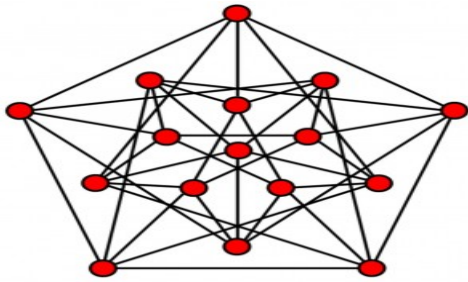


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## DIGRAPHS I

**Mathematical Background:**  
**Perron-Frobenius, Spectral Theorem,**  
**Jordan Normal Form, Cauchy-Binet,**  
**Jacobi's Formula**

**Based on various sources.**

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## SUMMARY:

\* This is a review of four theorems from linear algebra that are important for the development of the algebraic theory of directed graphs. These theorems are the Perron-Frobenius theorem, the Cauchy-Binet formula, the Jordan Normal Form, and Jacobi's Formula.

## **OUTLINE:**

The headings of this talk are color-coded as follows:

**Graph Theory Definitions**

**Perron-Frobenius**

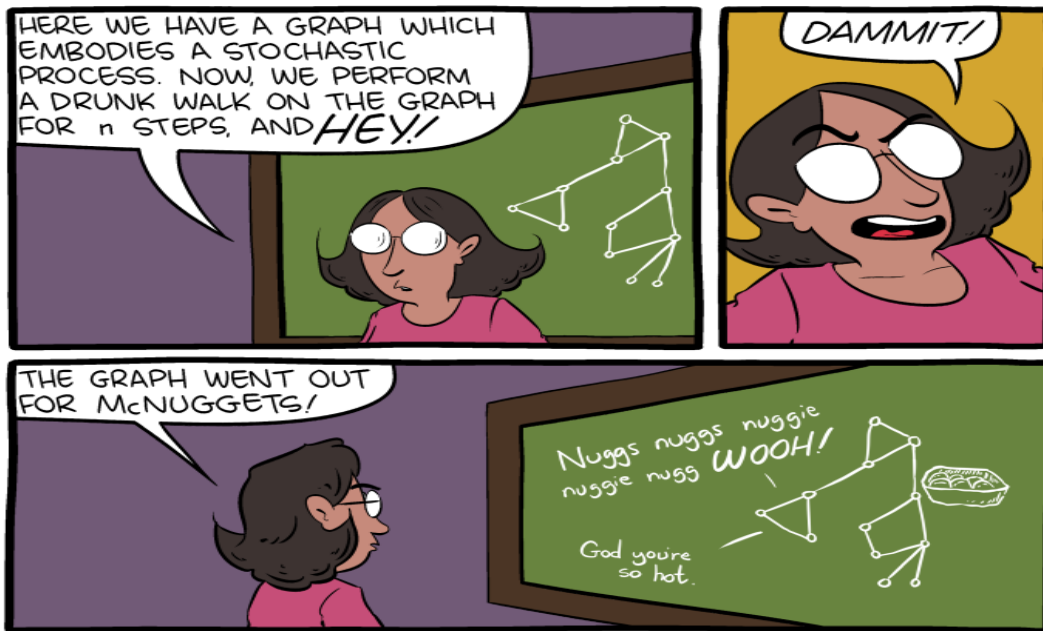
**The Spectral Theorem**

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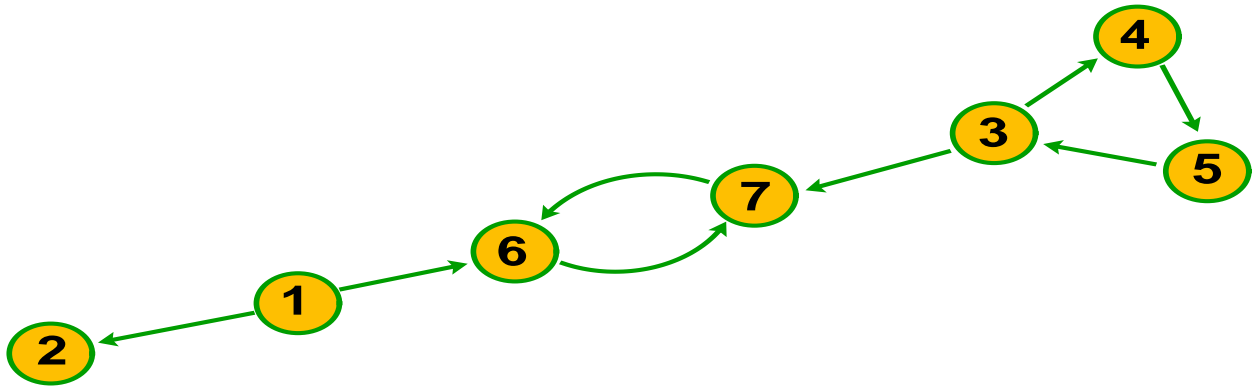
# ELEMENTARY GRAPH THEORY



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## Definitions: Digraphs

**Definition:** A directed graph (or **digraph**) is a set  $V = \{1, \dots, n\}$  of **vertices** together with set of ordered pairs  $E \subseteq V \times V$  (the **edges**).



A directed edge  $j \rightarrow i$ , also written as  $ji$ .

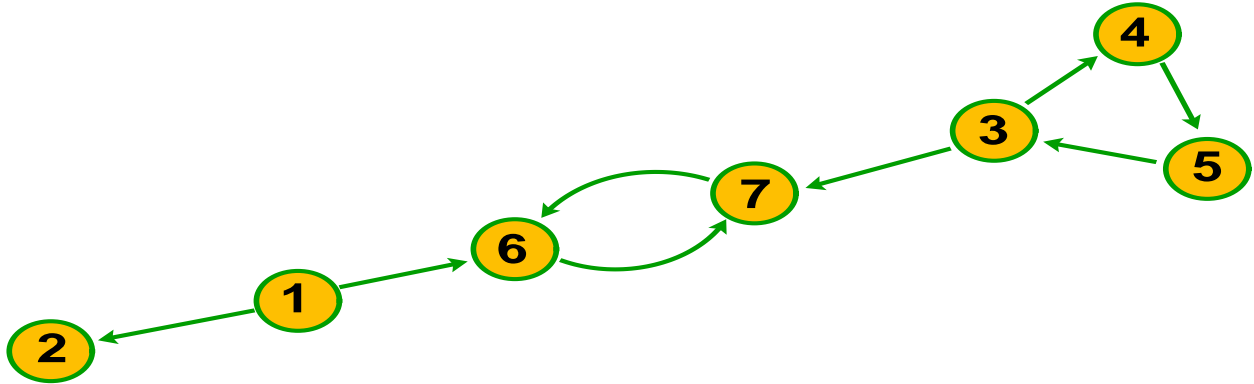
A directed path from  $j$  to  $i$  is written as  $j \rightsquigarrow i$ .

