

Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

Linear System: $Ax = b$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Homogeneous Linear System: $Ax = 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

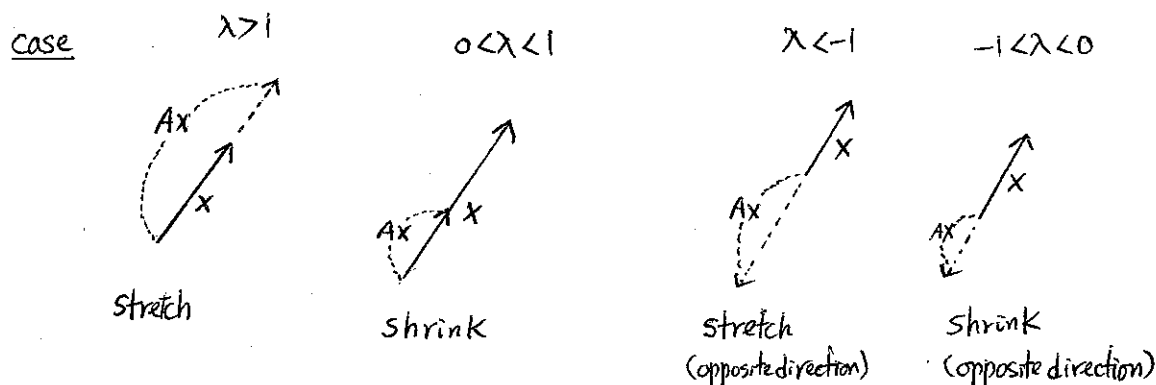
Eigenvalue: $A - \lambda \cdot I = 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11}-\lambda & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22}-\lambda & & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn}-\lambda \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

If we expand $\det(A - \lambda I)$, we obtain polynomial in λ , $P(\lambda)$: characteristic polynomial.
The eigenvalues are the zeros of $P(\lambda)$.

If $(A - \lambda I) \cdot X = 0$, X is called eigenvector.

Note. $Ax = \lambda x$. (A takes the vector X into a scalar multiple of itself.)



Ex.1

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1-\lambda & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1-\lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= (1-\lambda) [(1-\lambda)^2 - (-1)] + 2(1-\lambda)$$

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

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

$$\therefore \lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 1 + \sqrt{3}i, \lambda_3 = 1 - \sqrt{3}i$$

Eigenvector for λ_1 ,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1-1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1-1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1-1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2x_3 = 0, \quad -2x_3 = 0, \quad -x_1 + x_2 = 0$$

$$x_3 = 0, \quad x_2 = x_1 \quad (x_1 \text{ is arbitrary}) \text{ let } x_1 = 1$$

$$\text{Eigenvector for } \lambda = 1, \quad \underline{(1, 1, 0)^t}$$

Eigenvector for λ_2 ,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1-(1+\sqrt{3}i) & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1-(1+\sqrt{3}i) & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1-(1+\sqrt{3}i) \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_2 = \left[-\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}i, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}i, 1 \right]^t$$

Eigenvector for λ_3

$$x_3 = \left[\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}i, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}i, 1 \right]^t$$

Def. The spectral radius $\rho(A)$ of a matrix A is defined by

$$\rho(A) = \max |\lambda| \quad \text{where } \lambda \text{ is an eigenvalue of } A.$$

For the matrix A in Ex 1,

$$\rho(A) = \max \{1, |1+\sqrt{3}i|, |1-\sqrt{3}i|\} = \max \{1, 2, 2\} = 2$$

Note. for $\lambda = \alpha + \beta i$, $|\lambda| = \sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}$

The spectral radius is closely related to the norm of a matrix.

Thm If A is an $n \times n$ matrix, then

(i) $[\rho(A^T A)]^{\frac{1}{2}} = \|A\|_2$

(ii) $\rho(A) \leq \|A\|$ for any natural norm $\|\cdot\|$.

Note. $\rho(A)$ is the greatest lower bound for the natural norm on A .

