

The last class!

- 1) Review from the perspective of "equivalence of matrices"
- 2) An application - Perron-Frobenius Theorem.

Recall: Last time we defined the notion of an equivalence relation.

An example: similarity of matrices.

We say $A \sim B$ are similar if
 \uparrow
 $n \times n$ -matrices

$\exists C$ - an invertible $n \times n$ -matrix, s.t.
 $B = C^{-1}AC$.

Another example: For symmetric $n \times n$ -matrices,

say that A and B are equivalent if

$\exists P$ - an orthogonal matrix s.t. $P^{-1}AP = B$.

In these terms, the spectral theorem says that any symmetric matrix is equivalent to a diagonal matrix

Much harder theorem

Back to $n \times n$ -matrices, $A: V \rightarrow V$

Back to similarity relations: you only choose a basis in V one time

$$A \sim B \Leftrightarrow \exists C \in GL_n(F): A = C^{-1} B C$$

How much can we simplify a matrix up to similarity?

- If the characteristic polynomial of A has n distinct roots

$$P_A(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I)$$

then A has a basis of eigenvectors

In this basis, A is diagonal!

(for each v_i , $A v_i = \lambda_i v_i$, so the i th column

of A is $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_i \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ i th place)

in the eigenvector basis, the matrix of A

$$\text{is } \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2 & \\ 0 & & \ddots \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}.$$

- If $P_A(\lambda)$ has multiple roots: $P_A(\lambda) = (x - \lambda_1)^{k_1} \dots (x - \lambda_n)^{k_n}$
then cannot always make it diagonal ~~is~~:
But can get it to Jordan Normal Form (cannot prove)

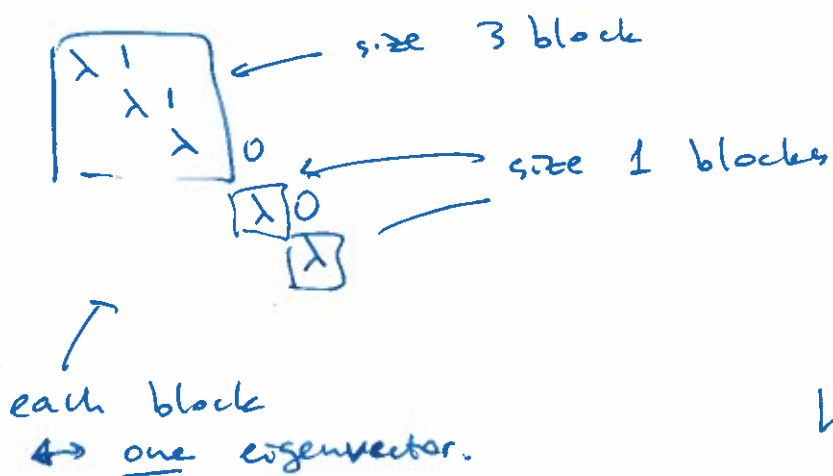
$$\begin{pmatrix} \square & & 0 & 0 \\ & \square & & 0 \\ & & \square & \\ 0 & 0 & & \square \end{pmatrix}$$

each block looks like

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 & & 0 \\ & \lambda & & \\ & & \lambda & \\ 0 & & & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

the same eigenvalue

For a multiple eigenvalue, get smth like:



λ has algebraic multiplicity 5.
 $P_A(\lambda)$ has root of mult. 5 at λ .
 here $\dim \ker(A - \lambda I) = 3$.

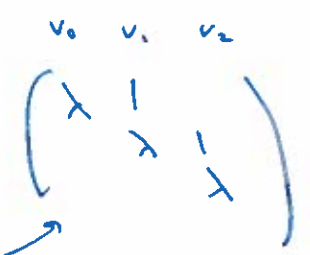
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Hard part: dealing with the situation when we do not have "enough" eigenvectors: when geometric multiplicity $\dim \ker(A - \lambda I) < \text{algebraic multiplicity of } \lambda$.

↑ not part of this course

Then we need to find more basis vectors v_1, v_2, \dots such that:
 $(A - \lambda I)v_1 = v_0$ ← the eigenvector
 $(A - \lambda I)v_2 = v_1$
 \dots

This gives the Jordan block



here:

$$Av_0 = \lambda v_0$$

$$Av_1 = \lambda v_1 + v_0$$

$$Av_2 = \lambda v_2 + v_1$$

this is hard because $A - \lambda I$ is not invertible!
 So hard to prove they exist;
 also they are not unique
 - how to make good choices?

2) Now, Applications

Today: applications: - discrete dynamical systems
 (quick sketch) - stochastic matrices, probability Markov chains

Idea: many situations where you have "state" and apply linear operator, get a new "state".

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a bunch of numbers

Then do it many times.

Example: "state" could be - populations of rabbits and foxes.