**Digraphs are everywhere:** models of the internet [7], social networks [8], food webs [12], epidemics [11], chemical reaction networks [13], databases [6], communication networks [5], and networks of autonomous agents in control theory [9], to name but a few.

**A BIG topic:** Much of mathematics can be translated into graph theory (discretization, triangulation, etc). In addition, many topics in graph theory that do not translate back to *continuous* mathematics.

## Definitions: Connectedness of digraphs

Undirected graphs are connected or not. But...



**Definition:** A digraph  $G$  is

- \* **strongly connected or SC** if for every ordered pair of vertices  $(i, j)$ , there is a path  $i \rightsquigarrow j$ .
- \* **unilaterally connected** if for every ordered pair of vertices  $(i, j)$ , there is a path  $i \rightsquigarrow j$  or a path  $j \rightsquigarrow i$ .
- \* **weakly connected** if the **underlying UNdirected graph** is connected.
- \* **not connected** if it is not weakly connected.
- \* **componentwise strongly connected or CSC** if each weak component is strongly connected.
- \* **Multilaterally connected weakly connected** but not **unilaterally connected**.

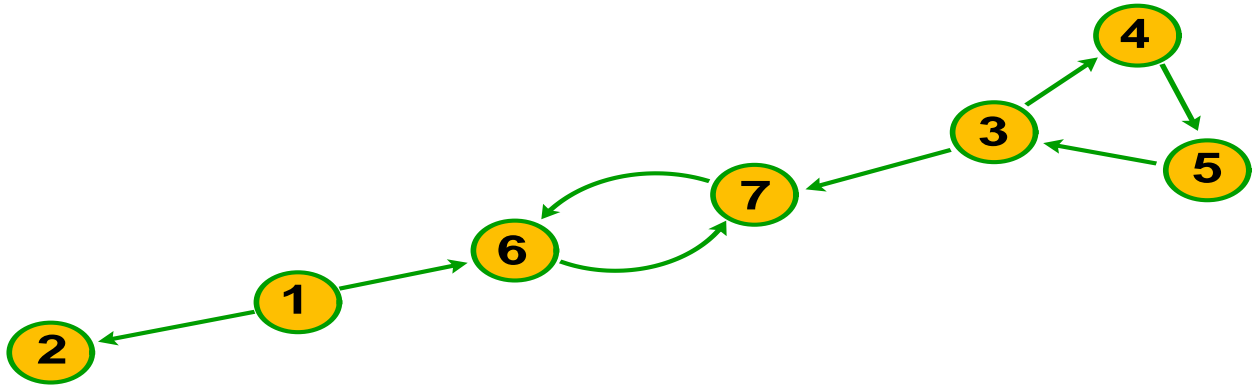
**Exercise:** Find a graph of each type.

**Exercise:** Find examples of digraphs and classify conn.ness. Try: the graph of the Figure and the largest strict subset relation of subsets of  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  ( $A \rightarrow B$  if  $A$  is a maximal strict subset of  $B$ ). The latter gives a 3-dimensional cube.

# The Adjacency Matrix

**Definition:** The **combinatorial adjacency matrix**  $Q$  of the graph  $G$  is the matrix whose entry  $Q_{ij} = 1$  if there is an edge  $ji$  and equals 0 otherwise.

**Interpretation:** We think of  $Q_{ij} = 1$  as information going from  $j$  to  $i$ . Or:  $i$  “sees”  $j$ . In the graph below, both 2 and 6 “see” 1. So  $Q_{21} = Q_{61} = 1$ .



$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Exercise:** Find the combinatorial adjacency matrices of examples of previous page.

THE  
PERRON  
FROBENIUS  
THEOREM



# Non-Negative Matrices

**Definition:** A non-negative matrix  $Q$  is **irreducible** if for every  $i, j$ , there is a  $k$  such that  $(Q^k)_{ij} > 0$ .

**Exercise:**  $Q$  is **irreducible** if for all  $i, j$ , there is path from  $j$  to  $i$ :  $j \rightsquigarrow i$ . (Hint:  $(Q^2)_{ij} > 0$  iff there is  $k$  such that  $Q_{ik} > 0$  and  $Q_{kj} > 0$ .)

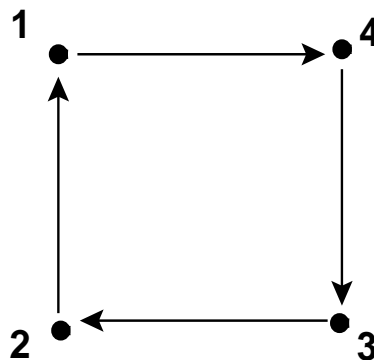
**So:**  $Q$  adjacency matrix of graph  $G$ :  $Q$  irreducible iff  $G$  is SC.

**Definition:** A non-negative matrix  $Q$  is **primitive** if there is a  $k$  such that for every  $i, j$ , we have  $(Q^k)_{ij} > 0$ .

**Exercise:**  $Q$  is **primitive** if  $\exists k$  such that for all  $i, j$ , there is  $j \rightsquigarrow i$  of length  $k$ .

**Irreducible but not primitive:** any cyclic permutation.

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



# Perron-Frobenius

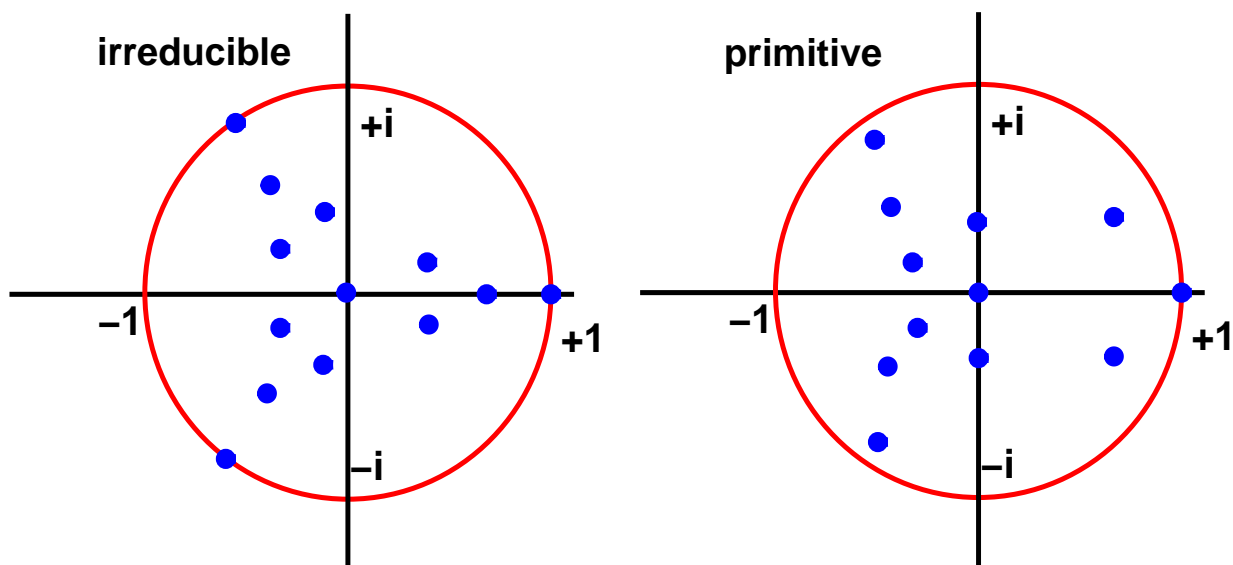
The single most important theorem in algebraic graph theory!!  
Gives leading eigenpair of many important matrices.  
1st order description of dynamical processes on graphs.  
More details in [1] and [14].

