

Examples: Symmetric $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = -1 \quad \hat{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$
 $A = \tilde{A}$ $\lambda_2 = 3 \quad \hat{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$

and $A_{diag} = P^{-1} A P$ w/ $P = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$
 $P' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$ } both of which are orthogonal
 $\tilde{P} P = \underline{I}$

$$A_{diag} = P^{-1} A P = \tilde{P} A P = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_{diag} = P'^{-1} A P' = \tilde{P}' A P' = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Antisymmetric and orthogonal $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = i \quad \hat{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$
 $B = -B^T$ $B^T B = \underline{I}$ $\lambda_2 = -i \quad \hat{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$

and $B_{diag} = P^{-1} B P$ w/ $P = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$
 $P' = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$ } both of which are unitary
 $P^+ P = \underline{I}$

$$B_{diag} = P^{-1} B P = P^+ B P = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -i & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B_{diag} = P'^{-1} B P' = P'^+ B P' = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix}$$

What more does adjointing (but not self-adjoint) bring us?

[If A is any linear operator w/ eigenvalues λ_i , then A^\dagger has eigenvalues λ_i^* .

Proof: Recall λ come from $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$, but $\det A = (\det A^\dagger)^* \Rightarrow (\det A)^* = \det A^\dagger$
and since $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0 = [\det(A - \lambda I)]^* \Rightarrow \det(A - \lambda I)^\dagger = 0 = \det(A^\dagger - \lambda^* I)$
hence λ^* are eigenvalues of A^\dagger

Moreover:

[If any A has an eigenvalue λ_i w/ an eigenvector x_i , and A^\dagger has an eigenvalue λ_j^* w/ eigenvector x_j , then $\langle x_i, x_j \rangle = 0$ whenever $\lambda_i \neq \lambda_j$.

Proof: Consider $Ax_i = \lambda_i x_i \Rightarrow \langle x_j, Ax_i \rangle = \lambda_i \langle x_j, x_i \rangle$
def. of adjoint $\langle A^\dagger x_j, x_i \rangle = \langle \lambda_j^* x_j, x_i \rangle = \lambda_j^* \langle x_j, x_i \rangle$
 $\Rightarrow (\lambda_i - \lambda_j^*) \langle x_j, x_i \rangle = 0$
 $= 0$ if $\lambda_i \neq \lambda_j^*$

So now we are going to flash through some results from the sections on "The Solvability of Linear Equations" and "Minimum Principles." No proof will be provided (they are in the book), but rather we will illustrate these by example.

If A is a linear operator on a vector space w/ eigenvalues λ_i , then A^+ has eigenvalues λ_i^* .

Consider $A = \begin{pmatrix} i+1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & i & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & i \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \det \begin{pmatrix} i+1-\lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & i-\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & i-\lambda \end{pmatrix} = 0 = (i+1-\lambda)[(i-\lambda)^2 - 1] = (i+1-\lambda)(\lambda^2 - 2i\lambda - 2)$
 then $\lambda_1 = i+1$, $\lambda_2 = \frac{2i + \sqrt{-4+8}}{2} = i+1$, $\lambda_3 = \frac{2i - \sqrt{-4+8}}{2} = i-1$

Consider $A^+ = \begin{pmatrix} -i+1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -i & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -i \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \det \begin{pmatrix} -i+1-\lambda^* & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -i-\lambda^* & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -i-\lambda^* \end{pmatrix} = 0 = (-i+1-\lambda^*)(\lambda^{*2} + 2i\lambda^* - 2)$
 then $\lambda_1^* = -i+1$, $\lambda_2^* = -i+1$, $\lambda_3^* = -i-1$ (As promised by theorem)

Consider A w/ λ and A^+ w/ λ^* . The geometric multiplicity of λ is the same as λ^* .

If $\{\lambda_i\}$ is the spectrum of A (then $\{\lambda_i^*\}$ is that of A^+) then if ϕ_j is an ^{eigenvector} eigenfunction of A belonging to λ_j , and ψ_i is an eigenfunction of A^+ belonging to λ_i^* , then $(\phi_j, \psi_i) = 0$ if $\lambda_i \neq \lambda_j$.

