

# Financial Mathematics

## Eigenvalues and eigenvectors

# The world of Ramagrog

On Ramagrog, there live  
Ramatins and Grogali.

Ramatins and Grogali take  
one year to mature. No old age death!

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14 Ramatins and 28 Grogali.

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6 Ramatins and 11 Grogali.

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$$\underbrace{79 \text{ Grogali}}_{\text{mature}} \longrightarrow \begin{cases} -6 \cdot 79 \text{ Ramatins,} \\ -11 \cdot 79 \text{ Grogali} \end{cases}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 35 \text{ Ramatins,} \\ 79 \text{ Grogali} \end{array} \right\} \longrightarrow \begin{cases} 15 \cdot 35 - 6 \cdot 79 \text{ Ramatins,} \\ 28 \cdot 35 - 11 \cdot 79 \text{ Grogali} \end{cases}$$

Exercise: Do the arithmetic.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} r_n \text{ Ramatins,} \\ g_n \text{ Grogali} \end{array} \right\} \longrightarrow \begin{cases} 15r_n - 6g_n \text{ Ramatins,} \\ 28r_n - 11g_n \text{ Grogali} \end{cases}$$

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$$p_n := \begin{bmatrix} r_n \\ g_n \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$p_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 35 \\ 79 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Question:** How many Ramatins and Grogali ten years from now?

$$\begin{bmatrix} r_{10} \\ g_{10} \end{bmatrix} = p_{10} = B p_9 = B^2 p_8 = B^3 p_7 = \dots \\ = B^{10} p_0$$

**Exercise:** Compute  $B^2$ ,  $(B^2)^2$ ,  $((B^2)^2)^2$ .

Compute  $B^{10} = [((B^2)^2)^2][B^2]$

Compute  $p_{10} = B^{10} p_0$

## Cultural note:

Ramatins and Grogali run in herds!

A big herd has 3 Ramatins and 7 Grogali.

A little herd has 1 Ramatin and 2 Grogali.

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## Cultural note:

Current population has

9 big herds

and

8 little herds.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 35 \\ 79 \end{bmatrix} = 9 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} + 8 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$p_0$

$h^*$

$h_*$

$p_0$

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A big herd begets a big herd.

A little herd begets three little herds.

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$$B h^* = h^*$$

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Population after 10 years has

9 big herds and  $8 \cdot 3^{10}$  little herds.

$$\begin{bmatrix} r_{10} \\ g_{10} \end{bmatrix} = 9 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} + 8 \cdot 3^{10} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$B h^* = h^*$	" $B$ fixes $h^*$ ."	" $h^*$ is an eigenvector for $B$ with eigenvalue 1."
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$B h_* = 3 h_*$	" $B$ triples $h_*$ ."	" $h_*$ is an eigenvector for $B$ with eigenvalue 3."
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$$p_0 = 9 h^* + 8 h_*$$

" $p_0$  is a linear combination of  $h^*$  and  $h_*$  with coefficients 9 and 8."



## The big idea of eigenvectors and eigenvalues:

If you want to apply a matrix many times to a one-column matrix

(a.k.a. a “column vector”),

the computation becomes much simpler

if you can write the column vector as a linear combination of eigenvectors.

*e.g.:*

Computing  $B^{10}p_0$  looks hard,

but becomes much easier if you note that

$$p_0 = 9 h^* + 8 h_*$$
$$B h^* = h^* \qquad B h_* = 3 h_*$$

A big herd has 3 Ramatins and 7 Grogali.  
A little herd has 1 Ramatin and 2 Grogali.

Transition from big herds/little herds count  
to Ramatin/Grogali count: 

Assume  $x$  big herds and  $y$  little herds.

Count the number  $r$  of Ramatin  
and the number  $g$  of Grogali.

$$r = 3x + y$$

$$g = 7x + 2y$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} r \\ g \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{C}$   
 $\begin{matrix} \text{ii} \\ C \end{matrix}$

$C : \text{bh/lh} \rightarrow \text{R/G}$

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$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}}_{C^{-1}} \begin{bmatrix} r \\ g \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}}_{\begin{array}{c} \ddots \\ D \end{array}} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 3y \end{bmatrix}$$

$D$  is a **diagonal matrix**.

