

- Vector space and subspaces
- Independence, basis and dimension
- Range, nullspace, inverse and rank
- Similarity transform, norms and inner product
- Eigenvectors and eigenvalues
- Jordan canonical form and Cayley-Hamilton theorem

- Concept of a vector space.
  - Consider the familiar spaces  $R^1, R^2, \dots, R^n$ .
  - $R^1$  is a 1-dimensional space, i.e., a line.
  - $R^2$  is a 2-dimensional or a plane.

Can we generalize operations performed in this spaces?
- A linear (vector) space consists of
  - a set  $\mathcal{V}$ .
  - a vector sum  $+$  :  $\mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$ .
  - scalar multiplication :  $R \times \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$ .
  - a zero element :  $0 \in \mathcal{V}$ .

- The following properties hold for a vector space.
  - $x + y = y + x, \forall x, y \in \mathcal{V}$  (commutative).
  - $(x + y) + z = x + (y + z), \forall x, y, z \in \mathcal{V}$  (associative).
  - $0 + x = x, \forall x \in \mathcal{V}$ .
  - $\forall x \in \mathcal{V} \exists (-x) \in \mathcal{V}$  such that  $x + (-x) = 0$ .
  - $(\alpha\beta)x = \alpha(\beta x), \forall \alpha, \beta \in R, \forall x \in \mathcal{V}$ .
  - $\alpha(x + y) = \alpha x + \alpha y, \forall \alpha \in R, \forall x, y \in \mathcal{V}$ .
  - $(\alpha + \beta)x = \alpha x + \beta x, \forall \alpha, \beta \in R, \forall x \in \mathcal{V}$ .
  - $1 \cdot x = x, \forall x \in \mathcal{V}$ .

- Examples.
  - $\mathcal{V}_1 = R^n$  with standard vector addition and scalar multiplication.
  - $\mathcal{V}_2 = \{0\}$  (where  $0 \in R^n$ ).
  - $\mathcal{V}_3 = \text{span}(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k)$  where  $\text{span}(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k) = \{\alpha_1 v_1 + \dots + \alpha_k v_k \mid \alpha_i \in R\}$ .
  - $\mathcal{V}_4 = \{x : R_+ \rightarrow R^n \mid x \text{ is differentiable}\}$ .  
vector sum is the sum of the functions, i.e.,  $(x + z)(t) = x(t) + z(t)$  and scalar multiplication is defined by  $(\alpha x)(t) = \alpha x(t)$ .
  - $\mathcal{V}_5 = \{x \in \mathcal{V}_4 : \dot{x} = Ax\}$   
(points in  $\mathcal{V}_5$  are trajectories of the linear system  $\dot{x} = Ax$ ).

- A subspace of a vector space is a subset of a vector space which is in itself a vector space.
  - $\mathcal{V}_1, \mathcal{V}_2$  and  $\mathcal{V}_3$  are subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
  - $\mathcal{V}_5$  is a subspace of  $\mathcal{V}_4$ .
- For a subspace, we only need to check that
  - vector addition holds and
  - scalar multiplication holds.

Other properties follow and are automatically satisfied.

- Vectors  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are independent iff
 
$$\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_k v_k = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \dots = \alpha_k = 0$$
- Saying vectors are independent is equivalent to coefficients of  $\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_k v_k = v$  are uniquely determined, i.e.,

$$\alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_k v_k = \beta_1 v_1 + \beta_2 v_2 + \dots + \beta_k v_k$$

implies that  $\alpha_1 = \beta_1, \alpha_2 = \beta_2, \dots, \alpha_k = \beta_k$ .

## Independent Vectors, Basis and Dimension

- Independence is also equivalent to saying vector  $v_i, i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$  cannot be expressed as a linear combination of the other vectors  $v_1, \dots, v_{i-1}, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_k$ .
- Linearly dependent vectors. One vector may be expressed as a linear combination of the other vectors.
- A set of vectors  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$  is a basis for a vector space  $\mathcal{V}$  if
  - $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k$  span  $\mathcal{V}$ , i.e.,  $\mathcal{V} = \text{span}(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k)$ .
  - $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k$  are linearly independent.

