

# Linear System Theory

## ESE 502

# 1 Linear System Theory

## 1.1 Overview

System:

- Vague Term
- Inputs and Outputs
- Behavior in time
- Aspects:
  - Physical system (electronic, mechanical, economic, biological, etc.)
  - Mathematical Model (usually differential or difference equations)
  - Analysis (simulation and analytical)
  - Design (simulation, analytical, and experience)

## **Mathematical System Descriptions**

1. Internal
2. External

**Analysis:** From internal to external description (usually unique)

**Design:** From external to internal description (usually not unique)

## System Properties

**Linearity:** If  $B$  denotes the action of a “black box”,  $u(t)$  and  $v(t)$  are inputs, and  $a$  is a constant, then

$$B(u + v) = B(u) + B(v) \quad (1)$$

$$B(au) = aB(u) \quad (2)$$

**Time-Invariance:** Continuous and Discrete:

**Continuous:** If  $v(t)$  is the output for an input  $u(t)$ , i.e.  $v(t) = B(u(t))$ , then, for all  $t_0$ ,

$$v(t + t_0) = B(u(t + t_0))$$

**Discrete:** If  $v_n$  is the output for an input  $u_n$ , i.e.,  $v_n = B(u_n)$ , then, for all  $n_0$ ,

$$v_{n+n_0} = B(u_{n+n_0})$$

**System Properties continued:**

**Causality:** Future inputs can not affect present and past outputs:

If  $u_1(t)$  and  $u_2(t)$  are two inputs, and  $v_1(t)$  and  $v_2(t)$  are the corresponding outputs, then, for every  $t_0$ :

- If  $u_1(t) = u_2(t)$  for all  $t < t_0$ , then  $v_1(t) = v_2(t)$  for all  $t < t_0$ .
- If linear: if  $u(t) = 0$  for all  $t < t_0$ , then  $v(t) = 0$  for all  $t < t_0$ .
- If linear and time-invariant: if  $u(t) = 0$  for  $t < 0$ , then  $v(t) = 0$  for  $t < 0$ .

**“Lumpedness”:** finite # of variables

**SISO or MIMO:** Single-Input, Single-Output, or Multi-Input, Multi-Output

No system is perfectly linear or time-invariant, but there are enough systems which are approximately linear and time-invariant, or which can be modelled as linear or time-invariant, that these are very useful concepts.

**State:**

- Fundamental concept of systems
- A set of variables internal to the system, whose value at any time,  $t_0$ , together with the inputs for time  $\geq t_0$ , determines the outputs for time  $\geq t_0$ .
- A set of initial conditions
- Usually written as a column vector
- Encapsulates total effect of all past inputs on the system
- Past inputs can affect future outputs only through the state
- Lumpedness  $\iff$  State is a finite set of variables

**Examples:****L-C circuit:** figure 2.2, p.7.

- State: capacitor voltages and inductor currents (or C charges and L fluxes)
- Finite-state (description at low frequencies)
- Causal
- Time-invariant
- Linear

**Unit Delay:**  $y(t) = u(t - 1)$  (continuous-time)

- *Infinite*-state
- Causal
- Time-invariant
- Linear

**Examples (continued):****Unit Advance:**  $y(t) = u(t + 1)$  (continuous-time)

- “Infinite-state”
- *Not* Causal
- Time-invariant
- Linear

**Unit Delay:**  $y(n) = u(n - 1)$  (discrete-time)

- *Finite*-state
- Causal
- Time-invariant
- Linear

## Linear System Responses

**Impulse response:** limit of rectangular responses.

If

$$h_a(t, t_0) = \text{response to } r_a(t - t_0)$$

where

$$r_a(t) = \begin{cases} 1/a & \text{for } 0 < t < a \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then define impulse response by

$$h(t, t_0) = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} h_a(t, t_0)$$

**Kernel formula for input-output description:** If input is  $u(t)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 u(t) &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \Delta t \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} u(n\Delta t) r_{\Delta t}(t - n\Delta t) \\
 &\approx \Delta t \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} u(n\Delta t) r_{\Delta t}(t - n\Delta t)
 \end{aligned}$$

Output,  $y(t)$ , then is (use linearity!)

$$y(t) \approx \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} u(n\Delta t) h_{\Delta t}(t, n\Delta t) \Delta t$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned}
 y(t) &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} u(n\Delta t) h_{\Delta t}(t, n\Delta t) \Delta t \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(\tau) h(t, \tau) d\tau
 \end{aligned}$$

**Special Cases:**

**Time-invariant:**  $h(t, \tau) = h(t - \tau)$ : then output is given by

$$\begin{aligned}y(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(\tau)h(t - \tau)d\tau \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(t - \tau)h(\tau)d\tau\end{aligned}$$

— convolution.

**Causal:** In terms of impulse response

**General:**  $h(t, \tau) = 0$  for  $t < \tau$

**Time-Invariant:**  $h(t) = 0$  for  $t < 0$ .

**MIMO:** With  $p$  inputs and  $q$  outputs, get a  $q \times p$  impulse response matrix.

**Convolution:**

The *convolution* of two functions  $f(t)$  and  $g(t)$  is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) * g(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t - \tau)g(\tau)d\tau \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tau)g(t - \tau)d\tau \end{aligned}$$

If  $f(t) = 0$  for all  $t < 0$ ,

$$f(t) * g(t) = \int_0^{\infty} f(\tau)g(t - \tau)d\tau$$

If also  $g(t) = 0$  for all  $t < 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) * g(t) &= \int_0^t f(t - \tau)g(\tau)d\tau \\ &= \int_0^t f(\tau)g(t - \tau)d\tau \end{aligned}$$

**Laplace Transform:**

For a function  $f(t)$  with  $f(t) = 0$  for all  $t < 0$ , the *Laplace Transform* of  $f(t)$  is defined by:

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

Properties:

**Linear:**

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t) + g(t)\} = F(s) + G(s)$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{af(t)\} = aF(s)$$

for all constants  $a$ .

