

More on PD matrices

**Fact** If  $A$  is PD,  $A^{-1}$  is also PD

Reason: If  $A$  is PD,  $A$  has positive eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 > 0, \dots, \lambda_n > 0$

$\Rightarrow A^{-1}$  has eigenvalues  $\lambda_1^{-1} > 0, \dots, \lambda_n^{-1} > 0$

$\Rightarrow A^{-1}$  is also PD

**Fact** If  $A, B$  are PD,  $A+B$  is also PD

Reason:  $\underline{x}^T(A+B)\underline{x} = \underline{x}^T A \underline{x} + \underline{x}^T B \underline{x} > 0$

$\forall \underline{x} \neq \underline{0} \Rightarrow A+B$  is PD

If  $A$  is  $m \times n$  rectangular,  $A$  is certainly NOT square & symmetric

But  $A^T A$  is square & symmetric!

Q: Is  $A^T A$  PD for rectangular  $A_{m \times n}$ ?

Test on energy-based definition!

$$\underline{x}^T A^T A \underline{x} = (A \underline{x})^T (A \underline{x}) = \|A \underline{x}\|^2 \geq 0$$

only need to check if  $A \underline{x} = \underline{0}$  only

when  $\underline{x} = \underline{0}$

If  $A$  has indep. col., then

$$A\underline{x} = \underline{0} \text{ only when } \underline{x} = \underline{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|A\underline{x}\| > 0 \Rightarrow A^T A \text{ is PD}$$

Q: Why is this important?

When computing least square sol.

& projection, we work on  $A^T A$

$\Rightarrow A^T A$  appears often in applied math!

Another nice feature for PD matrices:

No need to do row exchange for

elimination (All pivots  $> 0$ )

# Similar matrices & Jordan form

Recall: When we have  $n$  indep. eigenvectors diagonalization is possible

$$\Rightarrow A = S \Delta S^{-1} \text{ or } S^{-1} A S = \Delta$$

Q: Can we do sth. similar when diagonalization is NOT possible?

Yes! Similar matrices & Jordan form!

**Def** Let  $M$  be any invertible matrix

Then  $B = M^{-1} A M$  is similar to  $A$

Note: If  $B = M^{-1} A M$ , then  $A = M B M^{-1}$

$\Rightarrow A$  is also similar to  $B$

(simply change  $M$  to  $M^{-1}$ )

Note: For the special case  $M = S$

$$A = S \Delta S^{-1} \text{ \& } \Delta = S^{-1} A S$$

$\Rightarrow A$  is similar to  $\Delta$

Note:  $M^{-1} A M$  appears in change of vars

$$\text{Set } \underline{u} = M \underline{v}$$

$$\frac{d\underline{u}}{dt} = A \underline{u} \text{ becomes } M \frac{d\underline{v}}{dt} = A M \underline{v}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\underline{v}}{dt} = M^{-1} A M \underline{v}$$

When  $M=S$ ,  $M^{-1}AM = S^{-1}AS = \Delta$

$\Rightarrow$  differential eqns very easy to solve (maximum in simplicity)

Other choices of  $M$  can make the new system triangular (Jordan form) & easier to solve

**Fact** (No change in  $\lambda$ 's)

Similar matrices  $A$  &  $M^{-1}AM$  have the same eigenvalues

If  $\underline{x}$  is an eigenvector of  $A$

$\Rightarrow M^{-1}\underline{x}$  .. .. of  $B = M^{-1}AM$

Proof:  $A\underline{x} = \lambda\underline{x}$

$$\Rightarrow AMM^{-1}\underline{x} = \lambda\underline{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow M^{-1}AMM^{-1}\underline{x} = \lambda M^{-1}\underline{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow B \underbrace{M^{-1}\underline{x}} = \lambda \underbrace{M^{-1}\underline{x}}$$

(eigenvector for  $B$ )

Note: The concept of similar matrices

allows us to put matrices into families in which all matrices in the family are similar to each other

$\Rightarrow$  Each family can be represented

by an diagonal (or nearly diag.) matrix

## Distinct eigenvalues

This indicates that  $A$  has a full set of indep. eigenvectors

$\Rightarrow A$  is diagonalizable

$\Rightarrow S^{-1}AS = \Lambda \Rightarrow A$  is similar to  $\Lambda$

$$\text{Ex: } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

So  $A$  is similar to  $\Lambda$

but  $A$  is also similar to:

$$M^{-1} A M = B$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -15 \\ 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

&  $B$  is similar to  $\Lambda$

$$\text{or } A \text{ is similar to } \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

In fact,  $A$  is similar to all  $2 \times 2$  matrices with eigenvalues 1 & 3

In general,

If two matrices have same  $n$  distinct eigenvalues  $\Rightarrow$  they are similar to the same diagonal matrix  $\Lambda$

