

# Quiz (10) (Lecture 15)

Given a basis, one can always find an orthonormal one with the same span  $\rightarrow$  True: Gram-Schmidt

For any basis  $\{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$  of the vector space  $U$ , it holds that  $u = (u_1 \cdot u)u_1 + (u_2 \cdot u)u_2 + (u_3 \cdot u)u_3$ , ( $u \in U$ ) False: (True for orthonormal basis)

If an  $m$  by  $n$  matrix  $Q$  has orthonormal columns, then  $\|Qx\| = \|x\|$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  True:  $\|Qx\| = \|(Q^T Q)x\| = \|x\|$

If  $\det(A) = -1$  for some square matrix  $A$ , then there is some  $b$  such that  $Ax = b$  has infinitely many solutions  $\rightarrow$  True:  $(Ax)^T = (x^T A^T)^T = x^T A^T = x^T (-A) = -x^T A = -b^T$

If  $\det(A^2) = 1$  for some square matrix  $A$ , then  $A$  has all eigenvalues equal to 1 or -1 False:  $\det(A^2) = (\det A)^2 = 1 \Rightarrow \det A = \pm 1$

If  $A^2 = 0$  for some square matrix  $A$ , then all the eigenvalues of  $A$  are zero. True:  $Ax = \lambda x \Rightarrow A^2 x = \lambda^2 x = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 0$

A 3 by 3 matrix with eigenvalues 0, 0, 1 always verifies that  $\text{rank}(A) = 1$  False:  $\text{rank}(A) = 2$

A 3 by 3 matrix with eigenvalues 0, 1, -1 is always diagonalizable True:  $\lambda = 0$  might not give two eigenvectors:  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

An orthogonal matrix (i.e., orthonormal columns and rows) always has eigenvalues with modulo 1:  $|\lambda| = 1$  True:  $Qx = \lambda x \Rightarrow \|Qx\| = \|\lambda x\| = |\lambda| \|x\| \Rightarrow \|x\| = |\lambda| \|x\| \Rightarrow |\lambda| = 1$

True.

2. A. A. 1  $c_1 \vec{u}_1 + c_2 \vec{u}_2 = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 A \vec{u}_1 + c_2 A \vec{u}_2 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{cases} c_1 \lambda_1 \vec{u}_1 + c_2 \lambda_2 \vec{u}_2 = 0 \\ c_1 \lambda_2 \vec{u}_1 + c_2 \lambda_1 \vec{u}_2 = 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) \vec{u}_1 = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = 0 \\ c_2 (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) \vec{u}_2 = 0 \Rightarrow c_2 = 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \vec{0} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, z = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

False: (True for orthonormal basis)  
 $\vec{u} = \alpha_1 \vec{u}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{u}_2 + \alpha_3 \vec{u}_3$   
 $\hookrightarrow \vec{u} \cdot \vec{u}_1 = \alpha_1$

$$\|x^T x\|^2 = \|x\|^4$$

False:  $\det(A) \neq 0 \Rightarrow A^{-1}$  exists  
 $\Rightarrow A^2 = I^2$  has a unique sol.

$$Ax = \lambda x \Rightarrow A^2 x = \lambda A x = \lambda^2 x$$

$$Ax = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \lambda^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 0$$

: Linear differential equations  
(with constant coefficients)

## IV) Linear differential equations with constant coeff.

Consider the 1-d differential equation

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x'(t) = \alpha x(t) \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} (x'(t) \equiv \frac{dx}{dt}(t)) \\ \text{(Initial condition)} \end{array}$$

To solve it, we simply integrate it:

$$\int_0^t \frac{x'(z)}{x(z)} dz = \int_0^t \alpha dt \Rightarrow \ln x(z) \Big|_0^t = \alpha t \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln(x(t)) - \ln(x(0)) = \ln\left(\frac{x(t)}{x_0}\right) = \alpha t \Rightarrow \left\| x(t) = x_0 e^{\alpha t} \right\|$$

The sign of the constant  $\alpha$  tell us if the solution grows exponentially to infinity or decreases exponentially to zero.