## Independent Vectors, Basis and Dimension

- If you have a set of basis vectors, then every  $v \in \mathcal{V}$  can be uniquely expressed as
 
$$v = \alpha_1 v_1 + \alpha_2 v_2 + \dots + \alpha_k v_k$$
- You can have many sets of basis vectors for a given vector space  $\mathcal{V}$ .  
For a given vector space  $\mathcal{V}$ , the number of vectors in any basis is the same.
- Definition. The dimension of a vector space,  $\dim \mathcal{V}$ , is the number of vectors in any basis.

## Nullspace and Range

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- The nullspace of  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is defined as

$$\mathcal{N}(A) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid Ax = 0\}$$

- $\mathcal{N}(A)$  is a set of vectors mapped to zero by  $y = Ax$ .
  - $\mathcal{N}(A)$  is a set of vectors orthogonal to all rows of  $A$ .
- Given  $y = Ax$ 
    - if  $z \in \mathcal{N}(A)$ , then  $y = A(x + z)$ .
    - conversely, if  $y = A\tilde{x}$ , then  $\tilde{x} = x + z$  for some  $z \in \mathcal{N}(A)$ .

## Nullspace and Range

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- A zero nullspace.  $\mathcal{N}(A) = \{0\} \Leftrightarrow$ 
  - $x$  can always be uniquely determined from  $y = Ax$  (i.e., the linear map  $y = Ax$  does not lose information).
  - columns of  $A$  are independent (hence, a basis for their span).
  - $A$  has a left inverse, i.e., there is a matrix  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  such that  $BA = I$ .
  - $\det(A^T A) \neq 0$ .

## Nullspace and Range

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- Suppose  $z \in \mathcal{N}(A)$ .
- The linear equation  $y = Ax$  can represent the output due to input  $x$ .
  - $z$  is an input with no output result.
  - $x$  and  $x + z$  have the same output.
- $\mathcal{N}(A)$  characterizes the freedom of input choice that will result in a given output.

## Nullspace and Range

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- The linear equation  $y = Ax$  can represent measurement of  $x$ .
  - $z$  will not be detected by sensors, i.e., you get zero sensor readings.
  - $x$  and  $x + z$  are indistinguishable from sensors :  
 $Ax = A(x + z)$ .
- $\mathcal{N}(A)$  characterizes ambiguity in  $x$  from  $y = Ax$ .

## Nullspace and Range

- The range of  $A \in R^{m \times n}$  is defined as

$$\mathcal{R}(A) = \{Ax \mid x \in R^n\} \subseteq R^m$$

- This can be interpreted as
  - $\mathcal{R}(A)$  is the set of vectors that can be 'reached' by the mapping  $y = Ax$ .
  - $\mathcal{R}(A)$  is equivalent to the span of columns of  $A$ .
  - $\mathcal{R}(A)$  is the set of vectors  $y$  such that  $Ax = y$  has a solution.
- Also called as the column space of  $A$ .

## Nullspace and Range

- $A$  is called onto if  $\mathcal{R}(A) = R^m \Leftrightarrow$ 
  - $Ax = y$  can be solved in  $x$  for any  $y$ .
  - the columns of  $A$  span  $R^m$ .
  - $A$  has a right inverse, i.e., there is a matrix  $B \in R^{n \times m}$  such that  $AB = I$ .
  - the rows of  $A$  are independent.
  - $\det(AA^T) \neq 0$ .

## Nullspace and Range

- Suppose  $v \in \mathcal{R}(A)$  and  $w \notin \mathcal{R}(A)$ .
  - Let  $y = Ax$  represent a measurement of  $x$ .
    - $y = v$  is a possible or consistent sensor signal.
    - $y = w$  is impossible or inconsistent; sensors have failed or model is wrong.
  - Let  $y = Ax$  represent an output resulting from input  $x$ .
    - $y = v$  is a possible output.
    - $y = w$  cannot be an output or result.
- $\mathcal{R}(A)$  characterizes the possible results or outputs.

