

Review Exercise: Find all eigenvalues and eigenvectors

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ 6 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} -1-\lambda & -2 \\ 6 & 6-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda-6)(\lambda+1) + 12 = \lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 6 = (\lambda-2)(\lambda-3)$$

$$\lambda_1 = 2, \quad \lambda_2 = 3$$

$$\text{For } \lambda_1 = 2, \quad \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -2 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \vec{z}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \vec{z}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ s.t. } \alpha \neq 0$$

$$\text{For } \lambda_2 = 3, \quad \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -2 \\ 6 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \vec{z}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \vec{z}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ s.t. } \alpha \neq 0$$

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

$$\det(B - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 2 \\ -2 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (1-\lambda)^2 + 4 = (\lambda-1-2i)(\lambda-1+2i) = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 = 1+2i, \quad \lambda_2 = 1-2i$$

$$\text{For } \lambda_1 = 1+2i, \quad \begin{bmatrix} -2i & 2 \\ -2 & -2i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \vec{z}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix} \text{ s.t. } \alpha \neq 0, \text{ or } c \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ i \end{bmatrix}i$$

$$\text{For } \lambda_2 = 1-2i, \quad \vec{z}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ i \end{bmatrix}i$$

### Chap6.1-6.3 Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

1. Be familiar with the eigenvalues and eigenvectors, **master the skill in finding eigenpairs**

W9  
W10

- a. Characteristic equation
- b. Eigenspace, algebraic multiplicity of an eigenvalue
- c. Eigenvalues, determinant and trace

#### 2. Diagonalization

- a. With  $n$  distinct eigenvalues
- b. With  $< n$  distinct eigenvalues

3. Non-diagonalizable? (Generalized eigenvectors and Jordan form)

Why diagonalization?

$$\text{If } A = PDP^{-1}, \text{ then } A^k = (PDP^{-1})(PDP^{-1}) = P D^k P^{-1}$$

$$A^n = P D^n P^{-1}$$

Computing  $D^k = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^k & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n^k \end{bmatrix}$  is much easier than computing  $A^k$ .

$$A = PDP^{-1} \stackrel{\text{non-singular}}{\Leftrightarrow} AP = PD$$

To Verify  $AP = PD$  for an invertible  $P$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & v_2 & \dots & v_n \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{P}{\rightarrow} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & v_2 & \dots & v_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \lambda_n & \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{D}{\rightarrow}$$

$$[A v_1, A v_2, \dots, A v_n] = [\lambda_1 v_1, \lambda_2 v_2, \dots, \lambda_n v_n]$$

### △ Diagonalization

Def (6.1.7) Diagonalizable

$$A_{n \times n} = P D P^{-1}$$

where

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & & \vdots \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n} \quad \text{and} \quad P = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & v_2 & \dots & v_n \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n}$$

$$\leftarrow k^{\text{th}} \text{ diagonal entry} \quad \leftarrow k = 1, 2, \dots, n \quad \leftarrow k^{\text{th}} \text{ column}$$

Thm (6.1.8)

$A_{n \times n}$  diagonalizable  $\Leftrightarrow A$  has  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors

Theorem 6.1.9

If  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  are distinct eigenvalues of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  corresponding to eigenvectors  $v_1, \dots, v_n$ , then  $(v_1, \dots, v_n)$  is linearly independent. If  $A$  has  $n$  distinct eigenvalues then  $A$  is diagonalizable.

Proof by contradiction:

Assume that  $(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$  are linearly independent. *r.c.k.*, then

$$c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_n v_n = \vec{0} \quad (1)$$

for  $c_{n+1} \neq 0$  and  $c_1, \dots, c_n$  are not all zeros, i.e.,

$\vec{v}_{n+1}$  is linearly dependent on  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ .

$$c_1 A v_1 + c_2 A v_2 + \dots + c_n A v_n = \vec{0}$$

$$c_1 \lambda_1 v_1 + c_2 \lambda_2 v_2 + \dots + c_n \lambda_n v_n = \vec{0} \quad (2)$$

$$(2) - \lambda_{n+1} \cdot (1) :$$

$$c_1 (\lambda_1 - \lambda_{n+1}) v_1 + c_2 (\lambda_2 - \lambda_{n+1}) v_2 + \dots + c_n (\lambda_n - \lambda_{n+1}) v_n = \vec{0}$$

$\Rightarrow$  some of  $c_i (\lambda_i - \lambda_{n+1})$  are nonzero, which contradicts the linear independence of  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ .

Recall Example:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

has  $\lambda_1 = 5, \lambda_2 = -2$

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Question True or False?

$$\lambda_1 = 5, \quad \vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \lambda_2 = -2, \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\checkmark A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} ? \quad \checkmark A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 5 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} ?$$

$$\checkmark A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} ? \quad \checkmark A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix} / \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} ?$$

Check  $A = PDP^{-1}$  or  $AP = PD$ .

$\hookrightarrow$  Such diagonalization is NOT unique.

Exercise Diagonalizable or not?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 7 & 9 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & * & * \\ * & 1 & * \\ * & * & n \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

### △ Diagonalizable Matrix with $< n$ Distinct Eigenvalues

$$\text{E.g.: } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 2$$

$$\text{For } \lambda = 2, \quad \vec{v} = (A-2I)\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{v} \rightarrow E_2 = \text{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$$

Let

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow A = PDP^{-1}$$

Since there are 2 linearly independent eigenvectors,  $A$  is diagonalizable.

Recall: algebraic multiplicity geometric multiplicity

$$\text{E.g.: } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \det(\lambda I - A) = (\lambda-2)^2 = 0 \rightarrow \text{algebraic multiplicity } \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 2, \text{ geometric multiplicity } \text{genom}(\lambda_1 = \lambda_2) = 2$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \det(\lambda I - B) = (\lambda-2)^2 = 0 \rightarrow \text{algebraic multiplicity } \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 2, \text{ geometric multiplicity } \text{genom}(\lambda_1 = \lambda_2) = 1.$$

Remark:

The algebraic multiplicity and the geometric multiplicity of an eigenvalue are not always equal.

### Thm

For each  $i$ ,  $\text{almu}(\lambda_i) = \text{gemu}(\lambda_i) \Leftrightarrow A_{n \times n}$  is diagonalizable.

### △ Sum / Product of Eigenvalues

#### Thm

Suppose  $p(\lambda) = \det(\lambda I_n - A) = \lambda^n + c_1\lambda^{n-1} + \dots + c_n$ .  
Then  $c_{n-1} = -\text{Tr}(A)$  and  $c_n = (-1)^n \det(A)$ .

proof: Take  $\lambda=0$  in  $p(\lambda)$

$$\det(-A) = C_0 = (-1)^n \det(A).$$

As for  $C_{n-1} = -\text{Tr}(A)$ . use the determinant of  $\lambda I_n - A$ .

Hence if  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  are eigenvalues of  $A$ , then

$$p(\lambda) = (\lambda - \lambda_1)(\lambda - \lambda_2) \cdots (\lambda - \lambda_n) = \lambda^n + (-\sum \lambda_i) \lambda^{n-1} + \dots + (-1)^n \lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_n$$

Comparing to Thm 6.1.6 we have

$$\sum \lambda_i = \text{Tr}(A), \quad \prod \lambda_i = \det(A).$$

#### Exercise

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{cases} \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 2+2 \\ \lambda_1 \lambda_2 = 1 \cdot 1 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda_1 = 1 \\ \lambda_2 = 3 \end{cases}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{cases} \lambda_1 = 2 \\ 2 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = 8 \\ 2\lambda_2 \lambda_3 = 2 \cdot (3^2 - 1) = 16 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda_1 = 2 \\ \lambda_2 = 2 \\ \lambda_3 = 4 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = 6 \\ \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 = 8 \end{cases}$$

### Conclusion on diagonalizable matrices:

$A_{n \times n}$  is diagonalizable if  $A$  has  $n$  distinct eigenvalues (See A)

$A_{n \times n}$  is diagonalizable  $\Leftrightarrow$   $A$  has  $n$  l.i. eigenvectors.

$$\text{almu}(\lambda_i) = \text{gemu}(\lambda_i) \text{ for each } i \text{ (See B)}$$

### △ Defective Matrix

Def A square matrix is said to be defective if it is not diagonalizable.

The eigenspaces does not provide enough linearly independent eigenvectors.  $\rightarrow$  Enlarge  $E_\lambda$  to  $K_\lambda$  for more.

