

实对称矩阵的对角化

若 A 是实对称矩阵, 则存在同阶的 正交矩阵 P 使得 $P^T A P$ 是实对角矩阵; 从而实对称矩阵可对角化.

满足 $P^T P = E$. $B = P^T A P$ B 为 A 的合同矩阵 P 为 A 到 B 的合同变换矩阵

设 $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ 求正交矩阵 P , 使 $P^T A P$ 为对角矩阵. 而 $P^T P = E \Rightarrow P^T = P^{-1}$. $B = P^T A P$. $B \sim A$

先求 A 的特征值和对应特征向量

$$|\lambda E - A| = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 2 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & \lambda - 3 & -1 \\ -2 & -1 & \lambda - 2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & 0 & -\lambda \\ -1 & \lambda - 3 & -1 \\ -2 & -1 & \lambda - 2 \end{vmatrix} = \lambda(\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 5)$$

$$\text{对 } \lambda = 5 \text{ 由 } \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -2 & -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \xi_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{对 } \lambda = 2 \text{ 由 } \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -2 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \xi_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{对 } \lambda = 0 \text{ 由 } \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & -3 & -1 \\ -2 & -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \xi_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

实对称矩阵的属于不同特征值的特征向量相互正交

ξ_1, ξ_2, ξ_3 已两两正交. 将它们单位化. 取

$$\eta_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\xi_1^T \xi_1}} \xi_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \eta_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\xi_2^T \xi_2}} \xi_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \eta_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\xi_3^T \xi_3}} \xi_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

再令

$$P = (\eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

则有 $P^T P = E$. $P^T A P = P^{-1} A P = \text{diag}(5, 2, 0)$