

Example: Find eigenbasis and diagonal matrices similar to:

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

$$2. A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$3. A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Comment: The determinant of a triangular matrix is the product of its diagonal entries.

$$\det(A) = 1 \cdot 2 = 2$$

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

$$2 = (-1) \cdot (-2)$$

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

$$f_A(\lambda) = (1-\lambda)(2-\lambda) \rightsquigarrow \lambda=1, \lambda=2$$

For the eigenbasis, we need their respective eigenvectors.

"If an  $n \times n$  matrix has  $n$  distinct eigenvalues then it has an eigenbasis".

Because of this,  $A$  is similar to  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$E_1 : \ker(A - I_2) \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} = \vec{0} \quad \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is a solution.}$$

$$E_2 : \ker(A - 2I_2) \quad \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} = \vec{0} \quad \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is a solution.}$$

$$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$2. \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad f_A(\lambda) = (1-\lambda)^2 \quad \lambda = 1$$

2x2 matrix

$$E_1: \quad \ker(A - I_2) \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} = \vec{0} \quad \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_1 = \text{span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \quad \text{so } \dim(E_1) = 1.$$

Since the sum of the geometric multiplicities does not add up to 2,  
only 1

$A$  does not have an eigenbasis.

$$3. \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example: Find values  $a, b, c$  for which  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 0 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is diagonalizable.

$$f_A(\lambda) = \underbrace{(1-\lambda)}_1 \underbrace{(-\lambda)}_0 \underbrace{(1-\lambda)}_1 \quad \lambda = 1 \quad \lambda = 0$$

$$\dim(E_0) = 1$$

Note:  $\underbrace{\text{geom}(\lambda)}_1 \leq \underbrace{\text{algebraic}(\lambda)}_1$

$E_0$  always has one non-zero vector,

$$\lambda = 0$$

so  $E_0$  has the span of that vector.

So  $E_0$  has at least dim. 1. But  $E_0$  has at most dim. 1.

$$\dim(E_1) = \text{geom}(1) = 3 - \text{rank} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a & b \\ 0 & -1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{geom}(\lambda) = n - \text{rank}(A - \lambda I_n)$$

$$A - I_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 0 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a & b \\ 0 & -1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

rank ?

Answers (s): 2  $\leftarrow a=0=c, b=1$

1  $\leftarrow a=b=c=0$

Depends on  $a$  and  $c$   $\otimes$

and  $b$ .

$$\text{rank} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a & b \\ 0 & -1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \text{rank} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -1 & c \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) If  $ac + b = 0$  then rank is 1.

(b) If  $ac + b \neq 0$  then rank is 2.

(a)  $\dim(E_1) = \text{geom}(1) = 3 - 1 = 2$        $\text{geom}(0) + \text{geom}(1) = 3$

(b)  $\dim(E_1) = \text{geom}(1) = 3 - 2 = 1$        $\text{geom}(0) + \text{geom}(1) = 2$

Now  $A$  has an eigenbasis if and only if  $ac + b = 0$ .

Remark: 1.  $\begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}$  is similar to  $\begin{bmatrix} a+ib & 0 \\ 0 & a-ib \end{bmatrix}$ .

2. Any matrix with eigenvalues  $a \pm ib$  is similar to  $\begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}$ .