



Eigenvalues & Spectral Decomposition

$$\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R} \text{ or } \mathbb{C}$$

Inner product:

$$\langle u, v \rangle := u^* v$$

Adjoint of A :

$$\langle u, Av \rangle = \langle A^* u, v \rangle$$

A is self-adjoint if $A = A^*$ $\langle u, Av \rangle = \langle Au, v \rangle$

Inner product:

$$\langle A, B \rangle = \text{tr}(A^* B) = \text{sum}(\bar{A} \circ B)$$

$$\|A\| = \langle A, A \rangle^{1/2}$$

$$U^\perp := \{v \in V : \langle v, u \rangle = 0 \ \forall u \text{ in } U\}$$

$$(a) \dim(U^\perp) = \dim(V) - \dim(U)$$

$$(b) U \cap U^\perp = \langle 0 \rangle, \quad V = U \oplus U^\perp$$

$$\} \Rightarrow (U^\perp)^\perp = U$$

Lemma If A fixes U , then A^* fixes U^\perp .

Corollary If A is self-adjoint, any $\mathbb{C}[A]$ -module has a complement.

If A is self-adjoint and A fixes U , the restriction of A to U is self-adjoint.

$$\langle u, Au \rangle = \langle Au, u \rangle \quad \forall u \text{ in } U$$

Once we've proved eigenvectors exist:

Corollary If A is $n \times n$ and self-adjoint, \mathbb{C}^n is a direct sum of eigenspaces.

Existence of Eigenvectors

Rank-1 approximations

Successive rank-1
approx \rightarrow rank- k

$$F = \mathbb{R}$$

symmetric rank-1 matrix: zz^*

$$\text{tr}(zz^*) = z^*z = \|z\|^2$$

Problem 1 Given $A = A^*$ and z with norm one, find minimum of $\|A - \lambda zz^*\|$.

Inner product on matrices

A, B $m \times n$ matrices

$$\langle A, B \rangle = \text{tr}(A^*B) = \text{sum}(\bar{A} \circ B)$$

Schur product

$$\langle A, A \rangle = \sum_{i,j} (\bar{A}_{i,j})^2$$

Assume V is an inner product space over \mathbb{C} .

If $u, v \in V$ and $\langle v, v \rangle = 1$,

$$\min_{\lambda} \langle u - \lambda v, u - \lambda v \rangle = \langle u, u \rangle - \langle u, v \rangle \langle v, u \rangle$$

Proof/

$$\langle u - \lambda v, u - \lambda v \rangle = \langle u, u \rangle - \lambda \langle u, v \rangle - \bar{\lambda} \langle v, u \rangle + \lambda \bar{\lambda} \quad (1)$$

RHS is equal to

$$\underbrace{\langle v, u \rangle \langle u, v \rangle - \lambda \langle v, u \rangle - \bar{\lambda} \langle u, v \rangle + \lambda \bar{\lambda}}_{(\langle v, u \rangle - \bar{\lambda})(\langle u, v \rangle - \lambda)} + (\langle u, u \rangle - \langle u, v \rangle \langle v, u \rangle)$$

$$(\langle v, u \rangle - \bar{\lambda})(\langle u, v \rangle - \lambda)$$

Corollary. If $\|z\|=1$, then

$$\min_z \{ \|A - \lambda z z^*\|^2 \} = \langle A, A \rangle - \langle z z^*, A \rangle \langle A, z z^* \rangle$$

Problem Find $\max_{\|z\|=1} |z^* A z|^2$

characterize z
that maximizes
this expression

$$Q(z) := z^* A z$$

$$(z+h)^* A (z+h) = Q(z) + h^* A z + z^* A h + \cancel{h^* A h}$$

$$h^* z = 0, z \text{ optimal} \Rightarrow h^* A z + z^* A h = 0$$

$$h \mapsto ih \quad -h^* A z + z^* A h = 0$$

$$\text{So } h^* A z = 0 \text{ if } h^* z = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow z^\perp \subseteq (A z)^\perp \Rightarrow A z \in \langle z \rangle$$

z is an eigenvector!

$Q(z)$ is a continuous function on the compact set $\{z : \|z\| = 1\}$, it realizes its maximum value

$\Rightarrow A$ has an eigenvector.

