

Q1) Eigenvalues of a 2×2 matrix

$$M_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 9 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

a) Characteristic equation of M_1 .

Characteristic polynomial.

$$\begin{aligned} \det(\lambda I - M_1) &= (\lambda - A)(\lambda - D) - BC \\ &= \lambda^2 - (A + D)\lambda + (AD - BC) \\ &= \lambda^2 - (4 + 6)\lambda + (4 \cdot 6 - 0 \cdot 9) \\ &\rightarrow \det = \lambda^2 - 10\lambda + 24 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So, } \lambda^2 - 10\lambda + 24$$

 $\hookrightarrow$ Characteristic equation.

b) Eigenvalues.

$$\text{Solve } \lambda^2 - 10\lambda + 24 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta &= (-10)^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 24 = 100 - 96 = 4 \\ &= 100 - 96 \\ &= 4, \end{aligned}$$

Eigenvalues.

$$\lambda = \frac{10 \pm 2}{2} \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \frac{12}{2} = 6, \lambda_2 = \frac{8}{2} = 4$$

$$\text{So, } \lambda_1 = 6 \text{ \& } \lambda_2 = 4$$

c) Trace Check.

$$\text{trace}(M_1) = A + D = 4 + 6 = 10$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sum of eigenvalues} &= 6 + 4 \\ &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

Equal!

$$\text{Q2) } M_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 9 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \text{ w/ eigenvalues } \lambda_1 = 6, \lambda_2 = 4$$

a) Eigenvalues.

For $\lambda = 6$

$$\text{Solve } (M_1 - 6I)v = 0,$$

$$M_1 - 6I = \begin{bmatrix} 4-6 & 0 \\ 9 & 6-6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 9 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Equations: } -2x = 0 \text{ \& } 9x = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0, y \text{ free.}$$

$$\text{Choose } y = 1 \text{ An eigenvector: } v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For $\lambda = 4$

$$\text{Solve } (M_1 - 4I)v = 0$$

$$M_1 - 4I = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 9 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Equations: } 0 \cdot x + 0 \cdot y &= 0 \text{ (no info)} \\ \& 9x + 2y &= 0 \Rightarrow y = -\frac{9}{2}x \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Choose } x = 2$$

$$v_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q2 continued.

b) Normalize.

$$\text{For } v_6 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}: \|v_6\| = \sqrt{0^2 + 1^2} = 1$$

$$\text{Normalized } \hat{v}_6 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ (already unit)}$$

$$\text{For } v_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix}: \|v_4\| = \sqrt{2^2 + (-9)^2} = \sqrt{85}$$

$$\text{Normalized } \hat{v}_4 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{85}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix}$$

c) Verify $M_1 v = \lambda v$

For $\lambda = 6, v_6 = (0, 1)^T$:

$$M_1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 1 \\ 9 \cdot 0 + 6 \cdot 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = 6 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For $\lambda = 4, v_4 = (2, -9)^T$:

$$M_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \cdot 2 + 0 \cdot (-9) \\ 9 \cdot 2 + 6 \cdot (-9) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 18 - 54 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -36 \end{bmatrix} = 4 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q3. Eigenvalues of 3×3 matrix

a) Characteristic polynomial.

$$M_2 = \begin{bmatrix} A & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & B & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & C \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

a) Characteristic polynomial.

For any triangular matrix T ,
 $\det(\lambda I - T) = \prod_i (\lambda - t_{ii})$

So

$$\chi_{M_2}(\lambda) = (\lambda - A)(\lambda - B)(\lambda - C)$$

Substituting $A = 4, B = 0, C = 9, D = 6$

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_{M_2}(\lambda) &= (\lambda - 4)(\lambda - 0)(\lambda - 9)(\lambda - 6) \\ &= \underline{\lambda^4 - 13\lambda^3 + 36\lambda^2} \end{aligned}$$

b) Eigenvalues.

Roots of χ_{M_2} are the eigenvalues.

$$\lambda = 4, \lambda = 0, \lambda = 9$$

c) Key property of triangular matrices.

The eigenvalues of a triangular matrix are exactly its diagonal entries.

Equivalently,

$$\det(\lambda I - T) = \prod_i (\lambda - t_{ii})$$

so computing eigenvalues reduces to reading diagonal.

Q4. Eigenvectors of a 3×3 matrix.

$$M_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(\lambda I - M_3) = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 4 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & \lambda & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & \lambda - 9 \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding along the first row.

$$\chi(\lambda) = (\lambda - 4) \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & -1 \\ -1 & \lambda - 9 \end{vmatrix} - (-1) \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ -1 & \lambda - 9 \end{vmatrix} + (-1) \begin{vmatrix} -1 & \lambda \\ -1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Compute each 2×2 determinant...

