

# LECTURE 4 (F)

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MATHEMATICS

Plan:

- ① Eigenvalues and eigenvectors
- ② Diagonalization

Reading:

[HE] 23.1-23.4,  
23.6-23.7, 23.9

## ① Eigenvalues and eigenvectors

$A$ :  $n \times n$ -matrix

Definition:

A number  $\lambda$  is called an eigenvalue for  $A$  if the linear system

$$A \cdot \underline{v} = \lambda \cdot \underline{v}$$

has non-trivial solutions,  $\underline{v} \neq \underline{0}$ . In that case all solutions  $\underline{v}$  are called eigenvectors, for  $A$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .

$$\underline{\text{Ex:}} \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A\underline{v} = \lambda \underline{v} \quad \underline{v} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2x+y \\ x+2y \end{pmatrix} \quad \leftarrow A\underline{v}$$

$$\lambda \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda x \\ \lambda y \end{pmatrix} \quad \leftarrow \lambda \cdot \underline{v}$$

$$A\underline{v} = \lambda \underline{v} : \quad \begin{pmatrix} 2x+y \\ x+2y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda x \\ \lambda y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$2x+y = \lambda x$$

$$x+2y = \lambda y$$

$$2x - \lambda x + y = 0$$

$$x + 2y - \lambda y = 0$$

$$(2-\lambda)x + y = 0$$

$$x + (2-\lambda)y = 0$$

Two possibilities:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} \neq 0 : \quad \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is the unique solution}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 : \quad \text{infinitely many solutions for } \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

General method:

$A$ :  $n \times n$ -matrix

$$A \cdot \underline{v} = \lambda \cdot \underline{v}$$

$$A \cdot \underline{v} - \lambda \underline{v} = \underline{0}$$

$$A \underline{v} - \lambda I \underline{v} = \underline{0}$$

$$(A - \lambda I) \underline{v} = \underline{0}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & & \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow (A - \lambda I) \underline{v} = \underline{0} \text{ has the form}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} - \lambda & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} - \lambda & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & & \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} - \lambda \end{pmatrix} \underline{v} = \underline{0}$$

Characteristic equation:  $|A - \lambda I| = 0$

Eigenvalues of  $A$  = solutions of the char. eqn.

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} - \lambda & a_{12} & a_{13} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} - \lambda & a_{23} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} - \lambda & \dots & a_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & a_{n3} & \dots & a_{nn} - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(-\lambda)^n + \text{lower degree terms} = 0$$

polynomial eqn  
of order  $n$

## Summary:

Characteristic equation  $|A - \lambda I| = 0$

a) Eigenvalues of A = solutions of the characteristic eqn. for  $\lambda$ .

b) Eigenvectors of A:

For each eigenvalue  $\lambda$  from a), solve the linear system  $(A - \lambda I) \cdot \underline{v} = \underline{0}$  for  $\underline{v}$ .

(Gaussian elimination if  $n > 2$ )

In general, it is difficult to solve the characteristic equation.

Ex: the case  $n=2$   $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{vmatrix} a-\lambda & b \\ c & d-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Char.} \\ \text{eqn.} \end{array} \right)$$

$$(a-\lambda)(d-\lambda) - bc = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - (a+d)\lambda + (ad-bc) = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - \text{tr}(A) \cdot \lambda + \det(A) = 0$$

$$\text{tr}(A) = a+d$$

$$\det(A) = ad-bc$$

tr = trace

(sum of elements on the diagonal)

Ex:  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 1 \\ 1 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$   $\lambda^2 - 14\lambda + 48 = 0$   
(char. eqn.)

Fact:

$$|A - \lambda I| = (\lambda - \lambda_1)(\lambda - \lambda_2) \dots (\lambda - \lambda_r) \cdot Q(\lambda)$$

where  $r \leq n$  and  $Q(\lambda) = 0$  has no sol's.

