Eigenvectors, Eigenvalues, and Finite Strain

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Homogenous deformation deforms a unit circle to a “strain ellipse.”

Objective: To quantify the size, shape, and orientation of strain ellipse using its axes.

I Main Topics
   A Equations for ellipses
   B Rotations in homogeneous deformation
   C Eigenvectors and eigenvalues
   D Solutions for general homogeneous deformation matrices
   E Key results
   F Appendices (1, 2, 3, 4)
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II Equations of ellipses

A  Equation of a unit circle centered at the origin
1  \( x^2 + y^2 = 1 \)

2  \[
\begin{bmatrix}
  x \\
  y
\end{bmatrix}
= \begin{bmatrix}
  1x + 0y \\
  0x + 1y
\end{bmatrix} = 1
\]

3  Symmetric
\[
\begin{bmatrix}
  1 & 0 \\
  0 & 1
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
  x \\
  y
\end{bmatrix} = 1
\]

4  \[
\begin{bmatrix}
  x \\
  y
\end{bmatrix}
^{T} F \begin{bmatrix}
  x \\
  y
\end{bmatrix} = 1
\]

Here, \([F]\) is the identity matrix \([I]\). So position vectors that define a unit circle transform to those same position vectors because \([X'] = [F][X]\).

B  Equation of an ellipse centered at the origin with its axes along the \(x\)- and \(y\)- axes

1  \( ax^2 + 0xy + dy^2 = 1 \)

2  \[
\begin{bmatrix}
  x \\
  y
\end{bmatrix}
= \begin{bmatrix}
  ax + 0y \\
  0x + dy
\end{bmatrix} = 1
\]

3  Symmetric
\[
\begin{bmatrix}
  a & 0 \\
  0 & d
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
  x \\
  y
\end{bmatrix} = 1
\]

4  \[
\begin{bmatrix}
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\end{bmatrix}
^{T} F \begin{bmatrix}
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  y
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Position vectors that define a unit circle transform to position vectors that define an ellipse because \([X'] = [F][X]\).
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II Equations of ellipses

C "Symmetric" equation of an ellipse centered at the origin

\[ ax^2 + 2bxy + dy^2 = 1 \]

\[ [x \ y] \begin{bmatrix} ax + by \\ bx + dy \end{bmatrix} = 1 \]

\[ [x \ y] \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = 1 \]

\[ [X]^T [F][X] = 1 \]

Example: \( F = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \)

Displacement vectors are in black. Blue numbers are final axial lengths. Red numbers are initial radii. Displacement vectors are symmetric about axes of ellipse.

Not symmetric if \( b \neq c \)

Vectors along axes of ellipse transform back to perpendicular vectors along axes of unit circle.
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III Rotations in homogenous deformation

A Let \([X]\) be the set of all position vectors that define a unit circle

B Let \([X']\) be the set of all position vectors that define an ellipse described by a homogenous deformation at a point

C \([X'] = [F][X]\) (Forward def.)

D \([X] = [F^{-1}][X']\) (Reverse def.)

E The matrices \([F]\) and \([F^{-1}]\) contain constants

F The differential tangent vectors \([dX']\) and \([dX]\) come from differentiating \([X'] = [F][X]\) and \([X] = [F^{-1}][X']\), respectively.

G \([dX'] = [F][dX]\) (Forward def.)

H \([dX] = [F^{-1}][dX']\) (Reverse def.)

I \([F]\) transforms \([X]\) to \([X']\), and \([dX]\) to \([dX']\)

J \([F^{-1}]\) transforms \([X']\) to \([X]\), and \([dX']\) to \([dX]\)

K Position vectors are paired to corresponding tangents
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III Rotations in homogenous deformation (cont.)

L Where a non-zero position vector and its tangent are perpendicular, the position vector achieves its greatest and smallest (squared) lengths, as shown below

\[ Q' = \hat{X}' \cdot \hat{X}' = [X']^T [X'] \]

M Maxima and minima of (squared) lengths occur where \( dQ' = 0 \)

O \[ dQ' = d(\hat{X}' \cdot \hat{X}') = \hat{X}' \cdot d\hat{X}' + d\hat{X}' \cdot \hat{X}' = 0 \]

P \[ 2(\hat{X}' \cdot d\hat{X}') = 0 \Rightarrow (\hat{X}' \cdot d\hat{X}') = 0 \]

Q The tangent vector perpendicular to the longest position vector parallels the shortest position vector (which lies along the semi-minor axis), and vice-versa.