**Laplace Transform Properties continued:****Shifting Theorem:** For  $t_0 \geq 0$ 

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t - t_0)\} = e^{-st_0} F(s)$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{f(t - t_0)\} &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t - t_0) dt \\ &= \int_{-t_0}^{\infty} e^{-s(t'+t_0)} f(t') dt' \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-s(t'+t_0)} f(t') dt' \\ &= e^{-st_0} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st'} f(t') dt' \\ &= e^{-st_0} \mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}\end{aligned}$$

using the fact that  $f(t) = 0$  for  $t < 0$ , and the substitution  $t' = t - t_0$

## Laplace Transform Properties continued:

### Convolution

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t) * g(t)\} = F(s)G(s)$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\{f(t) * g(t)\} &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) * g(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} \int_0^t f(\tau)g(t - \tau) d\tau dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \int_{\tau}^{\infty} e^{-st} f(\tau)g(t - \tau) dt d\tau \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} f(\tau) \int_{\tau}^{\infty} e^{-st} g(t - \tau) dt d\tau \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} f(\tau) \int_0^{\infty} e^{-s(t'+\tau)} g(t') dt' d\tau \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} f(\tau) e^{-s\tau} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st'} g(t') dt' d\tau \\ &= F(s)G(s) \end{aligned}$$

where the interchange of integrals uses the fact that the integration is over the set

$$\{(t, \tau) | t \geq 0, \tau \geq 0, \tau \leq t\}.$$

**Laplace Transform Properties continued:****Derivative:**

$$\mathcal{L}\{f'(t)\} = sF(s) - f(0)$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{f'(t)\} &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f'(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} df(t) \\ &= e^{-st} f(t) \Big|_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} f(t) de^{-st} \\ &= -f(0) + s \int_0^{\infty} f(t) e^{-st} dt \\ &= sF(s) - f(0)\end{aligned}$$

(integration by parts).

**Laplace Transform Properties continued:****Integral:**

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\int_{0^-}^t f(\tau)d\tau\right\} = \frac{1}{s}F(s)$$

**Exponential:**

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{at}U(t)\} = \frac{1}{s-a}$$

**Impulse:**

$$\mathcal{L}\{\delta(t)\} = 1$$

**Unit Step:**

$$\mathcal{L}\{U(t)\} = \frac{1}{s}$$

**More Laplace Transform Properties:****Exponential Multiplication:** For any  $f(t)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{e^{at} f(t)\} &= \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-(s-a)t} dt \\ &= F(s-a)\end{aligned}$$

**Trigonometric Functions:**

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\{\sin(\omega t)\} &= \mathcal{L}\{(e^{j\omega t} - e^{-j\omega t})/(2j)\} \\ &= (1/(s - j\omega) - 1/(s + j\omega)) / (2j) \\ &= \omega/(s^2 + \omega^2)\end{aligned}$$

Similarly:

$$\mathcal{L}\{\cos(\omega t)\} = s/(s^2 + \omega^2)$$

**Exponentials and Sinusoids:** From the above:

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{at} \cos(\omega t)\} = (s - a)/((s - a)^2 + \omega^2)$$

and

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{at} \sin(\omega t)\} = \omega/((s - a)^2 + \omega^2)$$

**Miscellaneous and Terminology:**

1. Examples 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5.
2. Laplace transform of impulse response matrix  $h(t)$  is the *transfer function matrix*  $H(s)$ .
3. Lumped system  $\implies$  rational transfer function.
4. (a)  $H(s)$  proper  $\iff H(\infty)$  is finite.  
(b) Strictly proper:  $H(\infty) = 0$   
(c) Biproper: proper and  $H(\infty) \neq 0$
5. (a) Pole of  $H(s)$ : a complex number  $s_p$  such that  $H(s_p) = \infty$   
(b) Zero of  $H(s)$ : a complex number  $s_z$  such that  $H(s_z) = 0$   
(c)  $H(s)$  can be factored into a product of first and second-order factors with real coefficients, or of first-order factors with complex coefficients.  
Numerator factors are of the form  $(s - s_z)$ ;  
Denominator factors are of the form  $(s - s_p)$

## 2 State Variable (State Space) Equations

### 2.1 Continuous-Time

1. State variables form an  $n$ -dimensional column vector

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = (x_1(t), x_2(t), \dots, x_n(t))^T$$

2. State equations are:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = A\mathbf{x}(t) + B\mathbf{u}(t)$$

$$\mathbf{y}(t) = C\mathbf{x}(t) + D\mathbf{u}(t)$$

If there are  $p$  inputs and  $q$  outputs, then

$A$  is  $n \times n$ ;

$B$  is  $n \times p$ ;

$C$  is  $q \times n$ ;

$D$  is  $q \times p$ .

**Example; Nonlinear state equations:**

Pendulum of mass  $m$ , length  $l$ , external horizontal force  $u(t)$  on mass;  $\theta$  as position variable.

Dynamical Equation:

$$ml\ddot{\theta} = -mg \sin \theta - u \cos \theta$$

State variables:  $x_1 = \theta$ ,  $x_2 = \dot{\theta}$ ;

State equations (nonlinear, time-invariant):

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -\frac{g}{l} \sin x_1 - \frac{1}{ml} (\cos x_1) u \end{aligned}$$

— “input affine”

Read examples 2.6 – 2.10.