Ex 2. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} \|A\|_{\infty} &= 4 \\ \|A\|_1 &= 4 \\ \|A\|_F &= \sqrt{14} \approx 3.74 \\ \rho(A) &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 6 & 4 \\ -1 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

To calculate $\rho(A^T A)$, we need the eigenvalues of $A^T A$

$$0 = \det(A^T A - \lambda I) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 3-\lambda & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 6-\lambda & 4 \\ -1 & 4 & 5-\lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= -\lambda^3 + 14\lambda^2 - 42\lambda$$

$$= -\lambda(\lambda^2 - 14\lambda + 42)$$

$$\therefore \lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 = 7 + \sqrt{7}, \lambda_3 = 7 - \sqrt{7}$$

$$\|A\|_2 = \sqrt{\rho(A^T A)} = \sqrt{\max\{0, 7 + \sqrt{7}, 7 - \sqrt{7}\}} \approx 3.106$$

Def. $n \times n$ matrix A is convergent if

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (A^k)_{ij} = 0, \quad i=1, \dots, n, j=1, \dots, n.$$

Ex

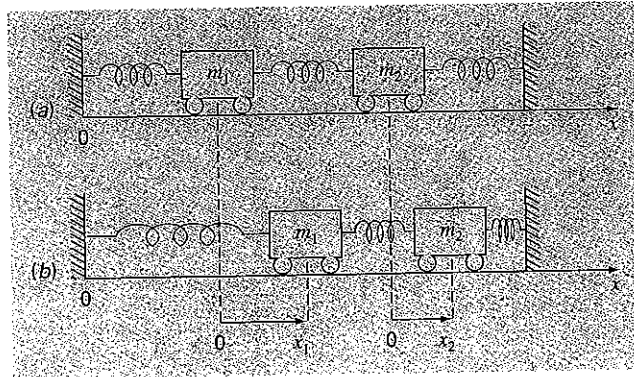
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix} \quad A^3 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{8} & 0 \\ \frac{3}{16} & \frac{1}{8} \end{bmatrix} \quad A^4 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{16} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{8} & \frac{1}{16} \end{bmatrix} \quad \dots \quad A^k = \begin{bmatrix} (\frac{1}{2})^k & 0 \\ \frac{k}{2^{k+1}} & (\frac{1}{2})^k \end{bmatrix}$$

Since $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (\frac{1}{2})^k = 0$, and $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k}{2^{k+1}} = 0$, A is convergent matrix.

Note that $\rho(A) = \frac{1}{2}$.

Example. mass-spring system



$$\begin{cases} m_1 \cdot \frac{d^2 x_1}{dt^2} = -K x_1 + K (x_2 - x_1) \\ m_2 \cdot \frac{d^2 x_2}{dt^2} = -K x_2 + K (x_1 - x_2) \end{cases} \Rightarrow \boxed{\begin{cases} m_1 \frac{d^2 x_1}{dt^2} + K (-2x_1 + x_2) = 0 \\ m_2 \frac{d^2 x_2}{dt^2} - K (x_1 - 2x_2) = 0 \end{cases}} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

From vibration theory,

$$x_i = X_i \cdot \sin(\omega t) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

where $X_i \equiv$ amplitude of the vibration of mass i

$\omega \equiv$ frequency ($= 2\pi/T_p$)

$$x_i'' = -X_i \omega^2 \sin(\omega t) \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Put (2), (3) into (1),

$$\begin{cases} -m_1 X_1 \omega^2 \sin(\omega t) - K (-2X_1 \sin(\omega t) + X_2 \sin(\omega t)) = 0 \\ -m_2 X_2 \omega^2 \sin(\omega t) - K (X_1 \sin(\omega t) - 2X_2 \sin(\omega t)) = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Divide (4) by $m_1 \cdot \sin(\omega t)$ and $m_2 \cdot \sin(\omega t)$

$$\begin{cases} \left(\frac{2K}{m_1} - \omega^2 \right) X_1 - \frac{K}{m_1} X_2 = 0 \\ -\frac{K}{m_1} X_1 + \left(\frac{2K}{m_2} - \omega^2 \right) X_2 = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

This is an eigenvalue problem where $\lambda = \omega^2$.