### △ Generalized Eigenspace $K_\lambda$ and Jordan Canonical Form

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Theorem 6.1.29

$$m_i = \text{almu}(\lambda_i), \quad \forall i$$

Let  $A \in M_{n \times n}(C)$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix in  $C$  and  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k$  be distinct eigenvalues of  $A$  with corresponding multiplicities  $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k$ . For  $1 \leq i \leq k$ , let  $\beta_i$  be an ordered basis for  $K_{\lambda_i}$ . Then

- (a)  $\beta_i \cap \beta_j = \emptyset$  for  $i \neq j$ . distinct eigenvalues  $\Rightarrow$  linearly independent generalized eigenvectors
- (b)  $\beta = \beta_1 \cup \beta_2 \cup \dots \cup \beta_k$  is an ordered basis for  $C^n$ .
- (c)  $K_{\lambda_i} = N((A - \lambda_i I_n)^{m_i})$  and  $\dim(K_{\lambda_i}) = m_i$  for all  $i$ .  $\dim(K_{\lambda_i}) = \text{almu}(\lambda_i)$

Theorem 6.1.30

Let  $A \in M_{n \times n}(C)$  and  $v \in C^n$  be a generalized eigenvector of  $A$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda$ . Suppose that  $p$  is the smallest positive integer such that  $(A - \lambda I_n)^p v = 0$ . Let

$y = \{(A - \lambda I_n)^{p-1}(v), \dots, (A - \lambda I_n)(v), v\}$ . Then  $\{A\}_{\lambda} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is called the Jordan block.

The above matrix is called the Jordan block corresponding to eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .

$$A = P \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & & \\ & & \lambda_2 & & & \\ & & & \ddots & & \\ & & & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & & & \lambda_k \end{bmatrix} P^{-1} \quad \text{Jordan matrix}$$

### △ Elementary Jordan Block

$$J_i = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_i & 1 & & & \\ & \lambda_i & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & \ddots & \lambda_i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{E.g. } \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & b \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} a & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & b & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b \end{bmatrix}$$

### △ Jordan Form Matrix

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} J_1 & & & \\ & J_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & J_k \end{bmatrix}$$

### △ Check point for Jordan canonical form

which of the following matrices are of Jordan canonical form?

A.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$    B.  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$    C.  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$    D.  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

E.  $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$    F.  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$    G.  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$    H.  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} |A - \lambda I| &= \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 3-\lambda & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} \text{ type scaling} \\ &= (2-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 3-\lambda & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} \text{ type II} \\ &= (2-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3-\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (2-\lambda) \cdot 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (2-\lambda) [(3-\lambda)^2 - 1] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(\lambda) &= \det(\lambda I - A) = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - \lambda_1 & \lambda_1 & \dots & \lambda_n \\ \lambda_1 & \lambda - \lambda_2 & \dots & \lambda_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 & \dots & \lambda - \lambda_n \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \lambda^n + \underbrace{c_1 \lambda^{n-1}}_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \dots \lambda_n} + \dots + c_n \\ c_0 &= p(0) = \det(-A) = (-1)^n \det(A) \\ p(\lambda) &= (\lambda - \lambda_1) \cdots (\lambda - \lambda_n) \\ &= \lambda^n + \underbrace{(-\sum \lambda_i) \lambda^{n-1} + \dots + (-1)^n \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \cdots \lambda_n}_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \dots \lambda_n = \det(A)} \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $A = P$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \lambda_k & \\ & & & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{where } P^{-1} \text{ where}$$

$\lambda_i$  contains eigenvalues of  $A$  on the diagonal

$P = ((A - \lambda_1 I_n)^{k-1}(v_1), \dots, (A - \lambda_1 I_n)(v_1), v_1, \dots, (A - \lambda_k I_n)^{k-1}(v_k), \dots, (A - \lambda_k I_n)(v_k), v_k)$ .

Linearly independent generalized eigenvectors of  $A$ .

E.  $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$  F.  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  G.  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  H.  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

I.  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  J.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  K.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

Brain Storm :

- Suppose a  $3 \times 3$  matrix has  $\lambda_{1,2,3} = a$ , find all possible Jordan forms to this matrix.
- What if it is a  $4 \times 4$  matrix with  $\lambda_{1,2,3,4} = a$ ?

