

# Dynamic Mode Decomposition

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## 1 Preliminary: similar matrices

**Definition 1.1.** Matrices  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  are called similar if there exist an invertible matrix  $P \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  such that

$$A = P^{-1}BP.$$

**Proposition 1.2.** if  $(\lambda, u)$  are an eigenpair of  $B$ , then  $(\lambda, P^{-1}u)$  are eigenpair of  $A$ .

*Proof.*

$$AP^{-1}u = P^{-1}BPP^{-1}u = P^{-1}Bu = P^{-1}\lambda u = \lambda(P^{-1}u).$$

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## 2 Dynamic Mode Decomposition

DMD is a dimensionality reduction technique for time series, with which we can also analyze the dynamic behavior of the time series and make predictions.

Let  $\{v_1, \dots, v_N\}$  be  $N$  multivariate (of dimension  $m$  observations of a time series, modeled by

$$v_i \approx Av_{i-1},$$

where  $A$  is a  $m \times m$  matrix. In matrix form, we can write  $V_2 = AV_1$ , where  $V_1 = [v_1, \dots, v_{N-1}]$  and  $V_2 = [v_2, \dots, v_N]$ . In order to understand the dynamic of the time series and make predictions, we need to estimate  $A$ . Let  $V_1 = U\Sigma W^T$  be the singular value decomposition of  $V_1$ . Then we can write

$$V_2 = AU\Sigma W^T,$$

and multiplying both sides from the left by  $U^T$  we have

$$U^T V_2 = U^T AU\Sigma W^T,$$

which we re-arrange to

$$U^T AU = U^T V_2 W \Sigma^{-1} := S.$$

Since  $A$  and  $S$  are similar, we can compute the eigenvectors and eigenvalues of  $A$  from those of  $S$ . It is then easy to reconstruct  $A$  from its eigendecomposition.

**Prediction:** once we have  $A$ , we can predict  $v_{N+t}$  by  $A^t v_N$ . Also, since  $v_i = A^{i-1} v_1 = Q^T \Lambda^{i-1} Q$ , where  $A = Q\Lambda Q^T$  is the eigendecomposition of  $A$ , the series explodes if the largest eigenvalue has magnitude  $\geq 1$  and vanishes otherwise.

**Dimensionality reduction:** We can see that the coordinates of  $v$  in the basis  $Q$  are  $\Lambda Q^T v$ , i.e., small eigenvalues do not matter much. Hence we can only consider the largest eigenvalues of  $A$ .

**Analysis** The eigenvalues of  $A$  are called modes, and it is common to interpret the eigenvalues as frequencies.

## Homework

1. Prove that  $A = V_2 V_1^\dagger$ , where  $\dagger$  is the pseudo inverse
2. Create a time series, analyze it using DMD.