

# HW5 Discussion:

## Problem 1:

$$A = X B X^{-1}$$

$$\chi_A(\lambda) = \det(\lambda I - A)$$

$$= \det(\lambda X X^{-1} - X B X^{-1})$$

$$= \det(X(\lambda I - B)X^{-1})$$

$$= \det(\lambda I - B)$$

$$= \chi_B(\lambda).$$

Called conjugation, or "similarity" of matrices. Similar matrices have the same eigenvalues. [Not necessarily the same e.vectors.]

On the other hand, we can expand char poly true for any matrix.

$$\chi_A(\lambda) = \lambda^n - \text{tr}(A)\lambda^{n-1} + \dots + (-1)^n \det(A)$$

$$\chi_B(\lambda) = \lambda^n - \text{tr}(B)\lambda^{n-1} + \dots + (-1)^n \det(B).$$

Same polynomial  $\Rightarrow$  same coeffs.

$$\Rightarrow \text{tr}(A) = \text{tr}(B)$$

$$\det(A) = \det(B) \leftarrow \text{already knew this.}$$

Factor  $\chi_A(\lambda)$  over  $\mathbb{C}$ :

$$\chi_A(\lambda) = (\lambda - \lambda_1) \dots (\lambda - \lambda_n),$$

true for any matrix

$\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{C}$  not neces. distinct.

Expand:

$$\chi_A(\lambda) = \lambda^n - (\lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_n)\lambda^{n-1} + \dots + (-1)^n \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \dots \lambda_n.$$

compare coeffs to get

$$\text{tr}(A) = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_n$$

$$\det(A) = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \dots \lambda_n.$$

Often quite useful.

In abstract linear alg. people don't want to choose a basis.

$$f : V \rightarrow V$$

with  $\dim(V) = n$ . Even if we don't think of  $f$  as a matrix, we can still define trace & det:

$$\text{tr}(F) = \lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_n$$

$$\det(F) = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \dots \lambda_n.$$



Idempotent Matrices:

Suppose  $P^2 = P$ .

IF  $P\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x}$ ,  $\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}$ .

$$\lambda\vec{x} = P\vec{x} = P^2\vec{x} = \lambda^2\vec{x}$$

$$(\lambda^2 - \lambda)\vec{x} = \vec{0}.$$

$$\vec{x} \neq \vec{0} \implies \lambda^2 - \lambda = 0$$

$$\lambda(\lambda - 1) = 0$$

$$\lambda = 0 \text{ or } \lambda = 1.$$

Fact:  $P^2 = P \implies P$  idble.

[There is now a proof in the notes.]

$$\exists \vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_n \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$P\vec{x}_1 = 1\vec{x}_1 \quad \dots \quad P\vec{x}_r = 1\vec{x}_r$$

$$P\vec{x}_{r+1} = 0\vec{x}_{r+1} \quad \dots \quad P\vec{x}_n = 0\vec{x}_n$$

$$r = \text{rank}(P)$$

$r = 0$  or  $r = n$  allowed.

$$P = 0 \quad P = I.$$

$$P = (\vec{x}_1 | \dots | \vec{x}_n) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 0 \dots 0 \end{pmatrix} (\vec{x}_1 | \dots | \vec{x}_n)^{-1}$$

$$X^{-1}$$

Write in Block form

$$P = (A | *) \left( \begin{array}{c|c} I & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{c} B \\ * \end{array} \right)$$

$A =$  first  $r$  cols of  $X$  ( $n \times r$ )

$B =$  first  $r$  rows of  $X^{-1}$  ( $r \times n$ ).

$$= (A | *) \left( \begin{array}{c} B \\ 0 \end{array} \right) = AB.$$

$$P = AB$$

$n \times r \quad r \times n.$

Also:

$$X^{-1} X = I$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \begin{array}{c} B \\ * \end{array} \right) (A | *) &= \left( \begin{array}{c|c} BA & * \\ \hline * & * \end{array} \right) \\ &= \left( \begin{array}{c|c} I_r & 0 \\ \hline 0 & I_{n-r} \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow BA = I_r.$$

