

An orthogonal matrix is $Q \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ such that

$$Q^t Q = I$$

A unitary matrix is $U \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ such that

$$U^t U = I$$

A symmetric matrix is $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ such that

$$A^t = A$$

A Hermitian matrix is $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ such that

$$\bar{A}^t = A$$

Example 21 $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ -i & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is Hermitian since

$$\bar{A}^t = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{1} & \bar{-i} \\ \bar{i} & \bar{1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ -i & 1 \end{pmatrix} = A$$

$B = \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix}$ is not Hermitian since

$$\bar{B}^t = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{i} & \bar{0} \\ \bar{0} & \bar{i} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix} \neq B$$

Example 20 $U = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} -i & i \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is unitary since

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{U}^t U &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{-i} & \bar{i} \\ \bar{1} & \bar{1} \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} -i & i \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} i & 1 \\ -i & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -i & i \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Example 15

$Q_\theta = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$ is orthogonal

since

$$Q_\theta^t Q_\theta = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta & -\sin \theta \cos \theta + \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ -\sin \theta \cos \theta + \cos \theta \sin \theta & \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Example 16 Let $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and let $Q \in O_n(\mathbb{R})$.

Then

$$\langle \vec{u} | \vec{v} \rangle = \vec{u}^t \vec{v} \quad \text{and}$$

$$\langle Q\vec{u} | Q\vec{v} \rangle = (Q\vec{u})^t Q\vec{v} = \vec{u}^t Q^t Q\vec{v} = \vec{u}^t \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{u}^t \vec{v}$$

$$\therefore \langle Q\vec{u} | Q\vec{v} \rangle = \langle \vec{u} | \vec{v} \rangle.$$

Example 21 $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ -i & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is Hermitian.

$$\ker(A-t) = \ker \begin{pmatrix} 1-t & i \\ i & 1-t \end{pmatrix} = \ker \begin{pmatrix} -i & 1-t \\ 0 & i(t^2-2t+1) \end{pmatrix}$$

since

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1-t & i \\ -i & 1-t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (1-t)+i & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} i & 1-t \\ 0 & i(1-t)^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

If $t=0$ then $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix}$ is an eigenvector. A. Ram

and $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix}$ is an eigenvector of length 1.

If $t=2$ then $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{pmatrix}$ is an eigenvector

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Then

$U = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ i & -i \end{pmatrix}$ is unitary and

$$A = U \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} U^{-1}$$

Example 18 $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is symmetric

$$\ker \begin{pmatrix} 1-t & -1 \\ -1 & 1-t \end{pmatrix} = \ker \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1-t \\ 0 & t^2-2t \end{pmatrix}$$

since

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1-t & -1 \\ -1 & 1-t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -(t-1) & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1-t \\ 0 & -1+(1-t)^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

If $t=0$ then $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is an eigenvector

and $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is an eigenvector of length 1

If $t=2$ then $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ is an eigenvector

and $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ is an eigenvector of length 1.

then $Q = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ is orthogonal A. Row

and $A = Q \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} Q^t$

Check:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = A.$$

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$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 & 6 \\ 0 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

then

$$\ker \begin{pmatrix} 2-t & -3 & 6 \\ 0 & 5-t & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & -t \end{pmatrix} = \ker \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5-t & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2-t & -3 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & -t \\ 0 & 0 & -6 - (5-t)(-t) \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$= \ker \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5-t & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2-t & 0 & 3(2-t) \\ 0 & 1 & -t \\ 0 & 0 & -(t^2 - 5t + 6) \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$= \ker \begin{pmatrix} 2-t & 0 & 3(2-t) \\ 0 & 1 & -t \\ 0 & 0 & -(t-3)(t-2) \end{pmatrix}$$

and this has a row of 0's if $t=3$
 and two rows of 0's when $t=2$.

If $\lambda = 2$ then $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is an eigenvector of A .

and $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ is an eigenvector.

If $\lambda = 3$ then

$\begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is an eigenvector.

Let $P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $D = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

Then

$$A = PDP^{-1}.$$