Possibilities:

i)  $r = n$  and  $Q(\lambda)$  is a non-zero constant

$\Rightarrow \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$   $n$  eigenvalues

ii)  $r < n$  and  $Q(\lambda)$  is not a constant

$\Rightarrow \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_r$  and  $Q(\lambda) = 0$   
(no sol's)

↑

(typically  
 $Q(\lambda) = \lambda^2 + 1$ )

Ex:  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$

$$+ (3-\lambda) \cdot \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & -1 \\ 1 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(3-\lambda) \cdot (\lambda^2 + 1) = 0$$

$$\rightarrow (\lambda-3) \cdot (\lambda^2 + 1) = 0$$

$$\underline{\lambda = 3} \quad \text{or} \quad \lambda^2 + 1 = 0$$

Only one eigenvalue

Ex:  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\lambda^2 - 0 \cdot \lambda + 1 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 + 1 = 0$$

No solutions  $\Rightarrow$  no eigenvalues  
(among real numbers)

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

$$\lambda = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{2^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 1}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{2 \pm 0}{2}$$

$$\underline{\lambda_1 = 1} \quad \underline{\lambda_2 = 1}$$

$$\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 1 = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 1)^2 = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 1) \cdot (\lambda - 1) = 0$$

$$\underline{\underline{\lambda = 1}} \text{ (multiplicity two)}$$

Ex:  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3-\lambda & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$+ (3-\lambda) \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(3-\lambda) \cdot (\lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 3) = 0$$

$$\lambda = 3 \text{ or } \lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 3 = 0$$

$$\underline{\lambda = 1}, \quad \underline{\lambda = 3}$$

$\lambda = 3$  multiplicity 2

$\lambda = 1$  mult. 1  $\rightarrow$

$$- (\lambda - 3) \cdot (\lambda - 1) (\lambda - 3) = 0$$

Ex:  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 3, \lambda_3 = 1$

Eigenvectors:

$\lambda = 3$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$-x + z = 0$

~~$0 = 0$~~

~~$x - z = 0$~~

$x = z$

$y$  free

$z$  free

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} z \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ y \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} z \\ 0 \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= y \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + z \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$   $v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$A - \lambda I$  for  $\lambda = 1$

$\lambda = 1$ : ↓

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$x + z = 0$

$2y = 0$

~~$x + z = 0$~~

$x = -z$

$y = 0$

$z$  is free

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -z \\ 0 \\ z \end{pmatrix} = z \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

all multiples of

$v_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

In general, if there are  $k$  free variables  $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_k$  the solutions can be written

$$s_1 \cdot \underline{v_1} + s_2 \cdot \underline{v_2} + \dots + s_k \cdot \underline{v_k}$$

The vectors  $\{\underline{v_1}, \dots, \underline{v_k}\}$  are linearly independent.

Fact:

If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue for  $A$  of multiplicity  $m$ ,  
then the linear system  $(A - \lambda I)\underline{v} = \underline{0}$  has  
at least one and at most  $m$  degrees of freedom.

Ex:  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$   $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 3, \lambda_3 = 1$

$\lambda = 3$ : Eigenvectors  $y \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + z \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$(m=2)$

2 degrees of freedom

Ex:  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$   $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 1$

$\lambda = 1$ : Eigenvectors:  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$(m=2)$

$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \underline{\underline{x \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}}$

$y = 0$

~~$y = 0$~~

$x$  free  
 $y = 0$

1 degree of freedom

Fact:

If  $A$  has  $n$  eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ , then

$\det(A) = \lambda_1 \cdot \lambda_2 \cdot \dots \cdot \lambda_n$

$\text{tr}(A) = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_n$

## ② Diagonalization

Definition :

An  $n \times n$ -matrix  $A$  is diagonalizable if there is an invertible matrix  $P$  such that

$$P^{-1}AP = D$$

where  $D$  is a diagonal matrix.

Fact:

A diagonalizable  $\iff$   $A$  has  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors

Why? If  $\{\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_n\}$  eigenvectors, let us look at:

$$P = \left( \underline{v}_1 \mid \underline{v}_2 \mid \dots \mid \underline{v}_n \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} A \cdot P &= A \cdot (\underline{v}_1 \mid \underline{v}_2 \mid \dots \mid \underline{v}_n) \\ &= (A\underline{v}_1 \mid A\underline{v}_2 \mid \dots \mid A\underline{v}_n) \end{aligned}$$

$$= (\lambda_1 \underline{v}_1 \mid \lambda_2 \underline{v}_2 \mid \dots \mid \lambda_n \underline{v}_n) = P \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$P$  invertible