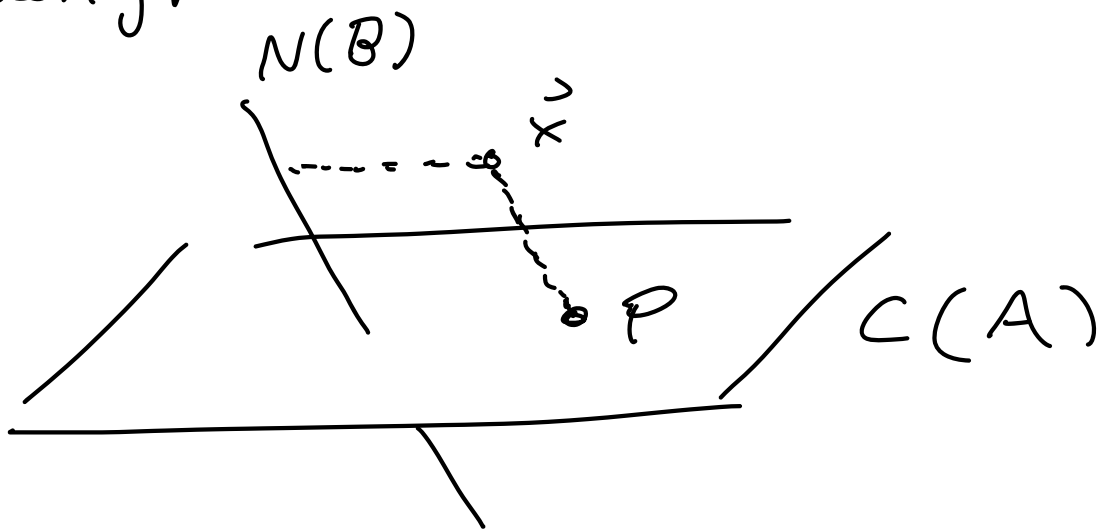
$r \times n$   $n \times r$ .

Summary:

$$P^2 = P \Rightarrow P = AB$$

where  $BA = I_r$ .

Geometry:



$$\text{Col}(P) = \text{Col}(A \overset{\text{ind rows.}}{B}) = \text{Col}(A)$$

$\uparrow$   
ind rows.

$$B\vec{x} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow P\vec{x} = AB\vec{x} = A\vec{0} = \vec{0}.$$

If  $N(B) \perp C(A)$  then one

can show  $P = AB = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T$ .

## Normal Matrices / Operators.

$V$  inner product space over  $\mathbb{C}$ .

$A: V \rightarrow V$  "bounded" operator

$\implies \exists A^*: V \rightarrow V$

$$\langle A\vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = \langle \vec{x}, A^*\vec{y} \rangle$$

$$\langle \vec{x}, A\vec{y} \rangle = \langle A^*\vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle$$

$\forall \vec{x}, \vec{y} \in V$ .

$V = \mathbb{C}^n$  then  $A^*$  is conj. transpose.

$V = \mathbb{R}^n$  then  $A^* = A^T$  is transpose.

Suppose  $A^*A = AA^*$

say  $A$  is "normal".

Goal: E. vectors corr to different e. values are orthogonal.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a) \quad & \langle A\vec{x}, A\vec{y} \rangle \\
 &= \langle \vec{x}, A^*A\vec{y} \rangle \\
 &= \langle \vec{x}, AA^*\vec{y} \rangle \\
 &= \langle A^*\vec{x}, A^*\vec{y} \rangle.
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) Put  $y = x$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|A\vec{x}\|^2 &= \langle A\vec{x}, A\vec{x} \rangle \\
 &= \langle A^*\vec{x}, A^*\vec{x} \rangle = \|A^*\vec{x}\|^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Normal operators preserve distance.

$$\begin{aligned}
 A\vec{x} = 0 &\Leftrightarrow \|A\vec{x}\| = 0 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \|A^*\vec{x}\| = 0 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow A^*\vec{x} = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

same nullspace.

(c) For any  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , consider

$$B = \lambda I - A.$$



$$\text{Have } B^* = \lambda^* I - A^*$$

$$B^* B = (\lambda^* I - A^*) (\lambda I - A)$$

$$= \lambda^* \lambda I - \lambda^* A - \lambda A^* + A^* A,$$

$$= \lambda^* \lambda I - \lambda^* A - \lambda A^* + AA^*$$

$$= (\lambda I - A) (\lambda^* I - A^*)$$

$$= BB^*.$$

[ More generally,  $f(A)^* f(A)$

$$= f(A) f(A)^* \quad \forall \text{ polynomials } f ]$$

Conclusion:

$$A \vec{x} = \lambda \vec{x} \Leftrightarrow (\lambda I - A) \vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow B \vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow B^* \vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

$$B^* B = B B^*$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\lambda^* I - A^*) \vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow A^* \vec{x} = \lambda^* \vec{x}.$$

So if  $A^*A = AA^*$  then

$A, A^*$  have same e.vectors,  
conjugate e.values.

