

Math 220 Class Slides

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Course Assignments Slides

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1 Matrix of a Linear Map for a Pair of Bases

- 3 ways to characterize the matrix of

$$V \xrightarrow{\phi} W$$

relative to bases

\mathbf{v} and \mathbf{w}

1. The transport diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V & \xrightarrow{\phi} & W \\ \alpha_{\mathbf{v}} \uparrow & & \uparrow \alpha_{\mathbf{w}} \\ \mathbf{R}^n & \xrightarrow{f_M} & \mathbf{R}^m \end{array}$$

where

$$f(x) = Mx$$

- 2.

$$M_{ij} = i\text{-th coordinate of } f(v_j) \text{ relative to } \mathbf{w}$$

- 3.

$$f(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{w}M$$

2 April 29, Exercise No. 2

Problem: Find the matrix of the reflection of \mathbf{R}^3 in the plane

$$6x - 2y + 3z = 0$$

Solution:

- Let

$\sigma =$ the reflection $\pi =$ projection of \mathbf{R}^3 on the plane

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$$\sigma(p) - \pi(p) = \pi(p) - p$$

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$$\sigma = 2\pi - 1$$

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$\lambda =$ projection of \mathbf{R}^3 on the normal vector N

$$\pi = 1 - \lambda$$

$$\sigma = 1 - 2\lambda$$

$$\lambda(p) = \left(\frac{p \cdot N}{N \cdot N} \right) N \quad N = (6, -2, 3)$$

$$\lambda((x, y, z)) = L \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \quad L = \frac{1}{49} \begin{pmatrix} 36 & -12 & 18 \\ -12 & 4 & -6 \\ 18 & -6 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{required matrix} = 1 - 2L = \frac{1}{49} \begin{pmatrix} -23 & 24 & -36 \\ 24 & 41 & 12 \\ -36 & 12 & 31 \end{pmatrix}$$

3 April 29, Exercise No. 4

Problem: Let S be the 3×3 matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 10 & -6 & -2 \\ -6 & 5 & -8 \\ -2 & -8 & 3 \end{pmatrix} .$$

Find an orthogonal matrix U and a diagonal matrix D such that

$$S = UDU^{-1} .$$

Solution:

- Characteristic polynomial: $X(t) = t^3 - 18t^2 - 9t + 810$
- Eigenvalues — roots of $X(t)$: $-6, 9, 15$
- Eigenvectors (in order):

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$D = \begin{pmatrix} -6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 15 \end{pmatrix} \quad U = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

4 May 1, Exercise No. 2

Problem: Give an example of a 2×2 matrix having eigenvalues 1 and -1 where the corresponding eigenvectors form the angle $\pi/4$.

Solution:

- Begin with the diagonal matrix having 1 and -1 as eigenvalues.

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$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- $(1, 0)$ and $(0, 1)$ are the eigenvectors of D .
- Perform a change of basis

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{e}Q$$

where the columns of Q form the angle $\pi/4$.

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$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\text{required matrix } M = QDQ^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

• **Note:**

1. Recall for any matrices G and H one has

$$(GH)_j = GH_j,$$

where j as a subscript on a matrix indicates the j -th column.

2. The j -th column of a diagonal matrix is a scalar times the j -th column of the identity matrix.
3. Apply these observations to the relation

$$MQ = QD$$

to understand why the columns of Q are eigenvectors of M .

5 May 1, Exercise No. 3

Problem: Show that the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

is not similar to a diagonal matrix.

Solution:

- Characteristic polynomial: $t^2 - 4t + 4 = (t - 2)^2$
- Only one eigenvalue: 2
- Eigenspace for the eigenvalue 2 has dimension 1
- No basis consisting of eigenvectors
- Hence, not diagonalizable.

6 May 1, Exercise No. 4

Problem: Let S be the 3×3 symmetric matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

1. Find an orthogonal matrix U and a diagonal matrix D such that

$$U^{-1}SU = D.$$

2. What is the largest value achieved on the unit sphere $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 = 1$ by the function

$$h(x) = {}^t x S x = 2x_1^2 + 3x_2^2 + 2x_3^2 - 2x_1x_2 - 2x_2x_3 ?$$

Solution:

- Characteristic polynomial: $X(t) = t^3 - 7t^2 + 14t - 8$
- Eigenvalues — roots of $X(t)$: 1, 2, 4
- Eigenvectors (in order):

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad U = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{3} & -1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{6} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} & 0 & -2/\sqrt{6} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{6} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Since U is an orthogonal matrix, Uv is on the unit sphere if and only if v is on the unit sphere.
- Write $x = Uv$ and compute $h(x)$ as a function of v .
- Since U is an orthogonal matrix, $U^{-1} = {}^t U$.

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$$h(x) = h(Uv) = {}^t(Uv)S(Uv) = {}^t v {}^t U S U v = {}^t v D v = v_1^2 + 2v_2^2 + 4v_3^2$$

- The maximum value of $h(x) = h(Uv)$ when $\|v\| = \sqrt{v \cdot v} = 1$ is 4.