• Remark: We can always check the solution of a diff. eq.:

$$\frac{d}{dt} x(t) = \frac{d}{dt} (x_0 e^{\alpha t}) = x_0 \alpha e^{\alpha t} = \alpha x(t) \quad \text{// (satisfies the eq.)}$$

- The previous equation provides a simple (but silly) model for growth population:

$$p'(t) = \alpha p(t)$$

$\uparrow$  rate of growth at time  $t$        $\nwarrow$  fraction of reproducing people       $\leftarrow$  current population

"The more we are, the more kids we have".  
 $(\alpha \in [0, 1])$

But this always gives  $p(t) = p_0 e^{\alpha t}$ ! (Exponential growth).

- We can improve the model taking into account the resources:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} r(t) \equiv \text{resources at time } t \\ p(t) \equiv \text{population at time } t \end{array} \right\} \text{ and let's assume that}$$

$p'(t)$  is proportional to  $r(t)$  and  $p(t)$  (increasing)

$r'(t) \propto -p(t)$  (decreasing)

then,

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} p'(t) = \alpha p(t) + \beta r(t) \\ r'(t) = -\gamma p(t) \end{array} \right\} \text{ (with } \alpha, \beta, \gamma > 0 \text{ constants).}$$

We can write this in matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} p(t) \\ r(t) \end{bmatrix}' = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ -\gamma & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p(t) \\ r(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

• Def: We call linear system of differential equations with constant coefficients those of the form

$$\vec{x}'(t) = A \vec{x}(t) \quad \text{with } A \text{ } n \times n \text{ matrix and}$$

$$\vec{x}(0) = \vec{x}_0 \quad \text{initial condition.}$$

How to solve it?

First, note that if  $A = D$  diagonal, then the system

$\vec{x}'(t) = D \vec{x}(t)$  is in reality  $n$  separated equations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1'(t) \\ x_2'(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{array}{l} x_1'(t) = \lambda_1 x_1(t) \Rightarrow x_1(t) = x_1(0) e^{\lambda_1 t} \\ x_2'(t) = \lambda_2 x_2(t) \Rightarrow x_2(t) = x_2(0) e^{\lambda_2 t} \end{array} \parallel$$

or in matrix notation,

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\lambda_2 t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(0) \\ x_2(0) \end{bmatrix}.$$

This motivates the following definition:

• Def: Exponential matrix  $e^A$

$$e^A \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} I + A + \frac{A^2}{2!} + \dots = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^j}{j!}$$

$$(\text{recall } e^x = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^j}{j!} \text{ when } x \in \mathbb{R})$$

Remarks:

1) If  $A = D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $e^D = \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\lambda_2} \end{bmatrix}$

$$\hookrightarrow e^D = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j!} D^j = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\lambda_1^j}{j!} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\lambda_2^j}{j!} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_1^j}{j!} & 0 \\ 0 & \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda_2^j}{j!} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\lambda_2} \end{bmatrix}$$

2) If  $A$  is diagonalizable, i.e.,  $A = SDS^{-1}$ , then

$$\| e^A = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^j}{j!} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j!} SDS^{-1} = S \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{D^j}{j!} \right) S^{-1} = Se^D S^{-1} \|$$

$$3) \frac{d}{dt}(e^{At}) = Ae^{At}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hookrightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^j}{j!} t^j \right) &= \frac{d}{dt} \left( I + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{A^j t^j}{j!} \right) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{A^j j}{j!} t^{j-1} = \\ &= A \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{A^{j-1}}{(j-1)!} t^{j-1} = A \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^k}{k!} t^k = Ae^{At}. \end{aligned}$$

Conclusion: The system  $\begin{cases} \vec{x}'(t) = A\vec{x}(t) \\ \vec{x}(0) = \vec{x}_0 \end{cases}$  is solved by  $\vec{x}(t) = e^{At} \vec{x}_0$ .

