

(1) For the matrix A ,

$$|A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} 2 - \lambda & -1 \\ -1 & 2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (2 - \lambda)^2 - 1$$

then

$$(2 - \lambda)^2 - 1 = 0 \iff (2 - \lambda)^2 = 1 \iff \lambda = 2 \pm 1.$$

The matrix A has two distinct eigenvalues: $\lambda_1 = 3$, and $\lambda_2 = 1$.

Eigenvector $\mathbf{V}_1 = (x_1, x_2)^T$ corresponding to λ_1 :

$$(A - 3I)\mathbf{V}_1 = \mathbf{0} \implies \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

So $x_1 = -x_2$ and (we have chosen x_2 as a free variable),

$$\mathbf{V}_1 = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad x_2 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Eigenvector $\mathbf{V}_2 = (x_1, x_2)^T$ corresponding to λ_2 :

$$(A - I)\mathbf{V}_2 = \mathbf{0} \implies \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

So $x_1 = x_2$ and (we have chosen x_2 as a free variable),

$$\mathbf{V}_2 = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad x_2 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Remark. The vectors \mathbf{V}_1 and \mathbf{V}_2 are orthogonal: this derives from the fact that the matrix A is symmetrical and $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$.

we observe that

$$A\mathbf{V} = \lambda\mathbf{V} \implies A^2\mathbf{V} = \lambda A\mathbf{V} \implies A^2\mathbf{V} = \lambda^2\mathbf{V}$$

and the eigenvalues of A^2 are $(\lambda_1)^2 = 9$, and $(\lambda_2)^2 = 1$, with eigenvectors as A .

For the inverse of A (the matrix A is invertible, so $\lambda \neq 0$),

$$A\mathbf{V} = \lambda\mathbf{V} \implies A^{-1}A\mathbf{V} = \lambda A^{-1}\mathbf{V} \implies \frac{1}{\lambda}\mathbf{V} = A^{-1}\mathbf{V},$$

and the eigenvalues of A^{-1} are $(1/\lambda_1) = 1/3$, and $(1/\lambda_2) = 1$, with eigenvectors as A .

Moreover, for the matrix $A + 4I$ we have,

$$(A + 4I)\mathbf{V} = A\mathbf{V} + 4I\mathbf{V} \implies \lambda\mathbf{V} + 4\mathbf{V} \implies (A + 4I)\mathbf{V} = (\lambda + 4)\mathbf{V},$$

and the eigenvalues of $(A + 4I)$ are $(\lambda_1 + 4) = 7$, and $(\lambda_2 + 4) = 5$, with eigenvectors as A .

Finally,

$$A = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 4 - 1 = 3 = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 = 3 \cdot 1 = 3.$$

(2) For the eigenvalues,

$$|A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} 3 - \lambda & 1 \\ 2 & 2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (3 - \lambda)(2 - \lambda) - 2$$

Then

$$(3 - \lambda)(2 - \lambda) - 2 = 0 \implies \lambda_1 = 4, \lambda_2 = 1.$$

Eigenvector $\mathbf{V}_1 = (x_1, x_2)^T$ corresponding to λ_1 :

$$(A - 4I) \mathbf{V}_1 = \mathbf{0} \implies \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

So $x_1 = x_2$ and (we have chosen x_2 as a free variable),

$$\mathbf{V}_1 = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad x_2 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Eigenvector $\mathbf{V}_2 = (x_1, x_2)^T$ corresponding to λ_2 :

$$(A - I) \mathbf{V}_1 = \mathbf{0} \implies \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

So $x_1 = -x_2/2$ and (we have chosen x_2 as a free variable),

$$\mathbf{V}_1 = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad x_2 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

The matrix V with vectors $\mathbf{V}_1, \mathbf{V}_2$ as columns

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1/2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

has determinant equal to $3/2 \neq 0$, then $\text{rank}(V) = 2$, and the two eigenvectors are linearly independent.

(3) We have to solve the following homogeneous system,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 - 5 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 - 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

then $x_1 = x_2/2$ and the eigenvector \mathbf{V} is

$$\mathbf{V} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad x_2 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

For example for $x_2 = 2$, $\mathbf{V} = (1, 2)^T$.

Also for the other matrix we have consider a homogeneous system

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3+1 & 3 \\ 4 & 5+1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

then $x_1 = -3x_2/2$ and the eigenvector \mathbf{V} is

$$\mathbf{V} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -3/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad x_2 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

For example for $x_2 = -2$, $\mathbf{V} = (3, -2)^T$.

(4) The eigenvectors \mathbf{V} are obtained by the following homogeneous linear system

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3-2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 6-2 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 4-2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{0} \iff \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{0}.$$

Now we have the following equivalent coefficient matrix (after echelon form reduction),

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

and two free variables x_2 , x_3 and one basic variable x_1 . Then (first row) $x_1 = -4x_2 - 2x_3$ and

$$\mathbf{V} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad x_2, x_3 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

The vectors $(-4, 1, 0)^T$, $(-2, 0, 1)$ are linearly independent and provide a basis, the dimension of the eigenspace is equal to 2.

(5) For the eigenvalues,

$$|A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & 2 \\ 2 & 6-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (3-\lambda)(6-\lambda) - 4 = 0 \implies \lambda_1 = 7, \lambda_2 = 2.$$

Eigenvector $\mathbf{V}_1 = (x_1, x_2)^T$ corresponding to λ_1 :

$$(A - I) \mathbf{V}_1 = \mathbf{0} \implies \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

So $x_1 = x_2/2$ and (we have chosen x_2 as a free variable),

$$\mathbf{V}_1 = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad x_2 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Eigenvector $\mathbf{V}_2 = (x_1, x_2)^T$ corresponding to λ_2 :

$$(A - I)\mathbf{V}_2 = \mathbf{0} \implies \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

So $x_1 = -2x_2$ and (we have chosen x_2 as a free variable),

$$\mathbf{V}_2 = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad x_2 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

As a columns of U we choose (for simplicity, any other choice of $x_2 \neq 0$ was possible), $\mathbf{V}_1 = (1, 2)^T$, $\mathbf{V}_2 = (-2, 1)^T$, then

$$U \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} U^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 5 \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The last computation shows that we do not get the matrix M but a scalar multiple. The Theorem requires that U be orthogonal while in the current U matrix the columns are orthogonal but not normalized,

$$\left\| \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\| = \sqrt{5}, \quad \left\| \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\| = \sqrt{5}.$$

Then we consider the following orthogonal matrix (rescaling of the previous matrix U),

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{5} & -2/\sqrt{5} \\ 2/\sqrt{5} & 1/\sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix},$$

now $QQ^T = Q^TQ = I$. Moreover

$$Q \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} Q^T = M$$

and the hypotheses of the Theorem are satisfied with

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

If A is a real symmetric matrix, then there is an orthogonal matrix Q that diagonalizes A , that is, $Q^T A Q = D$, where D is diagonal.