

### 6.3 Applications involving powers of matrices

Given diagonalizable  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$

Eigenvalues

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$$

(not nec distinct)

Write

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ & & \dots & \\ 0 & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Recall there exists an invertible matrix  $P$  such that

$$A = P D P^{-1}$$

(col  $i$  of  $P$  is eigenvector for  $A$  and eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$ )

LEM

$$A^k = P D^k P^{-1}$$

$$k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

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pf

$$\begin{aligned} A^k &= \underbrace{A A \dots A}_k \\ &= (P D P^{-1})(P D P^{-1}) \dots (P D P^{-1}) \\ &= P D \underbrace{P^{-1} P}_I D \underbrace{P^{-1} P}_I D \dots D P^{-1} \\ &= P D^k P^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

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Ex For  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

Find entries of  $A^{100}$

Sol

Find eigenvalues of  $A$

$$|A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} 4 - \lambda & -3 \\ 2 & -1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (4 - \lambda)(-1 - \lambda) - (-3)(2)$$

$$= -4 - 3\lambda + \lambda^2 + 6$$

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

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

Eigenvalues are

2, 1

Define

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

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Find P:

$\lambda$	2	1
$A - \lambda I$	$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$
solve $(A - \lambda I) \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ by GJ	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3/2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  $x - 3/2 y = 0$ $y = t$ free $x = \frac{3}{2}t$  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} 3/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  $x - y = 0$ $y = t$ free $x = t$  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$
eigenvector for $\lambda$		

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

By construction

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$$AP = PD$$

$$A = PDP^{-1}$$

Find  $P^{-1}$

$$P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3-2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

For  $k \geq 0$

$$A^k = P D^k P^{-1}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2^k & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 3 \cdot 2^{k-2} & 3 - 3 \cdot 2^k \\ 2^{kn} - 2 & 3 - 2^{kn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Set  $k=100$  to get ans

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

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find the entries of  $A^k$  for all  $k \geq 0$

Sol First try small  $k$

$n$	$A^k$
0	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
1	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
2	$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
3	$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
4	$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$
5	$\begin{bmatrix} 8 & 5 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$
6	$\begin{bmatrix} 13 & 8 \\ 8 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$
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For  $k \geq 0$  define

$$\Delta_n = (1,1)\text{-entry of } A^k$$

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$k$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	...
$\Delta_k$	1	1	2	3	5	8	13	...

obs

$$\Delta_{k+1} = \Delta_k + \Delta_{k-1}$$

 $k \geq 1$ 

"Fibonacci sequence"

$$A^k = \begin{bmatrix} \Delta_k & \Delta_{k-1} \\ \Delta_{k-1} & \Delta_{k-2} \end{bmatrix}$$

 $k \geq 1$  $(\Delta_1 = 0)$ Find  $\Delta_k$  in closed formFind eigenvalues of  $A$ :

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

$$\text{solve } \lambda^2 - \lambda - 1 = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

(quadratic formula)

Eigenvalues of  $A$  are

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \quad \lambda_2 = \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$  so  $A$  is diagonalizable

Define

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

There exists an invertible matrix  $P$  such that

$$A = P D P^{-1}$$

Write

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

For  $k \geq 0$

$$A^k = P D^k P^{-1}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^k & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2^k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{ad-bc}$$



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$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_k &= (1,1)\text{-entry of } A^k \\ &= r\lambda_1^k + s\lambda_2^k \end{aligned}$$

where

$$r = \frac{ad}{ad-bc}$$

$$s = \frac{-bc}{ad-bc}$$

Solve for  $r, s$  using init conditions

$$\Delta_0 = 1, \quad \Delta_1 = 1$$

Recall

$$r\lambda_1^k + s\lambda_2^k = \Delta_k \quad *$$

 $k=0:$ 

$$r+s=1$$

 $k=1:$ 

$$\lambda_1 r + \lambda_2 s = 1$$

Solve this linear system for  $r, s$  to get

$$r = \frac{\lambda_2 - 1}{\lambda_2 - \lambda_1}$$

$$s = \frac{\lambda_1 - 1}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2}$$

Evaluate \* using this and

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 1, \quad \lambda_1 \lambda_2 = -1$$

to get

$$\Delta_k = \frac{\lambda_1^{k+1} - \lambda_2^{k+1}}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2}$$

so

$$\Delta_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left[ \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{k+1} - \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{k+1} \right]$$

 $k=0, 1, 2, \dots$

Next goal Cayley-Hamilton Thm

Given diagonalizable  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$

eigenvalues

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$$

(not nec dist)

Write

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2 & \\ 0 & & \ddots \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

there exists an invert matrix  $P$  s.t.

$$A = P D P^{-1}$$

LEM

With above notation  
the following are equivalent for all poly  $f(\lambda)$ :

(i)  $f(A) = 0$

(ii)  $f(D) = 0$

(iii)  $f(\lambda_i) = 0$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$

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pf (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii)

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Result  $A^k = P D^k P^{-1}$  for  $k \geq 0$

(ii)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iii)

Obs

$$D^k = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1^k & & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2^k & & \\ & 0 & \ddots & \\ & & & \lambda_n^k \end{pmatrix}$$

for  $k \geq 0$

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Thm (Cayley-Hamilton)

Given  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$

Eigenvalues

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$$

char poly of  $A$ :

$$|A - \lambda I| = (-1)^n \underbrace{(\lambda - \lambda_1)(\lambda - \lambda_2) \dots (\lambda - \lambda_n)}_{f(\lambda)}$$

then  $f(A) = 0$

pf (For simplicity assume  $A$  is diagonalizable)

By def of char poly

$$f(\lambda_i) = 0$$

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Now  $f(A) = 0$

by prev LEM.

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Ex Let  $A = 3 \times 3$  matrix with eigenvalues  
1, 2, 3

Find  $A^{-1}$  as a polynomial in  $A$

Sol define poly

$$f(\lambda) = (\lambda-1)(\lambda-2)(\lambda-3)$$

$$= \lambda^3 - 6\lambda^2 + 11\lambda - 6$$

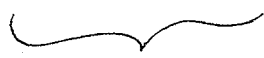
obs

$$0 = f(A)$$

$$= A^3 - 6A^2 + 11A - 6I$$

$$A^3 - 6A^2 + 11A = 6I$$

$$A \frac{A^2 - 6A + 11I}{6} = I$$

  
must be  $A^{-1}$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{A^2 - 6A + 11I}{6}$$

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