

## 2.4 Algebraic Eigenvalue Problem

Algebraic eigenvalue problem is to find the pair of  $(\underline{x}, \lambda)$  for

$$\underline{A}\underline{x} = \lambda\underline{x}, \quad \underline{x} \neq \underline{0}, \quad \underline{A} \in \mathfrak{R}^{n \times n} \quad (2.1)$$

It is noted that

1. Eigenvalue problem is nonlinear. (Two unknowns  $\lambda$  and  $\underline{x}$  are multiplied.)
2. The problem seems to be underspecified ( $n$  equations and  $n + 1$  unknowns).  
We don't expect unique solution of Eq. (2.1).

From Eq. (2.1)

$$\underline{A}\underline{x} = \lambda\underline{x}$$

$$(\underline{A} - \lambda\underline{I})\underline{x} = \underline{0}$$

EVP defines a homogeneous equation set.

Non-trivial solution  $\underline{x}$  only if

$$\det(\underline{A} - \lambda\underline{I}) = 0 = \mathcal{P}(\lambda)$$

where  $\mathcal{P}(\lambda)$  is a characteristic polynomial with  $n$ -th order.

$$\underline{A} - \lambda\underline{I} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} - \lambda & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} - \lambda & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} - \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

There is a term in  $\mathcal{P}(\lambda)$

$$\prod_{i=1}^n (a_{ii} - \lambda) \rightarrow \lambda^n$$

and

$$\det(\underline{\underline{A}} - \lambda \underline{\underline{I}}) = \mathcal{P}_n(\lambda)$$

From  $\mathcal{P}_n(\lambda) = 0$ ,  $n$  roots of either real or complex conjugate.

- Eigenvectors  $\{\underline{x}_i\}$  corresponding to  $\{\lambda_i\}$  are determined only to within a multiplicative constant.

$$\underline{\underline{A}} \underline{x} = \lambda \underline{x}$$

$$\underline{\underline{A}}(c\underline{x}) = \lambda(c\underline{x})$$

**Def  $\mathcal{C}^n$ :** Vector space composed of all  $n$ -dimensional vectors with complex elements

$$\Re^n \subset \mathcal{C}^n$$

I. Eigenvectors of  $\underline{\underline{A}}$  are linearly independent.

II. Adjoint Eigenvalue Problem

For  $\underline{\underline{A}} \in \Re^{n \times n}$

$$\underline{\underline{A}}^T \underline{y} = \eta \underline{y} \quad \underline{y} \neq 0$$

$\{\eta_i\}$ : adjoint eigenvalues

$\{\underline{y}\}$ : adjoint eigenvectors

The two eigenvalue problems

$$\underline{\underline{A}} \underline{x} = \lambda \underline{x}, \quad \underline{\underline{A}}^T \underline{y} = \eta \underline{y}$$

have same eigenvalues.

III. Biorthogonality

For eigenvalue problem

$$\underline{\underline{A}} \underline{x}_j = \lambda_j \underline{x}_j$$

premultiplying  $\underline{y}_i$  on both sides gives

$$\underline{y}_i^T \underline{A} \underline{x}_j = \lambda_j \underline{y}_i^T \underline{x}_j \quad (2.2)$$

For adjoint eigenvalue problem

$$\underline{A}^T \underline{y}_i = \lambda_i \underline{y}_i$$

Transpose gives

$$\underline{y}_i^T \underline{A} = \lambda_i \underline{y}_i^T$$

postmultiplying  $\underline{x}_j$  on both sides gives

$$\underline{y}_i^T \underline{A} \underline{x}_j = \lambda_i \underline{y}_i^T \underline{x}_j \quad (2.3)$$

Subtracting Eq. (2.2) from Eq. (2.3) gives

$$0 = (\lambda_i - \lambda_j) \underline{y}_i^T \underline{x}_j$$

If  $i \neq j$ , then  $\lambda_i \neq \lambda_j$ , and

$$\underline{y}_i^T \underline{x}_j = 0 \quad (2.4)$$

This relation is called **biorthogonality**.

When  $\underline{A}$  is symmetric, then  $\underline{A} = \underline{A}^T$  and  $\{\underline{x}_i\} = \{\underline{y}_i\}$ . Then Eq. (2.4) becomes

$$\underline{x}_i^T \underline{x}_j = 0$$

This relation is called **orthogonality**.

**Theorem** Solvability of  $\underline{A} \underline{x} = \underline{b}$  or **Fredholm's Alternative**

1. If  $\underline{A} \underline{x} = \underline{0}$  has only the trivial solutions then  $\underline{A}^{-1}$  exists and  $\underline{A}^{-1} \underline{b}$  is unique.  $\dim[\mathcal{N}(\underline{A})] = 0$ .