[1] Polynomial Method

Ex. A.1 Let $m_1 = m_2 = 40$ (kg), and $K = 200$ N/m.

$$\begin{bmatrix} (10 - \omega^2) & -5 \\ -5 & (10 - \omega^2) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Characteristic polynomial:

$$(10 - \omega^2)^2 - (-5)^2 = 0$$

$$100 - 20\omega^2 + (\omega^2)^2 - 25 = 0$$

$$(\omega^2)^2 - 20\omega^2 + 75 = 0.$$

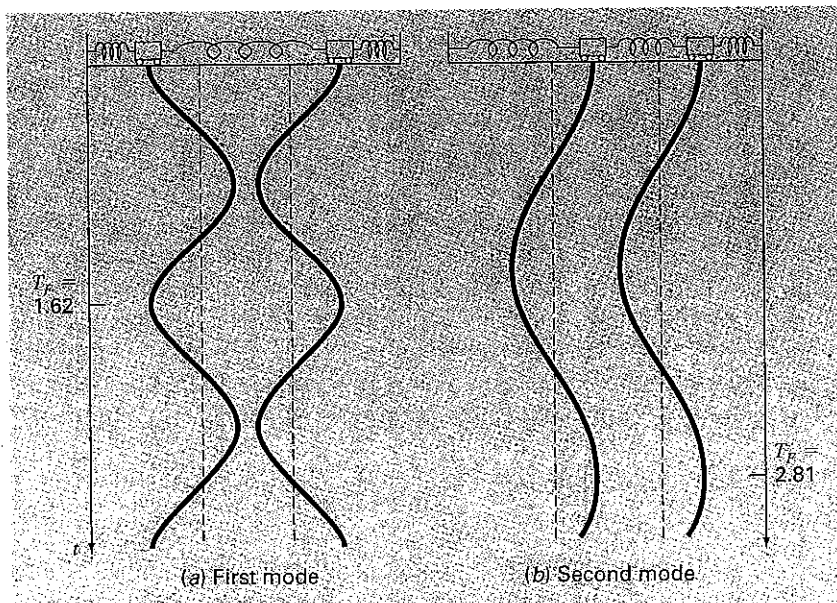
$$(\omega^2 - 15)(\omega^2 - 5) = 0 \Rightarrow \omega^2 = 15 \text{ or } \omega^2 = 5$$

For $\omega^2 = 15$, ($\omega = 3.873$, $T_p = 1.62$ s)

$$\begin{cases} (10 - 15)X_1 - 5X_2 = 0 \\ -5X_1 + (10 - 15)X_2 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow X_1 = -X_2$$

For $\omega^2 = 5$ ($\omega = 2.236$, $T_p = 2.81$ s)

$$\begin{cases} (10 - 5)X_1 - 5X_2 = 0 \\ -5X_1 + (10 - 5)X_2 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow X_1 = X_2$$



The Power Method

- iterative method
- finds the largest eigenvalue

$$Ax = \lambda x$$

Example.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 40 & -20 & 0 \\ -20 & 40 & -20 \\ 0 & -20 & 40 \end{bmatrix}$$

\Rightarrow

$$\begin{aligned} 40x_1 - 20x_2 &= \lambda x_1 \\ -20x_1 + 40x_2 - 20x_3 &= \lambda x_2 \\ -20x_2 + 40x_3 &= \lambda x_3 \end{aligned}$$

eigenvalue
↓
eigenvector

(1st iteration) Guess $x = (1 \ 1 \ 1)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 40 & -20 & 0 \\ -20 & 40 & -20 \\ 0 & -20 & 40 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 20 \\ 0 \\ 20 \end{bmatrix} = 20 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(2nd iteration)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 40 & -20 & 0 \\ -20 & 40 & -20 \\ 0 & -20 & 40 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 40 \\ -40 \\ 40 \end{bmatrix} = 40 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(3rd iteration)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 40 & -20 & 0 \\ -20 & 40 & -20 \\ 0 & -20 & 40 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 60 \\ -80 \\ 60 \end{bmatrix} = -80 \begin{bmatrix} -0.75 \\ 1 \\ -0.75 \end{bmatrix}$$

(4th iteration)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 40 & -20 & 0 \\ -20 & 40 & -20 \\ 0 & -20 & 40 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -0.75 \\ 1 \\ -0.75 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -50 \\ 70 \\ -50 \end{bmatrix} = 70 \begin{bmatrix} -0.71429 \\ 1 \\ -0.71429 \end{bmatrix}$$

(5th iteration)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 40 & -20 & 0 \\ -20 & 40 & -20 \\ 0 & -20 & 40 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -0.71429 \\ 1 \\ -0.71429 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -48.5714 \\ 68.5714 \\ -48.5714 \end{bmatrix} = 68.5714 \begin{bmatrix} -0.70833 \\ 1 \\ -0.70833 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\epsilon = 2.08\%$

Note. Eigenvalue: 68.28427
Eigenvector: (-0.707107 1 -0.707107)