R Similar reasoning applies to the corresponding unit circle.
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III Rotations in homogenous deformation (cont.)

S For the unit circle, all initial position vectors are radial vectors, and each initial tangent vector is perpendicular to the associated radial position vector. The red initial vector pair \([X^*, dX^*]\) and the blue initial vector pair \([X^*, dX^*]\) both show this.

T All the final position-tangent vector pairs for the ellipse have corresponding initial position-tangent vector pairs for the unit circle (and vice-versa).

U Every position-tangent vector pair for the unit circle contains perpendicular vectors.

V Only the position-tangent vector pair for the ellipse that parallel the major and minor axes (i.e., the red pair \([X'^*, dX'^*]\)) are perpendicular.

W “Retro-transforming” \([X'^*, dX'^*]\) by \([F^{-1}]\) yields the initial red pair of perpendicular vectors \([X^*, dX^*]\).

X Conversely, the forward transformation of the red pair of initial perpendicular vectors \([X^*, dX^*]\) using \([F]\) yields the final perpendicular vectors pair \([X'^*, dX'^*]\).

Y The transformation from \([X^*, dX^*]\) to \([X'^*, dX'^*]\) involves a rotation, and that is how the rotation is defined.
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III Rotations in homogenous deformation (cont.)

- The longest \( (X'_1) \) and shortest \( (X'_2) \) position vectors of the ellipse are perpendicular, along the red axes of the ellipse, and parallel the tangents.
- The corresponding retro-transformed vectors \( (X_1) = [F]^{-1}[X'_1], \) and \( (X_2) = [F]^{-1}[X'_2] \) (along the black axes) are perpendicular unit vectors that maintain the 90° angle between the principal directions.
- The angle of rotation is defined as the angle between the perpendicular pair \( (X_1 \) and \( X_2) \) along the black axes of the unit circle and the perpendicular principal pair \( (X'_1, X'_2) \) along the red axes of the ellipse.
- These results extend to three dimensions if all three sections along the principal axes of the "strain" (stretch) ellipsoid are considered.
- See Appendix 4 for more examples.

IV Eigenvectors and eigenvalues (used to obtain stretches and rotations)

A The eigenvalue matrix equation \( [A][X] = \lambda[X] \)

1. \( [A] \) is a (known) square matrix \( (nxn) \)
2. \( [X] \) is a non-zero directional eigenvector \( (nx1) \)
3. \( \lambda \) is a number, an eigenvalue
4. \( \lambda[X] \) is a vector \( (nx1) \) parallel to \( [X] \)
5. \( [A][X] \) is a vector \( (nx1) \) parallel to \( [X] \)
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A The eigenvalue matrix equation \([A][X] = \lambda[X]\) (cont.)

6 The vectors \([[A][X]], \lambda[X], \text{ and } [X]\) share the same direction if \([X]\) is an eigenvector

7 If \([X]\) is a unit vector, \(\lambda\) is the length of \([A][X]\)

8 Eigenvectors \([X_i]\) have corresponding eigenvalues \([\lambda_i]\), and vice-versa

9 In Matlab, \([\text{vec, val}] = \text{eig}(A)\), finds eigenvectors (vec) and eigenvalues (val)

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IV Eigenvectors and eigenvalues

B Example: Mathematical meaning of \([A][X] = \lambda[X]\)

Two eigenvalues

\[
A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}
\]

Two eigenvectors

\[
A \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{bmatrix} = 1 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{bmatrix}
\]

\[
A \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{bmatrix} = 3 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{bmatrix}
\]
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Example: Geometric meaning of $[A][X]=\lambda[X]$

$$X' = FX$$

$$F = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Eigenvectors of symmetric $F$ give directions of the principal stretches
- Eigenvalues of symmetric $F$ (i.e., $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$) are magnitudes of the principal stretches $S_1$ and $S_2$

Eigenvalues ($\lambda$)

$$\Delta = \det[A] - 1$$

Here, $\Delta = 3 - 1 = 2$

* Matlab in 2016 does not order eigenvalues from largest to smallest

D Example: Matlab solution of $[A][X]=\lambda[X]$

```matlab
>> A = [2 1; 1 2]
A =
2 1
1 2
>> [vec,val] = eig(A)
vec =
0.7071 0.7071
-0.7071 0.7071
val =
3 0
0 1
```