Proof: Let's check that  $\vec{x}(t) = e^{At} \vec{x}_0$  verifies the equation:

$$\vec{x}'(t) = (e^{At} \vec{x}_0)' = A e^{At} \vec{x}_0 = A \vec{x}(t) \quad \text{zero matrix}$$

(and obviously verifies the initial condition  $\vec{x}(0) = e^{\overset{\uparrow}{0}} \vec{x}_0 = I \vec{x}_0 = \vec{x}_0$ )

• Remark: The solution  $\vec{x}(t) = e^{At} \vec{x}_0$  is valid for any  $A$ .

Example: Solve 
$$\begin{cases} x_1'(t) = 7x_1(t) + 5x_2(t) \\ x_2'(t) = -10x_1(t) - 8x_2(t) \end{cases}$$

with  $x_1(0) = 1, x_2(0) = 2$ .

Solution: 
$$\vec{x}'(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1'(t) \\ x_2'(t) \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 7 & 5 \\ -10 & -8 \end{bmatrix}}_A \vec{x}(t), \quad \vec{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$\hookrightarrow \vec{x}(t) = e^{At} \vec{x}(0) \rightarrow \text{Find } e^{At}.$

We first try to diagonalise  $A$ :

$$A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} 7-\lambda & 5 \\ -10 & -8-\lambda \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow -(7-\lambda)(8+\lambda) + 50 = \lambda^2 + \lambda - 6 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{25}}{2} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda_1 = -3 \\ \lambda_2 = 2 \end{cases} \quad (\Rightarrow \text{we can diagonalise})$$

Eigenvectors:

$$A - \lambda_1 I = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 5 \\ -10 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \vec{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A - \lambda_2 I = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 5 \\ -10 & -10 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \vec{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore,  $S = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, D = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, S^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

and so

$$e^{At} = Se^{Dt}S^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-3t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Remark: The solution can be written as follows

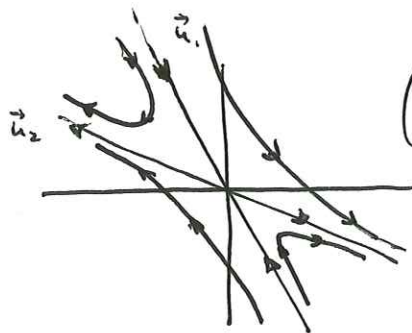
$$\vec{x}(t) = e^{At} \vec{x}_0 = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}}_S \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} e^{-3t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{2t} \end{bmatrix}}_D \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{S^{-1}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{x}_0|_E} =$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -e^{-3t} & e^{2t} \\ 2e^{-3t} & -e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{x}_0|_S} = 3e^{-3t} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{u}_1} + 4e^{2t} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{u}_2}$$

coordinates of  $\vec{x}_0$  in  $\{\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2\}$

This shows us how the solution evolves in time: the  $\vec{u}_1$  component goes to zero since its corresponding eigenvalue is negative.

Phase portrait:



(Saddle point)

↳ Always the case when

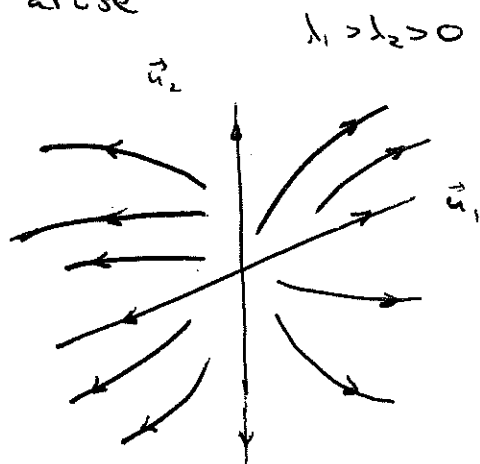
$$\lambda_1 \lambda_2 < 0$$

(i.e., distinct signs)