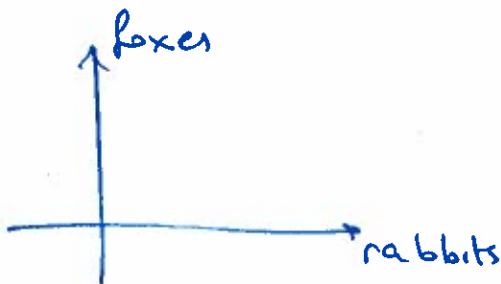
linear operator could be encoding how these populations influence each other:

- number of rabbits eaten by foxes is proportional to the number of foxes.

$$\begin{matrix} r & f \\ r & \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & * a_{12} \\ * a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} \\ f & \end{matrix}$$

born: proportional to how many you have

initial state: $\begin{pmatrix} R_0 \\ F_0 \end{pmatrix}$ ← # rabbits
 $\begin{pmatrix} R_0 \\ F_0 \end{pmatrix}$ ← # foxes



$$\begin{pmatrix} R_1 \\ F_1 \end{pmatrix} = A \cdot \begin{pmatrix} R_0 \\ F_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

↑
populations after 1 year

↑
2x2 matrix based on your predictions

$$R_1 = a_{11} R_0 + a_{12} F_0$$

↑
neg. number accounting for fox food.

↑
positive number "percentage of births" and death of rabbits.

After one year: $\begin{pmatrix} R_1 \\ F_1 \end{pmatrix} = A \begin{pmatrix} R_0 \\ F_0 \end{pmatrix}$

After n years: $\begin{pmatrix} R_n \\ F_n \end{pmatrix} = A^n \begin{pmatrix} R_0 \\ F_0 \end{pmatrix}$

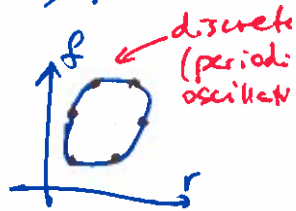
(Note: you could have seen predator-prey model in terms of differential equations:

$f(t), r(t)$ - # foxes/rabbits at time t .

$f'(t) = a_{11}f(t) + a_{12}r(t)$

Our model is a discrete version of this.

(individual states, not continuous time).



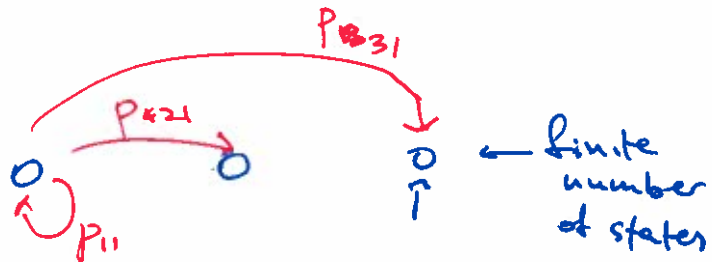
(Note: look at linear recurrences).

In many situations, such a system will approach a steady state: from any initial state, it will approach some fixed state as n gets large. ("equilibrium").

Finite automaton

Markov chain

"vending machine"



Your imaginary machine is a list of probabilities P_{ji} of going from state i to state j

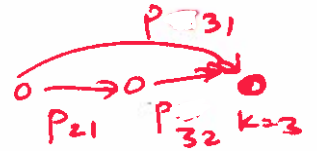
$P_{ij} \geq 0$, $\sum_{j=1}^n P_{ij} = 1$ ← we have to go somewhere from state i

Let $\bar{s} = (s_1, \dots, s_n)$ ← probabilities of our states.
(initially)

Let $P = (p_{ij})$

The new probabilities are $P\bar{s}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} & \dots & p_{1n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ p_{k1} & \dots & \dots & p_{kn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_n \end{pmatrix}$$



The k^{th} coordinate of this vector is the probability that we ended up in state k :

We could have come to it from:

state 1 with prob. $p_{k1} \cdot s_1$

+

state 2 with prob. $p_{k2} \cdot s_2$

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$$\sum_{j=1}^n p_{kj} s_j = \text{the } k^{\text{th}} \text{ entry of } P\bar{s}$$

The properties of P :

• $p_{ij} \geq 0$

• columns sum to 1.

positive
stochastic
matrix

(Note: predator-prey model doesn't satisfy these conditions).

Perron-Frobenius Theorem

- 1) A stochastic matrix has eigenvalue 1 and unique (up to scaling) eigenvector corr. to this eigenvalue
- 2) All other eigenvalues satisfy $|\lambda| < 1$.
(if $a_{ij} > 0$).

Pf: Let A be a stochastic matrix.
Consider A^T - the transpose of A .

Then the rows of A^T sum to 1.

$$A^T \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{sum of row 1} \\ - \\ \text{sum of row } n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{eigenvector} \\ \text{of } A^T \\ \text{with} \\ \text{eigenvalue } 1 \end{array}$$

But A and A^T have the same char. poly.

$$= \det(A - \lambda I) = \det(A^T - \lambda I^T) = \det(A - \lambda I)$$

↑
transpose
doesn't affect det.

So 1 is an eigenvalue of A

So there must be an eigenvector of A .

$Aw = w$, Then $A^n w = w$. \leftarrow "steady state"

2) $Av = \lambda v$

$$\left(\sum_{j=1}^n a_{jk} v_j \right)_{k=1}^n$$

\leftarrow easy to check.

$$|\sum a_{jk} v_j| \leq \sum |a_{jk}| |v_j| \leq v_j \underbrace{(\sum |a_{jk}|)}_1 \Rightarrow |\lambda| < 1.$$

When A is diagonalizable, this means:

$$A^m = C^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_m \end{pmatrix}^m C$$

$$\lambda_1 = 1.$$

$\rightarrow 0$ as $m \rightarrow \infty$
b/c $|\lambda_i| < 1$ for $i \neq 1$.

So: $A^m \xrightarrow{m \rightarrow \infty}$ projector onto the
1-dim subspace spanned
by the steady state w .

Ex: Google page rank is the steady state of the
"google matrix".
(see the link on the webpage)