2. If  $\underline{\underline{A}}\underline{x} = \underline{0}$  has non-trivial solutions, so does  $\underline{\underline{A}}^T\underline{y} = \underline{0}$ .  
Assume  $\dim[\mathcal{N}(\underline{\underline{A}})] = k < n$ , then  $\dim[\mathcal{N}(\underline{\underline{A}}^T)] = k$ .
3. The necessary and sufficient condition for solving  $\underline{\underline{A}}\underline{x} = \underline{b}$  is that  $\underline{y}_i^T \underline{b} = 0$  for  $\underline{y}_i$  satisfying  $\underline{\underline{A}}^T \underline{y}_i = \underline{0}$ . This means  $\underline{b}$  is orthogonal to all solutions of  $\underline{\underline{A}}^T \underline{y} = \underline{0}$ .

## 2.5 Norms for Vectors and Matrices

Norm: size of a vector or a size of the difference between two vectors.

**Def** A norm on  $\mathfrak{R}^n$  is any real-valued function  $\|\cdot\|: \mathfrak{R}^n \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$  such that

1. If  $\underline{x} \neq \underline{0}$ ,  $\|\underline{x}\| > 0$
2.  $\|\alpha\underline{x}\| = |\alpha|\|\underline{x}\|$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathfrak{R}$
3.  $\|\underline{x} + \underline{y}\| \leq \|\underline{x}\| + \|\underline{y}\|$

**Example :**

1.  $\ell_1$ -norm

$$\|\underline{x}\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|$$

2.  $\ell_2$ -norm

$$\begin{aligned} \|\underline{x}\|_2 &= \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right]^{1/2} \\ &= (\underline{x}^T \underline{x})^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

3.  $\ell_\infty$ -norm

$$\|\underline{x}\|_\infty = \max\{|x_i|, i = 1, \dots, n\}$$

**Theorem** Schwartz Inequality

For  $\underline{x}, \underline{y} \in \mathfrak{R}^n$ ,

$$|\underline{x}^T \underline{y}| \leq \|\underline{x}\|_2 \|\underline{y}\|_2$$

**Theorem** Let  $\|\cdot\|_u$  and  $\|\cdot\|_v$  be two norms for  $\mathfrak{R}^n$ . Then there are positive constants  $a$  and  $b$  such that

$$a\|\underline{x}\|_u \leq \|\underline{x}\|_v \leq b\|\underline{x}\|_u \text{ for all } \underline{x} \in \mathfrak{R}$$

**Example** For  $\|\underline{x}\|_\infty, \|\underline{x}\|_1$

$$\|\underline{x}\|_\infty \leq \|\underline{x}\|_1 \leq n\|\underline{x}\|_\infty$$

**Matrix Norm .**

**Defn** For  $\|\underline{A}\| \in \mathfrak{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $\|\cdot\| : \mathfrak{R}^{m \times n} \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$  is a matrix norm if

1. (a)  $\underline{A} \neq \underline{0}$  implies  $\|\underline{A}\| > 0$ .  
 (b)  $\underline{A} = \underline{0}$  implies  $\|\underline{A}\| = 0$ .
2.  $\|\alpha \underline{A}\| = |\alpha| \|\underline{A}\|$ .
3.  $\|\underline{A} + \underline{B}\| \leq \|\underline{A}\| + \|\underline{B}\|$ .
4.  $\|\underline{A} \underline{B}\| \leq \|\underline{A}\| \|\underline{B}\|$ . (This is only for  $n \times n$  matrix)

**Example .**

1. Frobenius norm

$$\|\underline{A}\|_F = \left( \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

2. Maximum of column sums

$$\|\underline{A}\|_1 = \max_{j=1, \dots, n} \sum_{i=1}^m |a_{ij}|$$

3. Maximum of row sums

$$\|\underline{A}\|_\infty = \max_{i=1, \dots, m} \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}|$$

**Defn** Matrix and vector norms are consistent if they satisfy the inequality

$$\|\underline{A} \underline{x}\| \leq \|\underline{A}\| \|\underline{x}\|$$

**Consistent matrix norm** Construction of consistent matrix norm

$$\|\underline{A}\| = \max_{\underline{x} \in \mathfrak{R}^n} \frac{\|\underline{A} \underline{x}\|}{\|\underline{x}\|}, \text{ where } \underline{A} \in \mathfrak{R}^{m \times n}$$

For arbitrary  $\underline{x}$ ,

$$\frac{\|\underline{A} \underline{x}\|}{\|\underline{x}\|} \leq \|\underline{A}\|$$