## Transfer Functions of State-Variable Systems

Take Laplace transform of state equations:

$$s\mathbf{X}(s) - \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{0}) = A\mathbf{X}(s) + B\mathbf{U}(s)$$

$$\mathbf{Y}(s) = C\mathbf{X}(s) + D\mathbf{U}(s)$$

Solve for  $\mathbf{X}(s)$ :

$$(sI - A)\mathbf{X}(s) = B\mathbf{U}(s) + \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{0})$$

and so

$$\mathbf{X}(s) = (sI - A)^{-1}B\mathbf{U}(s) + (sI - A)^{-1}\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{0})$$

First term: zero-state state response;

Second term: zero-input state response.

Use second equation:

$$\mathbf{Y}(s) = (C(sI - A)^{-1}B + D)\mathbf{U}(s) + C(sI - A)^{-1}\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{0})$$

First term: zero-state (output) response;

Second term: zero-input (output) response.

## Transfer Function of State Variable Equations (continued):

For transfer function matrix,  $\mathbf{x}(0)=\mathbf{0}$ : then

$$\mathbf{Y}(s) = H(s)\mathbf{U}(s)$$

where

$$H(s) = C(sI - A)^{-1}B + D$$

Notes:

- Op-amp implementation: need only integrators, adders, and constant gains; all “easily” done with op-amps.
- Linearization of a nonlinear, time-invariant system:
  - About a point: linear, time-invariant system
  - About a trajectory: linear, *time-varying* system

**Linearization: Example:** Pendulum as previously:

State variables:  $x_1 = \theta$ ,  $x_2 = \dot{\theta}$ ;

State equations (nonlinear, time-invariant):

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -\frac{g}{l} \sin x_1 - \frac{1}{ml} (\cos x_1) u\end{aligned}$$

Linearize about equilibrium point  $\mathbf{x}(t) = 0$ ,  $u(t) = 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -\frac{g}{l} x_1 - \frac{1}{ml} u\end{aligned}$$

– linear, time-invariant.

Linearize about known natural trajectory  $\mathbf{x}(t)$ ,  $u(t) = 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\delta \dot{x}_1 &= \delta x_2 \\ \delta \dot{x}_2 &= -\frac{g}{l} \cos(x_1(t)) \delta x_1 - \frac{1}{ml} \cos(x_1(t)) \delta u\end{aligned}$$

– linear, time-varying.

## Circuits

1. RLC Networks, p.26; example 2.11
2. RLC procedure:
  - (a) Normal tree: branches in the order  $v_{src}$ ,  $C$ ,  $R$ ,  $L$ ,  $i_{src}$
  - (b) State variables:  $v_c$  in tree and  $i_L$  in links
  - (c) Apply KVL to fundamental loops of state variable links, and KCL to fundamental cutsets of state variable branches.

Read example 2.13: tunnel diode  $\implies$  negative resistance

## 2.2 Discrete-time systems.

**Basic element: unit delay**

**Discrete convolution:**

$$(p_n) = (f_n) * (g_n)$$

where

$$p_n = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} f_k g_{n-k}$$

For “causal” sequences  $(f_n)$  and  $g_n$ , (i.e., with  $f_n = g_n = 0$  for all  $n < 0$ )

$$p_n = \sum_{k=0}^n f_k g_{n-k}$$

**(One-Sided) Z-Transform:** If  $f_n = 0$  for  $n < 0$

$$\mathcal{Z}\{f_n\} = F(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k z^{-k}$$

## $\mathcal{Z}$ -Transform Properties.

1. Non-causal shift formula:

$$\mathcal{Z}\{x(n+1)\} = zX(z) - zx(0)$$

2. Convolution:

$$\mathcal{Z}\{f * g\} = F(z)G(z)$$

3. State equations

$$\mathbf{x}(n+1) = A\mathbf{x}(n) + B\mathbf{u}(n)$$

$$\mathbf{y}(n) = C\mathbf{x}(n) + D\mathbf{u}(n)$$

Transfer function for state equations: take  $\mathcal{Z}$ -transform

$$z\mathbf{X}(z) - z\mathbf{x}(0) = A\mathbf{X}(z) + B\mathbf{U}(z)$$

$$\mathbf{Y}(z) = C\mathbf{X}(z) + D\mathbf{U}(z)$$

and so

$$\mathbf{Y}(z) = H(z)\mathbf{U}(z)$$

where

$$H(z) = C(zI - A)^{-1}B + D$$

## 3 Linear Algebra (Chapter 3):

### 3.1 Fundamentals:

**Vector space:** *vectors* and *scalars* (here always real or complex) which satisfy usual properties:

1. Vectors can be added and subtracted;
2. Scalars can be added, subtracted, multiplied, and divided (except by 0);
3. Vectors can be multiplied by scalars to give another vector: distributive, etc.

#### Examples:

1.  $\mathbf{R}^n$ : column vectors of real numbers;
2.  $\mathbf{C}^n$  : column vectors of complex numbers;
3.  $l_2$ : sequences  $(x_n)$  with  $\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x_n^2$  finite.
4.  $L_2$ : functions  $f(t)$  with  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f^2(t)dt$  finite
5. Many others ...

**Basis:**

1. A set of vectors  $\{\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \dots, \mathbf{q}_m\}$  is *linearly independent* if the only scalars  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m$  which satisfy the equation

$$\alpha_1 \mathbf{q}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{q}_2 + \dots + \alpha_m \mathbf{q}_m = \mathbf{0}$$

are  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \dots = \alpha_m = 0$ .

2. A set of vectors  $\{\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \dots, \mathbf{q}_m\}$  *spans* a vector space if every vector  $\mathbf{q}$  in the space can be written in the form

$$\mathbf{q} = \alpha_1 \mathbf{q}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{q}_2 + \dots + \alpha_m \mathbf{q}_m$$

for some scalars  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m$ .

3. A set of vectors  $\{\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \dots, \mathbf{q}_n\}$  is a *basis* of a vector space if it is linearly independent and spans the space.