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & -1 \\ -1 & \lambda - 9 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda(\lambda - 9) - (-1)(-1) = \lambda^2 - 9\lambda - 1$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ -1 & \lambda - 9 \end{bmatrix} = (-1)(\lambda - 9) - (-1)(-1) = -\lambda + 8$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} -1 & \lambda \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = (-1)(-1) - (\lambda)(-1) = 1 + \lambda$$

Substitute back.

$$\chi(\lambda) = (\lambda - 4)(\lambda^2 - 9\lambda - 1) + (-\lambda + 8) - (1 + \lambda)$$

Simplify

$$\chi(\lambda) = (\lambda - 4)(\lambda^2 - 9\lambda - 1) - 2\lambda + 7$$

Expand.

$$(\lambda - 4)(\lambda^2 - 9\lambda - 1) = \lambda^3 - 13\lambda^2 + 35\lambda + 4$$

Then.

$$\chi(\lambda) = \lambda^3 - 13\lambda^2 + 33\lambda + 11$$

Solve.

$$\lambda^3 - 13\lambda^2 + 33\lambda + 11 = 0$$

No integer roots.

$$\lambda_1 \approx 9.3412$$

$$\lambda_2 \approx 3.9564$$

$$\lambda_3 \approx -0.2976$$

b) Find the eigenvalues.

For each eigenvalue, solve $(M_3 - \lambda I)v = 0$

For $\lambda_1 = 9.3412$:

$$(M_3 - 9.3412I) \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} -5.3412x + y + 2 = 0 \\ x - 9.3412y + 2 = 0 \\ x + y - 0.3412z = 0 \end{cases}$$

Solving gives proportional components.

$$x:y:z \approx 0.2053 : 0.1259 : 0.9706$$

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2053 \\ 0.1259 \\ 0.9706 \end{bmatrix}$$

For $\lambda_2 = 3.9564$

$$M_3 - 3.9564I \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 0.0436x + y + 2 = 0 \\ x - 3.9564y + 2 = 0 \\ x + y + 5.0436z = 0 \end{cases}$$

Solution proportional to $v_2 \approx$

$$(0.9564, 0.1846, -0.2262)^T$$

For $\lambda_3 = -0.2976$

$$M_3 + 0.2976I \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 4.2976x + y + 2 = 0 \\ x + 0.2976y + 2 = 0 \\ x + y + 9.2976z = 0 \end{cases}$$

Solution proportional: $v_3 \approx$

$$(0.2076, -0.9747, 0.0825)^T$$

Normalize to unit length...

$$\hat{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2053 \\ 0.1259 \\ 0.9706 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.9564 \\ 0.1846 \\ -0.2262 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2076 \\ -0.9747 \\ 0.0825 \end{bmatrix}$$

c) Are the eigenvectors orthogonal.

Yes, because M_3 is real symmetric ($M_3^T = M_3$)

A real symmetric matrix always has real eigenvalues & mutually orthogonal eigenvectors for distinct eigenvalues.

Q5. Diagonalization & Verification.

$$M_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 9 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

a) Is M_4 diagonalizable?

Yes, the characteristic polynomial gave two distinct eigenvalues $\lambda_1 = 6$ & $\lambda_2 = 4$.

A 2×2 matrix with two distinct eigenvalues has two linearly independent eigenvectors, therefore, it is diagonalizable.

b) If yes, find P (eigenvectors)

Λ (eigenvalues)

such that $M_4 = P \Lambda P^{-1}$

For $\lambda_1 = 6$, an eigenvector $v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

For $\lambda_2 = 4$, an eigenvector $v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -9 \end{pmatrix}$

Take P with these eigenvectors as columns & Λ the diagonal matrix of eigenvalues in the same order:

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ 1 & -9 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det P = 0 \cdot (-9) - 2 \cdot 1 = -2$$

$$P^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det P} \begin{bmatrix} -9 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{-2} \begin{bmatrix} -9 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{9}{2} & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

c) Verify $P \Lambda P^{-1} = M_4$

$$P \Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ 1 & -9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \cdot 6 & 2 \cdot 4 \\ 1 \cdot 6 & -9 \cdot 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 36 & 8 \\ 6 & -36 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiply w/ P^{-1}

$$\begin{aligned} P \Lambda P^{-1} &= \begin{bmatrix} 36 & 8 \\ 6 & -36 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{9}{2} & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 36 \cdot \frac{9}{2} + 8 \cdot \frac{1}{2} & 36 \cdot 1 + 8 \cdot 0 \\ 6 \cdot \frac{9}{2} + (-36) \cdot \frac{1}{2} & 6 \cdot 1 + (-36) \cdot 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 162 + 4 & 36 + 0 \\ 27 - 18 & 6 + 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 166 & 36 \\ 9 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= M_4 \end{aligned}$$