$\iff$

$\{\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_n\}$  lin. independent

$$\boxed{AP = PD}$$

$$\Downarrow$$
$$P^{-1}AP = D$$

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Ex:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 3, \lambda_3 = 1$$

$n=3$  eigenvalues  
(counted with multiplicity)

$$P = \left( \begin{array}{c|c|c} \underline{v_1} & \underline{v_2} & \underline{v_3} \\ \hline & & \end{array} \right)$$

$\lambda=3 \quad \lambda=1$

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\lambda=3$ :

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{c} x \\ y \\ z \end{array} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = y \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + z \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{v_1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{v_2} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= y \cdot \underline{v_1} + z \cdot \underline{v_2}$$

$\frac{\underline{v_3}}{=}$

$\lambda=1$ :

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{c} x \\ y \\ z \end{array} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \left( \begin{array}{c} x \\ y \\ z \end{array} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} -z \\ 0 \\ z \end{pmatrix} = z \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

← The column vectors are  
linearly independent:

\* eigenvectors corresp.  
to different eigenvalues  
are lin. indep.

Concl:

A is diagonalizable.

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right)^{-1} \cdot \left( \begin{array}{ccc} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{array} \right) \cdot \left( \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

When is  $A$  diagonalizable?

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$A$  diagonalizable  $\iff$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{i) There are } n \text{ eigenvalues} \\ \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n \text{ of } A \\ \text{and} \\ \text{ii) For each eigenvalue } \lambda \\ \text{with multiplicity } m, \\ (A - \lambda I)\underline{v} = \underline{0} \text{ has } m \\ \text{degrees of freedom.} \end{array} \right.$

Ex:  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  not diagonalizable (no eigenvalues)

$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  not — " —  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 1$

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

$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & ? \\ 0 & ? \end{pmatrix}$

$\uparrow$

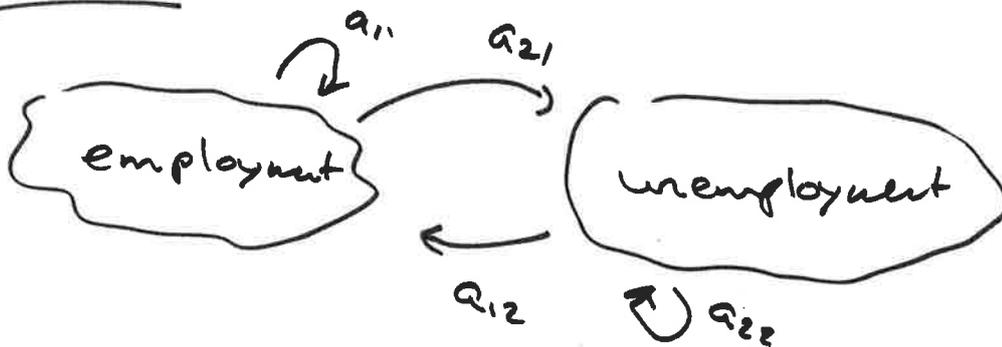
$(A - \lambda I)\underline{v} = \underline{0}$

for  $\lambda = 1$  you  
get one degree  
of freedom

Fact:

- 1) If  $A$  is symmetric, then  $A$  is diagonalizable
- 2) If  $A$  has  $n$  distinct eigenvalues, then  $A$  is diagonalizable.

## Application: Markov chains



State vector:  $\begin{pmatrix} e \\ u \end{pmatrix}$

$e$  = share of employment

$u$  =  $1 - e$  = unemployment

transition matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} e_{t+1} \\ u_{t+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e_t \\ u_t \end{pmatrix}$$