4. If  $\{\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \dots, \mathbf{q}_n\}$  is a basis of a vector space, then every vector  $\mathbf{q}$  in the space can be written in the form

$$\mathbf{q} = \alpha_1 \mathbf{q}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{q}_2 + \dots + \alpha_m \mathbf{q}_m$$

for a unique set of scalars  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m\}$ .

**Dimension and Notation:**

Fundamental fact: every basis of a given vector space has the same number of elements; this number is called the *dimension* of the space.

Notation: if  $Q$  is the matrix formed from the column vectors  $\{\mathbf{q}_1, \dots, \mathbf{q}_n\}$ , then the equation

$$\mathbf{x} = \alpha_1 \mathbf{q}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \mathbf{q}_n$$

can be written as

$$\mathbf{x} = Q\mathbf{a}$$

where

$$\mathbf{a} = [\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n]'$$

**Basis example:** *standard basis* for  $R^n$  :  $\mathbf{i}_1, \mathbf{i}_2, \dots, \mathbf{i}_n$

where

$$\mathbf{i}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} ; \mathbf{i}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} ; \dots ; \mathbf{i}_n = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Norms:****Properties:**

1.  $\|\mathbf{x}\| \geq 0$ ;  $\|\mathbf{x}\| = 0 \implies \mathbf{x} = 0$
2.  $\|\alpha\mathbf{x}\| = |\alpha| \|\mathbf{x}\|$
3.  $\|\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2\| \leq \|\mathbf{x}_1\| + \|\mathbf{x}_2\|$

**Norm Examples: 1, 2,  $\infty$ ,  $p$  norms**

1.  $\|\mathbf{q}\|_1 = |q_1| + |q_2| \dots + |q_n|$
2.  $\|\mathbf{q}\|_\infty = \max\{|q_1|, |q_2|, \dots, |q_n|\}$
3.  $\|\mathbf{q}\|_2 = \sqrt{|q_1|^2 + |q_2|^2 \dots + |q_n|^2}$
4.  $\|\mathbf{q}\|_p = (|q_1|^p + |q_2|^p \dots + |q_n|^p)^{1/p}$  for  $p \geq 1$

**Notes:**

$\|\mathbf{q}\|_2$  is the usual Euclidean norm;

The subscript is usually omitted when only one norm is being used.

**Inner Product:**

A scalar-valued product of two vectors:  $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$  with the properties

1.  $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle \geq 0$  unless  $\mathbf{x} = 0$
2.  $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} \rangle$  (real);  
 $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} \rangle^*$  (complex)
3.  $\langle \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \rangle$
4.  $\langle \alpha \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z} \rangle = \alpha \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z} \rangle$

Can be proved that  $\|\mathbf{x}\| = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle}$  defines a norm.

**Inner Product Examples:**

1.  $\mathbf{R}^n$ ;  $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{x}$
2.  $\mathbf{C}^n$ ;  $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \mathbf{y}^* \mathbf{x}$
3.  $L_2(-\pi : \pi)$ ;  $\langle f(x), g(t) \rangle = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t)g^*(t) dt$
4.  $l_2$ ;  $\langle (x_n), (y_n) \rangle = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x_n y_n^*$
5.  $L_2(-\infty : \infty)$ ;  $\langle f(x), g(t) \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)g^*(t) dt$

**Norm and Inner Product Terminology:**

1. Normalized:  $\mathbf{x}$  normalized iff  $\|\mathbf{x}\| = 1$
2. Orthogonal:  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  orthogonal iff  $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = 0$
3. Orthonormal:  $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_m\}$  orthonormal iff  $\|\mathbf{x}_i\| = 1$  for all  $i$ , and  $\langle \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j \rangle = 0$  for all  $i \neq j$ .
4. Projection of one vector on another: projection of  $\mathbf{x}$  on  $\mathbf{y}$  is the vector  $\frac{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle}{\|\mathbf{y}\|^2} \mathbf{y}$
5. If  $A = [\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_m]$  with  $m \leq n$ , and the  $\mathbf{a}_i$  are orthonormal, then  $A' A = I_m$ , but not necessarily  $A A' = I_n$

**Orthonormalization (Gram-Schmidt):**

Given a set of vectors  $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots, \mathbf{e}_m\}$ , a set of orthonormal vectors with the same span can be found as follows:

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \mathbf{e}_1; \quad \mathbf{q}_1 = \mathbf{u}_1 / \|\mathbf{u}_1\|$$

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = \mathbf{e}_2 - (\mathbf{q}'_1 \mathbf{e}_2) \mathbf{q}_1; \quad \mathbf{q}_2 = \mathbf{u}_2 / \|\mathbf{u}_2\|$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\mathbf{u}_m = \mathbf{e}_m - \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} (\mathbf{q}'_k \mathbf{e}_m) \mathbf{q}_k; \quad \mathbf{q}_m = \mathbf{u}_m / \|\mathbf{u}_m\|$$

— not necessarily optimal numerically.

**Cauchy-Schwartz Inequality:**

For any vectors  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  in an inner-product space:

$$| \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle | \leq \| \mathbf{x} \| \| \mathbf{y} \|$$

**Proof:**

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \langle \mathbf{x} - \lambda \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} - \lambda \mathbf{y} \rangle \\ &= \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle - \lambda \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} \rangle - \lambda^* \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle \\ &\quad + |\lambda|^2 \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Now pick  $\lambda = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle / \| \mathbf{y} \|^2$ : then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \| \mathbf{x} \|^2 - 2 \frac{|\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle|^2}{\| \mathbf{y} \|^2} + \frac{|\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle|^2}{\| \mathbf{y} \|^4} \| \mathbf{y} \|^2 \\ &= \| \mathbf{x} \|^2 - \frac{|\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle|^2}{\| \mathbf{y} \|^2} \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$| \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle |^2 \leq \| \mathbf{x} \|^2 \| \mathbf{y} \|^2$$

## 3.2 Linear Equations:

Assume an equation

$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$$

where  $A$  is  $m \times n$ ,  $\mathbf{x}$  is  $n \times 1$ , and  $\mathbf{y}$  is  $m \times 1$ .