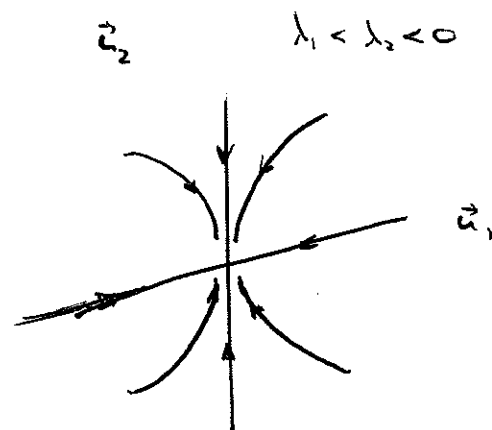
Remark: If  $A$  is diagonalizable, the solution can always be written as

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{x}(t) &= S e^{At} S^{-1} \vec{x}_0 = [\vec{u}_1 | \vec{u}_2] \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\lambda_2 t} \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}_0|_S = \\ &= c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{u}_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \vec{u}_2, \text{ where } \vec{x}_0|_S = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

Depending on the signs of  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$ , different phase portraits arise



(everything grows, but faster in  $\vec{u}_1$  direction)



(everything goes to zero, but the  $\vec{u}_1$  component disappears faster)

⋮

MATH 312  
LECTURE 16

: The Spectral Theorem

From last lecture, we know that all linear systems of diff. eqs. with constant coeff.,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \vec{x}'(t) &= A \vec{x}(t) \\ \vec{x}(0) &= \vec{x}_0 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

are solved by  $\vec{x}(t) = e^{At} \vec{x}_0$ , where  $e^{At} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^j t^j}{j!}$ .

→ Remark: When  $A = SDS^{-1}$  (diagonalizable), then

$$e^{At} = S e^{Dt} S^{-1} \text{ and thus}$$

$$\vec{x}(t) = [\vec{u}_1 \mid \vec{u}_2] \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\lambda_2 t} \end{bmatrix} (S^{-1} \vec{x}_0) =$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{u}_1 & e^{\lambda_2 t} \vec{u}_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \vec{u}_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \vec{u}_2$$

↑ coordinates of  $\vec{x}_0$  in  $S$ .

Remark: In an ODE course, many times you assume this as a solution (by "faith"), and then find  $c_1, c_2$  by imposing the initial condition:

$$\vec{x}(0) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 0} \vec{u}_1 + e^{\lambda_2 0} \vec{u}_2 \Rightarrow \vec{x}_0 = c_1 \vec{u}_1 + c_2 \vec{u}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{solve}} c_1, c_2 //$$



¶ Remark: This idea can be applied to any  $n$ -order lin. diff. equation with constant coeff. to produce ~~a~~ a 1<sup>st</sup> order lin. system (of  $n$  equations)

$$a_0 x(t) + a_1 x'(t) + \dots + a_n x^{(n)}(t) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hookrightarrow \text{Define } \begin{cases} x_1(t) = x(t) \\ x_2(t) = x'(t) \\ \vdots \\ x_n(t) = x^{(n-1)}(t) \end{cases} \quad \vec{x}'(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1'(t) \\ \vdots \\ x_n'(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & 1 \\ \frac{-a_0}{a_n} & \frac{-a_1}{a_n} & \dots & \frac{-a_{n-1}}{a_n} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ x_n(t) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Let's finish the exercise. We need  $e^{At}$ .

Try to diagonalise:

$$\text{Eigenvalues of } A: \det(A - \lambda I) = 0 \Leftrightarrow -\lambda(2-\lambda) + 1 = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 1 = 0 \Leftrightarrow (\lambda - 1)^2 = 0$$

$$\lambda = 1 \text{ (repeated)}$$

$$\text{Eigenvectors: } (A - I)\vec{u} = \vec{0} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ has rank 1!} \\ \text{only one eigenvector.}$$

|| So A cannot be diagonalised.

