

Recitation - Week 5

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Eigenvalues and diagonalizable matrices

1. Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$. Suppose that A has an eigenvalue λ with eigenvector $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ associated to λ . Prove that
 - i. $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, \lambda + \alpha$ is an eigenvalue of the matrix $A + \alpha I_{n \times n}$ with corresponding eigenvector v
 - ii. $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \lambda^k$ is an eigenvalue of the matrix A^k with corresponding eigenvector v
2. Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ and $C \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$. Prove that if B and C are invertible, then $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(BAC)$. What does this say about rank of any diagonalizable matrix $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$? Prove that $\text{Tr}(X) = \sum_i \lambda_i$ where λ_i are the eigenvalues of X .
3. Let v_1, \dots, v_k be the eigenvectors of A corresponding respectively to eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$ such that all λ_i are distinct (assume that $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > \dots > \lambda_k$). Prove the eigenvectors v_1, \dots, v_k are linearly independent

Gram-Schmidt

1. Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ have linearly independent columns. Show that there is a matrix $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and $R \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ such that $A=QR$, Q has orthonormal columns and R is upper triangular
2. Suppose $D \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is diagonal. Give a vector $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ with $\|v\| = 1$ such that $\|Dv\|$ is maximized