

Let us choose

$$v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 10 \\ 16 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then  $m = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 9 \\ 2 & 6 & 7 \\ 3 & 10 & 16 \end{bmatrix}$

$\tilde{m}$  does not exist  
 $\boxed{\det M = 0}$

By row reduction

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 9 \\ 2 & 6 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

rank = 2 < 3

∴ Linearly dependent

$$v_3 = v_1 + v_2$$

Since Linearly dependent LD.

$$c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + c_3 (v_1 + v_2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (c_1 + c_3)v_1 + (c_2 + c_3)v_2 = 0$$

$$\boxed{c_3 = -c_1 = -c_2}$$

\* Linear dependence of functions! "Wronskian"

$$\begin{cases} f_1(x) = \sin x \\ f_2(x) = \cos x \end{cases}$$

$$\alpha = c_1 \sin x + c_2 \cos x = 0$$

Can find  $c_1, c_2$  st. this eqn is true

with non-trivial  $c_1, c_2$ . ( $c_1 = c_2 = 0$  is trivial)

$$\boxed{-\frac{d^2f}{dx^2} = k^2 f}$$

If  $\alpha = 0$   $\frac{d\alpha}{dx} = 0$  as well

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= c_1 \sin x + c_2 \cos x = 0 \\ \frac{d\alpha}{dx} &= c_1 \cos x - c_2 \sin x = 0 \end{aligned} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \begin{bmatrix} \sin x & \cos x \\ \cos x & -\sin x \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \\ \det = -1 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\boxed{\det = -1}$$

$\therefore c_1 = c_2 = 0$  is only solution:

$N$  functions  $(f_1 \dots f_N)$

$$c_1 f_1(x) + c_2 f_2(x) + \dots + c_N f_N(x) = 0$$

If we can find non-trivial  $c_1 \dots c_N$ , then it linear dependence.

$$c_1 f_1'(x) + c_2 f_2'(x) + \dots + c_N f_N'(x) = 0$$

$$c_1 f_1^{(N)}(x) + \dots + c_N f_N^{(N)}(x) = 0$$

$$W = \det \begin{vmatrix} f_1 & f_2 & \dots & f_N \\ f_1' & f_2' & \dots & f_N' \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ f_1^{(N)} & f_2^{(N)} & \dots & f_N^{(N)} \end{vmatrix}$$

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Notes on Matrices

## §Matrix relations

$$\text{LHS} \quad ((A \cdot B)^T)_{ij} = (A \cdot B)_{ji} = \sum_k A_{ik} B_{kj}$$

$$\text{(RHS)} \quad (B^T \cdot A^T)_{ij} = \sum_k (B^T)_{ik} (A^T)_{kj}$$

$$(B^T)_{ik} = B_{ki}$$

$$B_{ki} \quad A_{jk}$$

$$(A \cdot B)^T = B^T \cdot A^T$$

$$A_{ij}^T$$

$$(A^T)_{ij} = A_{ji}$$

$$(A \cdot B)_{ij} = \sum_k A_{ik} B_{kj}$$

$$(A \cdot B)^{-1} = B^{-1} \cdot A^{-1}$$

$$M \cdot M^{-1} = I = M^{-1} \cdot M$$

$$(A \cdot B) \cdot (A \cdot B) = I$$

$$\begin{aligned} A^T \cdot A &= I = A \cdot A^T \\ B^T \cdot B &= I = B^T \cdot B \end{aligned}$$

$$(A \cdot B \cdot C)^{-1} = C^{-1} \cdot B^{-1} \cdot A^{-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{B}^T \cdot \bar{A}^T) \cdot (A \cdot B) &= \bar{B}^T \cdot \bar{A}^T \cdot A \cdot B \\ &= \bar{B}^T \cdot I \cdot B \\ &= \bar{B}^T \cdot B = I \end{aligned}$$

QED

## §Trace:

Sum of diagonal elements of a square matrix

$$\text{Trace } A = \sum_{j=1}^d A_{jj} \rightarrow \text{Tr } A$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \dots & 0 & d \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Tr}(AB) = \text{Tr}(BA)$$

$$\sum_i (AB)_{ii} \stackrel{?}{=} \sum_i (BA)_{ii}$$

$$\sum_i A_{ii} \sum_j B_{jj} = \sum_j B_{jj} \sum_i A_{ii}$$

## §First introduction to eigenvalues of a matrix and eigenfunctions

$$\text{Tr } AB = \sum_i (AB)_{ii} = \sum_{ik} A_{ik} B_{ki}$$

$$\text{Tr } (BA) = \sum_{ik} B_{ik} A_{ki}$$

Let our matrix of interest be called  $M$ . Lets keep it simple and choose

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Suppose we want the solution of a problem

$$M \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

More explicitly, we are asking is there a vector  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$  and a number  $\lambda$  such that this relation is true.