We have to use definition of  $e^{At} = I + At + \frac{A^2 t^2}{2!} + \dots$

However,

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, A^3 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \dots \text{ infinite terms?!}$$

• Nice fact: (Cayley-Hamilton Theorem)

$$(A-I)^2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{A matrix A always satisfies} \\ \text{its own characteristic equation:} \\ \det(A - \lambda I) = 0 \end{array} \right]$$

( here  $\det(A - \lambda I) = (\lambda - 1)^2 = 0$  )

So we can write  $A = I + (A - I)$  and so,

$$\begin{aligned} e^{At} &= e^{I t + (A-I)t} \stackrel{(*)}{=} e^{I t} e^{(A-I)t} = \\ &= e^t I \left( I + (A-I)t + \underbrace{(A-I)^2}_{0} \frac{t^2}{2!} + \dots \right) = \\ &= e^t \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} t \right) = e^t \begin{bmatrix} 1-t & t \\ -t & 1-t \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} (*) \quad e^{A+B} = e^A e^B \iff A \text{ and } B \text{ commute} \\ \quad \quad \quad (\text{i.e., } AB = BA) \end{array} \right)$$

We conclude that

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{x}(t) &= e^{At} \vec{x}_0 = e^t \begin{bmatrix} 1-t & t \\ -t & 1+t \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = e^t \begin{bmatrix} 2-2t+t \\ -2t+1+t \end{bmatrix} = e^t \begin{bmatrix} 2-t \\ 1-t \end{bmatrix} \\ &= e^t \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{x}_0} - t e^t \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{u}_1} \\ &\quad \left( \text{of course } \vec{x}(0) = e^0 \vec{x}_0 - 0 = \vec{x}_0 \right)\end{aligned}$$

## V Difference equations (sequences)

$$\left. \begin{aligned}\vec{x}(k) &= A \vec{x}(k-1) \\ \vec{x}(0) &= \vec{x}_0\end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} (\dots \text{like differential equations} \\ \text{with discrete time... bla blah...}) \end{array}$$

Solution:  $\vec{x}(1) = A \vec{x}(0) = A \vec{x}_0$

$$\vec{x}(2) = A \vec{x}(1) = AA \vec{x}_0 = A^2 \vec{x}_0$$

$$\parallel \vec{x}(k) = A^k \vec{x}_0 \parallel$$

If  $A = S D S^{-1}$ , then

$$\vec{x}(k) = S D^k S^{-1} \vec{x}_0 = S \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^k & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2^k \end{bmatrix} S^{-1} \vec{x}_0$$

Example: Virahence (or Fibonacci) numbers.

Sequence  $0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, \dots, N_k, N_{k+1}, N_{k+2}, \dots$

$$N_k \neq \frac{N_k}{N_{k-1}} ?$$

Sol: The sequence is defined by  $N_{k+2} = N_{k+1} + N_k$ .

This is a 2<sup>nd</sup> order difference equation (as it involves two steps).

But we "already know" how to solve that problem:  
convert it into two 1<sup>st</sup> order equations.

Define

$$\vec{x}(k) = \begin{bmatrix} N_{k+1} \\ N_{k+2} \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then}$$

$$\vec{x}(k) = \begin{bmatrix} N_{k+1} \\ N_{k+2} \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} N_k \\ N_{k+1} \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{x}(k-1)} \quad \text{with } \vec{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} N_1 \\ N_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

So the solution is

$$\vec{x}(k) = A^k \vec{x}_0 \rightarrow A^k \text{ ? Diagonalize:}$$

1) Eigenvalues:  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0 \Leftrightarrow$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda^2 - \lambda - 1 = 0 \Leftrightarrow \lambda = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda_1 = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \\ \lambda_2 = \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \end{cases}$$

2) Eigenvectors:

$$(A - \lambda_1 I) = \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda_1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 - \lambda_1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \vec{u}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \lambda_1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{note that } 1 + \lambda_1 - \lambda_1^2 = 0)$$