## Inverse and Rank of a Matrix

- $A \in R^{n \times n}$  is invertible or nonsingular if  $\det A \neq 0$ .
- Equivalently.
  - the columns of  $A$  are a basis for  $R^n$ .
  - the rows of  $A$  are a basis for  $R^n$ .
  - $y = Ax$  has a unique solution  $x$  for every  $y \in R^n$ .
  - $A$  has a (left and right) inverse denoted by  $A^{-1} \in R^{n \times n}$ , with  $A^{-1}A = AA^{-1} = I$ .
  - $\mathcal{N}(A) = \{0\}$ .
  - $\mathcal{R}(A) = R^n$ .
  - $\det(A^T A) = \det(AA^T) \neq 0$ .

- Definition. Rank of  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  as

$$\text{rank}(A) = \dim \mathcal{R}(A)$$

- Useful facts.

- $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^T)$ .
- $\text{rank}(A)$  is the maximum number of independent columns of  $A$ .
- $\text{rank}(A)$  is the maximum number of independent rows of  $A$ .
- $\text{rank}(A) \leq \min(m, n)$ .
- $\text{rank}(A) + \dim \mathcal{N}(A) = n$ .

- Interpretation of  $\text{rank}(A) + \dim \mathcal{N}(A) = n$ .
- The  $\text{rank}(A)$  is the dimension of the set that can be reached by the mapping  $y = Ax$ .
- The  $\dim \mathcal{N}(A)$  is the dimension of the subset of all possible  $x$  that gets mapped to zero by  $y = Ax$ .
- Conservation of dimension. Each dimension of input either appears at the output or gets mapped to zero.

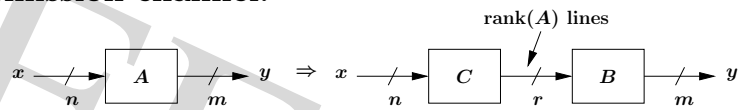
- Definition. Full rank. For  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  we always have  $\text{rank}(A) \leq \min(m, n)$ .

$A$  is full rank if  $\text{rank}(A) = \min(m, n)$ .

- Full rank square matrices are nonsingular.
- For fat matrices ( $n > m$ ), full rank means that the rows are independent.
- For tall matrices ( $m > n$ ), full rank means that the columns are independent.

- Interpretation of rank in coding.  
Rank product.  $\text{rank}(BC) \leq \min\{\text{rank}(B), \text{rank}(C)\}$ .
- Thus, if  $A = BC$  with  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times r}$ ,  $C \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times n}$ , then  $\text{rank}(A) \leq r$ .
- Conversely, if  $\text{rank}(A) = r$  then  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  can be factored as  $A = BC$  with  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times r}$ ,  $C \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times n}$ .

• Transmission channel.



$\text{rank}(A) = r$  is the minimum number of lines needed to faithfully reconstruct  $y$  from  $x$ .

• Impact in computing  $y = Ax$ .

- directly : you need to perform  $mn$  operations
- compute  $z = Cx$  first, then  $y = Bz$  :  
 $rn + mr = (m + n)r$  operations.

Significant savings if  $r \ll \min\{m, n\}$ .

• Standard basis vectors in  $R^n$  :  
 $(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n)$

$e_i$  has a 1 in the  $i$ th component and zeros in the rest.

$$e_i = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

• Thus, we can write any  $x \in R^n$  as

$$x = x_1e_1 + x_2e_2 + \dots + x_n e_n$$

The coefficients  $x_i$  are the elements (coordinates) of  $x$  in the standard basis.

• If  $(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$  is another basis for  $R^n$ , we may write

$$x = \tilde{x}_1 t_1 + \tilde{x}_2 t_2 + \dots + \tilde{x}_n t_n$$

where  $\tilde{x}_i$  are the coordinates of  $x$  in the new basis.

• Define  $T = [t_1 \ t_2 \ \dots \ t_n]$  such that  $x = T\tilde{x}$ . We have

$$\tilde{x} = T^{-1}x$$

- $T$  is nonsingular since  $t_i$  are a basis.
- $T^{-1}$  transforms the standard basis coordinates of  $x$  into the  $t_i$  coordinates.

