# ECE 631 System Theory

**IV. Linear Algebra and Norms** 

**<u>Definition</u>**: Let  $\mathcal{A} : \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \mathbb{R}^n$  be a linear operator. Any scalar  $\lambda \in \mathcal{F}$  such that  $\mathcal{A}(x) = \lambda x$ , where  $x \neq 0$ , is called an <u>eigenvalue</u> of  $\mathcal{A}$  and x an <u>eigenvector</u> of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

<u>Note</u>: Along the direction of an eigenvector x, the operator  $\mathcal{A}$  simply multiplies the vector by a scalar  $\lambda$ .

<u>Note</u>:  $Ax = \lambda x \Rightarrow (A - \lambda I)x = 0$ Find the values of  $\lambda$  such that the null-space of  $(A - \lambda I)$  is not simply x = 0, i.e. the trivial solution.

<u>Note</u>: To find  $\lambda$  we solve  $det(A - \lambda I) = 0$ 

Characteristic Equation

#### **Spectral Theory (Examples)**

**Example:** 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$
  $det(A - \lambda I) = det \begin{bmatrix} 2 - \lambda & 1 \\ 2 & 3 - \lambda \end{bmatrix}$   
 $= (2 - \lambda)(3 - \lambda) - 2$   
 $= \lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 4$   
 $= (\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 4)$ 

Eigenvalues: 
$$\lambda_1 = 1$$
  $\lambda_2 = 4$ .  
Eigenvectors:  $(A - \lambda_1 I)x = 0 \implies \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $x_1 + x_2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow x_1 = -x_2$ .

(i) 
$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$
; General solution:  $\begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ -\alpha \end{bmatrix}$   $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}, \alpha \neq 0.$ 

#### **Spectral Theory (Examples)**

Example (continued):

$$(\mathbf{A} - \lambda_2 I) \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0} \quad \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$-2y_1 + y_2 = \mathbf{0} \quad \Rightarrow y_2 = 2y_1.$$

(ii) 
$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
; General solution:  $\begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ 2\alpha \end{bmatrix}$   $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}, \alpha \neq 0.$ 

#### **Spectral Theory (Examples)**

Example: 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
  
 $det(A - \lambda I) = det \begin{bmatrix} 3 - \lambda & 2 \\ -1 & 1 - \lambda \end{bmatrix}$   
 $= (3 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda) + 2$   
 $= \lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 5$ 

**Eigenvalues:**  $\lambda_1 = 2 + j$   $\lambda_2 = 2 - j$ .

Eigenvectors are also complex :

$$(A - \lambda I)x = 0 \qquad \qquad x = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 + j \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 - j \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

 $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}: \quad \det(A - \lambda I) \text{ is a polynomial of degree } n.$  $\Delta(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I) = (-1)^n \lambda^n + c_{n-1} \lambda^{n-1} + \ldots + c_1 \lambda + c_0$  $= (\lambda_1 - \lambda)(\lambda_2 - \lambda) \cdots (\lambda_n - \lambda)$ 

 $\Delta(\lambda)$  is called the **characteristic polynomial of A**.

- $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  can be real, complex, or a combination of real and complex.
- $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  can be all distinct or we can have  $\lambda_i = \lambda_i$  for  $i \neq j$ .
- $\det(\mathbf{A}) = \lambda_1 \cdot \lambda_2 \cdot \ldots \cdot \lambda_n = c_0$
- Suppose  $\lambda_i$  is complex:  $\lambda_i = \alpha_i + j\beta_i$ . Then  $\overline{\lambda_i} = \alpha_i j\beta_i$  is also an eigenvalue.

<u>Trace</u>: Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  Trace $(A) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_{ii}$  Sum of diagonal elements. <u>Example</u>:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  Trace(A) = 3 + 1 = 4.

Lemma: Trace (A) = 
$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \ldots + \lambda_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$$

<u>Lemma</u>: Let  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_n$  be distinct eigenvalues of A. Then any  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n$  of corresponding eigenvectors is linearly independent.

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ x_1 & x_2 & \cdots & x_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{M} \text{ odal matrix.}} \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{\Lambda} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

## Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

**<u>Theorem</u>**: Any  $m \times n$  matrix can be factored into:

$$\mathbf{A} = \boldsymbol{U} \, \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \boldsymbol{V}^{\top}$$

where

- U is an  $m \times m$  orthogonal matrix, i.e.,  $U^{\top}U = I$
- V is an  $n \times n$  orthogonal matrix, i.e.,  $V^{\top}V = I$
- $\Sigma$  is a diagonal matrix of the form:

 $\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & \ddots & & & \\ & & \sigma_i & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & \sigma_p & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad p = \min\{m, n\}$  $\sigma_1 \ge \dots \ge \sigma_i \ge \dots \sigma_p \ge 0$ 

- $\sigma_i$  are called singular values and they correspond to the eigenvalues of  $A^T A$ .
- $\rho(A)$  = number of nonzero singular values.

#### Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

- $AA = A^2$
- $A^4 = A \cdot A \cdot A \cdot A$
- $A^0 = I$
- $A^{-1}$  is the inverse of A (if it exists).

 $n \times n$  matrix of 0's

#### **Theorem**: (Cayley-Hamilton)

Every matrix satisfies its own characteristic equation, i.e.,  $\Delta(A) = \mathbf{0}^{\prime}$ 

Example:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$   $\Delta(\lambda) = \lambda^{2} - 5\lambda + 4 \text{ (from previous example)}$   $\Delta(A) = A^{2} - 5A + 4I$ Check if:  $AA - 5A + 4I = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ 

### Jordan Canonical form

**<u>Theorem</u>**: For any  $n \times n$  matrix A there exists a non-singular matrix T such that  $T^{-1}AT = \begin{bmatrix} L(\lambda_{1}) & 0 \\ & L(\lambda_{2}) \end{bmatrix}$   $T^{-1}AT = \begin{bmatrix} L(\lambda_{1}) & 0 \\ & L(\lambda_{2}) \end{bmatrix}$ where  $L(\lambda) = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ & \ddots & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}$ 

<u>Note</u>: If <u>all</u> eigenvalues are distinct then  $L(\lambda_1) = \lambda_1$ .

$$\mathbf{T}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{T} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \mathbf{0} \\ & \ddots & \\ \mathbf{0} & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

#### Jordan Canonical form (Examples)



$$\bullet \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**<u>Definition</u>**: Let  $(X, \mathcal{F})$  be a linear vector space. A real-valued function is called a <u>norm</u> (and is denoted by  $\|.\|$ ) if the following properties hold:

i. 
$$||x|| \ge 0$$
 and  $||x|| = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0_X \quad \forall x \in X.$   
ii.  $||\alpha x|| = |\alpha| ||x|| \quad \forall x \in X, \forall \alpha \in \mathcal{F}$   
iii.  $||x + y|| \le ||x|| + ||y|| \quad \forall x, y \in X.$  (triangle inequality)

- A linear space with a norm is called a **normed linear space**.
- The norm can be considered as an operator.

$$\|\cdot\|: \mathbf{X} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^+ \left[ \mathbb{R}^+ = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \ge 0 \right\} \right]$$
$$\mathbf{X} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{X} \qquad$$

#### **Examples of norms**:

a)  $X = \mathbb{R}^n$ absolute value i.  $||x||_1 := \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|$  (1-norm) ii.  $||x||_2 \coloneqq \left[\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^2\right]^{n/2}$  (2-norm / Euclidean norm) iii. for  $1 \le p < \infty$   $||x||_p := \left[\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p\right]^{1/p}$  (p-norm) iv.  $||x||_{\infty} \coloneqq \max_{1 \le i \le n} |x_i|$  ( $\infty$ -norm)



<u>Lemma</u>: Let  $\|\cdot\|$  and  $\|\cdot\|'$  be any two norms on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (or  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ). Then there exist constants  $c_1, c_2 > 0$  so that

$$c_1 \|x\| \le \|x\|' \le c_2 \|x\| \quad \forall x \in \mathbf{X}.$$

Notation: Normed linear spaces are sometimes denoted by  

$$\begin{array}{c} (X, \mathcal{F}, \|.\|) \text{ or } (X, \|.\|) \\ \text{set} & \text{field} \end{array} \text{ norm} \end{array}$$
For example:  $(\mathbb{R}^5, \mathbb{R}, \|.\|_2)$ ,  $(\mathbb{C}^3, \mathbb{C}, \|.\|_1)$   
b)  $X = C[0,T]$  (can be extended to  $C(-\infty, \infty)$ )  
i.  $\|x\|_1 = \int_0^T |x(t)| dt$   
ii.  $\|x\|_2 = \left[\int_0^T |x(t)|^2 dt\right]^{1/2}$   
iii.  $\|x\|_p = \left[\int_0^T |x(t)|^p dt\right]^{1/p}$   
iv.  $\|x\|_{\infty} = \max_{t \in [0,T]} |x(t)|$ 

#### **Normed Linear Spaces (Examples)**

Consider 
$$C[0,\infty]$$
 with  
i.  $x(t) = 1$   
 $||x||_{\infty} = \max_{t \in [0,\infty]} |1| = 1$   
 $||x||_{1} = \int_{0}^{\infty} 1 = \infty$   
 $||x||_{p} = \infty \quad \forall p \in [1,\infty].$   
ii.  $x(t) = e^{-t}$   
 $||x||_{\infty} = \max_{t \in [0,\infty]} |e^{-t}| = 1$   
 $||x||_{1} = \int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-t} = 1$ 

#### **Normed Linear Spaces (Examples)**

iii. 
$$x(t) = \frac{1}{1+t}$$
$$\|x\|_{\infty} = \max_{t \in [0,\infty]} \left|\frac{1}{1+t}\right| = 1$$
$$\|x\|_{2} < \infty \quad \text{but} \quad \|x\|_{1} = \infty \quad \text{(check!)}$$

<u>**Definition</u>**: A linear operator  $\mathcal{A} : X \mapsto Y$  where X, Y are normed linear spaces, is said to be a **bounded linear operator** if there is a constant M such that</u>

$$\left|\mathcal{A}(x)\right\|_{\mathbf{Y}} \le \mathbf{M} \left\|x\right\|_{\mathbf{X}} \quad \forall x \in \mathbf{X}$$

where M is independent of  $x \in X$ .