Eigenvalues ($\lambda$)

$$\frac{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}{\pi r^2} = \frac{\lambda_1}{r} \frac{\lambda_2}{r} = S_1 S_2$$

$$\Delta = \frac{A_f - A_0}{A_0} = \frac{A_f A_0 - A_0 A_0}{A_0} = S_1 S_2 - 1$$

Angle between $x$-axis and largest eigenvector

$$\theta_1 = \text{atan2}(vec(2,2),vec(2,1)) \times 180 / \pi$$

Angle between $x$-axis and smallest eigenvector

$$\theta_2 = \text{atan2}(vec(1,2),vec(1,1)) \times 180 / \pi$$

$3$ $y$

$1$ $1$

$1$ $x$

$\lambda_1 = 3$

$\lambda_2 = 1$
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IV Eigenvectors and eigenvalues (cont.)

D Alternative form of an eigenvalue equation

1 \([A][X] = \lambda[X]\)

Subtracting \(I\lambda[X] = \lambda[X] = \lambda[X]\) from both sides yields:

2 \([A-\lambda I][X] = 0\) (same form as \([A][X] = 0\))

E Solution conditions and connections with determinants

1 Unique trivial solution of \([X] = 0\) if and only if \(|A-\lambda I| \neq 0\)

2 Multiple eigenvector solutions (\([X] \neq 0\))

if and only if \(|A-\lambda I| = 0\)

* See previous slide
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IV Eigenvectors and eigenvalues (cont.)

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

1 The roots of the characteristic equation are the eigenvalues ($\lambda$)

2 Eigenvalues of a general 2x2 matrix

\[
A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}
\]

\[
|A-I\lambda| = \begin{vmatrix} a-I & b \\ c & d-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0
\]

b \quad (a-\lambda)(d-\lambda) - bc = 0

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

d \quad \lambda_1, \lambda_2 = \frac{(a+d) \pm \sqrt{(a+d)^2 - 4(ad-bc)}}{2}

\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = \text{tr}(A)
\]

\[
\lambda_1\lambda_2 = |A|
\]
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IV Eigenvectors and eigenvalues (cont.)

G To solve for eigenvectors, substitute eigenvalues back into $AX = \lambda X$ and solve for $X$ (see Appendix 1)

H Eigenvectors of real symmetric matrices are perpendicular (for distinct eigenvalues); see Appendix 3

* All these points are important

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IV Solutions for general homogeneous deformation matrices

A Eigenvalues

1 Start with the definition of quadratic elongation $Q$, which is a scalar

\[ \frac{L_j^2}{L_0^2} = Q \]

2 Express using dot products

\[ \frac{\bar{X}' \cdot \bar{X}'}{\bar{X} \cdot \bar{X}} = Q \]

3 Clear the denominator. Dot products and $Q$ are scalars.

\[ \bar{X}' \cdot \bar{X}' = (\bar{X} \cdot \bar{X})Q \]
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IV Solutions for general homogeneous deformation matrices

A Eigenvalues

4 Replace $X'$ with $[FX]$

5 Re-arrange both sides

6 Both sides of this equation lead off with $[X]^{T}$, which cannot be a zero vector, so it can be dropped from both sides to yield an eigenvector equation

7 $[F^{T}]$ is symmetric: $[F^{T}]^{T}=[F^{T}]$

8 The eigenvalues of $[F^{T}]$ are the principal quadratic elongations $Q = (L/L_{0})^{2}$

9 The eigenvalues of $[F^{T}]^{1/2}$ are the principal stretches $S = (L/L_{0})$

B Special Case: $[F]$ is symmetric

1 $[F^{T}] = [F^{2}]$ because $F = F^{T}$

2 The principal stretches $S$ again are the square roots of the principal quadratic elongations $Q$ (i.e., the square roots of the eigenvalues of $[F^{2}]$)

3 The principal stretches $S$ also are the eigenvalues of $[F]$, directly

4 The directions of the principal stretches $S$ are the eigenvectors of $[F]$, and of $[F^{T}] = [F^{2}]$!

5 The axes of the principal (greatest and least) strain do not rotate
First, symmetrically stretch the unit circle using $[U]$.

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Example 1

$[F] = [R][U]$  

$$F = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 0.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

First, rotate the circle using $[R]$, then stretch the unit circle symmetrically.

$$[X'] = [F][X]$$

Second, rotate the ellipse (not the reference frame) using $[R]$.

Eigenvalues of $[U]$ give principal stretch magnitudes.