• Consider the linear transformation

$$y = Ax, \quad A \in R^{n \times n}$$

• Express  $y$  and  $x$  in terms of  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n$ .

$$x = T\tilde{x}, \quad y = T\tilde{y}$$

Thus,

$$\tilde{y} = (T^{-1}AT)\tilde{x}$$

- $A \rightarrow T^{-1}AT$  is called a similarity transformation.
- a similarity transformation  $T$  expresses the linear transformation  $y = Ax$  in  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n$  coordinates.

## Euclidean Norm

- For  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  we define the (Euclidean) norm as

$$\|x\| = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2} = \sqrt{x^T x}$$

$\|x\|$  is the length of the vector.

- Properties of the norm.

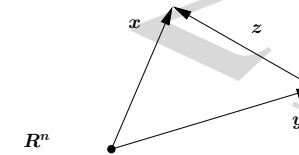
- homogeneity :  $\|\alpha x\| = |\alpha| \|x\|$
- triangle inequality :  $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$
- nonnegativity :  $\|x\| \geq 0$
- definiteness :  $\|x\| = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$ .

## Euclidean Norm

- The distance of the vector from the origin is also given by  $\|x\|$ .

- The distance between vectors is

$$\text{dist}(x, y) = \|x - y\|$$



## Inner Product

- The inner product of two vectors  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is defined as

$$\langle x, y \rangle = x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 + \dots + x_n y_n = x^T y$$

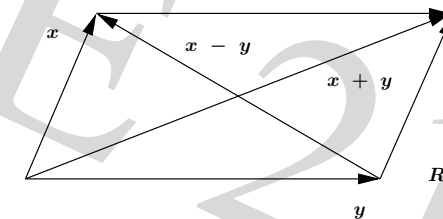
- Properties of the inner product.

- $\langle \alpha x, y \rangle = \alpha \langle x, y \rangle$
- $\langle x + y, z \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle + \langle y, z \rangle$
- $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle y, x \rangle$
- $\langle x, x \rangle \geq 0$
- $\langle x, x \rangle = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$

## Inner Product

- Parallelogram equality.

$$\|x + y\|^2 + \|x - y\|^2 = 2(\|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2)$$



## Inner Product

- Cauchy-Schwartz inequality. For any  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$|x^T y| \leq \|x\| \|y\|$$

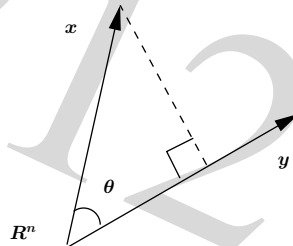
Note that this only holds for the 2-norm.

- Angle between vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

$$\theta = \angle(x, y) = \cos^{-1} \frac{x^T y}{\|x\| \|y\|}$$

Thus,

$$x^T y = \|x\| \|y\| \cos \theta$$



## Inner Product

- Special cases and the meaning of  $x^T y$ .

–  $x$  and  $y$  are aligned.

$$\theta = 0 \Rightarrow x^T y = \|x\| \|y\|.$$

if  $x \neq 0$ ,  $y = \alpha x$  for some  $\alpha \geq 0$

–  $x$  and  $y$  are in opposite directions.

$$\theta = \pi \Rightarrow x^T y = -\|x\| \|y\|.$$

if  $x \neq 0$ ,  $y = -\alpha x$  for some  $\alpha \geq 0$

–  $x$  and  $y$  are orthogonal ( $x \perp y$ ).

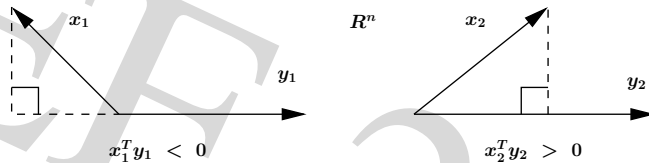
$$\theta = \pm \pi/2 \Rightarrow x^T y = 0$$

–  $x^T y > 0$  means  $\angle(x, y)$  is acute.

–  $x^T y < 0$  means  $\angle(x, y)$  is obtuse.

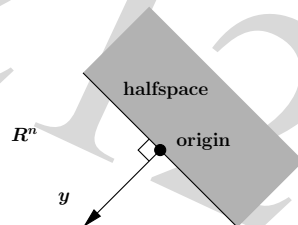
## Inner Product

- Example.  $x_1^T y_1 < 0$  and  $x_2^T y_2 > 0$ .



