

# Math 152 Lecture 21 Complex Eigenvalues

Ex  $R_{\theta}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , let  $R = Rot_{\theta}$ ,  $\theta \neq 0, \pi$

$R\vec{x}$  rotates  $\vec{x}$  by  $\theta \Rightarrow R\vec{x} \neq \lambda\vec{x}, \vec{x} \neq 0$   
 $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  no real eigenvals

Aside

$$A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x}$$



$$A\vec{x} = -3\vec{x}$$

Geometric argument

Algebra:  $R = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$

$$\det(R - \lambda I) = \det \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta - \lambda & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta - \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= (\lambda - \cos \theta)^2 + \sin^2 \theta = 0$$

$$(\lambda - \cos \theta)^2 = -\sin^2 \theta \Rightarrow \lambda - \cos \theta = \pm i \sin \theta$$

$$\lambda = \cos \theta \pm i \sin \theta$$

$$\lambda_1 = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta:$$

$$A - \lambda_1 I = \begin{bmatrix} -i \sin \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & -i \sin \theta \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} -i \sin \theta & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{(div by } \sin \theta \neq 0) \sim \begin{bmatrix} i & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow x_2 = \text{free}$$
  
$$i x_1 + x_2 = 0$$
  
$$x_1 = -1/i = -i/2 = i$$

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Could repeat for  $\lambda_2 = \cos \theta - i \sin \theta$  or use  $\lambda_2 = \bar{\lambda}_1$

\* Note: for real matrix  $A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v} \Rightarrow \overline{A\vec{v}} = \overline{\lambda\vec{v}} \Rightarrow A\bar{\vec{v}} = \bar{\lambda}\bar{\vec{v}}$   
so  $\bar{\lambda}$  and  $\bar{\vec{v}}$  also an eval/evec.

In our case  $\lambda_2 = \cos \theta - i \sin \theta, \vec{v}_2 = \bar{\vec{v}}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Ex  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , find evals/evecs, hint:  $\lambda_1 = 3$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \det \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & -\lambda & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = -\lambda(-\lambda(3-\lambda)+1) + 0 + 3(1) \\ = -\lambda^3 + 3\lambda^2 - \lambda + 3 = 0^*$$

hint  $\lambda_1 = 3$  is a root: divide ~~by~~ my polynomial by  $\lambda - 3$

$$\begin{array}{r} -\lambda^2 \quad -1 \\ \lambda - 3 \overline{) -\lambda^3 + 3\lambda^2 - \lambda + 3} \\ \underline{-\lambda^3 + 3\lambda^2} \phantom{-\lambda + 3} \\ -\lambda + 3 \\ \underline{-\lambda + 3} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

polynomial long div

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda - 3)(-\lambda^2 - 1) = 0^*$$

$$\lambda_1 = 3$$

$$\lambda^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$\lambda_{2,3} = \pm i$$

$$\lambda_1 = 3: A - \lambda I: \begin{bmatrix} \phantom{-3} & \phantom{0} & \phantom{3} \\ \phantom{1} & \phantom{-3} & \phantom{-1} \\ \phantom{0} & \phantom{1} & \phantom{3-i} \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2 = i: A - iI = \begin{bmatrix} -i & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & -i & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3-i \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} i(1) \\ (2) \leftrightarrow (3) \end{array} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3i \\ 0 & 1 & 3-i \\ 1 & -i & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

will eventually go to 0 row

$$\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -3i \\ -3+i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} x_1 = -3i(1) \\ x_2 = -(3-i)(1) \\ x_3 = \text{free} = 1 \end{array} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3i \\ 0 & 1 & 3-i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_3 = -i = \overline{\lambda_2} \quad \text{so } \vec{v}_3 = \overline{\vec{v}_2} = \begin{bmatrix} -3i \\ -3+i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3i \\ -3-i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Ex with previous A, evaluate  $A^{13} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

step 1: find evals/evecs

step 2:  $T\vec{c} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  solve for lin. comb. of evecs

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3i & 3i \\ 0 & -3+i & -3-i \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{c} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3i & 3i & | & 1 \\ 0 & -3+i & -3-i & | & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & -\frac{1}{20} + \frac{3}{20}i \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & -\frac{1}{20} - \frac{3}{20}i \end{bmatrix}$$

so  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{v}_1 + \left(-\frac{1}{20} + \frac{3}{20}i\right) \vec{v}_2 + \left(-\frac{1}{20} - \frac{3}{20}i\right) \vec{v}_3$