Finally, (d).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Suppose } A\vec{x} &= \lambda\vec{x} & \lambda \neq \mu. \\ A\vec{y} &= \mu\vec{y} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \langle A\vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle &= \langle \lambda^* \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle \\ &= \langle A^* \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle \\ &= \langle \vec{x}, A\vec{y} \rangle \\ &= \langle \vec{x}, \mu \vec{y} \rangle = \mu \langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda \langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = \mu \langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle$$

$$(\lambda - \mu) \langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = 0$$

$$\lambda - \mu \neq 0 \implies \langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = 0.$$

Special Cases:

$$A^T = A \quad A^T A = I$$

$$A^* = A \quad A^* A = I$$

Spectral Theorem:

$$A^* A = A A^*$$

$\Rightarrow \exists$  orthonormal basis  
of e.vectors,

$$A = U \Lambda U^*$$

$$U^* U = I, \quad \Lambda \text{ diag.}$$

Problem 2:

$A$  real  $n \times n$ .

$\chi_A(x)$  real degree  $n$ .

$$f(x) = b_0 + b_1 x + \dots + b_n x^n$$

$b_0, \dots, b_n$  real.

$\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{f(\alpha)} &= \overline{b_0 + b_1 \alpha + \dots + b_n \alpha^n} \\ &= \overline{b_0} + \overline{b_1} \overline{\alpha} + \dots + \overline{b_n} (\overline{\alpha})^n \\ &= b_0 + b_1 \overline{\alpha} + \dots + b_n (\overline{\alpha})^n \\ &= f(\overline{\alpha})\end{aligned}$$

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$$f(\alpha) = 0 \iff f(\overline{\alpha}) = 0.$$

$$f(\alpha) = 0 \implies f(\overline{\alpha}) = \overline{f(\alpha)} = \overline{0} = 0.$$

$$f(\overline{\alpha}) = 0$$

$$\implies f(\alpha) = \overline{\overline{f(\overline{\alpha})}}$$

$$= \overline{f(\overline{\alpha})} = \overline{0} = 0. \checkmark$$

Non-real complex roots come in conjugate pairs.

Corollary:

$A$  real  $\Rightarrow \chi_A(x)$  has  
real coeffs.

So non-real complex eigenvalues  
come in conjugate pairs.

If  $n$  is odd,  $\chi_A(x)$  must  
have a real eigenvalue!

If not, it would have an  
even # of eigenvalues. X



Complex E.vectors of real matrices.

$A$  real

$$A \vec{x} = \lambda \vec{x}, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \text{ not real.}$$

Then  $\vec{x} \notin \mathbb{R}^n$ .

otherwise:  $\lambda \vec{x} = A \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\implies \lambda \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\lambda \in \mathbb{C} - \mathbb{R}, \quad A \vec{x} = \lambda \vec{x}$$

$$\implies \vec{x} \in \mathbb{C}^n - \mathbb{R}^n.$$

$$\lambda = a + ib \quad a, b \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\vec{x} = \vec{u} + i\vec{v} \quad \vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$A\vec{u} + iA\vec{v} = A(\vec{u} + i\vec{v})$$

$$= A\vec{x}$$

$$= \lambda \vec{x}$$

$$= (a + ib)(\vec{u} + i\vec{v})$$

$$= (a\vec{u} - b\vec{v}) + i(b\vec{u} + a\vec{v}),$$

$$\implies \begin{cases} A\vec{u} = a\vec{u} - b\vec{v} \\ A\vec{v} = b\vec{u} + a\vec{v}. \end{cases}$$

⋮

Punchline.

If real  $A$  is d'ble, then

$\exists$  real basis  $X = (x_1 | \dots | x_n)$

such that.

$$A = X \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & -b_1 \\ b_1 & a_1 \end{pmatrix} & \\ & & & \ddots \\ & & & & \begin{pmatrix} a_n & -b_n \\ b_n & a_n \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} X^{-1}$$

rotations & dilations.