- Halfspace with outward normal vector  $y$  and boundary passing through the origin.

$$\{x \mid x^T y \leq 0\}$$



## Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

- Definition.  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  is an eigenvalue of  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  if

$$\mathcal{X}(\lambda) = \det(\lambda I - A) = 0$$

- If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue  $\Leftrightarrow$

there exists a nonzero  $v \in \mathbb{C}^n$  such that  $(\lambda I - A)v = 0$ , i.e.,

$$Av = \lambda v$$

Such a  $v$  is termed an eigenvector of  $A$  associated with the eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .



- If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue  $\Leftrightarrow$  there exists a nonzero  $w \in C^n$  such that  $w^T(\lambda I - A) = 0$ , i.e.,

$$w^T A = \lambda w^T$$

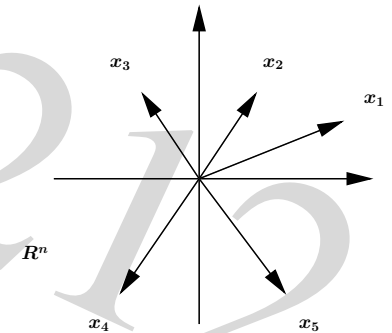
Such a  $w$  is called a left eigenvector of  $A$ .

- Conjugate symmetry. If  $v \in C^n$  is an eigenvector associated with  $\lambda \in C$ , then  $\bar{v}$  is the eigenvector associated with  $\bar{\lambda}$ .

$$Av = \lambda v \Rightarrow \bar{A}v = \bar{\lambda}v \Rightarrow A\bar{v} = \bar{\lambda}\bar{v}$$

- Scaling. If  $v$  is an eigenvector, the effect of  $A$  on  $v$  is similar to scaling  $v$  by  $\lambda$ .

- $\lambda \in R, \lambda > 0$ .  
 $v$  and  $Av$  point in the same direction.
- $\lambda \in R, \lambda < 0$ .  
 $v$  and  $Av$  point in opposite directions.
- $\lambda \in R, |\lambda| < 1$ .  
 $v$  is larger than  $Av$ .
- $\lambda \in R, |\lambda| > 1$ .  
 $v$  is smaller than  $Av$ .



- Diagonalization.

Suppose  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  are linearly independent eigenvectors of  $A \in R^{n \times n}$ .

$$Av_i = \lambda_i v_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

- We can express this as

$$A[v_1 \ v_2 \ \dots \ v_n] = [v_1 \ v_2 \ \dots \ v_n] \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \dots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

- Define  $T = [v_1 \ v_2 \ \dots \ v_n]$  and  $\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)$ , so that

$$AT = T\Lambda$$

- Thus,

$$T^{-1}AT = \Lambda$$

$T^{-1}$  exists since  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  are linearly independent.

- $T$  is a similarity transformation that diagonalizes  $A$ .

- Converse. If there exist a vector  $T = [v_1 \ v_2 \ \dots \ v_n]$  such that

$$T^{-1}AT = \Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)$$

then  $AT = T\Lambda$ , i.e.,

$$Av_i = \lambda_i v_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

such that  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  are linearly independent eigenvectors of  $A$ .

- Briefly,  $A$  is diagonalizable if
  - there exists  $T$  such that  $T^{-1}AT = \Lambda$  is diagonal.
  - $A$  has a set of linearly independent eigenvectors.

- We can also use the left eigenvectors for diagonalization.

Rewrite  $T^{-1}AT = \Lambda$  as  $T^{-1}A = \Lambda T^{-1}$ .

Assigning,  $w_1^T, w_2^T, \dots, w_n^T$  as the rows of  $T^{-1}$  we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} w_1^T \\ w_2^T \\ \vdots \\ w_n^T \end{bmatrix} A = \Lambda \begin{bmatrix} w_1^T \\ w_2^T \\ \vdots \\ w_n^T \end{bmatrix}$$

- Thus,  $w_i^T A = \Lambda_i w_i^T$ .

