

Math 223, lecture 26

Q: let T be diagonalizable, with matrix $\text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ in basis of eigenvectors.

is $\det T = \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$?

A: yes: $\det T = \det(\text{matrix of } T)$

(similar matrices have same determinant:

$$\det(SAS^{-1}) = \cancel{(\det S)} (\det A) \cancel{(\det S)^{-1}} \\ = \det A.$$

Also: (f/w) char poly of T is

$$p_T(x) = \det(x - T) = \prod_{i=1}^n (x - \lambda_i)$$

plug in $x=0$. (det = prod of e.v. counted with
als. multiplicity)

Setup: V f.d. vsp, $T \in \text{End}(V)$

says that T is **diagonalizable** (diagonalizable)

if have a basis of V consisting of eigenvectors of T .

\Leftrightarrow if T has matrix which is diagonal

Applications: easier to work with diagonal matrices

Example: let A be a square matrix, $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$

Def: The trace of A is the number

$$\text{tr } A = \sum_{i=1}^n A_{ii}.$$

Lemma: if A, B are similar then $\text{tr } A = \text{tr } B$

Pf: Say $B = SAS^{-1}$. Then

$$\text{tr } B \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{i=1}^n B_{ii} = \sum_i \left(\sum_{j,k} S_{ij} A_{jk} S_{ki}^{-1} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{i,j,k} S_{ij} A_{jk} S_{ki}^{-1}$$

$$= \sum_{j,k} A_{jk} \left(\sum_i S_{ki}^{-1} S_{ij} \right)$$

$$= \sum A_{ii} \cdot (S^{-1}S)_{ii} \leftarrow S^{-1}S = I_n \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{j,k} A_{jk} \cdot \delta_{jk} \\
 &= \sum_j A_{jj} = \text{Tr } A
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (S^{-1}S)_{ij} &= \sum_k \delta_{kj} \\
 &= \delta_{ij}
 \end{aligned}$$

Cor: Define for $T \in \text{End}(V)$, $\text{Tr } T = \text{Tr } A$ for any matrix of A .

Prop: Say T is diagonal with eigenvalues $\{\lambda_i\}_{i=1}^n$. Then $\text{Tr } T = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$.

Pf: One matrix of T is $\text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$

Again, if T is any matrix, $p_T(x) = \prod_{i=1}^n (x - \lambda_i)$

then $\text{Tr } T = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$.

"Proofs": (1) $\text{Tr } T$ is continuous in T ,
 $\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$ is cts (λ_i are cts in T)

the two are equal on the dense set of diagonalizable matrices

(2) Look at $\det(x - A)$:

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} x-a_{11} & & & \\ & x-a_{22} & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & x-a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} = \text{poly in } x.$$

$$\sum_{\sigma \in S_n} (-1)^\sigma \prod_{i=1}^n (x-a)_{i, \sigma(i)}$$

↑
bijections $[n] \rightarrow [n]$

Coefficient of $x^{n-1} = ?$

to get x^{n-1} must choose $n-1$ of the diagonal entries. The only row + col missing an entry are of the other diagonal entry.

choose n entries from matrix, all from different rows, cols, multiply + sign, add all possibilities

So, coeff of x^{n-1} in $p_T(x)$

$$= \text{coeff of } x^{n-1} \text{ is } (x-a_{11}) \dots (x-a_{nn})$$

Example

$$\begin{pmatrix} x-a_{11} & -a_{12} & -a_{13} \\ -a_{21} & x-a_{22} & -a_{23} \\ -a_{31} & -a_{32} & x-a_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

(1st entry of 1st row
3rd " " " 3rd row
in 2nd row must
choose 2nd entry)

\Rightarrow coeff of x^{n-1} in $\prod_{i=1}^n (x - \lambda_i)$, $\prod_{i=1}^n (x - a_{ii})$
are equal. These are $-\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$, $-\sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$
respectively. So $\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$.

Aside: Also true: every matrix is similar
to an upper-triangular matrix.

(Proves the claims too)

Summary: An endomorphism $T \in \text{End}(V)$
($\dim V = n$) has a trace $\text{tr } T$,
has a determinant $\det T$.