Answer: ( we will learn how to do this more systematically later)

$$M \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 5 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$M \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = (-2) \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

We will thus say that the eigenvalues are 5 and -2, and that their corresponding eigenvectors are  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  respectively.

If  $M$  were the Hamiltonian of a physical system, then the eigenvalues would be the allowed energies of the system, and the eigenfunctions the corresponding wave functions!!!

More anon as one says, let us get the idea clear that any matrix  $M$  has typically  $n$ -eigenvalues, where  $n$  is the dimension of  $M$ .

We may then say that under a suitable procedure (called diagonalization- it is like a rotation of the basis), a matrix  $M$  corresponds to a diagonal matrix thus

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & \dots & m_{1n} \\ \vdots & \dots & & \vdots \\ m_{n1} & m_{n2} & \dots & m_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \dots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Relating trace and determinant to eigenvalues. Proofs later.

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$$Tr A = \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j.$$

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$$(Det A = \prod_{j=1}^n \lambda_j)$$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} Tr M = 7 \\ Det M = 10 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{cases} \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 7 \\ \lambda_1 \times \lambda_2 = 10 \end{cases}$$

$$\lambda^2 - 7\lambda + 10 = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 5) = 0$$

§ Cyclic invariance of trace

$$Tr(ABCD) = Tr(DABC) = Tr(CDAB) \dots$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mu_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mu_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

§ Determinant formula

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Det(AB) = Det(A) Det(B)$$

$$A \cdot B = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \mu_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \mu_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \mu_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= (\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 \mu_1 \mu_2 \mu_3)$$

$$A \cdot B = \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} & B_{13} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} & B_{23} \\ B_{31} & B_{32} & B_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A \cdot B = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 B_{11} & \lambda_1 B_{12} & \lambda_1 B_{13} \\ \lambda_2 B_{21} & \lambda_2 B_{22} & \lambda_2 B_{23} \\ \lambda_3 B_{31} & \lambda_3 B_{32} & \lambda_3 B_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \det(A \cdot B) = (\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3) \det B$$

$$\text{But } \det A = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3$$

$\square \text{ QED}$

Operations on matrices and some Special matrices important in Physics applications

• CC  $A^*$

• Transpose  $A^T$

• Orthogonal  $A^T \cdot A = I$

• Hermitean Adjoint  $A^\dagger$

• Real symmetric

• Hermitean

• Unitary

• Commuting matrices

$$(A^T)_{ij} = A_{ji}$$

$$A^T = (A^*)^T$$

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

$$A^\dagger = A$$

$$A^\dagger = A^{-1}$$

$$A \cdot B = B \cdot A$$

$$F = M \cdot T$$

$$0 = M \cdot 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = M$$

- Non-commuting matrices

$$0 = 0 + hF - R$$

$$(A+B)(A-B)$$

$$F = hI + jA$$

$$0 = h \cdot I$$

$$A \cdot B \neq B \cdot A$$

- Diagonal matrix (*not the identity matrix*)
- If  $A$  and  $B$  commute, they are simultaneously diagonalizable.

$$(SABCD)^{-1}T = (CDBSA)^{-1}T = (DCBAS)^{-1}T$$

§ First example of diagonalization  
Take our old problem

$$\lambda_1 = 5$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 3 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

and

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 1$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = 2x_2 \\ x_1/x_2 = 2 \end{cases}$$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4x_1 + 2x_2 \\ 3x_1 - x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} 4x_1 + 2x_2 = \lambda x_1 \\ 3x_1 - x_2 = \lambda x_2 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 4-\lambda & 2 \\ 3 & -\lambda-1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 4-\lambda & 2 \\ 3 & -\lambda-1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$(4-\lambda)(1+\lambda) + 6 = 0$$

$$-\lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 10 = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{9+40}}{2} = \frac{3 \pm 7}{2}$$

$$\lambda_1 = 5$$

$$\lambda_2 = -2$$

§ Second example: From geometry:

$$ax^2 + by^2 + 2cxy = 1 \quad (1)$$