

Yiddish word of the day

"yasher koach"
(shkoyakh)

= קאכ קאכ

= Congratulation

Yiddish phrase of the day

"di veyn zol
dikh esn"

= די וײן זאל
דיך עסן

may the worms eat
you!

Eigenvalues For Linear Operators

Reminder to fill out EVALS !!!

• We are currently at 29% completion ☹️ (14/48)

• They are due SOON! (Tuesday 8/24) !!

Now to answer question - how to compute eigenvalues/vectors for linear transformations?

Thm: $T: V \rightarrow V$ be linear transformation. B a basis for V .

Then v is an eigenvector (with eigenvalue λ) for T if and only if

$[v]_B$ is an eigenvector (with eigenvalue λ) for $A_{T,B}$

ex) Find eigenvalues/vectors for

$T: \mathbb{R}_2[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_2[x]$ by

$$T(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2) = (5a_0 + 2a_1 - 4a_2) + (6a_0 + 3a_1 - 5a_2)x + \begin{pmatrix} 10a_0 + 4a_1 \\ -8a_2 \end{pmatrix} x^2$$

By thm: Form the matrix $A_{T,B}$ where $B^2 = (1, x, x^2)$

$$\longrightarrow A_{T,B} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 & -4 \\ 6 & 3 & -5 \\ 10 & 4 & -8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T(1) = 5 + 6x + 10x^2$$

$$T(x) = 2 + 3x + 4x^2$$

$$T(x^2) = -4 - 5x - 8x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow A_T - \lambda I = \begin{pmatrix} 5-\lambda & 2 & -4 \\ 6 & 3-\lambda & -5 \\ 10 & 4 & -8-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \det(A - \lambda I) = (5-\lambda) [(3-\lambda)(-8-\lambda) + 20] - 2[(6)(-8-\lambda) + 50] + \\ &\quad -4[24 - 10(3-\lambda)] \\ &= (5-\lambda)[-4 + 5\lambda + \lambda^2] - 2(-6\lambda + 2) - 4(-6 + 10\lambda) \\ &= -\lambda^3 + \lambda = 0 \Rightarrow -\lambda(\lambda^2 - 1) = 0 \quad \text{so } \lambda = 0, \pm 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{\lambda_1 = 0}: \text{null} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 & -4 \\ 6 & 3 & -5 \\ 10 & 4 & -8 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \text{null} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{null } A = \text{span} \begin{pmatrix} 2/3 \\ 1/3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

So $v = \begin{pmatrix} 2/3 \\ 1/3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is an eigenvector for $A_{T \rightarrow B}$

So if $[w]_B = \begin{pmatrix} 2/3 \\ 1/3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ then

$$w_1 = \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3}x + x^2$$

\Rightarrow Thm tells us that $\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3}x + x^2$ is eigenvector
for T with eigenvalue $\lambda = 0$

Check: $T\left(\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3}x + x^2\right) = \left(5\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + 2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) - 4\right) +$
 $\left(6\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + 3\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) - 5\right)x +$
 $\left(10\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + 4\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) - 8\right)x^2$
 $= 0 + 0x + 0x^2$
 $= 0$

$$\lambda = 1: A - I_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 & -4 \\ 6 & 2 & -5 \\ 10 & 4 & -9 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{null}(A - I) = \text{null} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{null}(A - I) = \text{span} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \quad \text{so } [w]_B = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

This tells us that

$$w_2 = \frac{1}{2} + x + x^2$$

is eigenvector of T

with eigenvalue $\lambda = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 T\left(\frac{1}{2} + x + x^2\right) &= (5\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 2 - 4) + (6\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 3 - 5)x + \\
 &\quad (10\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 4 - 8)x^2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} + x + x^2 \quad \checkmark
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda_3 = -1: \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 2 & -4 \\ 6 & 4 & -5 \\ 10 & 4 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{null}(A + \mathbb{1}) = \text{null} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \text{span} \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1/2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

So w is an eigenvector with $[w_3]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1/2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\boxed{w_3 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}x + x^2} \quad \text{with eigenvalue } \lambda = -1$$

$$T\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}x + x^2\right) = \left(5\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - 4\right) + \left(6\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - 5\right)x$$

$$+ \left(10\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - 8\right)x^2 \\ = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}x - x^2 = -1\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}x + x^2\right) \quad \checkmark$$

Fact: Eigenvectors coming from distinct eigenvalues are LI!

Then in this case $\mathcal{B}' = (w_1, w_2, w_3)$ are a basis for $\mathbb{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$
(since they are LI). The matrix of T wrt this basis is

$$A_{T, B'} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T(w_1) = 0$$

$$T(w_2) = w_2$$

$$T(w_3) = -w_3$$

Q: Is T an isomorphism? No, x_1 free variable.
 T not injective.

→ this is the diagonalization of $A_{T, B}$

ex 2) $T: \mathbb{R}_2[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_2[x]$ with "standard" matrix

$$A_{T, \mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 0 & 12 \\ -12 & -5 & -12 \\ -8 & 0 & -13 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\mathcal{B} = (1, x, x^2))$$

\Rightarrow 2nd column falls vs $T(x) = 0 + (-5)x + 0x^2 = -5x$

So x is eigenvector with eigenvalue -5

Long way to find any other eigenvalues

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 7-\lambda & 0 & 12 \\ -12 & -5-\lambda & -12 \\ -8 & 0 & -13-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= (7-\lambda)[(-5-\lambda)(-13-\lambda)] + 12(8(-5-\lambda))$$

$$= -\lambda^2 - 84\lambda + 445$$

$$= (\lambda+5)^2(\lambda-1) \Rightarrow \lambda = \underline{-1} \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda = \underline{-5}$$

$$\lambda = -1: \text{null}(A+I) = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 0 & 12 \\ -12 & -4 & -12 \\ -8 & 0 & -12 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{do work}} \text{null} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3/2 \\ 0 & 1 & -3/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{So null}(A+I) = \text{span} \begin{pmatrix} -3/2 \\ 3/2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{So}$$

$$w \text{ is an eigenvector with } [w]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} -3/2 \\ 3/2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

So $w = -\frac{3}{2}z + \frac{3}{2}x + x^2$ with eigenvalue -1

$$\lambda = -5: \text{null}(A+S\lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} 12 & 0 & 12 \\ -12 & 0 & -12 \\ -8 & 0 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \text{null} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{null}(A+S\lambda) = \text{span} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

So w is an eigenvector with $[w]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

So $w = x$ with eigenvalue $\lambda = -5$

Only have 2 eigenvectors for T

• we cannot diagonalize this matrix $A_{T,B}$

2 fun facts

A $n \times n$ matrix

1) $\text{tr}(A) =$ sum of the eigenvalues "trace of A "

2) $\det(A) =$ product of the eigenvalues.

ex) $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 12 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 12 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -36 \end{pmatrix}$

What are the eigenvalues / vectors of A ?

$$\lambda_1 = 1 \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = e_1$$

$$\lambda_2 = 12 \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = e_2$$

$$\lambda_3 = 12 \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = e_3$$

$$\lambda_4 = -36 \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = e_4$$