1 block:  $\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a \end{bmatrix}$   
 2 blocks:  $\begin{bmatrix} a & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a \end{bmatrix}$   $\begin{bmatrix} a & a & 0 \\ 0 & a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a \end{bmatrix}$   
 3 blocks:  $\begin{bmatrix} a & a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a \end{bmatrix}$   
 4 blocks:  $\begin{bmatrix} a & a & a & 0 \\ 0 & a & a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a \end{bmatrix}$

Diagonalization & Eigenpairs

Def  $A_{n \times n} = PDP^{-1}$ , where  $D \dots$  and  $P \dots$

Diagonalizable Thm  $A_{n \times n}$  is diagonalizable  $\Leftrightarrow A$  has  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors.

Case I:  $A_{n \times n}$  has  $n$  distinct eigenvalues.

Case II:  $A_{n \times n}$  has  $k (< n)$  distinct eigenvalues.  $\dim(\text{eig}(A_i)) = \text{gemu}(A_i)$ ,  $\forall i$ .

Non-diagonalizable  $A_{n \times n}$  has  $k (< n)$  distinct eigenvalues.  $\dim(\text{eig}(A_i)) > \text{gemu}(A_i)$ , for some  $i$ .

$A = CJC^{-1}$ , where  $J$  is the Jordan canonical form and  $C$  contains generalized eigenvectors.

defective matrices

Lack of linearly independent (l.i.) eigenvectors!

generalized eigenvectors

Enlarge the eigenspaces to make a basis!

△ What is a "generalized eigenvector"?

Def Generalized Eigenvector

A nonzero vector  $\vec{v}$  which satisfies  $(A - \lambda I)^p \vec{v} = \vec{0}$  for some positive integer  $p$  is called a generalized eigenvector of  $A$  corresponding to  $\lambda$ .

△ Generalized Eigenspace

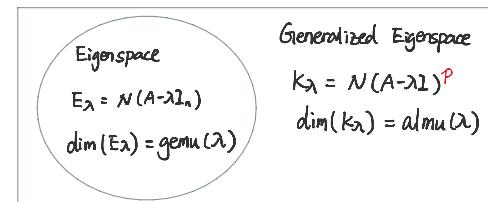
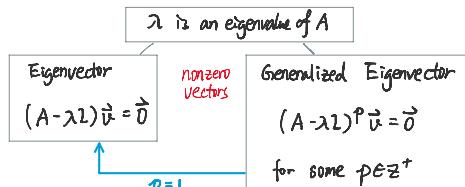
Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix and suppose  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  with  $\text{almu}(\lambda) = m$ . Then there exists some  $p \leq m$  s.t.

$$\dim(N(A - \lambda I)^p) = m$$

and we call  $K_\lambda = N(A - \lambda I)^p$  as the generalized eigenspace of  $\lambda$ .

Exercise:

Use mathematical induction to show that  $N(A - \lambda I)^k \subseteq N(A - \lambda I)^{k+1}$ , for positive integer  $k$ .



Remark: Recall that  $\text{gemu}(\lambda) \leq \text{almu}(\lambda)$ ,  $\forall \lambda$ .

E.g.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  with  $\lambda_{1,2,3} = 3$

For  $\lambda = 3$ ,  
 $E_3 = N(A - 3I) = N\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \text{span}\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\right\}$

$A$  is defective since  $\text{almu}(3) = 3 > \text{gemu}(3) = 2$ .

To find a generalized eigenvector  $\vec{y}$ :

Consider

$$N(A - 3I)^2 = N\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbb{R}^3.$$

Take  $\vec{y} \in N(A - 3I)^2 \setminus N(A - 3I)$ .

Then  $\vec{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is a generalized eigenvector of  $A$  belonging to  $\lambda = 3$ .

Let  $\vec{u} = (A - 3I)\vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , then

$\{(A - 3I)\vec{y}, \vec{y}, \vec{u}\}$  is a chain of generalized eigenvectors.

Notice that  $\vec{u} = (A - 3I)\vec{y} \in N(A - 3I)$  is an eigenvector w.r.t.  $\lambda = 3$ .

To form matrix  $J$  and  $C$ :

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad J = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

# of linearly independent eigenvectors  
# of Jordan blocks

$$C = [(A - 3I)\vec{y} | \vec{y} | \vec{x}]$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$(A - 3I)\vec{y}$   $\vec{y}$

Use MATLAB to check  $A = CJC^{-1}$ .

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