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8.3 Spectral Decomposition Methods

Goal Given $n \times n$ matrix A , find fast way to compute the matrix

$$e^{At}$$

that comes up in the solution to $\mathbf{x}' = A\mathbf{x}$

Motivation ($n=3$)

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

so

$$e^{At} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{2t} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{3t} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{5t} \end{pmatrix}$$

Eigenvalues of A are

$$\lambda_1 = 2$$

$$\lambda_2 = 3$$

$$\lambda_3 = 5$$

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Define

$$P_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Observe

$$P_1 + P_2 + P_3 = I \quad (1)$$

$$P_i P_j = 0 \quad \text{if } i \neq j \quad (1 \leq i, j \leq 3)$$

$$P_i^2 = P_i \quad (1 \leq i \leq 3)$$

$$A = \lambda_1 P_1 + \lambda_2 P_2 + \lambda_3 P_3 \quad (3)$$

Define Kronecker delta

$$\delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i=j \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

Then

$$P_i P_j = \delta_{ij} P_i \quad (1 \leq i, j \leq 3) \quad (2)$$

we now compute e^{At} using only (1), (2), (3)

Recall

$$e^{At} = I + At + \frac{A^2 t^2}{2} + \frac{A^3 t^3}{3!} + \dots$$

Find A^2 in terms of P_1, P_2, P_3

$$A^2 = (\lambda_1 P_1 + \lambda_2 P_2 + \lambda_3 P_3)(\lambda_1 A + \lambda_2 P_2 + \lambda_3 P_3)$$

use (2)

$$= \lambda_1^2 P_1 + \lambda_2^2 P_2 + \lambda_3^2 P_3$$

Similarly

$$A^3 = (\lambda_1 P_1 + \lambda_2 P_2 + \lambda_3 P_3)^3$$

$$= \lambda_1^3 P_1 + \lambda_2^3 P_2 + \lambda_3^3 P_3$$

etc.

So

$$e^{At} = I + At + \frac{A^2 t^2}{2} + \frac{A^3 t^3}{3!} + \dots$$

$$= P_1 \left(1 + \lambda_1 t + \frac{\lambda_1^2 t^2}{2} + \frac{\lambda_1^3 t^3}{3!} + \dots \right)$$

$$+ P_2 \left(1 + \lambda_2 t + \frac{\lambda_2^2 t^2}{2} + \frac{\lambda_2^3 t^3}{3!} + \dots \right)$$

$$+ P_3 \left(1 + \lambda_3 t + \frac{\lambda_3^2 t^2}{2} + \frac{\lambda_3^3 t^3}{3!} + \dots \right)$$

$$= P_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + P_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} + P_3 e^{\lambda_3 t}$$

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Find P_1, P_2, P_3 in terms of A claim

$$P_1 = \frac{(A - \lambda_2 I)(A - \lambda_3 I)}{(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)(\lambda_1 - \lambda_3)} \quad *$$

$$P_2 = \frac{(A - \lambda_1 I)(A - \lambda_3 I)}{(\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)(\lambda_2 - \lambda_3)}$$

$$P_3 = \frac{(A - \lambda_1 I)(A - \lambda_2 I)}{(\lambda_3 - \lambda_1)(\lambda_3 - \lambda_2)}$$

check * :

$$\text{RHS} = \frac{(\lambda_1 P_1 + \lambda_2 P_2 + \lambda_3 P_3 - \lambda_2(P_1 + P_2 + P_3))(\lambda_1 P_1 + \lambda_2 P_2 + \lambda_3 P_3 - \lambda_3(P_1 + P_2 + P_3))}{(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)(\lambda_1 - \lambda_3)}$$

$$= \frac{((\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)P_1 + (\lambda_3 - \lambda_2)P_3) \quad \times \quad ((\lambda_1 - \lambda_3)P_1 + (\lambda_2 - \lambda_3)P_2)}{(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)(\lambda_1 - \lambda_3)}$$

$$= \frac{(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)(\lambda_1 - \lambda_3)P_1}{(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)(\lambda_1 - \lambda_3)} = P_1 \quad \checkmark$$

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Above claim says

$$P_i = \prod_{\substack{1 \leq j \leq 3 \\ j \neq i}} \frac{A - \lambda_j I}{\lambda_i - \lambda_j}$$

Conclusion

$$e^{At} = e^{\lambda_1 t} P_1 + e^{\lambda_2 t} P_2 + e^{\lambda_3 t} P_3$$

where

$$P_i = \prod_{\substack{1 \leq j \leq 3 \\ j \neq i}} \frac{A - \lambda_j I}{\lambda_i - \lambda_j} \quad 1 \leq i \leq 3$$

More generally ...

