

A matrix $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ is Hermitian if $A = \bar{A}^T$.

A matrix $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ is symmetric if $A = A^T$.

A matrix $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ is orthogonal if $AA^T = I$.

A matrix $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ is unitary if $A \bar{A}^T = I$.

Examples 1) $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ -i & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ has $A^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -i \\ i & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
 and $\bar{A}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ -i & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. So A is Hermitian.

2) $B = \begin{pmatrix} +i & 0 \\ 0 & +i \end{pmatrix}$ has $B^T = \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix}$ and $\bar{B}^T = \begin{pmatrix} -i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix}$
 So B is not Hermitian.

(3) $A = \begin{pmatrix} 12 & 19 \\ 19 & 12 \end{pmatrix}$ is symmetric.

$B = \begin{pmatrix} 12 & 17 \\ 19 & 12 \end{pmatrix}$ is not symmetric.

(4) $Q = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$ has $Q^T = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$

and

$$Q Q^T = \begin{pmatrix} \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta & 0 \\ 0 & \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

So Q is orthogonal.

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

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$$A^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -i \\ i & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \bar{A}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ -i & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } A \text{ is Hermitian.}$$

Find eigenvalues and ^{orthonormal} eigenvectors in $\mathbb{C}^2$.

To do this find $\ker(A - \lambda I)$

$$A - \lambda I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ -i & 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1-\lambda & i \\ -i & 1-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

Left multiply $A - \lambda$ by

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{(1-\lambda)}{-i} \end{pmatrix} \text{ to get } \begin{pmatrix} -i & 1-\lambda \\ 0 & i + \frac{(1-\lambda)^2}{i} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{and } i + \frac{(1-\lambda)^2}{i} = i - i(1-\lambda)^2 = i - i(1 - 2\lambda + \lambda^2) \\ = 2i\lambda - i\lambda^2 = i\lambda(2 - \lambda).$$

So we get a row of 0's if $\lambda = 0$ or $\lambda = 2$.

Case 1: $\lambda = 0$ then

$$\ker(A - \lambda) = \ker \begin{pmatrix} -i & 1-0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \ker \begin{pmatrix} -i & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mid \begin{matrix} -ix_1 + x_2 = 0 \\ 0 = 0 \end{matrix} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mid \begin{matrix} x_2 = ix_1 \\ x_1 = x_1 \end{matrix} \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ ix_1 \end{pmatrix} \mid x_1 \in \mathbb{C} \right\} = \left\{ x_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix} \mid x_1 \in \mathbb{C} \right\} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$= \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ i/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \right\} \text{ with } \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ i/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \text{ a unit vector.}$$

Case 2: $\lambda = 1$.

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$$\ker(A - \lambda I) = \ker \begin{pmatrix} -i & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \ker \begin{pmatrix} -i & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mid \begin{matrix} -ix_1 - x_2 = 0 \\ 0 = 0 \end{matrix} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mid \begin{matrix} x_2 = -ix_1 \\ x_2 = x_2 \end{matrix} \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ x_2 \begin{pmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid x_2 \in \mathbb{C} \right\} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ -i/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

with $\begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ -i/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$ a unit vector.

Then $\begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ i/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ -i/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$ are orthogonal vectors.

Let

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & i/\sqrt{2} \\ i/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}. \text{ Then } P^{-1} = P^* = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -i/\sqrt{2} \\ i/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$P^* A P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } P \text{ is unitary.}$$

The standard inner product on $\mathbb{C}^n$
 is $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ given by

$$\begin{aligned} \langle u_1, \dots, u_n / v_1, \dots, v_n \rangle &= u_1 \bar{v}_1 + \dots + u_n \bar{v}_n \\ &= (u_1 \dots u_n) \begin{pmatrix} \bar{v}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \bar{v}_n \end{pmatrix} = u^T \bar{v}. \end{aligned}$$

Most all inner products look like

$$\langle u, v \rangle = u^T A v \quad \text{where } A \text{ is an } n \times n \text{ matrix} \\ \text{such that } A = \bar{A}^T \text{ (Hermitian)}$$

The standard inner product on polynomials
 is $\mathbb{C}[x]_{\leq n} = \{ a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_n x^n \mid a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{C} \}$ is
 $\langle a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_n x^n \mid b_0 + b_1 x + \dots + b_n x^n \rangle$
 $= \int_0^1 (a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_n x^n) (\bar{b}_0 + \bar{b}_1 x + \dots + \bar{b}_n x^n) dx$

In other words, if $p(x), q(x) \in \mathbb{C}[x]_{\leq n}$ then
 $\langle p(x), q(x) \rangle = \int_0^1 p(x) \overline{q(x)} dx.$

With inner products, we have

lengths $\|u\| = \sqrt{\langle u, u \rangle}$

distances $d(u, v) = \|v - u\| = \sqrt{\langle v - u, v - u \rangle}$

angles $\cos(\theta(u, v)) = \frac{\operatorname{Re}(\langle u, v \rangle)}{\|u\| \cdot \|v\|}$

and projections. For projections we will need orthogonalisation.

Example LP7 Let $u = 1$ and $v = x$.

Then $\|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle} = \sqrt{\int_0^1 x \cdot x \, dx} = \sqrt{\left[\frac{1}{3}x^3\right]_0^1}$
 $= \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

and

$$d(1, x) = \sqrt{\langle x - 1, x - 1 \rangle} = \sqrt{\int_0^1 (x^2 - 2x + 1) \, dx} = \sqrt{\left[\frac{1}{3}x^3 - x^2 + x\right]_0^1}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1}{3} - 1 + 1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\cos(\theta(1, x)) = \frac{\operatorname{Re}(\langle 1, x \rangle)}{\|1\| \cdot \|x\|} = \frac{\operatorname{Re}\left(\int_0^1 x \, dx\right)}{\sqrt{\int_0^1 1 \, dx} \sqrt{\int_0^1 x^2 \, dx}} = \frac{\operatorname{Re}\left(\left[\frac{1}{2}x^2\right]_0^1\right)}{\sqrt{1} \sqrt{\left[\frac{1}{3}x^3\right]_0^1}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{1 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}. \text{ So } \theta(1, x) = \frac{\pi}{6}$$