## Repeated eigenvalues

2x2 Ex: If two eigenvalues of  $A$  are the same  $\Rightarrow$  may not be possible to diagonalize  $A$

Suppose  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 4$

Family 1:  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  only (two eigenvectors)

Reason:  $M^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} M = 4 M^{-1} M = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

Family 2:  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  (only one eigenvector)

Other family members: (same trace & det)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 17 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ (8a - a^2 - 16)/b & 8 - a \end{bmatrix}$$

(None of these matrix are diagonalizable otherwise, it will be similar to  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ )

Not changed by $M$	changed by $M$
Eigenvalues	Eigenvectors
Trace & det	Nullspace
Rank	Col. space
# of indep. eigenvectors	Row space
Jordan form	Left nullspace
	Singular values

## Examples of Jordan form

Both  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  &  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  are in Jordan form ("the most diagonal" matrix)

Ex 3: (p. 357)

Jordan matrix  $J$  has  $\lambda = 5, 5, 5$  on its diagonal with only one eigenvector  $(1, 0, 0)$

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 & 0 \\ & 5 & 1 \\ & & 5 \end{bmatrix} \text{ then } J - 5I = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ & 0 & 1 \\ & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(rank = 2)

Every similar matrix  $B = M^{-1}JM$  has same eigenvalues &  $\text{rank}(B - 5I) = 2$

$$\Rightarrow \dim N(J - 5I) = 3 - 2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{only one eigenvector } \underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{only one eigenvector for } B: M^{-1}\underline{x}$$

Note:  $J^T$  has same  $\lambda = 5, 5, 5$

$$\& \text{rank}(J^T - 5I) = 2$$

$\Rightarrow J^T$  is similar to  $J$

$$\Rightarrow J^T = M^{-1}JM:$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & & \\ & 5 & \\ & & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} & & 1 \\ & & \\ & & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 & \\ & 5 & 1 \\ & & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} & & \\ & & \\ & & \end{bmatrix}$$

only one eigenvector for  $J^T$ :

$$M^{-1}(1, 0, 0) = (0, 0, 1)$$

Key fact from Jordan's Thm:

$J$  (Jordan form) is similar to every matrix  $A$  with  $\lambda = \sqrt{\dots} \sqrt{\dots} \sqrt{\dots}$  & only one eigenvector & there is an  $M$  s.t.

$$M^{-1}AM = J$$

Ex 4: (p. 357)

$J$  is as close to diagonal as we can get.  $\frac{d\underline{u}}{dt}$  cannot be further simplified by change of var.s

$$\frac{d\underline{u}}{dt} = J\underline{u} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{\dots} & & \\ & \sqrt{\dots} & \\ & & \sqrt{\dots} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = \sqrt{\dots}x + y \Rightarrow x = (x(0) + t y(0) + \frac{1}{2}t^2 z(0)) e^{\sqrt{\dots}t}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \sqrt{\dots}y + z \Rightarrow y = (y(0) + t z(0)) e^{\sqrt{\dots}t}$$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \sqrt{\dots}z \Rightarrow z = z(0) e^{\sqrt{\dots}t}$$

(back substitution)

( $t$  &  $t^2$  enters  $\because \lambda = \sqrt{\dots}$  is a triple eigenvalue with only one eigenvector)



Q: If two matrices have same repeated eigenvalues & same rank  $(J - \lambda I)$ , are they similar to each other?

Ex:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$   $\lambda = 0, 0, 0, 0$   
rank = 2

$$\dim N(A - \lambda I) = 4 - 2 = 2$$

$\Rightarrow$  two indep. eigenvectors & two "missing" eigenvectors

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
 rank = 2  
 $\dim N(B - \lambda I) = 2$

& B is similar to A (Jordan form)

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
 rank = 2  
 $\dim N(C - \lambda I) = 2$

Q: Is C similar to A?

No!

Jordan blocks:

$$A = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right], \quad C = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

**Def** A Jordan block  $J_i$  with repeated eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  is

$$J_i = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_i & 1 & & \\ & \lambda_i & 1 & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots \\ & & & \lambda_i \end{bmatrix}$$

then the Jordan form is

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} J_1 & & \\ & J_2 & \\ & & \ddots \\ & & & J_d \end{bmatrix}$$

each block accounts for one eigenvector  
(# of blocks = # of eigenvectors)

**Thm** Jordan's Thm

Every square matrix  $A$  is similar to a Jordan form

$\Rightarrow A$  is similar to  $B$  if they share the same Jordan form

Summary:

1. If  $A$  has  $n$  distinct eigenvalues, it is diagonalizable &  $J = \Lambda$
2. If  $A$  has repeated eigenvalues & missing eigenvectors, then its  $J$  has  $n-d$  ones above its diagonal