Analogously,  $\vec{u}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$

In conclusion,

$$\vec{x}(k) = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}}_S \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^k & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2^k \end{bmatrix} (\tilde{S}^{-1} \vec{x}_0) \quad \text{where } \tilde{S}^{-1} \vec{x}_0 = \vec{x}_0|_S = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{just a matter of computing})$$

thus

$$\vec{x}(k) = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^k \vec{u}_1 & \lambda_2^k \vec{u}_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = c_1 \lambda_1^k \vec{u}_1 + c_2 \lambda_2^k \vec{u}_2.$$

Therefore,

$$N_{k+2} = c_1 \lambda_1^{k+1} + c_2 \lambda_2^{k+1} \quad (\text{2nd component of } \vec{x}(k))$$

and

$$\frac{N_{k+2}}{N_{k+1}} = \frac{c_1 \lambda_1^{k+1} + c_2 \lambda_2^{k+1}}{c_1 \lambda_1^k + c_2 \lambda_2^k} = \frac{c_1 \lambda_1 + c_2 \lambda_2 \left(\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1}\right)^k}{c_1 + c_2 \left(\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1}\right)^k} \rightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N_{k+2}}{N_{k+1}} = \lambda_1 = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \quad (\text{"golden ratio"})$$

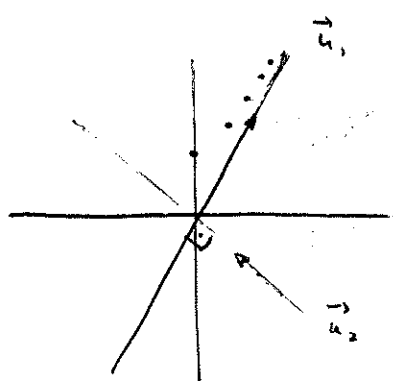
(because  $\lambda_2 < \lambda_1$ )

Forgetting about Virahaca or Fibonacci, we could think of

$$\vec{x}(k) = \begin{bmatrix} x(k) \\ y(k) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x(k-1) \\ y(k-1) \end{bmatrix} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{as a system,} \\ \vec{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \right.$$

whose solution  $\vec{x}(k) = c_1 \lambda_1^k \vec{u}_1 + c_2 \lambda_2^k \vec{u}_2$  can be drawn as 'time' evolves ( $k$  increases):

$$\vec{x}(1) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{x}(2) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \dots$$



The  $\vec{u}_2$  component goes to zero as  $|\lambda_2| < 1$ .

→ Notice that  $\vec{u}_1 \cdot \vec{u}_2 = 1 + \lambda_1 \lambda_2 = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} = 1-1 = 0$ , that is,  $\vec{u}_1 \perp \vec{u}_2$ .

This is not a coincidence:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is symmetric with real entries.

## VI The Spectral Theorem.

### • Theorem: The Spectral Theorem (or Principal Axis Theorem)

If  $M$  is a real symmetric  $n \times n$  matrix, then it has real eigenvalues and the eigenvectors can be chosen to be orthonormal. That is,

$M$  can always be diagonalised as

$$M = Q D Q^T, \text{ where}$$

$D \equiv$  diagonal with real eigenvalues.

$Q \equiv$  formed by  $n$  orthonormal eigenvectors.

### Remarks:

1) Eigenvectors corresponding to eigenvalues go in the same order:

$$\begin{matrix} \lambda_1 \leftrightarrow \vec{u}_1 \\ \lambda_2 \leftrightarrow \vec{u}_2 \\ \vdots \end{matrix} \sim Q = [\vec{u}_1 | \vec{u}_2 | \dots], \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \lambda_2 & \\ & & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

⌈ Note that if  $M = Q D Q^T$ , then  $M$  is symmetric:  $(Q D Q^T)^T = Q D Q^T$ .

So  $M = Q D Q^T \iff M$  is symmetric



- 2) If the eigenvalues are distinct, then the eigenvectors are automatically perpendicular to each other.

↳ We just need to be careful to make them unit size.  
(i.e., orthonormal).

- 3) If an eigenvalue is repeated (let's say twice), then the nullspace of  $A - \lambda I$  will have dimension 2 (or more if repeated more times...).

