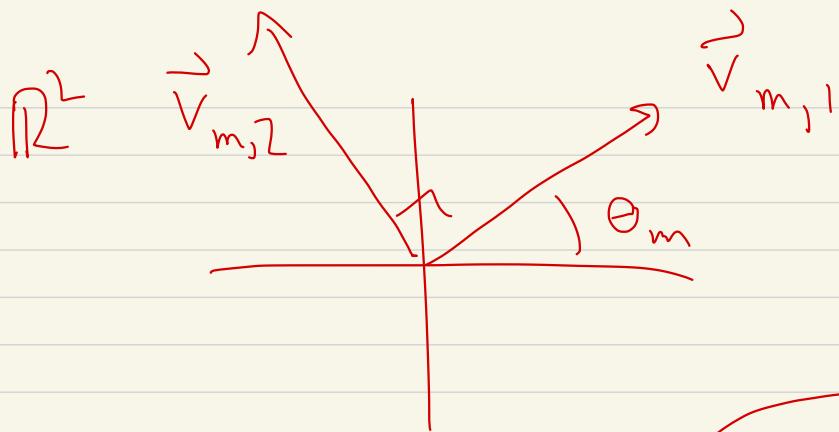
$$A(\varepsilon) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}(1-\varepsilon) + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}\varepsilon$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 3 - \varepsilon & 0 \\ 0 & 3 - 2\varepsilon \end{bmatrix}$$

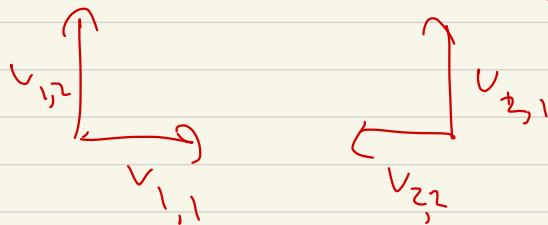
get each  $A(\varepsilon)$ , except

$$3 - \varepsilon = 3 - 2\varepsilon \quad (\varepsilon = 0) \text{ has}$$

distinct eigenvalues, eigenvectors  $\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2$



$$\beta_m = \begin{cases} m \pmod{2\pi} \\ \frac{2\pi}{4} m \pmod{2\pi} \end{cases}$$



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not necessarily limit to a sequence  
of ON vectors, but there is a subsequence

that converges  $\Rightarrow$  Compactness  
of set of ON-eigenvectors

i.e.

$O(n)$  = group near orthogonal matrices;

this is compact



4 minute break

- Perron-Frobenius theory

- 2nd part involves

"normal matrices"

When does  $\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$  test

$$\text{char}_A(\lambda) = \det(\lambda I - A)$$

$$= \det \begin{bmatrix} \lambda - a_{11} & -a_{12} \\ -a_{21} & \lambda - a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= (\lambda - a_{11})(\lambda - a_{22}) - a_{21}a_{12}$$

$$= \lambda^2 c_2 + \lambda c_1 + c_0$$

$\downarrow$                      $\downarrow$                      $\rightarrow$   
 |                         -trace(A)                     $\det(A)$

$$= p_A(\lambda).$$

When does this have distinct roots

$$\left( -\text{trace}(A) \right)^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot \det(A) = 0$$

$P(a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{21}, a_{22})$

$P$  can't be the zero poly:

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ c_2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  has roots in its char poly

$$A(\varepsilon) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} f(1-\varepsilon) + \varepsilon \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$A(\varepsilon)$  has multiple eigenvalues  
iff four entries

$$\text{P} \begin{pmatrix} & & & \\ & 1 & 1 & \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$A(\varepsilon) = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} + \varepsilon \begin{pmatrix} 10 & c \\ c & 10 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{(C)}$$

$$\text{(C)} = \begin{bmatrix} 4+10\varepsilon & 0 \\ 0 & 4+10\varepsilon \end{bmatrix} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{always} \\ \text{has} \\ \text{multiple} \\ \text{eigenvalues} \end{array} \right.$$

$$(-\text{trace}(A))^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot \det(A) = 0$$

$\uparrow$      $\uparrow$   
 $A(\varepsilon)$      $A(c)$

here

$$\left( (4+10\varepsilon)^{-2} \right)^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot (4+10\varepsilon)^2$$


 $= 0$

$$A(\varepsilon) = \underbrace{\text{anything}}_{P(\text{fair crntcs})} (1-\varepsilon) + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \varepsilon$$

$P(\text{fair crntcs}) = P(\varepsilon)$ 


anything

$$\varepsilon = 1, \quad A(\varepsilon) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

distinct eigs

any

$$A(\varepsilon) = \begin{bmatrix} \text{poly}(\varepsilon) & \text{poly}(\varepsilon) - \\ & \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

More generally

$A \quad 3 \times 3$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

there is

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$$P \left( \begin{array}{c} 9 \text{ entries} \end{array} \right) = 0$$

iff A has at least

one multiple eigenvalue

Class ends