**Theorem 1A: Let  $A \geq 0$  be irreducible. Then:**  
(a) Its spectral radius  $\rho(A)$  is a simple eval of  $A$ .  
(b) Its associated evec is the only strictly positive evec.

Thus its largest eval is simple, real, and positive. But there may be other evals of the same modulus.

**Theorem 1B: Let  $A \geq 0$  be primitive. Then also:**  
All other evals have modulus strictly smaller than  $\rho(A)$ .

(Note 3-fold rotational symmetry in irreducible case.)



## Irreducible Has Period $p$

In the irreducible case, the matrix  $A$  has a **period**  $p \geq 1$ . That is: after permutation of vertices,  $A$  is **block cyclic**.

Example:  $p = 3$ :

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & A_2 \\ A_3 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

In this **cyclic block form**, the  $A_i$  are **rectangular**!

**Exercise:** Show that

$$A^3 = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 A_2 A_3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & A_2 A_3 A_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & A_3 A_1 A_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now, the diagonal blocks are primitive.

By **Cauchy-Binet** (later):

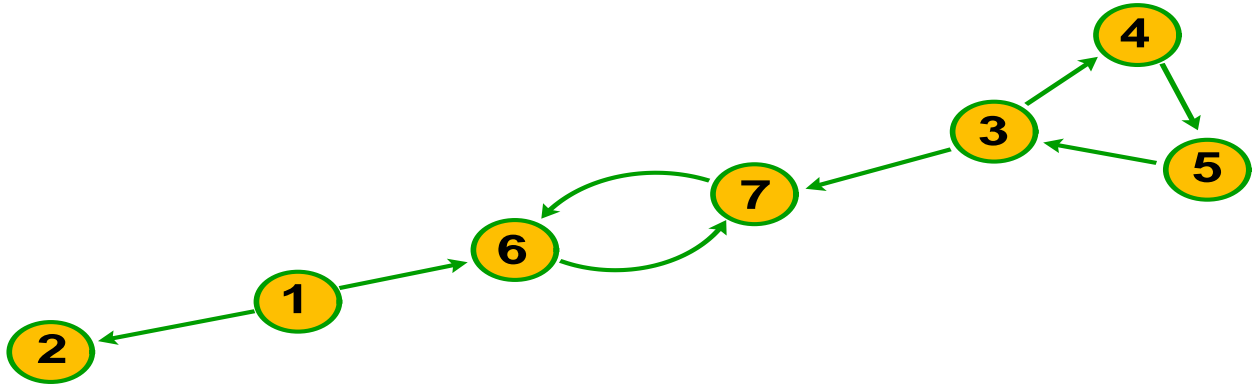
each diagonal block  $D$  of  $A^3$  has same non-zero spectrum.

Suppose non-zero spectrum  $D$  is:  $\{\lambda_i\}_{i=1}^s$ .

The non-zero spectrum of  $A$  consists of **all 3rd roots** of these.

## Earlier Example

To check irreducibility, need check paths of length at most 6. Then must repeat.



$$\sum_{i=1}^6 Q^i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 3 & 0 & 4 & 2 & 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 & 5 & 3 & 4 & 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

So,  $Q$  is block-triangular and thus *not* irreducible. But: The two non-trivial ( $\dim > 1$ ) diagonal blocks are **irreducible but not primitive**. Notice the grouping of the evals.

The spectrum of  $Q$  is  $\{0, 0, 1, e^{2\pi i/3}, e^{-2\pi i/3}, 1, -1\}$ .

**Exercise:** Prove all statements (use [1], [14], or others). Find examples.

## Other Eigenvectors

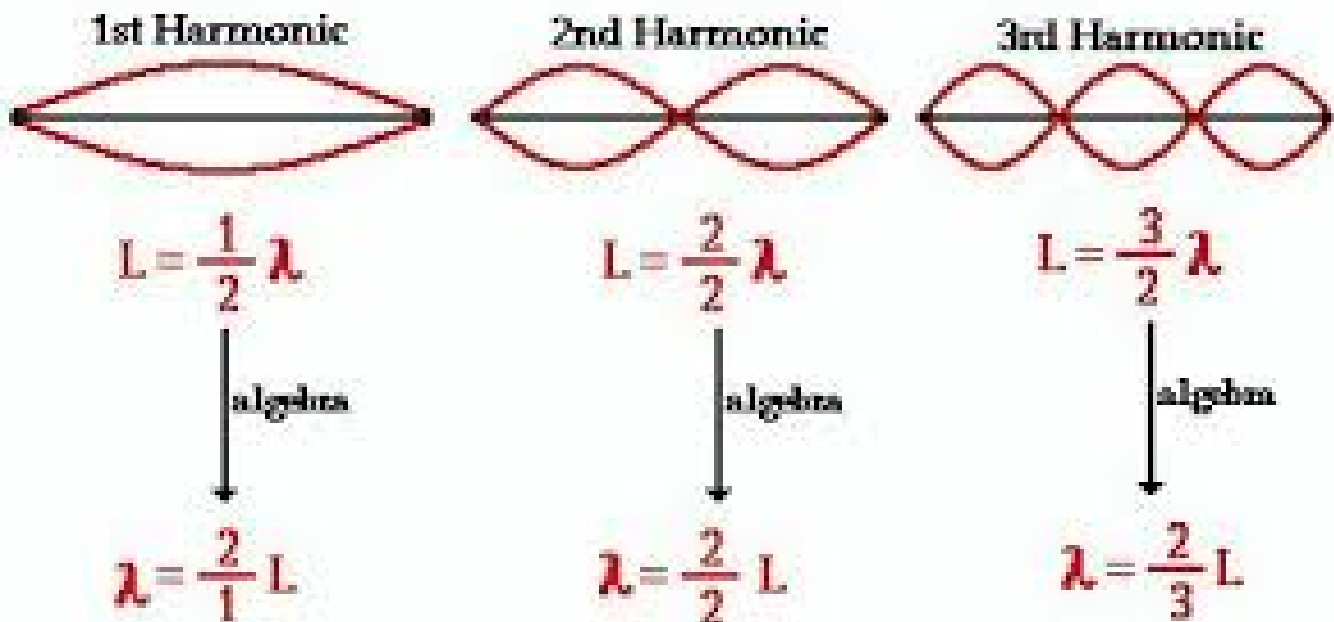
**Theorem 1C:** Let  $A$  be irreducible. Any other evec but the leading cannot be real and non-negative.