$c_2, c_3$   
complex  
conj

$$\begin{aligned} A^{13} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} &= c_1 \lambda_1^{13} \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \lambda_2^{13} \vec{v}_2 + c_3 \lambda_3^{13} \vec{v}_3 \\ &= 3^{13} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \underbrace{\left(-\frac{1}{20} + \frac{3}{20}i\right) i^{13} \begin{bmatrix} -3i \\ -3+i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{U} + \vec{V}} + \underbrace{\left(-\frac{1}{20} - \frac{3}{20}i\right) (-i)^{13} \begin{bmatrix} 3i \\ -3-i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{U} - \vec{V}} \end{aligned}$$

note:  
 $i^{13} = i^{12} i = (-1)^6 i = i$

$2 \operatorname{Re}\{2^{\text{nd}} \text{ term}\}$

$$\begin{aligned} &\operatorname{Re} \left\{ i \left(-\frac{1}{20} + \frac{3}{20}i\right) \begin{bmatrix} -3i \\ -3+i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \left(-\frac{3}{20} - \frac{1}{20}i\right) \begin{bmatrix} -3i \\ -3+i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \begin{bmatrix} -3/20 \\ 1/2 \\ -3/20 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$A^{13} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3^{13} - 6/20 \\ \cancel{1} \\ 3^{13} - 6/20 \end{bmatrix}$$

todo:  
check on  
computer!

Note:  $\lambda^{13}$  was easy here b/c  $\lambda = i$ , more generally you may want use polar form.  
 eg.  $\lambda = 1 + i = \sqrt{2} e^{i\pi/4}$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda^{13} &= (\sqrt{2} e^{i\pi/4})^{13} = 2^{13/2} e^{i13\pi/4} \\ &= 2^{13/2} e^{i5\pi/4} \\ &= 2^{13/2} \left[ \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \right] \\ &= 2^6 (-1 - i) = -64 - 64i \end{aligned}$$

Theory  $\square$  complex evals/evecs of real matrices  
 come in complex conj pairs  
 $(\lambda, \vec{v})$   
 $(\bar{\lambda}, \bar{\vec{v}})$

examples last day.

- $\square$  the dimension of space eigenvectors corresponding to  $\lambda$  is at least one and at most the multiplicity of the root  $\lambda$  of  $\det(A - \lambda I)$
- $\square$  if  $C = \{v_1, \dots, v_m\}$  is a set of evecs corresponding to different evals then  $C$  is l.i.  $\rightarrow$  "a basis of eigenvectors"
  - $\hookrightarrow$  if  $A$  has no repeated evals, it has a basis of eigenvectors
  - $\hookrightarrow$  if  $A$  has repeated eval, there may or may not be a basis of evecs.

$\hookrightarrow$  possible to modify recipe for  $A^n \vec{x}$  but not in this course.

Common in many applications

if  $A$  is symmetric then it always has real eigenvalues and it always has a basis of eigenvectors (even if there are repeated roots).

### Random walks

recall: problem  $P^n \vec{x}^{(0)}$

- non-negative  $P_{ij}$
  - columns sum to 1
- prob. transition matrix
- initial prob. vec.

defn

If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P^n \vec{x}^{(0)} = \vec{p}$  for every initial prob. vec.  $\vec{x}^{(0)}$ ,

then we say the random walk has an equilibrium probability vector  $\vec{p}$

Theory: for transition matrix  $P$ :

- (1) eigenvalues satisfy  $|\lambda| \leq 1$
- (2) always at least one eigenvalue  $\lambda_1 = 1$ . If this is the only eigenvalue with  $|\lambda| = 1$  then  $\vec{v}_1$  (evec with  $\lambda_1 = 1$ ) is (after scaling) the equilibrium probability
- (3) if  $|\lambda| < 1$ , then the corresponding evec has entries that sum to zero.
- (4) if  $P$  (or power of  $P$ ) is matrix with strictly positive entries, the random walk has an equilibrium probability

Ex  $P = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$

by (4) it has  
an equilibrium  
prob.