$D$  fixes top entry, triples bottom entry.

**No** such simple description of what

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 15 & -6 \\ 28 & -11 \end{bmatrix} \text{ does!}$$

Diagonal matrices are  
much easier to understand  
and much easier for computations  
than non-diagonal matrices.

To apply  $B$  to an R/G population count  $p$   
 change to a bh/lh count  
 (multiply by  $C^{-1}$ ),  
 then fix top entry, triple bottom entry  
 (multiply by  $D$ ),  
 then change to an R/G count  
 (multiply by  $C$ ).

$$Bp = CDC^{-1}p$$

$$B = CDC^{-1}$$

$B$  is “conjugate” or “similar” to  $D$   
 via (left)  $C$ .

$B$  is not diagonal, but is “diagonalizable”.

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$h^*$

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$h_*$

eigenvalue 1 eigenvector  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$   
eigenvalue 3 eigenvector  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$B^{10} = \text{?????}$$

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$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

eigenvector

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eigenvector  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$  eigenvector  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$   
eigenvalue 1 eigenvalue 3

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$R1 \leftrightarrow R2$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 7 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-3 \times R1 \rightarrow R2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



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$$C^{-1} =$$

$$CD = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 7 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 7 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$B^{10} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3^{10} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 7 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = \text{Exercise}$$

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Questions:

How to find  $C, D$  so that  $B = CDC^{-1}$ ,  
with  $D$  diagonal?

*I.e.:* How to diagonalize  $B$ ?

*I.e.:* How to find eigenvects & eigvals of  $B$ ?

Are all square matrices diagonalizable?

How to identify and diagonalize  
the matrices that are diagonalizable?

Can we find a “computationally good  
form”, even for those matrices  
that are not diagonalizable?

*e.g.:*  
tenth  
power

Question:

Are **all** square matrices diagonalizable?

$M := \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  Say  $PMP^{-1}$  is diagonal.  
☺ We Got: Contradiction.

$$PMP^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} PMP^{-1} = 0 \\ M = P^{-1}0P = 0 \\ \text{Contradiction.} \end{array}$$

$$(PMP^{-1})^2 = PM^2P^{-1} = P0P^{-1} = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \parallel \\ \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} a^2 & 0 \\ 0 & b^2 \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} a^2 = 0 = b^2 \\ a = 0 = b \end{array}$$

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Definition:

A (square) matrix is **nilpotent** if  
some power of it is zero.

*e.g.:*  $M$ , any strictly upper triangular,  
any conjugate of a str. upper triangular

**Fact:** Any nilpotent diagonalizable  
matrix is 0.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
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Question: How to find the eigenvectors & eigenvalues of  $B$ ?

$\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $B$

iff  $\exists$  a vector  $v \neq 0$  s.t.  $Bv = \lambda v$

iff  $\exists$  a vector  $v \neq 0$  s.t.  $(B - \lambda I)v = 0$

iff  $\det(B - \lambda I) = 0$

iff  $\det \begin{bmatrix} 15 - \lambda & -6 \\ 28 & -11 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} = 0$

iff  $(15 - \lambda)(-11 - \lambda) - (-6)(28) = 0$

iff  $\lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 3 = 0$

iff  $\lambda = 1$  or  $\lambda = 3$

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eigenvector with eigenvalue 3

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iff  $(B - 3I)v = 0$  and  $v \neq 0$

iff  $v \in [\ker(B - 3I)] \setminus \{0\}$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{iff} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2x - y \\ 2x - y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{iff} \quad y = 2x$$

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$$\ker(B - 3I) = \ker \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 \\ \dots & \dots \end{bmatrix} = 2x$$



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$v$  is a 3-eigenvector of  $B$

iff  $v \in [\ker(B - 3I)] \setminus \{0\}$

iff  $v$  is a nonzero multiple of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 15 & -6 \\ 28 & -11 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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## SKILL:

Given a square matrix,  
find its eigenvalues and  
for each eigenvalue  $r$ ,  
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