$[U] = \begin{bmatrix} 1.56 & 1.34 \\ 1.34 & 1.79 \end{bmatrix}$


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Example 2

$[F] = [V][R]$  

$$F = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 0.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

First, rotate the unit circle using $[R]$.

$[X'] = [F][X]$  

Second, stretch the rotated unit circle symmetrically using $[V]$.

Unrotated eigenvectors of $[V]$ give principal stretch directions directly.

$[V] = \begin{bmatrix} 0.89 & 0.45 \\ -0.45 & 0.89 \end{bmatrix}$


Eigenvalues of $[V]$ also give principal stretch magnitudes.

$[V] = \begin{bmatrix} 2.68 & 0.89 \\ 0.89 & 0.67 \end{bmatrix}$
Example

Example
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VI Key results
A For symmetric \( F \) matrices (\( F = F^T \))
   1 Eigenvectors of \( F \) give directions of principal stretches
   2 Eigenvectors of \( F \) are perpendicular
   3 Eigenvalues of \( F \) give magnitudes of principal stretches
   4 Eigenvectors do not rotate
B For non-symmetric \( F \) matrices (\( F \neq F^T \))
   1 The directions of the principal stretches are given by rotated eigenvectors of \([F^T F]\)
   2 Eigenvectors of \([F^T F]\) are perpendicular; eigenvectors of \( F \) are not
   3 Eigenvalues of \([F^T F]\) give magnitudes of principal quadratic elongations
   4 \( F \) can be decomposed into a symmetric stretch and rotation (or vice-versa)
      a The stretch matrix \( U = [F^T F]^{1/2} \)
      b The stretch matrix \( V = [F^T F]^{1/2} \)
   5 The rotation matrix \( R = [F^T F]^{1/2} = [F^T]^{1/2} F \)
C Need to know initial locations and final locations, or \( F \), to calculate strains
D The \( F \)-matrix does not uniquely determine the displacement history: e.g., \( F = RU = VR \)

Appendix 1

Examples of long-hand solutions for eigenvalues and eigenvectors
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Characteristic equation: \(|A-\lambda I|=0\)

Eigenvalues for symmetric \([A]\)

a \(|A-I\lambda| = \begin{vmatrix} a-\lambda & b \\ c & d-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0\)

b \((a-\lambda)(d-\lambda)-bc = (2-\lambda)(2-\lambda)-(1)(1) = 0\)

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

d \(\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = \frac{(a+d)\pm \sqrt{(a+d)^2-4(ad-bc)}}{2} \Rightarrow 2\pm \frac{(2+2)^2-4(2\times2-1\times1)}{2} = 2\pm 1\)

\(\lambda_1 = 3, \lambda_2 = 1\)

Eigenvalue equation: \(AX = \lambda X\)

Eigenvectors for symmetric \([A]\)

(a) \(\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \beta_1 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \beta_1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \beta_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2\alpha_1 + \beta_1 \\ \alpha_1 + 2\beta_1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \beta_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \beta_1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \beta_1 = \alpha_1\)

(b) \(\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_2 \\ \beta_2 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda_2 \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_2 \\ \beta_2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_2 \\ \beta_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2\alpha_2 + \beta_2 \\ \alpha_2 + 2\beta_2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_2 \\ \beta_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_2 \\ \beta_2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \beta_2 = -\alpha_2\)

\(\theta_1 = \tan^{-1} \frac{\beta_1}{\alpha_1} = \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{1} = 45^\circ\)

\(\theta_2 = \tan^{-1} \frac{\beta_2}{\alpha_2} = \tan^{-1} \frac{-1}{1} = -45^\circ\)
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Characteristic equation: \(|A-\lambda I| = 0\)

Eigenvalues for non-symmetric \([A]\)

\[ a \begin{vmatrix} a - \lambda & b \\ c & d - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 - \lambda & 0 \\ 1 & 2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \]

\[ \text{tr}(A) = (a+d) = 4 \quad |A| = (ad-bc) = 4 \]

\[ (a - \lambda)(d - \lambda) - bc = (2 - \lambda)(2 - \lambda) - (0)(1) = 0 \]

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

\[ \lambda_1, \lambda_2 = \frac{(a+d) \pm \sqrt{(a+d)^2 - 4(ad-bc)}}{2} \]

\[ = \frac{(2+2) \pm \sqrt{(2+2)^2 - 4(2 \times 2 - 0 \times 1)}}{2} = 2 \pm 0 \]

\[ \lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = 0 \]

Eigenvalue equation: \(AX = \lambda X\)

\[ A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \]

