

Recall: A $n \times n$ matrix is diagonalizable (i.e. similar to a diagonal matrix) if and only if the sum of its geometric multiplicities is the size of the matrix.

Example: Find an eigenbasis and a diagonal matrix similar to:

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

$f_A(x) = (1-x)(2-x)$ so A has eigenvalues $\lambda = 1$ and $\lambda = 2$.

Since we have a 2×2 matrix with two distinct eigenvalues, A is similar to:

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

$E_1 = \text{Ker}(A - I_2)$ so we have to solve $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \vec{x} = t \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = t \vec{v}_1$

$E_2 = \text{Ker}(A - 2I_2)$ so we have to solve $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \vec{x} = t \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = t \vec{v}_2$

$$\mathcal{B} = \{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \} \quad \mathcal{R} = \{ \vec{w}_1, \vec{v}_1 \}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(2) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ Task: find an eigenbasis and a diagonal matrix B similar to A .

$f_A(x) = (x-1)^2$ so A has one eigenvalue $\lambda = 1$.

the characteristic polynomial factors into linear terms, so there is a possibility of A being diagonalizable

⚠ If the characteristic polynomial does not split into linear terms then the matrix will not be diagonalizable.

We compute the geometric multiplicity of $\lambda=1$.

$$\text{geom}(\lambda) = \dim(E_\lambda) = \text{number of elements in the (eigenbasis) of } E_\lambda.$$

$$E_1 = \ker(A - I_2) \text{ so we solve } \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \vec{x} = t \cdot \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{v}_1}.$$

So $\text{geom}(1) = 1$, $\text{algebra}(1) = 2$, so A does not diagonalize.

(3) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ Diagonalizable: Yes. No.
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$$f_A(x) = \det(A - x \cdot I_3) = (1-x)(-x)(-x) = \underbrace{-x^2(x-1)}_{\text{factors into linear terms}}$$

$$\lambda = 0 \text{ with algebra}(0) = 2$$

$$\lambda = 1 \text{ with algebra}(1) = 1$$

$$E_0 = \ker(A) \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -t-s \\ t \\ s \end{bmatrix} = t \cdot \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{v}_1} + s \cdot \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{v}_2}.$$

$$\text{geom}(0) = 2$$

$$E_1 = \ker(A - I_3) \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \vec{x} = t \cdot \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{w}_1}$$

$$\text{geom}(1) = 1$$

So $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is diagonalizable!

$\mathcal{B} = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{w}_1\}$ is an eigenbasis.

$\mathcal{R} = \{\vec{w}, \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$ is an eigenbasis.

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

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

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

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

Exercise: Find a, b, c for which $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 0 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is diagonalizable. Try:

Example: Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$, find A^3, A^5, A^{100} .

$$A = S^{-1} D S \quad D \text{ diagonal}$$

$$A^2 = (S^{-1} D S)^2 = (S^{-1} D S)(S^{-1} D S) = S^{-1} D^2 S$$

$$A^{100} = S^{-1} D^{100} S.$$

$$f_A(x) = (1-x)(3-x) - 8 = x^2 - 4x - 5 = (x+1)(x-5)$$

$$\lambda = -1, \quad \lambda = 5$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

So A is similar to $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

So: $B = S^{-1} A S$ with $S = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$, so:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = A = S B S^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

Now:

$$A^{100} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 5^{100} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Complex eigenvalues:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{c} \begin{bmatrix} a+ib & 0 \\ 0 & a-ib \end{bmatrix}$$

a, b real numbers.

Theorem (Fundamental Theorem of Algebra): Let $f(x)$ be a polynomial with

coefficients in \mathbb{C} of degree $n > 0$. Then $f(x)$ has a root in \mathbb{C} .

Symmetric matrices and quadratic forms.

$$A^T = A$$

Can we find orthonormal eigenbasis? $B = S^{-1}AS = S^TAS$.

$$S^{-1} = S^T$$

A is diagonalizable if it has an eigenbasis.

A is orthogonally diagonalizable if it has an orthonormal eigenbasis.

Question: Are there orthogonally diagonalizable matrices? Yes.

Have we seen any of them? Yes. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Theorem: (Spectral Theorem) A matrix is orthogonally diagonalizable if and only if it is symmetric.

$$D = \underbrace{S^{-1}AS}_{S^TAS} \quad S \text{ orthogonal matrix}$$

$$A = SDS^T$$

$$A^T = (SDS^T)^T = \underbrace{(S^T)^T}_S D^T \underbrace{S^T}_D = SDS^T = A \quad \text{so } A \text{ is symmetric.}$$

$(MN)^T = N^T M^T$

We have $D = S^TAS$ if and only if $A^T = A$.

S orthogonal: $S^{-1} = S^T$

not $S = S^T$ necessarily

$$(S \Lambda S^T)^T = \left(\underbrace{(S \Lambda)}_M \underbrace{S^T}_N \right)^T = \underbrace{(S^T)^T}_N \underbrace{(\overline{S \Lambda})^T}_M = (S^T)^T (\overline{\Lambda^T S^T})$$

If A has distinct eigenvalues, the corresponding eigenvectors are linearly independent.

If A is symmetric and has distinct eigenvalues, the corresponding eigenvectors

are perpendicular. (Recall that perpendicular implies linearly independent).