The smallest such M that satisfies this condition is called the norm of  ${\mathcal A}$  and is denoted by  $\|{\mathcal A}\|$ .

Note: 
$$\|\mathcal{A}\| = \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|\mathcal{A}(x)\|_{Y}}{\|x\|_{X}}$$
  
$$= \max_{\|x\|_{X}=1} \|\mathcal{A}(x)\|_{Y}$$
$$= \max_{\|x\|_{X}\leq 1} \|\mathcal{A}(x)\|_{Y}$$

#### **Geometry of an Operator Norm**



Key questions:

- Does  $\|A\|$  satisfy the axioms of a norm?
- What is the linear space in this case?

<u>Lemma</u>: Let  $\mathcal{L}(X, Y)$  be the set of all <u>linear transformations</u> from X to Y; i.e.,  $\mathcal{L}(X, Y) \coloneqq \{\mathcal{A} \mid \mathcal{A} : X \mapsto Y, \mathcal{A} \text{ is linear}\}.$ 

Then  $\mathcal{L}(X, Y)$  is a linear space under the addition  $\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B}$  being defined as:

$$(\mathcal{A}+\mathcal{B})(x) = \mathcal{A}(x) + \mathcal{B}(x) \quad \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \in \mathcal{L}(X,Y), x \in X.$$

and scalar multiplication  $\alpha A$  defined as:

$$(\alpha \mathcal{A})(x) = \alpha \mathcal{A}(x) \quad \mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y), \, \alpha \in \mathcal{F}, x \in X$$

Reminder:

So far we have seen elements of linear spaces that are:

Vectors of reals  $\begin{bmatrix} 1\\3\\4 \end{bmatrix}$  (e.g.), function (e.g.,  $e^{-t}$ ) Vectors of functions,  $\begin{bmatrix} 5\sin(t)\\\cos(t) \end{bmatrix}$ , matrices, e.g.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1&2\\4&5 \end{bmatrix}$ , Matrices of polynomials  $\begin{bmatrix} 1+x&1+x^3\\x^2+x^3&1+x^4 \end{bmatrix}$ , and

now operators  $\mathcal{A}: X \mapsto Y$ 

 $\underline{\mathsf{Lemma}}: \left\| \mathcal{A} \right\| \text{is indeed a norm on } \mathcal{L} \big( X, Y \big)$ 

Proof: (i) obviously 
$$\|\mathcal{A}\| \ge 0$$
 and  $\|\mathcal{A}\| = 0 \Rightarrow \mathcal{A} = 0$   
(ii) $\|\alpha\mathcal{A}\| = \max_{\|x\|_{X}=1} \|\alpha\mathcal{A}(x)\|_{Y}$   
 $= \max_{\|x\|_{X}=1} |\alpha| \|\mathcal{A}(x)\|_{Y} = |\alpha| \|\mathcal{A}\|$   
(iii) $\|\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B}\| = \max_{\|x\|_{X}=1} \|(\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B})(x)\|_{Y}$   
 $= \max_{\|x\|_{X}=1} \|\mathcal{A}(x) + \mathcal{B}(x)\|_{Y}$   
 $\leq \max_{\|x\|_{X}=1} (\|\mathcal{A}(x)\|_{Y} + \|\mathcal{B}(x)\|_{Y})$   
 $\leq \|\mathcal{A}\| + \|\mathcal{B}\|$ 

#### Examples of matrix norms:

Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  (considered as a linear operator from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ )  $A = (\alpha_{ii})$ (i)  $||A||_{\infty} = \max_{||x||=1} ||Ax||_{\infty} ||A||_{\infty} = \max_{1 \le i \le n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} |\alpha_{ij}||$ (ii)  $\|A\|_{1} = \max_{\|x\|_{1}=1} \|Ax\|_{1}$   $\|A\|_{1} = \max_{1 \le j \le n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} |\alpha_{ij}|$ (iii)  $\|A\|_{2} = \max_{\|x\| = 1} \|Ax\|_{2} \quad \|A\|_{2} = \left[\lambda_{\max}(A^{\top}A)\right]^{1/2}$ (  $\lambda_{\max}(A^{\top}A)$  is the largest eigenvalue of  $A^{\top}A$  ) **Example:**  $A = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} \quad \|A\|_1 = 6; \ \|A\|_2 = 5.465; \ \|A\|_{\infty} = 7$ (Check !)