Eigenvectors for non-symmetric \([A]\)

\[ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \beta_1 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda_1 \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \beta_1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_2 \\ \beta_2 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda_2 \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_2 \\ \beta_2 \end{bmatrix} \]

\[ \theta_1 = \tan^{-1} \frac{\beta_1}{\alpha_1} = \tan^{-1} \frac{\beta_2}{\alpha_2} = \tan^{-1} \infty = \pm 90^\circ \]

\[ \theta_2 = \tan^{-1} \frac{\beta_2}{\alpha_2} = \tan^{-1} \frac{\beta_2}{\alpha_2} = \tan^{-1} \infty = \pm 90^\circ \]
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Appendix 2

Proof that the vectors $\lambda \mathbf{X}$ are the longest and shortest vectors from the center of an ellipse to its perimeter

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VI Eigenvectors of a symmetric matrix
A Maximum and minimum squared lengths
   Set derivative of squared lengths to zero to find orientation of maxima and minimum distance from origin to ellipse
   $\mathbf{X}' \cdot \mathbf{X}' = L^2$

   $d(\mathbf{X}' \cdot \mathbf{X}') = \mathbf{X}' \cdot d\mathbf{X}' + d\mathbf{X}' \cdot \mathbf{X}' = 0$

   $2 \left( \mathbf{X}' \cdot d\mathbf{X}' \right) = 0$

   $\left( \mathbf{X}' \cdot d\mathbf{X}' / d\theta \right) = 0$

B Position vectors ($\mathbf{X}'$) with maximum and minimum (squared) lengths are those that are perpendicular to tangent vectors ($d\mathbf{X}'$) along ellipse
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VI Eigenvectors of a symmetric matrix

C \( \mathbf{A} \mathbf{X} = \lambda \mathbf{X} \)

D Since eigenvectors \( \mathbf{X} \) of symmetric matrices are mutually perpendicular, so too are the transformed vectors \( \lambda \mathbf{X} \)

E At the point identified by the transformed vector \( \lambda \mathbf{X} \), the perpendicular eigenvector(s) must parallel \( \mathbf{dX}' \) and be tangent to the ellipse

F Recall that position vectors \( (\mathbf{X}') \) with maximum and minimum (squared) lengths are those that are perpendicular to tangent vectors \( (\mathbf{dX}') \) along ellipse. Hence, the smallest and largest transformed vectors \( \lambda \mathbf{X} \) give the minimum and maximum distances to an ellipse from its center.

G The \( \lambda \) values are the principal stretches

H These conclusions extend to three dimensions and ellipsoids
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Appendix 3

Proof that distinct eigenvectors of a real symmetric matrix $A=A^T$ are perpendicular

1a $AX_1 = \lambda_1 X_1$  
1b $AX_2 = \lambda_2 X_2$

Eigenvectors $X_1$ and $X_2$ parallel $AX_1$ and $AX_2$, respectively.

Dotting $AX_1$ by $X_2$ and $AX_2$ by $X_1$ can test whether $X_1$ and $X_2$ are orthogonal.

2a $X_2 \cdot AX_1 = X_2 \cdot \lambda_1 X_1 = \lambda_1 (X_2 \cdot X_1)$

2b $X_1 \cdot AX_2 = X_1 \cdot \lambda_2 X_2 = \lambda_2 (X_1 \cdot X_2)$

If $A=A^T$, then the left sides of (2a) and (2b) are equal:

3 $X_2 \cdot AX_1 = AX_2 \cdot X_2 = [AX_1]^T[X_2] = [(X_1)^T[A]^T][X_2]$  
   = $[X_1]^T[A^T][X_2] = [X_1]^T[[A][X_2]] = X_1 \cdot AX_2$
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Since the left sides of (2a) and (2b) are equal, the right sides must be equal too. Hence,

4 \( \lambda_1 (\mathbf{x}_2 \cdot \mathbf{x}_1) = \lambda_2 (\mathbf{x}_1 \cdot \mathbf{x}_2) \)

Now subtract the right side of (4) from the left

5 \( (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)(\mathbf{x}_2 \cdot \mathbf{x}_1) = 0 \)

• The eigenvalues generally are different, so \( \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 \neq 0 \).
• For (5) to hold, then \( \mathbf{x}_2 \cdot \mathbf{x}_1 = 0 \).