Then:

1.  $\text{Range}(A)$  = all possible linear combinations of columns of  $A$
2.  $\rho(A) = \text{rank}(A) = \dim(\text{range}(A))$ ; note that this causes numerical difficulties.
3.  $\mathbf{x}$  is a *null* vector of  $A$ :  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ ;
4.  $\text{Nullspace}(A)$  = set of all null vectors of  $A$
5.  $\nu(A) = \text{nullity}(A) = \dim(\text{nullspace}(A))$
6. Fundamental result:  $\rho(A) + \nu(A) = \# \text{ columns of } A$ .

**Solutions:**

## Theorem 3.1:

1. There exists a solution of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$  if, and only if,  $\mathbf{y}$  is in  $\text{range}(A)$
2. If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix, there exists a solution of  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$  for every  $\mathbf{y}$  if, and only if,  $\rho(A) = m$ .

## Theorem 3.2:

If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix, and if  $\nu(A) = 0$  (i.e.,  $\rho(A) = n$ ), any solution is unique. Otherwise, all solutions are given by:

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_p + \mathbf{x}_n$$

where  $\mathbf{x}_n$  is any vector in the nullspace, and  $\mathbf{x}_p$  is any one solution.

**Determinants:**

For a square matrix  $A = (a_{ij})$ :

1.  $\det(A) = \sum a_{ij} c_{ij}$  , where  $c_{ij}$  is the cofactor of  $a_{ij}$
2.  $A^{-1} = Adj(A) / \det(A)$  , where  $Adj(A) = (c_{ij})'$
3. Determinant properties:
  - (a)  $\det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B)$  ;
  - (b)  $\det(A) \neq 0$  if, and only if,  $A^{-1}$  exists (i.e.,  $A$  is nonsingular).

### 3.3 Change of Basis:

If  $A = (a_{ij})$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix, and  $\mathbf{x}$  is a vector, with

$$\mathbf{x} = x_1 \mathbf{i}_1 + \dots + x_n \mathbf{i}_n$$

where  $\{\mathbf{i}_1, \dots, \mathbf{i}_n\}$  is the standard basis, then

$$A\mathbf{x} = y_1 \mathbf{i}_1 + \dots + y_n \mathbf{i}_n$$

where  $y_i = a_{i1}x_1 + a_{i2}x_2 + \dots + a_{in}x_n$ , or

$$y_i = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}x_j$$

Similarly, if  $\{\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \dots, \mathbf{q}_n\}$  is any other basis, and  $\mathbf{x}$  is expressed as

$$\mathbf{x} = \bar{x}_1 \mathbf{q}_1 + \dots + \bar{x}_n \mathbf{q}_n$$

and  $\mathbf{y}$  is given by

$$\mathbf{y} = A\mathbf{x} = \bar{y}_1 \mathbf{q}_1 + \dots + \bar{y}_n \mathbf{q}_n$$

then

$$\bar{y}_i = \sum_{j=1}^n \bar{a}_{ij} \bar{x}_j$$

The matrix  $\bar{A} = (\bar{a}_{ij})$  is the representation of  $A$  with respect to the basis  $\{\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \dots, \mathbf{q}_n\}$

**Change of Basis (Continued):**

As usual, let  $Q = [\mathbf{q}_1, \dots, \mathbf{q}_n]$ , where  $Q$  is nonsingular, since the  $\{\mathbf{q}_i\}$  form a basis. Then,  $\mathbf{x} = Q\bar{\mathbf{x}}$ , and  $\mathbf{y} = Q\bar{\mathbf{y}}$ .

Substitute in the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$  to get:

$$AQ\bar{\mathbf{x}} = Q\bar{\mathbf{y}}$$

or

$$Q^{-1}AQ\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \bar{\mathbf{y}}$$

and so

$$Q^{-1}AQ = \bar{A}$$

This can also be written as

$$A[\mathbf{q}_1, \dots, \mathbf{q}_n] = [\mathbf{q}_1, \dots, \mathbf{q}_n]\bar{A}$$

The last equation implies that the  $i - th$  column of  $\bar{A}$  is the representation of  $A\mathbf{q}_i$  with respect to the basis  $\{\mathbf{q}_1, \dots, \mathbf{q}_n\}$ ; this is often the easiest way to find  $\bar{A}$

**Example:**

If

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

and

$$\mathbf{b} = [0, 0, 1]'$$

then the vectors

$$\{\mathbf{b}, A\mathbf{b}, A^2\mathbf{b}\} = \{\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \mathbf{q}_3\} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

form a basis.

To find  $\bar{A}$  w.r.t. this basis, use the representation of  $A\mathbf{q}_j$  in terms of the basis  $\{\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \dots, \mathbf{q}_n\}$

**Example (continued):**

Then:

$$A\mathbf{q}_1 = A\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{q}_2$$

and

$$A\mathbf{q}_2 = A^2\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{q}_3$$

Also, the characteristic equation of  $A$  (to be done) is:

$$A^3 - 5A^2 + 15A - 17I = 0$$

and so

$$A^3\mathbf{b} = 17\mathbf{b} - 15A\mathbf{b} + 5A^2\mathbf{b}$$

Therefore  $\bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 17 \\ 1 & 0 & -15 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  (companion form).

### 3.4 Diagonal and Jordan Form:

Definitions:

**Eigenvalue:**  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  if there is a vector  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$  such that

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

or

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

The vector  $\mathbf{x}$  is called an *eigenvector* for the  $\lambda$ .

