

# Worksheet 17

Sections 207 and 219  
MATH 54

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**Exercise 1.** True or false! Justify!

- (a) There are symmetric matrices that are not orthogonally diagonalizable.
- (b) An orthogonal matrix is always orthogonally diagonalizable.

(a) False. Thm 2 says that a matrix is orth. diag-able if and only if it is a symmetric matrix. So every sym matrix has to be orthogonally diagonalizable.

(b) False. There exist nonsymmetric orth. matrices, for example  $\frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ .  
By thm 2, these matrices cannot be orth. diagonalizable, since they are not symmetric.

**Exercise 2.** The following matrix has eigenvalues  $\lambda = -2, 7$ . Orthogonally diagonalize the matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 4 \\ -2 & 6 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

(note: For this problem I just did a sketch of the procedure. If you have q's about details, email me).

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For  $\lambda = 7$ ,

~~non-reducing~~

You can compute that a basis for the eigenspace is

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Use Gram-Schmidt to turn this into an

orthogonal basis:  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  and then normalize to turn

this into an orthonormal basis:  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1/\sqrt{5} \\ 2/\sqrt{5} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4/\sqrt{45} \\ 2/\sqrt{45} \\ 5/\sqrt{45} \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

For  $\lambda = -2$ , You can compute that a basis for the eigenspace is

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ which normalizes to } \begin{bmatrix} -2/3 \\ -1/3 \\ 2/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

So  $A = PDP^{-1}$  where  $P = \begin{bmatrix} -1/\sqrt{5} & 4/\sqrt{45} & -2/3 \\ 2/\sqrt{5} & 2/\sqrt{45} & -1/3 \\ 0 & 5/\sqrt{45} & 2/3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

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**Exercise 3.** Find an SVD for  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

This is a rough sketch:

We want to write  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = U \Sigma V^T$  where  $U, V$  are orthogonal.  
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 $3 \times 3 \quad 3 \times 2 \quad 2 \times 2$

The first step is to compute  $A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , and find the eigendata. The eigenvalues w. corresponding eigenvectors are:

$\lambda_1 = 3 \quad \vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $\lambda_2 = 2 \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  So our singular values are  $\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{2}$ .

We now have enough info to construct  $\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3} & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Note: we always order our singular values in decreasing order! We can construct  $V$  by using the corresponding normalized eigenvectors, as columns. (Our eigenvectors already have norm 1, so we don't have to do anything. In the case in which you have a repeated sing value, you may have to orthogonalize the eigenvectors using Gram Schmidt. Again, we don't have to do that in this case.)

So  $V = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  Thus  $V^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

It remains to find  $U$ . We have a formula to find the first 2 columns:

$\vec{u}_1 = \frac{1}{\sigma_1} A \vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{u}_2 = \frac{1}{\sigma_2} A \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \\ -1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$

$\vec{u}_3$  must be a vector that satisfies  $\vec{u}_1 \cdot \vec{u}_3 = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{x_1}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{x_2}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{x_3}{\sqrt{3}} = 0$  and

$\vec{u}_2 \cdot \vec{u}_3 = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{x_1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{x_3}{\sqrt{2}} = 0$

Any multiple  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  can be shown to be a solution of this system. Normalizing this vector, we get

$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{6} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} & 0 & -2/\sqrt{6} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{6} \end{bmatrix}$