→ In this case we need to obtain an orthonormal basis of that nullspace (the "eigenspace").

↳ Obtain a basis and use Gram-Schmidt!  
(as usual)

- 4)  $Q$  has orthonormal columns and it is square. Thus, it automatically has ~~orthogonal~~ orthonormal rows too. This is called orthogonal matrix. [\*] proof: -163-

→  $Q$  orthogonal  $\Leftrightarrow Q^T Q = Q Q^T = I$  (i.e.,  $Q^T = Q^{-1}$ ).

$Q$  orthonormal  $\Leftrightarrow Q^T Q = I$   
columns

$Q$  orthonormal  $\Leftrightarrow Q Q^T = I$ .  
rows

$$5) M = Q D Q^T = [\vec{g}_1 | \dots | \vec{g}_n] \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{g}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \vec{g}_n^T \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$= [\lambda_1 \vec{g}_1 | \dots | \lambda_n \vec{g}_n] \begin{bmatrix} \vec{g}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \vec{g}_n^T \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$= \underbrace{\lambda_1 \vec{g}_1 \vec{g}_1^T + \dots + \lambda_n \vec{g}_n \vec{g}_n^T}_{} = M \quad \text{(nice decomposition)}$$

↑  
projection matrices onto the (unitary) axes  
given by the (orthonormal) eigenvectors.

(\*) Proof of:  $Q$  square with orthonormal columns  $\Rightarrow Q$  has orthonormal rows (and thus,  $Q$  is "orthogonal")

↳  $Q^T Q = I$ . Then, we know that  $Q^{-1}$  exists since

$$\det(Q^T Q) = \det(Q^T) \det(Q) = (\det(Q))^2 = \det(I) = 1 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \det(Q) = \pm 1 \neq 0. \quad (\text{We needed determinants to prove this!})$$

Therefore, multiplying by  $Q$  we obtain

$$Q Q^T Q = Q \Rightarrow Q Q^T Q Q^{-1} = Q Q^{-1} \Rightarrow Q Q^T = I$$

↓  
orthonormal rows

Before proving the theorem, we need to <sup>remember</sup> ~~remember~~ some things about complex numbers:

$$z \in \mathbb{C} \rightarrow z = a + bi, a, b \in \mathbb{R}, i^2 = -1.$$

$$\bullet z_1 + z_2 = (a + bi) + (c + di) = (a + c) + (b + d)i.$$

$\uparrow$   
def.

$$\bullet z_1 z_2 = (a + bi)(c + di) = (ac - bd) + i(ad + bc).$$

$\uparrow$   
def.

$$\bullet \bar{z}_1 = a - bi \text{ (conjugation)}$$

$\uparrow$   
def.

Some more things we need:

$$1) z + \bar{z} = a + bi + a - bi = 2a \in \mathbb{R} \text{ purely real.}$$

$$2) z - \bar{z} = 2ib \text{ purely imaginary}$$

$$3) z = \bar{z} \Leftrightarrow z \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$4) z \bar{z} = a^2 + b^2 = |z|^2 \text{ (modulus squared)}$$

$$5) \vec{z} = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \|\vec{z}\|^2 = \vec{z}^T \vec{z} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{z}_1 & \bar{z}_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix} = |z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2.$$

$$6) \overline{z_1 z_2} = \bar{z}_1 \bar{z}_2$$

Proof of Spectral theorem: Let's split it into two parts.

1)  $M$  real and symmetric  $\Rightarrow$  real eigenvalues.