The rows of  $T^{-1}$  are left eigenvectors. They are also normalized so that

$$w_i^T v_j = \delta_{ij}$$

- Definition. If  $A$  is not diagonalizable, it is called defective.

- Take for example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The characteristic polynomial is  $\mathcal{X}(s) = s^2$ .

$\Rightarrow \lambda = 0$  is the only eigenvalue.

Eigenvectors satisfy  $Av = 0v = 0$ .

- Thus,  $Av = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$

and the eigenvectors have the form

$$v = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{where } v_1 \neq 0$$

$\Rightarrow A$  does not have two linearly independent eigenvectors.

$\Rightarrow A$  is not diagonalizable.

- If  $A$  has distinct eigenvalues, i.e.,  $\lambda_i \neq \lambda_j$  for  $i \neq j$ , then  $A$  is diagonalizable.

- The diagonal form is important in investigating how a control system behaves.

What if  $A$  cannot be diagonalized?

Alternatively, we can use the Jordan canonical form.

- Any matrix  $A \in R^{n \times n}$  can be put in the Jordan canonical form by the a similarity transformation.

$$T^{-1}AT = \begin{bmatrix} J_1 & & \\ & \dots & \\ & & J_q \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $J_i$  is a Jordan block of size  $n_i$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$ .

- The Jordan form is useful for investigating system concepts.

However, it is never used for numerical computations.

- How do we determine the Jordan canonical form.

Given

$$\mathcal{X}(\lambda) = \det(\lambda I - A) = (s - \lambda_1)^{n_1} \dots (s - \lambda_q)^{n_q}$$

with distinct eigenvalues.

$\Rightarrow n_i = 1 \Rightarrow A$  is diagonalizable.

- A Jordan block  $J_i$  of size  $n_i$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$ .

$$J_i = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_i & 1 & & \\ & \lambda_i & \dots & \\ & & \dots & 1 \\ & & & \lambda_i \end{bmatrix}$$

- Properties of the Jordan form.

–  $J$  is upper diagonal.

–  $J$  is the special case of  $N$  Jordan blocks of size  $n_i = 1$ .

– Jordan form is unique (up to the permutations of the blocks).

– we can have multiple blocks with the same eigenvalue.

- The dimension of  $\mathcal{N}(\lambda I - A)$  is the number of Jordan blocks associated with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .

- In general,

$$\dim \mathcal{N}(\lambda I - A)^k = \sum_{\lambda_i = \lambda} \min\{k, n_i\}$$

Using  $k = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $\dim \mathcal{N}(\lambda I - A)^k$ , we can deduce the sizes of the Jordan blocks associated with  $\lambda$ .

- Suppose  $T^{-1}AT = J = \text{diag}(J_1, \dots, J_q)$ .

Express  $T$  as

$$T = [T_1 \ T_2 \ \dots \ T_q]$$

where  $T_i \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n_i}$  are the columns of  $T$  associated with  $i$ th Jordan block  $J_i$ .

- Expanding

$$A[T_1 \ T_2 \ \dots \ T_q] = [T_1 \ T_2 \ \dots \ T_q] \cdot \text{diag}(J_1, \dots, J_q)$$

we can write  $AT_i = T_i J_i$ .

- Let  $T_i = [v_{i1} \ v_{i2} \ \dots \ v_{in_i}]$ , then we have

$$Av_{i1} = \lambda_i v_{i1}$$

i.e., the first column of each  $T_i$  is an eigenvector associated with eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$ .

- For  $j = 1, \dots, n_i - 1$ ,

$$Av_{ij} = v_{i,j-1} + \lambda_i v_{ij}$$

Vectors  $v_{i1}, \dots, v_{in_i}$  are called generalized eigenvectors.

### Cayley-Hamilton Theorem

- Useful for deriving solutions to linear equations.

- If  $p(s) = a_0 + a_1s + \dots + a_k s^k$  is a polynomial and  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , we define

$$p(A) = a_0 I + a_1 A + \dots + a_k A^k$$

- Cayley-Hamilton theorem.

For any  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , we have  $\mathcal{X}(A) = 0$ , where  $\mathcal{X}(s) = \det(sI - A)$ .