Therefore, the eigenvectors \( (\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) \) of a real symmetric 2x2 matrix are perpendicular where eigenvalues are distinct

• The eigenvectors can be chosen to be perpendicular if the eigenvectors are the same

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Appendix 4

Rotations in homogenous deformation:
An algebraic perspective
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VI Rotations in homogeneous deformation
A Just getting the size and shape of the "strain" (stretch) ellipse is not enough if $[F]$ is not symmetric. Need to consider how points on the ellipse transform.
B Can do this through a combination of stretches and rotations
1 $F=VR$ (which "R"?
   a $V =$ symmetric stretch matrix
   b $R =$ rotation matrix
2 $F=RU$ (which "U"? "R"?)
   a $R =$ rotation matrix
   b $U =$ symmetric stretch matrix
3 The choices become unique for symmetric stretch matrices

C If an ellipse is transformed to a unit circle, the axes of the ellipse are transformed too.
D In general, the axes of the ellipses do not maintain their orientation when the ellipse is transformed back to a unit circle.
E If $F$ is not symmetric, the axes of the red ellipse and the retro-deformed (black) axes will have a different absolute orientation.
F The transformation from the the retro-deformed (black) axes to the the orientation of the principal axes gives the rotation of the axes.
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VI  Rotations in homogeneous deformation
G  We know how to find the principal stretch magnitudes: they are the square roots of the eigenvalues of the symmetric matrix \([F^T][F]\)
H  The eigenvectors of \([F^T][F]\) give some of the information needed to find the direction of the principal stretch axes. The rotation describes the orientation difference between the (red) principal strain (stretch) axes and their (black) retro-deformed counterparts.

To find the rotation of the principal axes, start with the parametric equation for an ellipse and its tangent, and the requirement that the position vectors for the semi-axes of the ellipse are perpendicular to the tangent.

Let \(\theta\) give the orientation of \(X\), where \(X\) transforms to \(X'\).

\[
\begin{align*}
\vec{X}' &= (a \cos \theta + b \sin \theta)i + (c \cos \theta + d \sin \theta)j \\
\frac{d\vec{X}'}{d\theta} &= (-a \sin \theta + b \cos \theta)i + (-c \sin \theta + d \cos \theta)j \\
\vec{X}' \cdot \frac{d\vec{X}'}{d\theta} &= 0
\end{align*}
\]

What value of \(\theta\) will yield a vector \(X\) such that \(X'\) will be perpendicular to the tangent of the ellipse?
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Now solve for \( \theta \) satisfying

\[
X' \cdot dX'/d\theta = 0
\]

\[
X' = (a\cos\theta + b\sin\theta)i + (c\cos\theta + d\sin\theta)j
\]

\[
dX'/d\theta = (-a\sin\theta + b\cos\theta)i + (-c\sin\theta + d\cos\theta)j
\]

\[
X' \cdot dX'/d\theta = 0
\]

\[
= -a^2\sin\theta\cos\theta + ab\cos^2\theta - ab\sin\theta + b^2\sin\theta\cos\theta
\]

\[
- c^2\sin\theta\cos\theta + cd\cos^2\theta - cd\sin\theta + d^2\sin\theta\cos\theta
\]

\[
= -(a^2 - b^2 + c^2 - d^2)\sin\theta\cos\theta + (ab + cd)\cos^2\theta - (ab + cd)\sin^2\theta
\]

\[
= -(a^2 - b^2 + c^2 - d^2)\sin\theta\cos\theta + (ab + cd)\cos\theta\sin\theta
\]

\[
= -(a^2 - b^2 + c^2 - d^2)\sin\theta\cos\theta + (ab + cd)\sin\theta\cos\theta
\]

\[
= 2\sin(-2\theta) + (ab + cd)\cos(-2\theta) = 0
\]

\[
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\]

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\[
\frac{(a^2 - b^2 + c^2 - d^2)}{2}\sin(-2\theta) + (ab + cd)\cos(-2\theta) = 0
\]

\[
\tan(-2\theta) = \frac{-2(ab + cd)}{a^2 - b^2 + c^2 - d^2}
\]

\[
\theta_1 = \frac{1}{2}\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2(ab + cd)}{a^2 - b^2 + c^2 - d^2}\right), \theta_2 = \frac{1}{2}\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2(ab + cd)}{a^2 - b^2 + c^2 - d^2}\right) + 90^\circ
\]

So \( \theta_1 \) and \( \theta_2 \) are 90° apart. So \( X_1 \) and \( X_2 \) that transform to \( X'_1 \) and \( X'_2 \) are perpendicular.

Recall that two angles that differ by 180° have the same tangent.