Eigenvectors of A : $\lambda_{1,2} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} i+1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & i & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ia+a \\ ib+b \\ ic+c \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} ia+a = ia+a \\ ib+c = ib+b \\ b+ic = ic+c \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} a = \text{whatever} \\ b = c \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \hat{X}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ G.S. } \hat{X}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$\lambda_3 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} i+1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & i & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ia-a \\ ib-b \\ ic-c \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} ia+a = ia-a \\ ib+c = ib-b \\ b+ic = ic-c \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} a = 0 \\ b = -c \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \hat{X}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

Eigenvectors of A : $\lambda_{1,2}^* \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -i+1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -i & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -ia+a \\ -ib+b \\ -ic+c \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} -ia+a = -ia+a \\ -ib+c = -ib+b \\ b-ic = -ic+c \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} a = \text{whatever} \\ b = c \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \hat{Y}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ G.S. } \hat{Y}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$\lambda_3^* \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -i+1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -i & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -ia-a \\ -ib-b \\ -ic-c \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} -ia+a = -ia-a \\ -ib+c = -ib-b \\ b-ic = -ic-c \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} a = 0 \\ b = -c \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \hat{Y}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

Note: $(\hat{X}_1, \hat{Y}_3) = (\hat{X}_2, \hat{Y}_3) = (\hat{X}_3, \hat{Y}_1) = (\hat{X}_3, \hat{Y}_2) = 0$
 $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_3$ $\lambda_2 \neq \lambda_3$ $\lambda_3 \neq \lambda_1$ $\lambda_3 \neq \lambda_2$

And finally we have a generalization of :

If $\det A = 0$ and the eigenvectors of A span V , then $Ax = b$ has a solution iff b is a lin. comb. of eigenvectors for which $\lambda_i \neq 0$.

so

The equation $(A - \lambda I)x = y$ has a solution iff $(\phi_i, y) = 0$ for all ϕ_i satisfying $(A - \lambda^* I)\phi_i = 0$.

$$\text{For example take } \lambda_1 = i+1 \Rightarrow \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} i+1-i-1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & i-i-1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & i-i-1 \end{pmatrix}}_{A-\lambda I} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}}_x = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}}_x \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}}_x = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -b+c \\ b-c \end{pmatrix}}_y = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} d \\ e \\ f \end{pmatrix}}_y$$

$$\text{and } \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} -i+1+i-1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -i+i-1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -i+i-1 \end{pmatrix}}_{A-\lambda^* I} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}}_\phi = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}}_\phi \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}}_\phi = 0 \Rightarrow \phi = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ b \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \phi_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{\text{G.S.}}{\Rightarrow} \phi_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Let } \underbrace{y = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{(y, \phi_1) \neq 0} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 0=1 \\ -b+c=0 \\ b-c=0 \end{cases} \text{ no solution}, \quad \underbrace{y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{(y, \phi_2) \neq 0} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 0=0 \\ -b+c=1 \\ b-c=0 \end{cases} \text{ no solution}, \quad \underbrace{y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{(y, \phi_2) = 0}$$

$$\text{But } \underbrace{y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{(y, \phi_1) = 0 = (y, \phi_2)} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 0=0 \\ -b+c=1 \\ b-c=-1 \end{cases} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ 1+b \end{pmatrix} \right\} \text{ is a solution!}$$

From "Minimum Principles":

If A is self-adjoint, $Ax = \lambda x$ if and only if $I = (x, Ax)$ is extremized w.r.t. the constraint $(x, x) = 1$. The extremized value of I is just λ .