This is clear if the eigenvalue is non-real. So only needs proof for real evecs.

This is the beginning of the study of **Nodal Domains**.

A classical problem in analysis (since Courant): count the number of nodal domains of e.fns to the Laplace operator. See Figure.

### Lowest Three Natural Frequencies of a Guitar String



For undirected graphs there are many results. But for digraphs very little is known. (After all, evecs may not be real!)

**THE SPECTRAL  
THEOREM**



# Spectral Theorem

From now:  $A$  is  $n \times n$  matrix with real or complex coeff's:

**real symmetric  $\subset$  self-adjoint  $\subset$  normal.**

( $A$  is normal if  $A^*A = AA^*$ .  $A^*$  is conjugate transpose  $\overline{A}^T$ .)

**Theorem 2 (Spectral Theorem):**  $A$  has orthonormal basis of evecs  $\{v_i\}_{i=1}^n$  iff  $A$  normal.

These evecs are real, if  $A$  is self-adjoint.

**Definition:** Standard (Hermitian) inner product on  $\mathbb{C}^n$  is

$$(x, y) = x_1\overline{y}_1 + \cdots + x_n\overline{y}_n,$$

$\overline{z}$  indicates complex conjugate of  $z$ .

**Normal is common in physics and engineering.  
Makes life easy, because computations simplify:**

Let  $A$  a (normal) matrix with e.pairs  $\{\lambda_i, v_i\}$ .

Suppose  $\dot{x} = Ax$  with initial condition  $x(0) = x_0$ . Then:

$$x(t) = \sum_i \frac{(x_0, v_i)}{(v_i, v_i)} e^{\lambda_i t} v_i$$

where  $(., .)$  is real or Hermitian inner product and  $|v| = \sqrt{(v, v)}$ .  
 $(x_0, v_i)v_i/|v_i|^2$  is the orthogonal projection of  $x_0$  onto  $v_i$ .

## Orthogonal Basis of Evecs Implies Normal

$A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix. ASSUME  $\{v_i\}_{i=1}^n$  orthonormal basis of e.vecs. Set

$$H := (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n),$$

so that its columns are the e.vecs of  $A$ .

**Exercise:** Show that  $A = HDH^{-1}$ , where  $D$  is diagonal.

**Exercise:** Show that the  $i$ th row of  $H^*$  equals  $\bar{v}_i$ , or

$$H^* = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{v}_1^T \\ \bar{v}_2^T \\ \vdots \\ \bar{v}_n^T \end{pmatrix}$$

**Exercise:** Show that  $H^*H = I$ , and so  $H^* = H^{-1}$ .

**Exercise:** Show that  $A^* = H\bar{D}H^{-1}$ .

**Exercise:** Show that  $A^*A = AA^*$ .

Observe that these exercises prove one direction of the spectral theorem!



## Normal Implies Orthogonal Basis of Evecs

$A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix. ASSUME  $A$  is normal.

**Exercise:** Show that  $Av = \lambda v$  iff  $A^*v = \bar{\lambda}v$ .

**Hint:** Show that  $(A - \lambda I)(A^* - \bar{\lambda}I) = (A^* - \bar{\lambda}I)(A - \lambda I)$ .

Then use normality to show that

$$((A - \lambda I)v, (A - \lambda I)v) = ((A^* - \bar{\lambda}I)v, (A^* - \bar{\lambda}I)v)$$

where  $(,)$  is (Hermitian) inner product. So, if one is zero, then the other is too.

**Exercise:** If  $A$  has two e.pairs  $(\lambda, v)$  and  $(\mu, w)$  and  $\lambda \neq \mu$ , then  $(v, w) = 0$ .

**Hint:**  $(\lambda - \mu)(v, w) = (Av, w) - (v, A^*w)$  by the previous and definition of Hermitian inner product.

**Exercise:** Show that  $A$  has no non-trivial ( $\dim > 1$ ) Jordan blocks.

**Hint:** If  $A$  has Jordan block, then there is  $\lambda$  and  $v$  such that

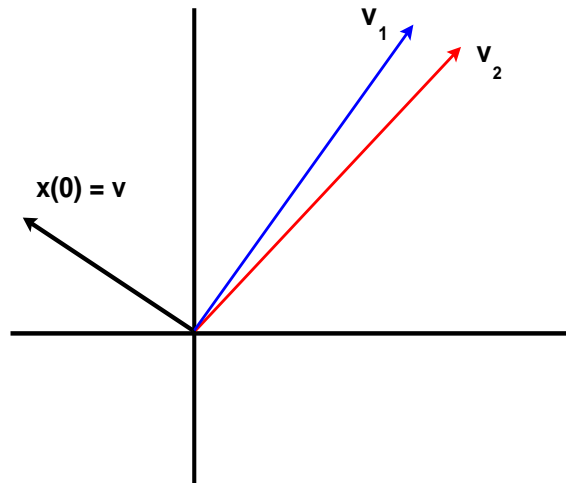
$$(A - \lambda I)v \neq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad (A - \lambda I)^2v = 0.$$

But then by normality and first exercise

$$0 \neq ((A - \lambda I)v, (A - \lambda I)v) = ((A^* - \bar{\lambda}I)(A - \lambda I)v, v) = 0$$