### Cayley-Hamilton Theorem

- Example.

For  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , we have

$$\mathcal{X}(s) = \det(sI - A) = s^2 - 3s - 10$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{X}(A) &= A^2 - 3A - 10I \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 13 & 9 \\ 12 & 16 \end{bmatrix} - 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - 10I \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

## Cayley-Hamilton Theorem

- Corollary. For every  $p \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ , we have

$$A^p \in \text{span}\{I, A, A^2, \dots, A^{n-1}\}$$

Additionally, if  $A$  is nonsingular, the above holds for  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

- Every power of  $A$  can be expressed as a linear combination of  $I, A, A^2, \dots, A^{n-1}$ .

Proof. Divide  $s^p$  by  $\mathcal{X}(s)$  to get

$$\frac{s^p}{\mathcal{X}(s)} = q(s) + \frac{r(s)}{\mathcal{X}(s)} \Rightarrow s^p = q(s)\mathcal{X}(s) + r(s)$$

## Cayley-Hamilton Theorem

- For  $p = -1$ , rewrite Cayley-Hamilton theorem

$$\mathcal{X}(A) = A^n + a_{n-1}A^{n-1} + \dots + a_0I = 0$$

as

$$I = A \left[ -\frac{a_1}{a_0} - \frac{a_2}{a_0}A - \dots - \frac{1}{a_0}A^{n-1} \right]$$

- Note : since  $A$  is nonsingular,  $a_0 \neq 0$ . Thus,

$$A^{-1} = -\frac{a_1}{a_0} - \frac{a_2}{a_0}A - \dots - \frac{1}{a_0}A^{n-1}$$

i.e., the inverse of  $A$  may be expressed as a linear combination of  $I, A, A^2, \dots, A^{n-1}$ .

## Cayley-Hamilton Theorem

- Where  $q(s)$  is the quotient polynomial and  $r(s) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1s + \dots + \alpha_{n-1}s^{n-1}$  is the remainder polynomial.

- Then,

$$\begin{aligned} A^p &= q(A)\mathcal{X}(A) + r(A) \\ &= r(A) \\ &= \alpha_0I + \alpha_1A + \dots + \alpha_{n-1}A^{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

- You could also show this by taking  $\mathcal{X}(A) = 0$  and expressing higher powers of  $A$  in terms of lower powers of  $A$ .

## Proof of Cayley-Hamilton Theorem

- First assume  $A$  is diagonalizable, i.e.,  $T^{-1}AT = \Lambda$ .

$$\mathcal{X}(s) = (s - \lambda_1)(s - \lambda_2)\dots(s - \lambda_n)$$

- Since  $\mathcal{X}(A) = \mathcal{X}(T\Lambda T^{-1}) = T\mathcal{X}(\Lambda)T^{-1}$ , it is sufficient to show  $\mathcal{X}(\Lambda) = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{X}(\Lambda) &= (\Lambda - \lambda_1I)(\Lambda - \lambda_2I)\dots(\Lambda - \lambda_nI) \\ &= \text{diag}(0, \lambda_2 - \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n - \lambda_1) \\ &\quad \dots \text{diag}(\lambda_1 - \lambda_n, \dots, \lambda_{n-1} - \lambda_n, 0) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

- For the general case, use the Jordan form.

With  $T^{-1}AT = J$ , we get

$$\mathcal{X}(s) = (s - \lambda_1)^{n_1}(s - \lambda_2)^{n_2} \dots (s - \lambda_n)^{n_q}$$

- It is sufficient to show  $\mathcal{X}(J_i) = 0$ .

$$\mathcal{X}(J_i) = (J_i - \lambda_1 I)^{n_1} \dots \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots \\ & & \dots & \dots \end{bmatrix}}_{(J_i - \lambda_i I)^{n_i}} \dots (J_i - \lambda_q I)^{n_q}$$

$$= 0$$

- Linear algebra is the main tool for dealing with linear systems.
- Definitions.
  - vector space and subspace
  - Independence, basis and dimension
  - Range, nullspace, inverse and rank
  - Similarity transform, norms and inner product
- Important concepts.
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  - Jordan canonical form and Cayley-Hamilton theorem