Spectral decomposition

1) $V = U \oplus U^\perp$ P projection on U

$$0 = \langle Pu, (I-P)v \rangle = \langle u, (P^* - P^*P)v \rangle \quad \forall u, v$$

$$\Rightarrow P^* = P^*P \Rightarrow P = (P^*P)^* = P^*P \Rightarrow P = P^*$$

2) orthonormal bases exist: choose u_1 , choose u_2 in $\langle u_1 \rangle^\perp, \dots$

3) u_1, \dots, u_k orthonormal, $P = \sum_r u_r u_r^*$ is projection on $\text{span}\{u_1, \dots, u_k\}$

$$\tilde{U} = [u_1, \dots, u_m], \quad \tilde{U}^* \tilde{U} = I_m, \quad P = \hat{U} \hat{U}^*$$

Assume A is self-adjoint on \mathbb{C}^n ,
with eigenspace decomposition

$$\mathbb{C}^n = U_1 \oplus \dots \oplus U_k.$$

If the eigenvalue of A on U_r is θ_r and
the projection on U_r is E_r ,

$$A = \sum_r \theta_r E_r$$

$$A = LDL^T \quad / \quad D_r = \theta_r \text{ dim} \\ = \sum_r \theta_r \underbrace{L_r L_r^T}_{E_r}$$

If u_1, \dots, u_k is an orthonormal basis for U_r

then $E_r = \sum_i u_i u_i^T$ and $AE_r = 0_r E_r$.

Consequences of spectral decomposition

$$1) \quad A^k = \sum_r \theta_r^k E_r \quad \Leftrightarrow E_s = \delta_{rs} E_r$$

2) If f is defined on the spectrum of A ,

$$f(A) = \sum_r f(\theta_r) E_r$$

$$p_r(\theta_r) = 1 \\ p_r(\theta_s) = 0$$

(a) E_r is a polynomial in A

$$(b) \quad (tI - A)^{-1} = \sum_r \frac{1}{t - \theta_r} E_r$$

$$(c) \quad \exp(tA) = \sum_r e^{t\theta_r} E_r$$

Review of positive semidefinite matrices

A Hermitian matrix M is **positive semidefinite** if $z^* M z \geq 0 \quad \forall z$. (Positive definite if psd and $z^* M z = 0 \Rightarrow z = 0$.) $M \succeq 0$

Theorem TFAE:

(a) $M \succeq 0$

(b) $M = N^* N$ for some N matrix of inner products

Cholesky decomposition

(c) $M = N^2$, for some Hermitian N ,

(d) M is Hermitian and all eigenvalues of M are non-negative.

1) e.g. $N = [x, y]$ $N^*N = \begin{bmatrix} x^*x & x^*y \\ y^*x & y^*y \end{bmatrix} \neq 0$

Since $\det(N^*N) \geq 0$, we have $(x^*x)(y^*y) - (y^*x)(x^*y) \geq 0$

if

$$\|x\|^2 \|y\|^2 \geq \langle y, x \rangle \langle x, y \rangle = |\langle x, y \rangle|^2$$

(Cauchy-Schwarz)

2) If $M \neq 0$ and $x^*Mx = 0$, then $Mx = 0$

3) If $M \geq 0$, any principal submatrix is psd.

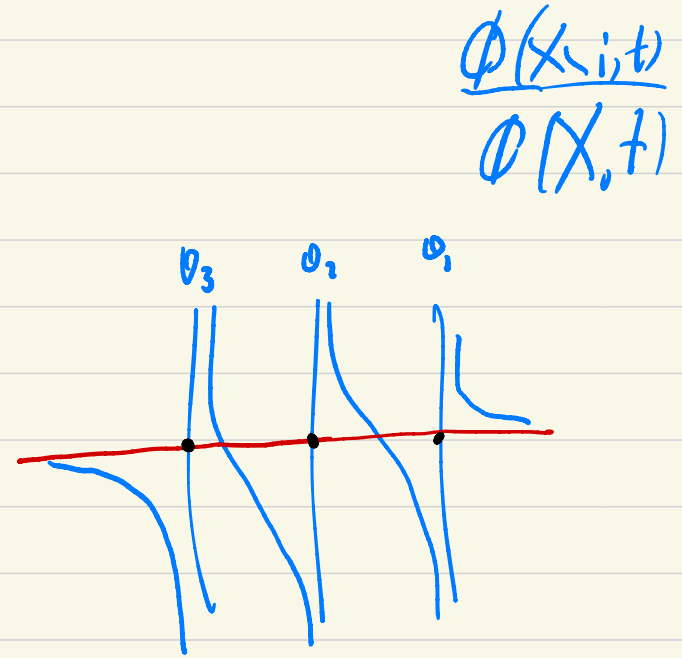
(So $M_{ii} \geq 0$ for all i .)