**Observe that this proves the other direction of the spectral theorem!**

## Life in a Non-normal Universe

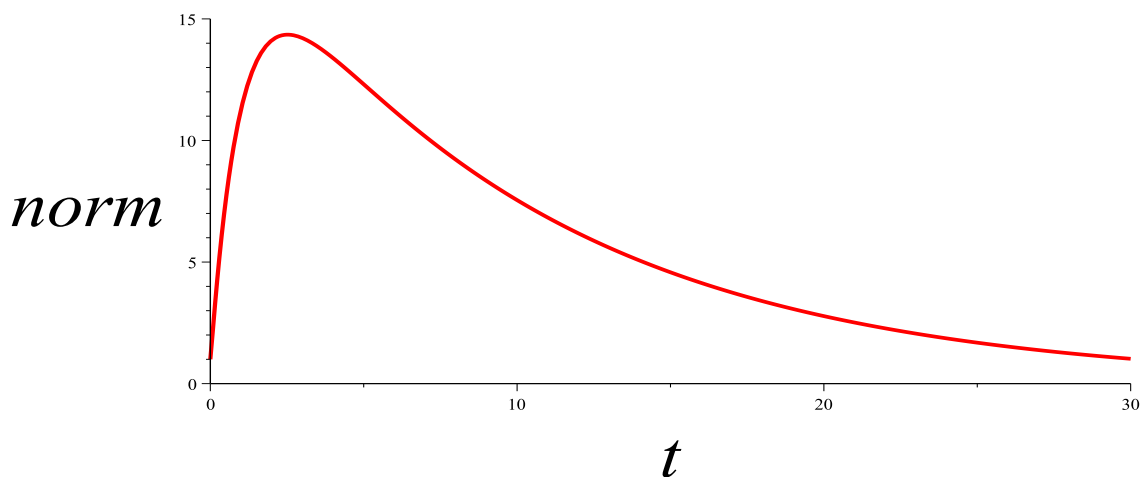


Let  $\dot{x} = Ax$ . Spv evecs  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  nearly parallel.

$$x(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} v_1 + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} v_2$$

Example:  $\lambda_i = \{-0.1, -1.0\}$  and init. condn  $x(0)$  as indicated.

Large **transient**! Stable system may initially “look” unstable. Below we plot  $|x(t)|$ .



**Exercise:** Define a 2-dim. system of ODE plus initial condition that exhibits this type of behavior.

## Another Convenience of Normality

**Exercise:** Matrix norm  $\|A\| \equiv \sup_x \{|Ax| : |x| = 1\}$  equals norm of its largest eval if  $A$  is normal.

*Hint: WLOG  $|v_i| = 1, |x| = 1$ .*

a) Show  $\sum (v_i, x)^2 = 1$ ;

b) Show that  $Ax = \sum \lambda_i (v_i, x) v_i$ ;

c) Show that  $(Ax, Ax)$  is a weighted mean of  $\lambda_i^2$ .

**This may fail in particular for matrices that have a non-trivial Jordan block.**

# THE JORDAN NORMAL FORM

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc} \boxed{\begin{array}{cc} \lambda_1 & 1 \\ & \lambda_1 & 1 \\ & & \lambda_1 \end{array}} & & \\ & \boxed{\begin{array}{cc} \lambda_2 & 1 \\ & \lambda_2 \end{array}} & \\ & & \boxed{\lambda_3} \\ & & \dots \\ & & & \boxed{\begin{array}{cc} \lambda_n & 1 \\ & \lambda_n \end{array}} \end{array} \right)$$

## Case I: $n$ Lin. Indep. Eigenvectors

Let  $A$  be  $n \times n$  matrix, but not necessarily normal!  
In general, it may have real and/or complex e.pairs.

Evals are the solutions  $\{\lambda_i\}_{i=1}^k$  (with  $k \leq n$ ) of

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$$

**Case I:**  $n$  linearly independent evects  $\{v_i\}_{i=1}^n$ .

Given  $\lambda_i$ , then  $\{v_i\}$  is a solution of

$$(A - \lambda_i I)v = 0$$

Let  $H$  the matrix whose  $i$ th column equals  $v_i$ . Then  $A$  is **diagonalizable**, or:

$$D = H^{-1}AH$$

with  $D$  diagonal with  $D_{ii} = \lambda_i$  (real if  $A$  is self-adjoint).

**Application:** Suppose  $\dot{x} = Ax$  with init. cond.  $x_0$ . Then:

$$x(t) = \sum_i \alpha_i e^{-\lambda_i t} v_i$$

But the  $\alpha_i$  are less simple to calculate. Set  $t = 0$ , you get:

$$H\alpha = \alpha_1 v_1 + \cdots + \alpha_n v_n = x_0$$

**Exercise:** Check the statements on this page.

## Case II: Less than $n$ LI Eigenvectors

Let  $A$  be  $n \times n$  matrix.

**Case II:** less than  $n$  **linearly independent** evecs  $\{v_i\}_{i=1}^n$ .

This happens when for some  $i$ ,  $\lambda_i$  is a root of order  $k > 1$  of

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$$

but

$$(A - \lambda_i I)v = 0$$

has less than  $k$  linearly independent solutions for  $v$ .

**Definition:** The algebraic multiplicity of an eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$  of  $A$  is the **order** of the root  $\lambda_i$  of  $\det(A - \lambda I)$ .

The geometric multiplicity of  $\lambda_i$  is the **number** of linearly independent evecs associated with  $\lambda_i$ .

In this case  $A$  is not diagonalizable but **block diagonalizable**. There is matrix  $H$  so that

$$J = H^{-1}AH$$

**Exercise:**  $J$  has diagonal **Jordan blocks** (or JB), all of the form:

$$B_i = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_i & 1 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & \lambda_i & 1 & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & 1 \\ \dots & \dots & 0 & \lambda_i \end{pmatrix}$$

## Case II: Not Enough LI Eigenvectors

Find all evals  $\lambda$  satisfying

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$$

For each eval  $\lambda_i$ , find its evecs:

$$(A - \lambda_i I)v = 0$$

These vectors span the **eigenspace** of  $\lambda_i$ .

For simplicity: assume there is only one:  $v_i$ .

If  $\text{geom mult}(\lambda_i) < \text{alg mult}(\lambda_i)$ , do this:

Start with evec  $v_i$ .

Find vector  $w_{i1}$  such that  $\{w_{i1}, v_i\}$  LI and

$$(A - \lambda_i I)w_{i1} = v_i \text{ and}$$

Find  $w_{i2}$  such that  $\{w_{i2}, w_{i1}, v_i\}$  LI and

$$(A - \lambda_i I)w_{i2} = w_{i1}$$

Etc. The  $v_i$  together with  $w_{ij}$  are **generalized eigenvectors**. They span the **generalized eigenspace** of  $\lambda_i$ .

Thus there are exactly  $n$  **linearly independent** generalized eigenvectors.

**Exercise:** Check the statements on this page.

## Case II: Construction of the Matrix $H$

$H$  is the matrix whose columns are:

$$\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{w}_{11}, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{1n_1}, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{w}_{21}, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{2n_2}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k, \mathbf{w}_{k1}, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{kn_k}\}$$

equals  $v_i$ . Then

$$J = H^{-1}AH$$

and  $J$  consists of non-trivial Jordan blocks.