**Characteristic Polynomial** of  $A$  is

$$\Delta(\lambda) = \det(\lambda I - A)$$

— a monic polynomial of order  $n$  in  $\lambda$ , with  $n$  roots, counting multiplicity.

**Roots of  $\Delta(\lambda)$ :**  $\lambda_0$  is an eigenvalue of  $A \Leftrightarrow \Delta(\lambda_0) = 0$

Then, if  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k$  are the eigenvalues, with multiplicities  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k$ , the characteristic polynomial is given by:

$$\Delta(\lambda) = (\lambda - \lambda_1)^{n_1} (\lambda - \lambda_2)^{n_2} \dots (\lambda - \lambda_k)^{n_k}$$

**Companion form:**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -\alpha_4 & -\alpha_3 & -\alpha_2 & -\alpha_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

— characteristic polynomial is

$$\Delta(\lambda) = \lambda^4 + \alpha_1\lambda^3 + \alpha_2\lambda^2 + \alpha_3\lambda^1 + \alpha_4$$

**Jordan Block:**

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

— characteristic polynomial is

$$\Delta(\lambda) = (\lambda - \lambda_0)^4$$

**Diagonalization:****Simplest case:**  $\Delta(\lambda)$  has distinct roots.

Then the eigenvalues are all distinct; it follows that the eigenvectors are linearly independent.

To see this, assume we have eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  with corresponding eigenvectors  $\mathbf{q}_1, \dots, \mathbf{q}_n$ , and suppose  $\alpha_1 \mathbf{q}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \mathbf{q}_n = 0$ .

Then pick any  $k$ , and apply the operator

$$\prod_{j=1, j \neq k}^n (A - \lambda_j I)$$

to the vector  $\alpha_1 \mathbf{q}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \mathbf{q}_n$  to obtain

$$\prod_{j=1, j \neq k}^n (\lambda_k - \lambda_j) \alpha_k \mathbf{q}_k = 0$$

Since  $k$  is arbitrary, linear independence follows.

The representation of  $A$  for the basis  $\mathbf{q}_1, \dots, \mathbf{q}_n$ , is then diagonal: that is,  $D = Q^{-1} A Q$ .

Because the roots may be complex, must allow complex vectors.

**Diagonalization: Non-distinct eigenvalues:**

Let  $\lambda_0$  be an eigenvalue of multiplicity  $k_0$  .

Assume that the nullity of  $(A - \lambda_0 I)$  is  $p_0 \leq k_0$  .

If  $p_0 = k_0$ , then can pick *any*  $k_0$  linearly independent vectors in the nullspace and get diagonal form again for this eigenvalue.

If  $p_0 \neq k_0$ , need the concept of *generalized eigenvector*.

A *generalized eigenvector*  $\mathbf{q}_k$  of grade  $k$  satisfies

$$(A - \lambda_0 I)^k \mathbf{q}_k = 0$$

and

$$(A - \lambda_0 I)^{k-1} \mathbf{q}_k \neq 0$$

### Generalized Eigenvectors (continued):

Given a generalized eigenvector  $\mathbf{q}$  of grade  $k$ , can get a chain of generalized eigenvectors

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{q}_k &= \mathbf{q} \\ \mathbf{q}_{k-1} &= (A - \lambda_0 I)\mathbf{q}_k = (A - \lambda_0 I)\mathbf{q} \\ \mathbf{q}_{k-2} &= (A - \lambda_0 I)\mathbf{q}_{k-1} = (A - \lambda_0 I)^2\mathbf{q} \\ &\vdots \\ &\vdots \\ \mathbf{q}_1 &= (A - \lambda_0 I)\mathbf{q}_2 = (A - \lambda_0 I)^{k-1}\mathbf{q}\end{aligned}$$

and these are linearly independent (multiply by  $(A - \lambda_0 I)^j$ , for  $k - 1 \geq j \geq 1$ ).

Note that  $\mathbf{q}_1$  is an ordinary eigenvector ( $A\mathbf{q}_1 = \lambda_0\mathbf{q}_1$ ), and that these equations can be solved by first finding a generalized eigenvector, and evaluating from the top, or by first finding an ordinary eigenvector, and solving from the bottom.

For each  $j > 1$ ,

$$A\mathbf{q}_j = \lambda_0\mathbf{q}_j + \mathbf{q}_{j-1}$$

**Jordan Canonical Form:**

With respect to these vectors, the block therefore has the representation

$$J_k = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda_0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \lambda_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

*Jordan canonical form:* block diagonal matrix with these blocks.

Note: For any Jordan block, with zero eigenvalue:  $J_k^k = 0$  (nilpotent) and so

$$(J_k - \lambda_0 I_k)^k = 0$$

for any Jordan block with eigenvalue  $\lambda_0$

**Example:** Problem 3.13(4), p. 81.

**Functions of a square matrix  $A$ :**

**Power of  $A$ :**  $A^n = \underbrace{AA \dots A}_{n \text{ times}}$

**Polynomial in  $A$ :** If

$$p(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} \dots + a_1 x + a_0$$

then  $p(A)$  is defined by

$$p(A) = a_n A^n + a_{n-1} A^{n-1} \dots + a_1 A + a_0 I$$

**Similarity:**  $p(QAQ^{-1}) = Qp(A)Q^{-1}$

### Functions of a square matrix $A$ (continued):

**Block Diagonal:** If  $A$  is block diagonal:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & A_2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & A_{r-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & A_r \end{bmatrix}$$

Then

$$p(A) = \begin{bmatrix} p(A_1) & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & p(A_2) & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & p(A_{r-1}) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & p(A_r) \end{bmatrix}$$

$A^k$  for Jordan Block:

If

$$J_k = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

then

$$J_{k+1}^r = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda^r & r\lambda^{r-1} & \frac{r(r-1)}{2!}\lambda^{r-2} & \dots & \frac{1}{k!} \frac{d^k(\lambda^r)}{d\lambda^k} \\ 0 & \lambda^r & r\lambda^{r-1} & \dots & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda^r & r\lambda^{r-1} \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \lambda^r \end{bmatrix}$$

### $A^k$ for Jordan Block (continued):

Therefore,  $p(J_{k+1})$  for any polynomial of a Jordan Block is given by:

$$p(J_{k+1}) = \begin{bmatrix} p(\lambda) & p'(\lambda) & \frac{p''(\lambda)}{2!} & \cdots & \frac{p^{(k)}(\lambda)}{k!} \\ 0 & p(\lambda) & p'(\lambda) & \cdots & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & p(\lambda) & p'(\lambda) \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & p(\lambda) \end{bmatrix}$$

— example 3.10, p.66

**Minimal Polynomial:**

For any eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$ , the *index* of  $\lambda_i = m_i$  is the largest order of all Jordan blocks with eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$ .

The *multiplicity* of  $\lambda_i = n_i$  is the highest power of  $(\lambda - \lambda_i)$  in the characteristic polynomial

$$\Delta(\lambda) = \det(\lambda I - A)$$

Therefore  $m_i \leq n_i$ .

Define the *minimal* polynomial of  $A$  to be the product of the terms  $(\lambda - \lambda_j)$  to power of index, i.e

$$\psi(\lambda) = (\lambda - \lambda_1)^{m_1} (\lambda - \lambda_2)^{m_2} \dots (\lambda - \lambda_k)^{m_k}$$

Apply this polynomial to each block of the Jordan Canonical Form, and the entire matrix becomes zero:

$$\psi(A) = 0$$

The **Cayley-Hamilton Theorem** follows immediately:

$$\Delta(A) = 0$$

**Consequence:** for any polynomial  $f(x)$ ,  $f(A)$  can be expressed as a polynomial of degree  $n - 1$  in  $A$ .

**Matrix Functions continued:**

How is this polynomial calculated?

In principle:

$$\begin{aligned}
 A^n &= -\alpha_0 I - \alpha_1 A - \alpha_2 A^2 \dots - \alpha_{n-1} A^{n-1} \\
 &= p_1(A) \\
 A^{n+1} &= -\alpha_0 A - \alpha_1 A^2 - \alpha_2 A^3 \dots - \alpha_{n-1} A^n \\
 &= -\alpha_0 A \dots - \alpha_{n-2} A^{n-1} - \alpha_{n-1} p_1(A) \\
 &= \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

More realistic: division with remainder gives:

$$f(\lambda) = q(\lambda)\Delta(\lambda) + h(\lambda)$$

where  $h(\lambda)$  is the remainder, with order  $< n$ .

Therefore, for any eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$

$$f(\lambda_i) = h(\lambda_i)$$

More generally, if  $n_i$  is the multiplicity of  $\lambda_i$

$$f^{(l)}(\lambda_i) = h^{(l)}(\lambda_i) \quad \text{for } 1 \leq l \leq n_i - 1$$

**Matrix Functions continued:**

If these equations hold for all eigenvalues, we say “ $f = h$  on the spectrum of  $A$ ”, and, by the Cayley-Hamilton theorem,

$$f(A) = h(A)$$

Note: Also works with  $\bar{n}$  (the degree of the *minimal* polynomial) in place of  $n$ , but  $\bar{n}$  is not normally known.

It is often more convenient to use these conditions directly: assume a polynomial of degree  $n - 1$  with unknown coefficients:

$$h(\lambda) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \lambda + \beta_2 \lambda^2 + \cdots + \beta_{n-1} \lambda^{n-1}$$

and use the  $n$  conditions above to solve for the  $\beta_l$ .

Example 3.10: If  $A$  is a Jordan block with eigenvalue  $\lambda_0$ , it is more convenient to assume the form

$$h(\lambda) = \beta_0 + \beta_1(\lambda - \lambda_0) + \cdots + \beta_{n-1}(\lambda - \lambda_0)^{n-1}$$

and the formula for  $f(J_k)$  follows.

Note: Formula for  $f(J_k)$  shows that derivatives are necessary.

**Transcendental Matrix Functions:**

Can define transcendental functions of  $A$  by means of (infinite) power series.

**Simpler: *define*** a transcendental function  $f(A)$  of  $A$  to be a polynomial  $h(A)$  of order  $n - 1$  in  $A$  with  $f = h$  on the spectrum of  $A$ .

**Most important transcendental function:**  $e^{At}$ .

**Example:** Problem 3.22 (3.13(4), p. 81).

Properties of matrix exponentials:

1. Differentiation:

$$\frac{d}{dt}e^{At} = Ae^{At} = e^{At}A$$

2.

$$e^{(A+B)t} \neq e^{At}e^{Bt}$$

unless  $AB = BA$

3.

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{At}\} = (sI - A)^{-1}$$

**Lyapunov equation:**

If  $A$  is  $n \times n$ ,  $B$  is  $m \times m$ , and  $M$  and  $C$  are  $n \times m$ , then the equation

$$AM + MB = C$$

with  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  known, and  $M$  unknown, is called a Lyapunov equation:  $nm$  equations in  $nm$  unknowns.