$M \circ I \neq 0$

Interlacing

$$\frac{\phi(X_i, t)}{\phi(X_0, t)} = \sum_r \frac{(E_r)_{i,i}}{t - \theta_r}$$

$\psi(t) \quad \psi'(t) < 0 \quad \forall t$



Walk generating functions

$$(A^n)_{u,v}$$

uv -walks, length n

$$\left(\sum_{n \geq 0} t^n A^n \right)_{u,v}$$

generating function

$$= (I - tA)^{-1}_{u,v}$$

rational function

$$= \sum_r \frac{(E_r)_{u,v}}{1 - t\theta_r}$$

partial fraction expansion

Cramer

$$\left((tI - A)^{-1} \right)_{n,n} = \frac{\phi(X \setminus n, t)}{\phi(X, t)}$$

$$\left(I - bA \right)_{n,n}^{-1} = \frac{b' \phi(X \setminus n, t^{-1})}{\phi(X, t^{-1})}$$

$$\left(tI - A \right)_{n,n}^{-1} = \sum_r \frac{(E_r)_{n,n}}{t - \theta_r}$$


$$\text{tr} \left((tI - A)^{-1} \right) = \sum_r \frac{\text{tr}(E_r)}{t - \theta_r} = \underbrace{\sum_r \frac{\text{mult}(\theta_r)}{t - \theta_r}}_{\text{equal to?}}$$

Working with generating functions

If S is a set of walks from a graph and $|\sigma|$ denotes the length of the walk σ , the generating function for S is

$$W_S(t) := \sum_{\sigma \in S} t^{|\sigma|}$$

Operating rules?



I) If $S \cap T = \emptyset$, then

$$W_{S \cup T}(t) = W_S(t) + W_T(t)$$

SUM

II) If $|(\alpha, \tau)| = |\alpha| + |\tau|$, then

$$W_{S \times T}(t) = W_S(t) W_T(t)$$

PRODUCT

III If σ is a sequence $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_m$ of walks from S then $|\sigma| := \sum_i |\sigma_i|$. The set of all sequences is S^* . If S contains **no walk of length 0**,

$$W_{S^*}(t) = \frac{1}{1 - W_S(t)}$$

SEQUENCE

Choose a in $V(X)$. Set

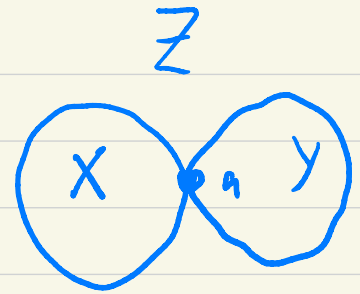
$$S = \{ \text{closed walks starting at } a \}$$

$$S^{(1)} = \{ \text{closed walks from } a, \text{ returning exactly once} \}$$

$$\bullet \quad W_S(t) = W_{a,a}(t) = (I - tA)_{a,a}^{-1} = \frac{t^{-1} \phi(X - a, t^{-1})}{\phi(X - a, t)}$$

\bullet If $\sigma \in S^{(1)}$, $|\sigma| \geq 2$. Each walk in S is a sequence of walks from $S^{(1)}$.

Characteristic polynomial of 1-sum



$$W_S(X) = \frac{t^{-1} \phi(X-a, t^{-1})}{\phi(X, t^{-1})}; \quad W_S(Y) = \frac{t^{-1} \phi(Y-a, t)}{\phi(Y, t^{-1})}$$

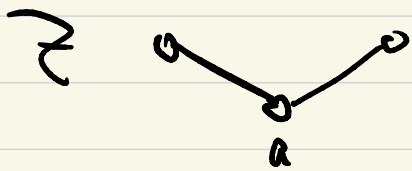
$$W_S^{(1)}(Z) = W_S^{(1)}(X) + W_S^{(1)}(Y)$$

$$1 - W_S(Z) = 1 - W_S(X) + 1 - W_S(Y)$$

$$W_S^{(1)} = 1 - W_S^{-1}$$

Theorem $\phi(Z, t) = \phi(X-a, t) \phi(Y, t) + \phi(X, t) \phi(Y-a, t) - t \phi(X-a, t) \phi(Y-a, t)$

Or: $\frac{\phi(Z)}{\phi(Z-a)} = \frac{\phi(Y)}{\phi(Y-a)} + \frac{\phi(X)}{\phi(X-a)} - 1$



$$X = Y = P_2 \quad \varphi(X, t) = t^2 - 1$$

$$\varphi(z) = (t^2 - 1)t + t(t^2 - 1) - t^3 = t^3 - 2t$$