**Example:** If 1st block has  $\dim \geq 3$  (or  $n_1 \geq 2$ ):

$$\lambda_1 e_1 \xleftarrow{H^{-1}} \lambda_1 v_1 \xleftarrow{A} v_1 \xleftarrow{H} e_1$$

$$\lambda_1 e_2 + e_1 \xleftarrow{H^{-1}} \lambda_1 w_{11} + v_1 \xleftarrow{A} w_{11} \xleftarrow{H} e_2$$

$$\lambda_1 e_3 + e_2 \xleftarrow{H^{-1}} \lambda_1 w_{12} + w_{11} \xleftarrow{A} w_{12} \xleftarrow{H} e_3$$

**Definition:** Thus the first diagonal block of  $J$  becomes:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 1 & 0 & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & \lambda_1 & 1 & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_1 & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

This is called **Jordan normal form**.

**Exercise:** Check the statements on this page.



## $\dot{x} = Ax$ , General Case

**Exercise:** Let  $I$  be the identity and

$$N = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad J = \lambda I + N = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

a) Compute  $e^{Jt}$  via the usual expansion.

(Hint:  $e^{\lambda t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & t \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .)

b) Use a) to give solutions of  $\dot{x} = Jx$ , where  $x(0) = (a_1, a_2)^T$ .

(Hint:  $e^{\lambda t} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 + a_2 t \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix}$ .)

The expansion of  $e^{Jt}$  in the exercise

$$e^{Jt} = I + Jt + \frac{J^2 t^2}{2} + \frac{J^3 t^3}{3!} + \dots$$

simplifies because  $J = \lambda I + N$  and  $N^2 = 0$ .

**Exercise: Solve general problem  $\dot{x} = Ax$ ,  $x(0) = x_0$ .**

**Step 1:** Write init. cond as sum of **gener. evecs.**

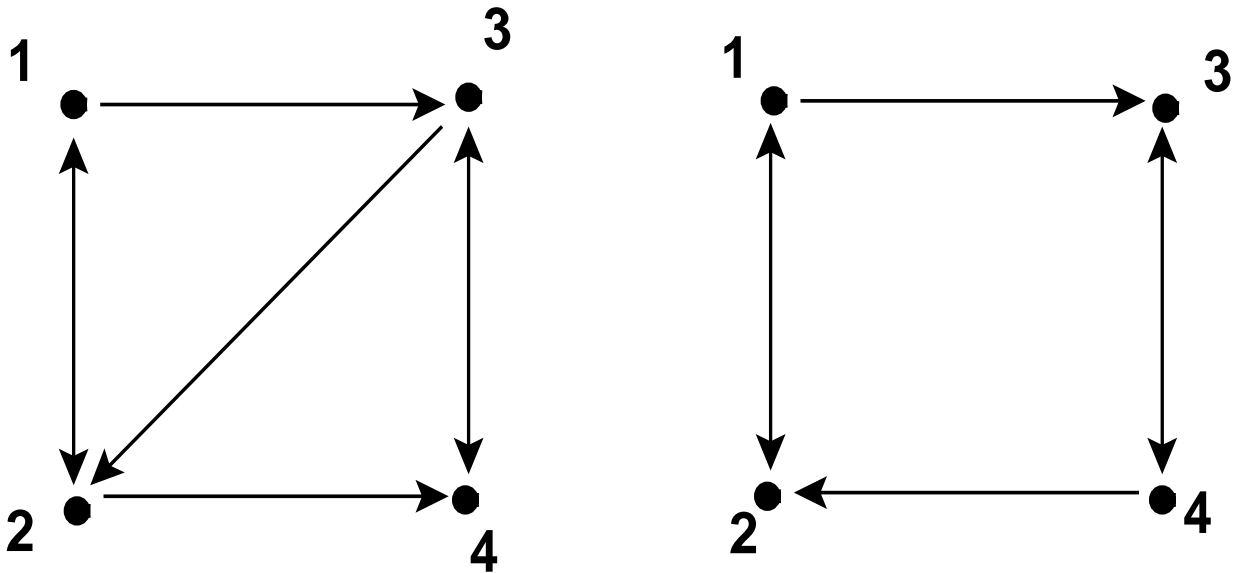
$$x_0 = \sum \alpha_i v_i \quad \text{where} \quad H\alpha = x_0$$

**Step 2:** Suppose  $x_0 = \alpha_{12} w_{12}$ . Then

$$x(t) = \alpha_{12} e^{\lambda t} \left( \frac{t^2}{2} v_1 + t w_{11} + w_{12} \right)$$

**Step 3:** Sum those contributions.

## Two Examples



**Exercise:** Check that the first graph has adjacency matrix

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

with spectrum  $\{1.68, -1.03 \pm 0.74i, 0.37\}$  (approximately).

**Exercise:** The second graph has adjacency matrix

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

with spectrum  $\{0^{(2)}, \pm\sqrt{2}\}$ . The eigenvalue 0 has an associated 2-dimensional Jordan block.

## Additional Exercises

**Exercise:** Show that the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} a - b & c \\ -cd & a + b \end{pmatrix}$$

has a non-trivial Jordan block (JB) if  $b^2 = c^2d$  and  $c \neq 0$  and  $d \neq 0$ .

**Exercise:** So you may think JB's are rare (co-dimension one).

But symmetries can change that. Show that

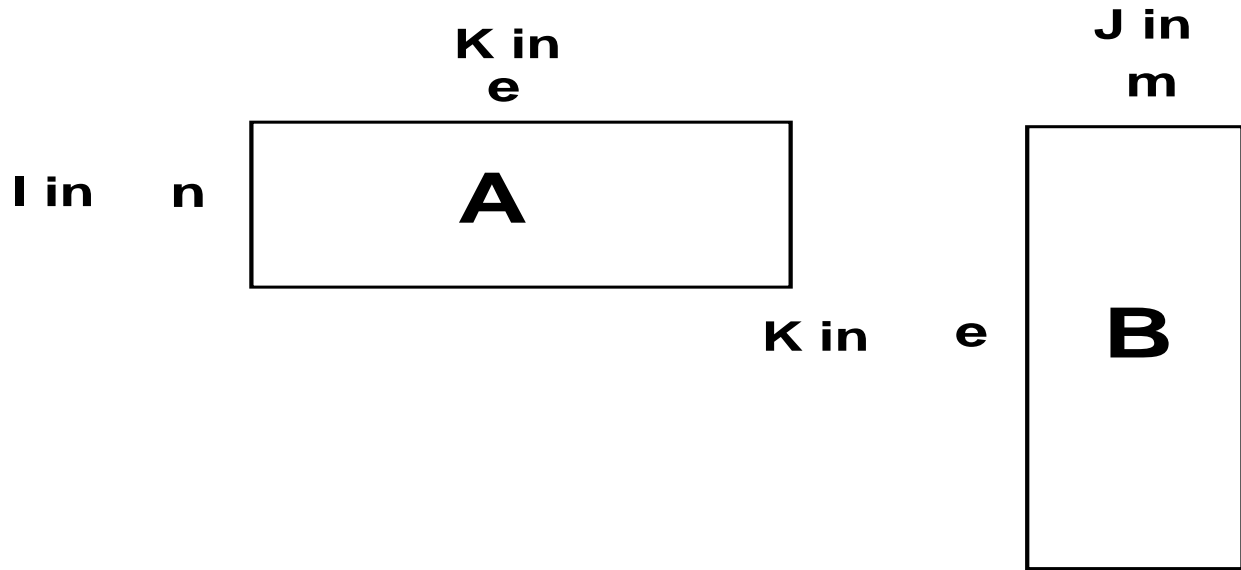
a) Newton's equation  $\ddot{x} = 0$  gives rise to a JB.

b) That JB explains why two bodies without forcing separate linearly in time (Newton's first law).