**Eigenvalues:**  $\eta$  is an eigenvalue iff

$$AM + MB = \eta M$$

The eigenvalues are given by

$$\eta_k = \lambda_i + \mu_j$$

—  $nm$  eigenvalues for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , and  $1 \leq j \leq m$ , where  $\lambda_i$  is a (right) eigenvalue of  $A$

$$A\mathbf{x} = \lambda_i \mathbf{x}$$

and  $\mu_j$  is a left eigenvalue of  $B$ :

$$\mathbf{x}B = \mu_j \mathbf{x}$$

E.g., let  $\mathbf{u}$  be a right eigenvector of  $A$ ,  $\mathbf{v}'$  a left eigenvector of  $B$ , and  $M = \mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}'$

**Miscellaneous Formulae (sec. 3.8)**

1.  $\rho(AB) \leq \min(\rho(A), \rho(B))$
2. if  $C$  and  $D$  are invertible,  $\rho(AC) = \rho(DA) = \rho(A)$
3. If  $A$  is  $m \times n$  and  $B$  is  $n \times m$ , then

$$\det(I_m + AB) = \det(I_n + BA)$$

For the last property, define

$$N = \begin{pmatrix} I_m & A \\ 0 & I_n \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad Q = \begin{pmatrix} I_m & 0 \\ -B & I_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} I_m & -A \\ B & I_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Then

$$\det(P) = \det(NP) = \det \begin{pmatrix} I_m + AB & 0 \\ B & I_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(P) = \det(QP) = \det \begin{pmatrix} I_m & -A \\ 0 & I_n + BA \end{pmatrix}$$

### 3.5 Quadratic Forms (Sec.3.9):

A *Quadratic Form* is a product of the form  $\mathbf{x}' M \mathbf{x}$ .

Since  $\mathbf{x}' S \mathbf{x} = 0$  for any skew-symmetric ( $S' = -S$ ) matrix, only the symmetric part of  $M$  is significant, so assume  $M$  is symmetric.

Since eigenvalues can be complex, initially allow  $\mathbf{x}$  to be complex, and look at  $\mathbf{x}^* M \mathbf{x}$ .

$\mathbf{x}^* M \mathbf{x}$  is real:  $(\mathbf{x}^* M \mathbf{x})^* = \mathbf{x}^* M \mathbf{x}$ .

**Theorem:** The eigenvalues of a symmetric matrix  $M$  are real:

**Proof:** Let  $\lambda$  be a (possibly complex) eigenvalue of  $M$ .

Then

$$M \mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{x} \implies \mathbf{x}^* M \mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{x}^* \mathbf{x}$$

and so  $\lambda$  is real.

So all eigenvalues of a symmetric matrix are real, and so we need consider only real eigenvalues and real eigenvectors.

**Quadratic Forms (continued):**

**Theorem:** If  $M$  is symmetric, then its range and nullspace are orthogonal.

**Proof:** Suppose  $\mathbf{y} = M\mathbf{z}$  and  $M\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle &= \mathbf{x}' M \mathbf{z} \\ &= \mathbf{z}' M' \mathbf{x} \\ &= \mathbf{z}' M \mathbf{x} \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem:** If  $M$  is symmetric, then  $M$  is diagonalizable.

**Proof:** Suppose there is a generalized eigenvector. Then there is a vector  $\mathbf{x}$  and a real eigenvalue  $\lambda$  such that

$$(M - \lambda I)^2 \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}, \text{ but } \mathbf{y} = (M - \lambda I) \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}.$$

So  $\mathbf{y} \neq \mathbf{0}$  is both in the range and nullspace of  $N = (M - \lambda I)$ , a contradiction.

So there is a  $Q$  such that  $M = QDQ^{-1}$ .

### Quadratic Forms (continued):

**Theorem:** For a symmetric matrix, eigenvectors of different eigenvalues are orthogonal.

**Proof:** If  $M\mathbf{x}_1 = \lambda_1\mathbf{x}_1$  and  $M\mathbf{x}_2 = \lambda_2\mathbf{x}_2$  with  $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$ , then

$$\mathbf{x}'_1 M \mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{x}'_1 \lambda_2 \mathbf{x}_2 = \lambda_2 \mathbf{x}'_1 \mathbf{x}_2$$

but also

$$\mathbf{x}'_1 M \mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{x}'_2 M' \mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{x}'_2 M \mathbf{x}_1 = \lambda_1 \mathbf{x}'_2 \mathbf{x}_1 = \lambda_1 \mathbf{x}'_1 \mathbf{x}_2$$

Therefore  $(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)\mathbf{x}'_1 \mathbf{x}_2 = 0$ , and since  $\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 \neq 0$ , it follows that  $\mathbf{x}'_1 \mathbf{x}_2 = 0$ .

**Consequence:** A symmetric matrix  $M$  has an orthonormal basis of eigenvectors, and so the diagonalizing matrix  $Q$  such that  $M = QDQ^{-1}$  can be taken to have orthonormal columns.

**Definition:** A matrix  $Q$  is called *orthogonal* if the columns of  $Q$  are orthonormal, or equivalently  $QQ' = Q'Q = I$ , or  $Q^{-1} = Q'$

**Result:** if  $M$  is symmetric,  $M = QDQ'$  with  $D$  diagonal, and  $Q$  orthogonal.

**Quadratic Forms (continued):**

**Positive Definite:**  $\mathbf{x}'M\mathbf{x} > 0$  unless  $\mathbf{x} = 0$ , or all eigenvalues of  $M$  are  $> 0$ .

**Positive Semidefinite:**  $\mathbf{x}'M\mathbf{x} \geq 0$  for all  $\mathbf{x}$ , or all eigenvalues of  $M$  are  $\geq 0$ .

**Singular Values:** If  $H$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix, the *singular values* of  $H$  are defined to be the square roots of eigenvalues of  $M = H'H$ .

Since  $\mathbf{x}'H'H\mathbf{x} = \|H\mathbf{x}\|^2 \geq 0$ , the singular values are all real and nonnegative.

**Singular Value Decomposition:**  $H$  can be decomposed into the form

$$H = RSQ'$$

where  $R'R = RR' = I_m$ ,  $Q'Q = QQ' = I_n$ , and  $S$  is  $m \times n$  with the singular values of  $H$  on the diagonal.