Recall: $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ first of all $A^T = A$

The eigenvalues are $\lambda_i = \{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4\} = \{3, 5, -1, -1\}$

The eigenvectors are $x_1 = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $a = \text{anything} \Rightarrow \hat{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$x_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ b \\ b \\ b \end{pmatrix}$ $b = \text{anything} \Rightarrow \hat{x}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$x_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ b \\ c \\ c \end{pmatrix}$ $a + b + c = 0$

$x_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ d \\ e \\ f \end{pmatrix}$ $d + e + f = 0$

Let's see this in the extremizing language:

$$I = (a \ b \ c \ d) \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{pmatrix} = 3a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 + 4bc + 4cd + 4bd$$

subject to $(x, x) = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = 1$ or $J = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 - 1 = 0$

↙ Lagrange multiplier

To extremize consider $K = I - \lambda J = (3 - \lambda)a^2 + (1 - \lambda)b^2 + (1 - \lambda)c^2 + (1 - \lambda)d^2 + \lambda + 4bc + 4bd + 4cd$

Now demand $\frac{\partial K}{\partial a} = \frac{\partial K}{\partial b} = \frac{\partial K}{\partial c} = \frac{\partial K}{\partial d} = 0$

$\frac{\partial K}{\partial a} = (6 - 2\lambda)a = 0$ $\frac{\partial K}{\partial c} = (1 - \lambda)2c + 4b + 4d = 0$

$\frac{\partial K}{\partial b} = (1 - \lambda)2b + 4c + 4d = 0$ $\frac{\partial K}{\partial d} = (1 - \lambda)2d + 4b + 4c = 0$

Turn the λ dial:

$\lambda = 3 \Rightarrow (0)a = 0 \Rightarrow a = \text{anything}$ $\left. \begin{matrix} -4b + 4c + 4d = 0 \\ -4c + 4b + 4d = 0 \\ -4d + 4b + 4c = 0 \end{matrix} \right\} d = b = c = 0$	$\lambda = 5 \Rightarrow -4a = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0$ $\left. \begin{matrix} -8b + 4c + 4d = 0 \\ -8c + 4b + 4d = 0 \\ -8d + 4b + 4c = 0 \end{matrix} \right\} b = c = d$	$\lambda = -1 \Rightarrow 4a = 0$ $\left. \begin{matrix} 4b + 4c + 4d = 0 \\ 4c + 4b + 4d = 0 \\ 4d + 4b + 4c = 0 \end{matrix} \right\} b + c + d = 0$
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$(x, x) = 1 \Rightarrow a = 1 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$(x, x) = 1 \Rightarrow b = c = d = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix}$

$(x, x) = 1 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{3} \\ -1/\sqrt{3} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} \\ -2/\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix}$

$I = 3a^2 = 3$

$I = 5(b^2 + c^2 + d^2) = 5$

$I = \underbrace{(b+c+d)^2}_{=0} + 2bc + 2cd + 2bd = -1$

For self-adjoint A , if λ is smallest eigenvalue and λ' the largest, then the max/min of $\langle x, Ax \rangle$ are λ'/λ for all vectors s.t. $\langle x, x \rangle = 1$.

Now consider:

If V is a vector space and U is a subspace of V , the set of vectors not in U is the "complement" of U in V , U_c .

Then:

If A is self-adjoint in an n -dim. V w/ eigenvalues $\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n$, consider U_i : the subspace of V spanned by eigenvectors associated w/ λ up to λ_i . Then normalized vectors $\{x\}$ that are in the complement U_i^c , the minimum of $\langle x, Ax \rangle$ is assumed when $x = x_{i+1}$ w/ λ_{i+1} .

Consider vectors in U_i^c where U_i is spanned by $\begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$
 i.e. $x \in U_i^c$ when $x = a \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b/\sqrt{2} \\ b/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } k &= \mathbb{I} - \lambda \mathbb{J} = 3a^2 + 5b^2 - \lambda a^2 - \lambda b^2 + \lambda \\ &= (3 - \lambda)a^2 + (5 - \lambda)b^2 + \lambda \end{aligned}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial k}{\partial a} &= (6 - 2\lambda)a = 0 \\ \frac{\partial k}{\partial b} &= (10 - 2\lambda)b = 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \lambda = 3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Downarrow \\ \lambda = -1 \Rightarrow \text{no solution}$$