LEM Let $A =$ any 3×3 matrix
with 3 dist eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$

Define

$$P_i = \prod_{\substack{1 \leq j \leq 3 \\ j \neq i}} \frac{A - \lambda_j I}{\lambda_i - \lambda_j} \quad (1 \leq i \leq 3)$$

then

$$P_1 + P_2 + P_3 = I$$

$$P_i P_j = \delta_{ij} P_i \quad (1 \leq i, j \leq 3)$$

$$A = \lambda_1 P_1 + \lambda_2 P_2 + \lambda_3 P_3$$

Moreover

$$e^{At} = e^{\lambda_1 t} P_1 + e^{\lambda_2 t} P_2 + e^{\lambda_3 t} P_3$$

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Define

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

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there exists an invertible matrix P

such that

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

The present theorem is true for D

In resulting equations, mult each term on left

by P and right by P^{-1} .

Resulting equations show present theorem holds for A as well. \square

More generally ---

Thm Given $n \times n$ matrix A with
dist eigenvalues
 $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$.

Define

$$P_i = \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n \frac{A - \lambda_j I}{\lambda_i - \lambda_j} \quad (1 \leq i \leq n)$$

" Projection matrix for λ_i "

then

$$P_1 + P_2 + \dots + P_n = I$$

$$P_i P_j = \delta_{ij} P_i \quad (1 \leq i, j \leq n)$$

$$A = \lambda_1 P_1 + \lambda_2 P_2 + \dots + \lambda_n P_n$$

Moreover

$$e^{At} = e^{\lambda_1 t} P_1 + e^{\lambda_2 t} P_2 + \dots + e^{\lambda_n t} P_n$$

pf Sim to above LEM



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Ex Apply above thm to

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Sol Find eigenvalues of A

$$|A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} 4-\lambda & 2 \\ 3 & 7-\lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (4-\lambda)(7-\lambda) - 6$$

$$= \lambda^2 - 3\lambda - 10$$

$$= (\lambda - 5)(\lambda + 2)$$

Eigenvalues of A are

$$\lambda_1 = 5$$

$$\lambda_2 = -2$$

Find P_1, P_2

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_1 &= \frac{A - \lambda_2 I}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} \\
 &= \frac{A + 2I}{7} \\
 &= \frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_2 &= \frac{A - \lambda_1 I}{\lambda_2 - \lambda_1} \\
 &= \frac{A - 5I}{-7} \\
 &= \frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

check

$$P_1 + P_2 = I \quad \checkmark$$

check

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$$P_1^2 = P_1$$

$$P_1 P_2 = 0$$

$$P_2 P_1 = 0$$

$$P_2^2 = P_2$$

$$A = 5 P_1 - 2 P_2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{5}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{2}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$e^{At} = e^{\lambda_1 t} P_1 + e^{\lambda_2 t} P_2$$

$$= e^{5t} \frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + e^{-2t} \frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Ex

Apply thm to

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 & 16 \\ 0 & 6 & -15 \\ 0 & 2 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Sol

Find eigenvalues of A (skip detail)

$$\lambda_1 = 0$$

$$\lambda_2 = 1$$

$$\lambda_3 = 3$$

Find P_1, P_2, P_3

$$P_1 = \frac{(A - 1I)(A - 3I)}{(0 - 1)(0 - 3)}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 & -12 \\ 0 & -5 & 15 \\ 0 & -2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_2 = \frac{(A - 0I)(A - 3I)}{(1 - 0)(1 - 3)}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -4 & 16 \\ 0 & 6 & -15 \\ 0 & 2 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$P_3 = \frac{(A - 0I)(A - 1I)}{(3-0) \parallel (3-1)}$$

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

One checks

$$P_1 + P_2 + P_3 = I$$

$$P_i P_j = \delta_{ij} P_i$$

$$0P_1 + 1P_2 + 3P_3 = A$$

$$e^{At} = e^{0t} P_1 + e^t P_2 + e^{3t} P_3$$