We have $\text{tr } T = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$, $\det T = \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$

where we count eigenvalues with alg.
multiplicity.

Proof easy for diagonalizable maps, uses characteristic poly in general

If $T \in \text{End}(V)$, what do we call V_0 ?
A: it's the kernel $\ker(T)$

so nullity of T = geom multiplicity of the eigenvalue 0.

Applications: (1) Power method
(2) random walks
(3) Google Page Rank

Say T is diagonalizable. How do we find an eigenvector?
if $V = \mathbb{R}^n$

Idea: "power method". Define $\|v\|_\infty = \max_i |v_i|$

check: $\|av\| = |a| \cdot \|v\|$, $\|u+v\| \leq \|u\|_\infty + \|v\|_\infty$

Say $\{v_i\}_{i=1}^n \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is a basis of eigenvectors,

$\{\lambda_i\}_{i=1}^n \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ are the eigenvalues,

say $|\lambda_1| > |\lambda_2| \geq |\lambda_3| \geq |\lambda_4| \geq \dots$
 \uparrow
 spectral gap

Take random vector \underline{v} . We have $\underline{v} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \underline{v}_i$
 for some a_i . Generically All $a_i \neq 0$

Let k be large, consider $A^k \underline{v}$

$$A^k \underline{v} \stackrel{\text{linearity}}{=} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i A^k \underline{v}_i = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \lambda_i^k \underline{v}_i$$

$$= \lambda_1^k \left(a_1 \underline{v}_1 + \sum_{i=2}^n \left(\frac{\lambda_i}{\lambda_1} \right)^k a_i \underline{v}_i \right)$$

As k grows, all \underline{v}_i are suppressed except for \underline{v}_1

Actually, rescale vectors to have size 1.

Set $\underline{w}^{(0)} = \underline{v}$, $\underline{w}^{(k+1)} = \frac{A \cdot \underline{w}^{(k)}}{\|A \underline{w}^{(k)}\|_\infty}$

($\frac{\text{vector}}{\text{length}} = \text{vector of length 1}$)

(aside: because $\|a \underline{v}\| = |a| \|\underline{v}\|$, $\underline{w}^{(k)} = \frac{A^k \underline{v}}{\|A^k \underline{v}\|_\infty}$)

(computationally, rescale at every step.)

(theoretically "can rescale at end")

rescaled vectors $\underline{w}^{(k)} \rightarrow$ multiple of \underline{v} ,

if I have a good approximation to \underline{v} ,
can find λ , by applying A .

side remark: only need multiplication by A
very efficient if A is sparse (mostly 0)

Asides can use power method to

find r largest eigenvalues: take r
vectors

$\underline{w}_1^{(k)}, \underline{w}_r^{(k)}$, apply A to get

$A \underline{w}_1^{(k)}, \dots, A \underline{w}_r^{(k)}$

remove $\underline{w}_1^{(k+1)}$ component from $\underline{w}_2^{(k+1)}$,

$\underline{w}_1, \underline{w}_2 - \dots \quad \quad \quad \underline{w}_3$
 \vdots

(works best if A is symmetric)

Observe: ("inverse iteration") eigenvalues of $(A-\lambda)^{-1}$ are $\frac{1}{\lambda_i - \lambda}$.

So largest eigenvalue of $(A-\lambda)^{-1}$ corresponds to eigenvalue of A closest to λ

(now define $\underline{w}^{(k+1)}$ as solution to eqn

$$(A - \lambda) \underline{w}^{(k+1)} = \underline{w}^{(k)}.$$

Netflix problem: have a large matrix

$$N \in M_{I \times J}(\mathbb{R}) \quad I = \text{users}$$

$J = \text{movies}$

problems we know a few of the entries, want to fill in the rest.

one assumption: $\text{rk } N$ is small

If A is symmetric, have algorithms for finding all eigenvalues & eigenvectors. More expensive.

Book on numerical eigenvalues (free,
online)

Bai - Demmel - Dongarra - Rube - van der Vorst
"templates for the solution of algebraic
eigenvalue problems"