



UNIT 2 – ORTHOGONAL TRANSFORMATION OF A REAL SYMMETRIC MATRIX

Diagonalization of a real symmetric matrix

Method to diagonalise the symmetric matrix by orthogonal transformation

STEP 1: Find characteristic equation, Eigen values, eigen vectors of the given matrix A.

STEP 2: Eigen vector should be pair wise orthogonal

$$X_1^T X_2 = 0 \quad ; \quad X_2^T X_3 = 0 \quad ; \quad X_3^T X_1 = 0$$

STEP 3: Normalize each Eigen vector, if $X = (x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3)$ the normalized vector =

$$(x_1/l(x_1) \ x_2/l(x_2) \ x_3/l(x_3)) \text{ where } l(x) = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2}$$

STEP 4: Form the normalized modal matrix N, using normalized Eigen vectors

STEP 5: The normalized modal matrix N should be orthogonal matrix

$$NN^T = N^T N = I$$

STEP 6: Find the $N^T A N = D$, Where D is diagonal matrix.

Problem

1. Reduce the matrix to diagonalise $A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -6 & 2 \\ -6 & 7 & -4 \\ 2 & -4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -6 & 2 \\ -6 & 7 & -4 \\ 2 & -4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

To find characteristic equation

$D_1 =$ Sum of leading diagonal elements

$$= 8 + 7 + 3 = 18$$

$D_2 =$ Sum of minors of leading diagonal elements

$$= 45$$



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$$D_3 = |A|$$

$$= |8 \quad -6 \quad 2 \quad -6 \quad 7 \quad -4 \quad 2 \quad -4 \quad 3|$$

$$= 0$$

The characteristic equation is

$$\lambda^3 - 18\lambda^2 + 45\lambda = 0$$

The eigen values are 0, 3, 15

The eigen vectors are $(A - \lambda I)X = 0$

$$[(8 \quad -6 \quad 2 \quad -6 \quad 7 \quad -4 \quad 2 \quad -4 \quad 3) - \lambda(1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1)](x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3) = 0$$

$$(8 \quad -6 \quad 2 \quad -6 \quad 7 \quad -4 \quad 2 \quad -4 \quad 3)(x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3) = 0$$

$$(8 - \lambda \quad -6 \quad 2 \quad -6 \quad 7 - \lambda \quad -4 \quad 2 \quad -4 \quad 3 - \lambda)(x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3) = 0$$

CASE (i)

When $\lambda = 0$

$$(8 \quad -6 \quad 2 \quad -6 \quad 7 \quad -4 \quad 2 \quad -4 \quad 3)(x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3) = 0$$

The cofactor of first row elements are (5 10 10) ie (1 2 2)

The Eigen vector when $\lambda = 0$ is (1 2 2)

CASE (ii)

When $\lambda = 3$

$$(5 \quad -6 \quad 2 \quad -6 \quad 4 \quad -4 \quad 2 \quad -4 \quad 0)(x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3) = 0$$

The cofactor of first row elements are (- 16 - 8 16) ie (2 1 - 2)



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The Eigen vector when $\lambda = 3$ is $(2 \ 1 \ -2)$

CASE (iii)

When $\lambda = 15$

$$(-7 \ -6 \ 2 \ -6 \ -8 \ -4 \ 2 \ -4 \ -12)(x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3) = 0$$

The cofactor of first row elements are $(80 \ -80 \ 40)$ ie $(2 \ -2 \ 1)$

The Eigen vector when $\lambda = 15$ is $(2 \ -2 \ 1)$

STEP 2:

To check pair wise orthogonality

$$X_1^T X_2 = (1 \ 2 \ 2)(2 \ 1 \ -2) = 0$$

$$X_2^T X_3 = (2 \ 1 \ -2)(2 \ -2 \ 1) = 0$$

$$X_3^T X_1 = (2 \ -2 \ 1)(1 \ 2 \ 2) = 0$$

STEP 3:

To find normalized vector

Eigen vector	$l(x) = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2}$	Normalized vector = $(x_1/l(x_1) \ x_2/l(x_2) \ x_3/l(x_3))$
$(1 \ 2 \ 2)$	$\sqrt{1 + 4 + 4} = 3$	$(1/3 \ 2/3 \ 2/3)$



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$(2 \ 1 \ -2)$	$\sqrt{1 + 4 + 4} = 3$	$(2/3 \ 1/3 \ -2/3)$
$(2 \ -2 \ 1)$	$\sqrt{1 + 4 + 4} = 3$	$(2/3 \ -2/3 \ 1/3)$

STEP 4:

Normalized modal matrix

$$N = [1/3 \ 2/3 \ 2/3 \ 2/3 \ 1/3 \ -2/3 \ 2/3 \ -2/3 \ 1/3]$$

$$N^T = [1/3 \ 2/3 \ 2/3 \ 2/3 \ 1/3 \ -2/3 \ 2/3 \ -2/3 \ 1/3]$$

STEP 5:

$$NN^T = N^T N = I$$

$$N^T N =$$

$$(1/3 \ 2/3 \ 2/3 \ 2/3 \ 1/3 \ -2/3 \ 2/3 \ -2/3 \ 1/3)(1/3 \ 2/3 \ 2/3 \ 2/3 \ 1/3 \ -2/3 \ 2/3 \ -2/3 \ 1/3)$$

$$= (1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1)$$

$$= I$$

STEP 6:

To find diagonalize matrix

$$N^T A N = D$$

$$N^T A = \frac{1}{3}(1 \ 2 \ 2 \ 2 \ 1 \ -2 \ 2 \ -2 \ 1)(8 \ -6 \ 2 \ -6 \ 7 \ -4 \ 2 \ -4 \ 3)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}(0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 6 \ 3 \ -6 \ 3 \ 0 \ 15)$$



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$$\begin{aligned} N^T A N &= \frac{1}{9} (0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 6 \ 3 \ -6 \ 3 \ 0 \ 3 \ 0 \ 15) (1 \ 2 \ 2 \ 2 \ 1 \ -2 \ 2 \ -2 \ 1) \\ &= \frac{1}{9} (0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 27 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 15) \\ &= (0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 3 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 15) \\ &= D \end{aligned}$$