Let  $\lambda, \vec{z}$  be an eigenvalue and its eigenvector (both maybe) complex

Then  $\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{We want to prove } \lambda \text{ is real, i.e.,} \\ \lambda = \bar{\lambda} \end{array} \right)$

$$\textcircled{1} M \vec{z} = \lambda \vec{z}$$

Therefore, taking conjugates,  $\overline{M \vec{z}} = \overline{\lambda \vec{z}} \Rightarrow \overline{M} \vec{\bar{z}} = \bar{\lambda} \vec{\bar{z}} \Rightarrow$   
 $\Rightarrow M \vec{\bar{z}} = \bar{\lambda} \vec{\bar{z}} \quad \uparrow$   
 $M \text{ is real.}$

$$\textcircled{2} M \vec{\bar{z}} = \bar{\lambda} \vec{\bar{z}}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Multiply } \textcircled{1} \text{ by } \vec{\bar{z}}^T: \vec{\bar{z}}^T M \vec{z} = \vec{\bar{z}}^T \lambda \vec{z} = \lambda \vec{\bar{z}}^T \vec{z} = \lambda \|\vec{z}\|^2 \quad (*)$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Multiply } \textcircled{2} \text{ by } \vec{z}^T: \vec{z}^T M \vec{\bar{z}} = \vec{z}^T \bar{\lambda} \vec{\bar{z}} = \bar{\lambda} \vec{z}^T \vec{\bar{z}} = \bar{\lambda} \|\vec{z}\|^2$$

These are just numbers! (not vectors or matrices)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \text{number}$$

Therefore,

$$\vec{\bar{z}}^T M \vec{z} = (\vec{\bar{z}}^T M \vec{z})^T = \vec{z}^T M^T \vec{\bar{z}} = \vec{z}^T M \vec{\bar{z}}$$

$\uparrow$  same number!                       $\uparrow$   $M$  is symmetric

Thus we have found that

$\bar{u}^T M u = u^T M \bar{u}$  and we have in (\*) that

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \bar{u}^T M u &= \lambda \|u\|^2 \\ u^T M \bar{u} &= \bar{\lambda} \|u\|^2 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

so we conclude that

$$\lambda \|u\|^2 = \bar{\lambda} \|u\|^2 \Rightarrow (\lambda - \bar{\lambda}) \|u\|^2 \Rightarrow \lambda - \bar{\lambda} = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \bar{\lambda}$$

$\uparrow$   
 $u \neq \vec{0}$  by  
(definition of eigenvector)

$\lambda$  is real

2)  $M$  real, symmetric  $\Rightarrow$  orthogonal eigenvectors.

⌈ We only prove it for distinct eigenvalues.

But it is always true: if we have ~~an~~ an eigenvalue repeated, for symmetric matrices we always obtain a full set of eigenvectors  $\xrightarrow{\text{so}}$  orthogonal set  
Gram-Schmidt ||

Let  $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$  eigenvalues with corresponding eigenvectors  $\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2$ .

[ Remark: We know from 1) that  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are real  
(and thus  $\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2$ , being solutions of  $(A - \lambda_i I)\vec{u}_i = \vec{0} \dots$ , are also real ). ]

$\rightarrow$  We want to show that  $\vec{u}_1 \cdot \vec{u}_2 = \vec{u}_1^T \vec{u}_2 = \vec{u}_2^T \vec{u}_1 = 0$  :

$$M \vec{u}_1 = \lambda_1 \vec{u}_1 \rightarrow \vec{u}_2^T M \vec{u}_1 = \lambda_1 \vec{u}_2^T \vec{u}_1$$

$$M \vec{u}_2 = \lambda_2 \vec{u}_2 \rightarrow \vec{u}_1^T M \vec{u}_2 = \lambda_2 \vec{u}_1^T \vec{u}_2$$

$$\text{but } \vec{u}_2^T M \vec{u}_1 = (\vec{u}_2^T M \vec{u}_1)^T = \vec{u}_1^T M^T \vec{u}_2 = \vec{u}_1^T M \vec{u}_2$$

$\uparrow$   
same  
number

$\uparrow$   
 $M$  symmetric

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 \vec{u}_2^T \vec{u}_1 = \lambda_2 \vec{u}_1^T \vec{u}_2 \Rightarrow (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) \vec{u}_2^T \vec{u}_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{u}_2^T \vec{u}_1 = 0 \quad \lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$$