**THE  
CAUCHY - BINET  
FORMULA**

## Generalized Cauchy-Binet

$A$  is a  $n \times e$  matrix and  $B$  is a  $e \times m$  matrix.



**Notation:**  $k \leq n, m \leq e$ . (See figure). Let  $I \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,  $J \subseteq \{1, \dots, m\}$ , and  $K \subseteq \{1, \dots, e\}$ . All subsets have the same cardinality  $k$ .

**Definition:** The matrix consisting of the entries of  $A$  in  $I \times K$  is called a **minor** of  $A$ . **Principal minor** if  $I = K$ . It is denoted by  $A[I, K]$ .

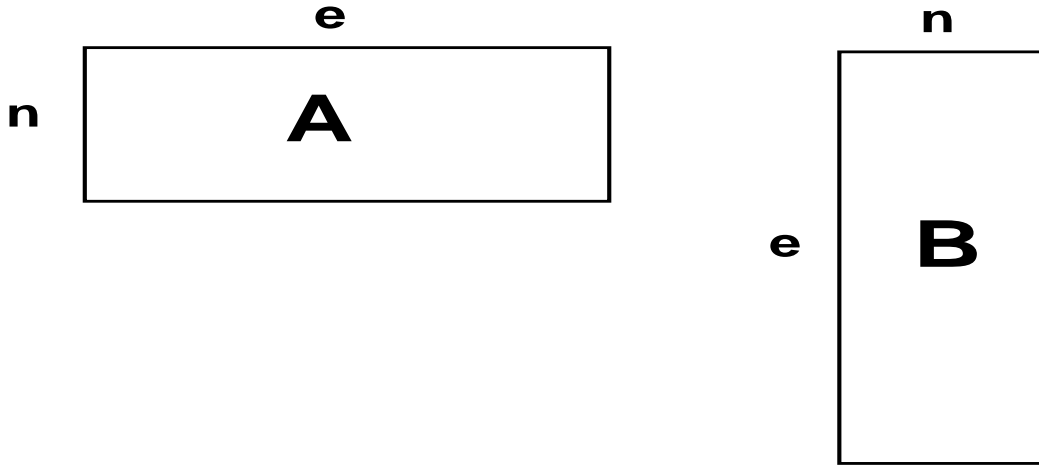
**Theorem 3 (generalized Cauchy-Binet):**

$$\det((AB)[I, J]) = \sum_K \det(A[I, K]) \det(B[K, J])$$

where the sum is over all  $K \subseteq \{1, \dots, e\}$  with  $|K| = k$ .

## Corollaries

$A$  and  $B$  as depicted, where  $n \leq e$ . Now  $I = J = \{1, \dots, n\}$



**Corollary (Cauchy-Binet):** We have

$$\det(AB) = \sum \det(A[J, K]) \det(B[K, J])$$

where the sum is over all  $K \subseteq \{1, \dots, e\}$  with  $|K| = n$ .

**If  $X$  is  $n \times n$ , by standard matrix computation**

$$\det(X + z Id) = \dots + z^{n-k} \sum_{|K|=k} \det X[K, K] + \dots$$

**By generalized C-B, we also have for  $k \leq n$ :**

$$\sum_{|K|=k} \sum_{|L|=k} \det A[K, L] \det B[L, K]$$

equals  $\sum_{|K|=k} \det(AB)[K, K]$  and  $\sum_{|L|=k} \det(BA)[L, L]$ .

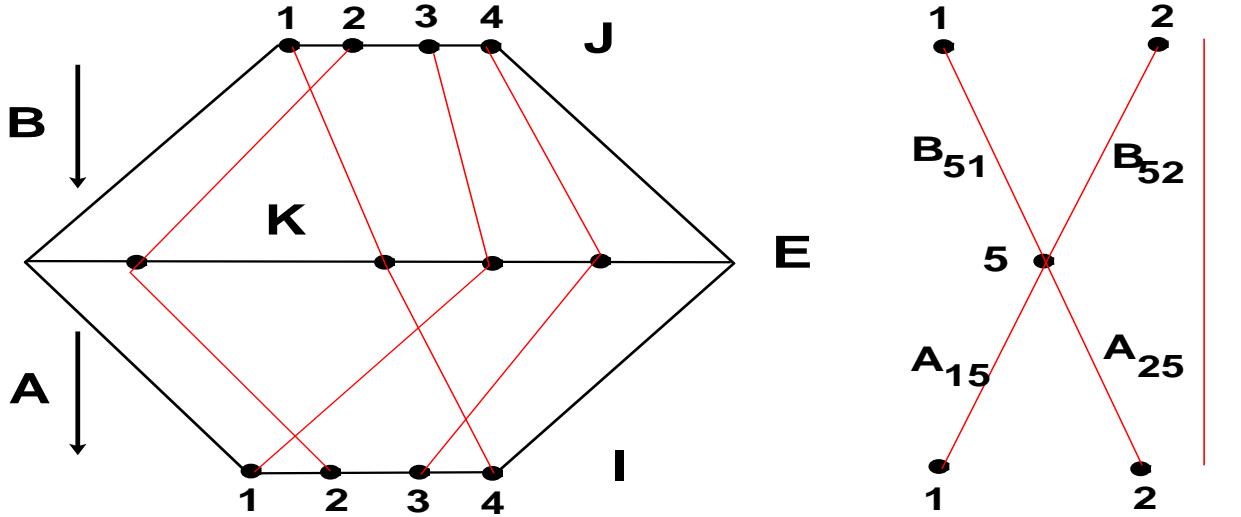
**Corollary:** We have

$$\det(BA + z Id) = z^{e-n} \det(AB + z Id)$$

**Exercise:** Prove this. (Write both determinants (green). Use blue equality.)

# Sketch of Proof of Cauchy-Binet

Inspired by Gessel-Viennot [10]. ( $n = 4$  in this example.)