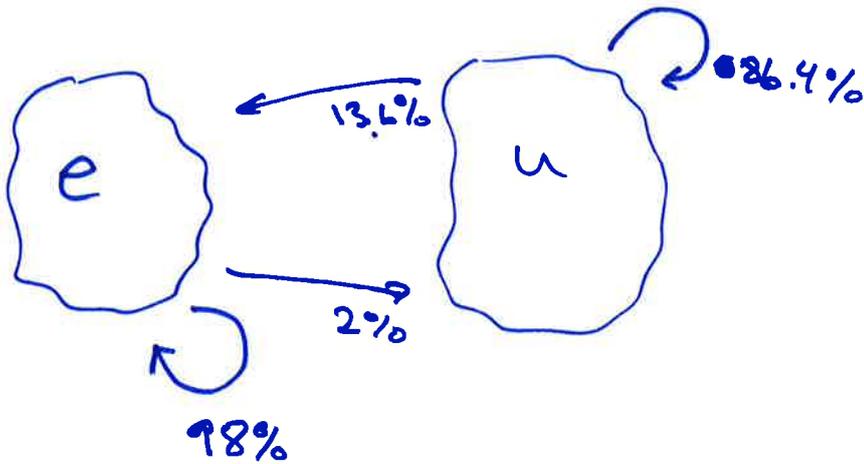
$$e_{t+1} = a_{11} e_t + a_{12} u_t$$

$$u_{t+1} = a_{21} e_t + a_{22} u_t$$

Ex:  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0.98 & 0.136 \\ 0.02 & 0.864 \end{pmatrix}$

$\underline{v}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.9 \\ 0.1 \end{pmatrix}$

initial state  
= 10% unemploy.



Long term:

$\underline{v}_1 = A \cdot \underline{v}_0$  (after one week)

$\underline{v}_2 = A \cdot \underline{v}_1 = A \cdot (A \underline{v}_0) = A^2 \cdot \underline{v}_0$  (after two weeks)

⋮

$\underline{v}_n = A^n \cdot \underline{v}_0$  (after n weeks)

What happens when  $n \rightarrow \infty$  (long term)?

Eigenvalues and eigenvectors:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0.98 - \lambda & 0.136 \\ 0.02 & 0.864 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 0.844\lambda + 0.844 = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1.844 \pm \sqrt{1.844^2 - 4 \cdot 0.844}}{2}$$

$\underline{\lambda}_1 = 1$

$\underline{\lambda}_2 = 0.844$

$\underline{\lambda}_1 = 1: \begin{pmatrix} -0.02 & 0.136 \\ 0.02 & -0.136 \end{pmatrix}$

$-0.02x + 0.136y = 0$

$x = \frac{0.136}{0.02} y = 6.8y$   
(y free)

$\underline{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 6.8y \\ y \end{pmatrix} = y \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 6.8 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow \underline{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 6.8 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$\underline{\lambda}_2 = 0.844:$

$\begin{pmatrix} 0.136 & 0.136 \\ 0.02 & 0.02 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$y = -x$ , x free

$\underline{v} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ -x \end{pmatrix} = x \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$   $\underline{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

## Conclusion:

A has eigen values  $\lambda_1=1, \lambda_2=0.844$

and eigenvectors  $\underline{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 6.8 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$   $\underline{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.844 \end{pmatrix} \quad P = \begin{pmatrix} 6.8 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad P^{-1} = \frac{1}{-7.8} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 6.8 \end{pmatrix} \\ = \frac{1}{7.8} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -6.8 \end{pmatrix}$$

Can compute  $A^n$ :

$$P^{-1}AP = D \Rightarrow A = PDP^{-1} \Rightarrow A^n = \underbrace{(PDP^{-1})}_{PDP^{-1}} \dots \underbrace{(PDP^{-1})}_{PDP^{-1}} \\ = P \cdot D^n \cdot P^{-1}$$

$$A^n = \begin{pmatrix} 6.8 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1^n & 0 \\ 0 & 0.844^n \end{pmatrix} \cdot \frac{1}{7.8} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -6.8 \end{pmatrix}$$

When  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $D^n \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and

$$A^n \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 6.8 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \frac{1}{7.8} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -6.8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 6.8 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \frac{1}{7.8} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -6.8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{7.8} \begin{pmatrix} 6.8 & 6.8 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6.8/7.8 & 6.8/7.8 \\ 1/7.8 & 1/7.8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\approx \underline{\underline{\begin{pmatrix} 0.872 & 0.872 \\ 0.128 & 0.128 \end{pmatrix}}}$$

Conclusion: In the long run ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ ), the state vector is

$$A^n \cdot \underline{v}_0 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0.872 & 0.872 \\ 0.128 & 0.128 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0.9 \\ 0.1 \end{pmatrix} = \underline{\underline{\begin{pmatrix} 0.872 \\ 0.128 \end{pmatrix}}}$$

That is, unemployment is 12.8%