$I = J = \{1, \dots, n\}$  and  $E = \{1, \dots, e\}$  with  $n \leq e$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \det AB &= \sum_{\sigma} \operatorname{sgn} \sigma \prod_{i \in I} (AB)_{i\sigma(i)} \\ &= \sum_{\sigma} \operatorname{sgn} \sigma \prod_{i \in I} \sum_{\ell \in E} A_{i\ell} B_{\ell\sigma(i)} \end{aligned}$$

**Fix  $\sigma$ . What is the meaning of  $\prod_{i \in I} \sum_{\ell \in E} A_{i\ell} B_{\ell\sigma(i)}$ ?**

For all  $i \in I$ , fix endpoints of paths  $i \rightsquigarrow \sigma(i)$ . For any  $(\ell_1, \dots, \ell_n) \in E^n$  form the product of the paths (left figure).

$$\prod_{i \in I} A_{i\ell_i} B_{\ell_i\sigma(i)}$$

and sum over all possible  $\vec{\ell} = (\ell_1, \dots, \ell_n)$  (see also pg 33):

$$\sum_{\vec{\ell} \in E^n} \prod_{i \in I} A_{i\ell_i} B_{\ell_i\sigma(i)}$$

This includes  $\vec{\ell}$ 's with "crossing" paths, e.g.  $\vec{\ell} = (5, 5, \dots)$ .

## Sketch of Proof Continued

**But crossing paths give canceling contributions.**

For the crossing as pictured (right figure), contributions are:

$$A_{15}B_{51}A_{25}B_{52}A_3\dots \dots \text{ and } A_{15}B_{52}A_{25}B_{51}A_3\dots \dots$$

BUT with opposite sign:  $\sigma$  changes by 1 transpos.:  $1 \leftrightarrow 2$ .

**The next expression avoids crossing paths:**

$$\det AB = \sum_{\sigma} \operatorname{sgn}\sigma \sum_{K, |K|=n} \sum_{\vec{\ell} \in \operatorname{bij}(I, K)} \prod_{i \in I} A_{i\ell_i} B_{\ell_i\sigma(i)}$$

where  $\operatorname{bij}(I, K)$  is the set of bijections from  $I$  to  $K$ .

**Re-introduce (canceling) crossing paths within  $K$ .**

$$\det AB = \sum_{\sigma} \operatorname{sgn}\sigma \sum_{K, |K|=n} \prod_{i \in I} \sum_{\ell \in K} A_{i\ell} B_{\ell\sigma(i)}$$

**Swap two summations, so that we get:**

$$\det AB = \sum_{K, |K|=n} \sum_{\sigma} \operatorname{sgn}\sigma \prod_{i \in I} \sum_{\ell \in K} A_{i\ell} B_{\ell\sigma(i)}$$

For fixed  $K$ ,  $\sum_{\sigma} \operatorname{sgn}\sigma \prod_{i \in I} \sum_{\ell \in K} A_{i\ell} B_{\ell\sigma(i)}$  is the determinant of product of **square** matrices. This equals product of the determinants. So

$$\det AB = \sum_{|K|=n} \det(A[I, K]) \det(B[K, J])$$



## Exercises

**Helpful Exercise:** To understand the exchange of  $\sum$  and  $\prod$  better, show that

$$\prod_{i \in I} \sum_{l \in J} x_{il} = \sum_{\vec{l} \in J^m} \prod_{i \in I} x_{il_i},$$

where  $|I| = m$  and  $|J| = n$ .

**Example:**

$$(x_{11} + x_{12} + x_{13})(x_{21} + x_{22} + x_{23})(x_{31} + x_{32} + x_{33})$$

is equal to

$$x_{11}x_{21}x_{31} + x_{11}x_{21}x_{32} + x_{11}x_{21}x_{33} + x_{11}x_{22}x_{31} + \cdots$$

The red indices range over all of  $J^m$ .

**Exercise:** Explicitly verify all steps of the previous if  $B$  is a  $3 \times 2$  matrix and  $A$  is  $2 \times 3$ .

**Exercise:** Discuss application to Perron-Frobenius, page 11.

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FORMULA

## The Formula and Its Corollaries

A square matrix,  $\text{adj}(A)$  its **adjugate**:  $\text{adj}(A)$  is the transpose of the cofactor matrix and satisfies

$$A \text{adj}(A) = \text{adj}(A) A = \det(A) I$$

Suppose  $A$  depends (differentiably) on a parameter  $t$ .

**Theorem 4:** 
$$\frac{d}{dt} \det(A) = \text{Tr} \left( \text{adj}(A) \frac{dA}{dt} \right).$$

We give some common corollaries as easy exercises.

Replace  $\frac{dA}{dt}$  by  $B$  whose only non-zero entry is  $B_{k\ell} = 1$ :

**Exercise:** Show that 
$$\frac{d}{dA_{k\ell}} \det(A) = (\text{adj}(A))_{\ell k}.$$

Instead, replace  $A$  by  $e^{Bt}$  and so  $\text{adj}(A)$  by  $e^{-Bt} \det(e^{Bt})$ :

**Exercise:** Show that 
$$\frac{d}{dt} \det(e^{tB}) = \text{Tr}(B) \det(e^{tB}).$$

The latter gives an ODE. Solve it:

**Exercise:** Show that the latter implies: 
$$\det(e^{tB}) = e^{\text{Tr}(Bt)}.$$

## Sketch of Proof

$B$  has evals  $\lambda_i$  (with mult.). Then  $I + \epsilon B$  has evals  $1 + \epsilon \lambda_i$ :

$$\det(I + \epsilon B) = \prod_i (1 + \epsilon \lambda_i)$$

Thus

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{\det(I + \epsilon B) - \det(I)}{\epsilon} = \sum_i \lambda_i = \text{Tr}(B)$$

For an invertible  $A$ :

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{\det(A + \epsilon B) - \det(A)}{\epsilon} =$$

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{\det(A) [\det(I + \epsilon A^{-1} B) - \det(I)]}{\epsilon} =$$

$$\det(A) \text{Tr}(A^{-1} B) = \text{Tr}(\det(A) A^{-1} B)$$

Extend to non-invertible: replace  $\det(A) A^{-1}$  by  $\text{adj}(A)$ :

$$\dots = \text{Tr}(\text{adj}(A) B)$$

... And replace  $B$  by  $\frac{dA}{dt}$ :

$$\dots = \text{Tr} \left( \text{adj}(A) \frac{dA}{dt} \right)$$

**Exercise:** Set  $\partial_B A := \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{\det(A + \epsilon B) - \det(A)}{\epsilon}$ . Prove

$$\partial_B \det A = \text{Tr}(\text{adj}(A) B)$$

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