

# TTK4225 - Systems Theory, Autumn 2020

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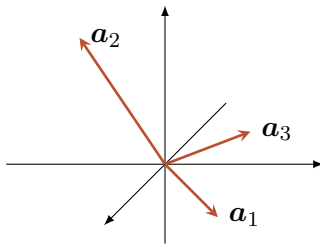


# Diagonalization

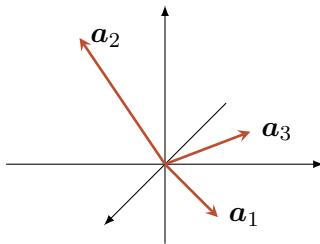
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- what happens if the eigenvectors of  $A$  form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ?
- what diagonalization means algebraically
- what diagonalization means geometrically
- what diagonalization means in practice

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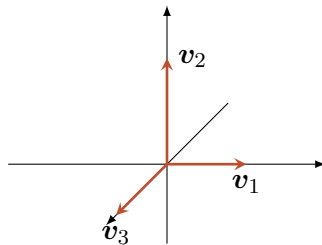


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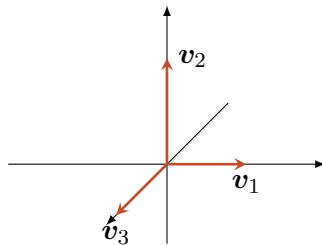


*what happens if in this case I choose a new basis formed by  $v_1, \dots, v_n$ ?*

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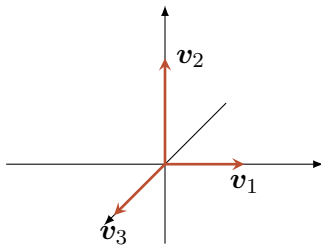


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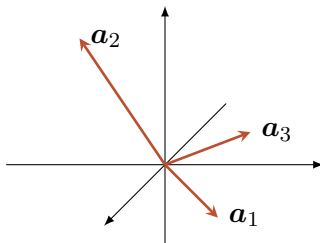
Note that the  $\lambda_i$ 's may also be the same! Example:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2.3 & & & \\ & 2.3 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 2.3 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Diagonalizing a square matrix

hypothesis:  $A$  is s.t. there exist  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  linearly independent eigenvectors

thesis:  $T = [\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n]$  is s.t.  $\Lambda = T^{-1}AT = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$



## Diagonalizing a square matrix: proof that $AT = T\Lambda$

$$AT \stackrel{(1)}{=} A[\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n] \stackrel{(2)}{=} [A\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, A\mathbf{v}_n] \stackrel{(3)}{=} [\lambda_1\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \lambda_n\mathbf{v}_n] \stackrel{(4)}{=} T\Lambda$$

- (1) recall that the columns of  $T$  are the eigenvectors
- (2) this follows by the geometrical interpretation of matrix-columns multiplications
- (3) this is because  $\mathbf{v}_i$  is an eigenvector
- (4) we can rewrite things as a product with a diagonal matrix

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Eigenspaces-eigenvectors couples:

$$\left\{ \lambda_1, \operatorname{span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \right\} \quad \left\{ \lambda_2 = \lambda_3, \operatorname{span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \right\}$$

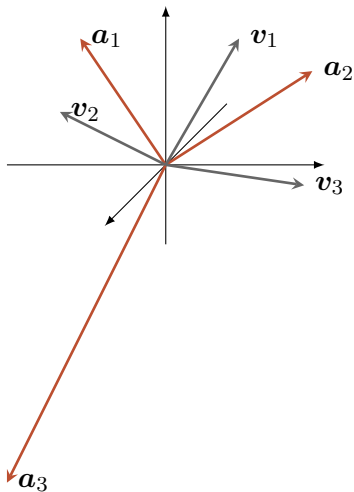
important point: to diagonalize we need  $n$  different and linearly independent eigenvectors, not  $n$  different eigenvalues

## Graphically

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$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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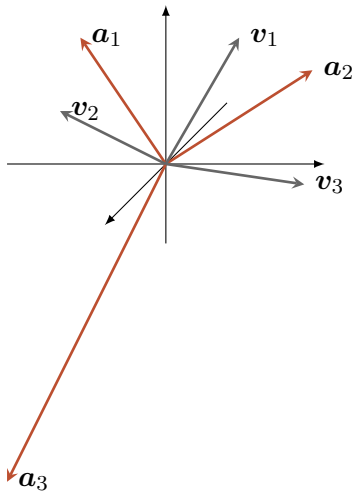
## Diagonalization, in numbers

$$A = T\Lambda T^{-1}$$

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*I look at the world considering as the new axes the eigenspaces*



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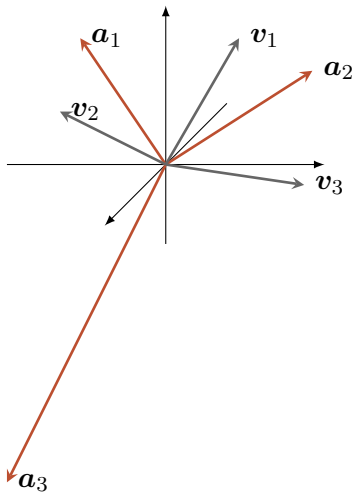
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*this means that the original system is actually the juxtaposition of 3 independent systems that evolve “ignoring” what is happening in the other ones*

Thus diagonalizing = decomposing the dynamics in a set of independent 1-dimensional dynamics

*the eigenspaces are where these 1-dimensional dynamics live*



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## Generalization

Consider

$$\tilde{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{A}_1 & & & \\ & \tilde{A}_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \tilde{A}_k \end{bmatrix};$$

also this means “dividing the system in independent sub-systems”! However “diagonalizing” means finding independent subsystems of dimension 1, while in this general case the dimensions are potentially bigger than 1

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Towards stranger things: recall that state space representations are ways of expressing LTI systems

$$\ddot{y} + a_1\dot{y} + a_0y = bu(t)$$

is equivalent to

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and thus to

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with the denominator of the TF equal to  $\det(sI - A)$

## Towards stranger things: remember this basic fact

$$Y(s) = C \frac{\text{adj}(sI - A)}{\det(sI - A)} BU(s)$$

- changing the basis does not change the characteristic polynomial, thus

$$\det(sI - A) = \det(sI - T^{-1}AT)$$

*(in other words, changing the basis for the state space does not change the poles of the TF, and thus the modes of the LTI system – as it should obviously be)*

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*doing systems theory for LTI systems means  
studying the inner structure of  $\dot{x} = Ax$*

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## Jordan forms

# Roadmap

- non-diagonalizable matrices
- Jordan forms
- connections with dynamical systems
- summary of the differences between diagonalizable and non-diagonalizable matrices

## A small trick, to make things faster

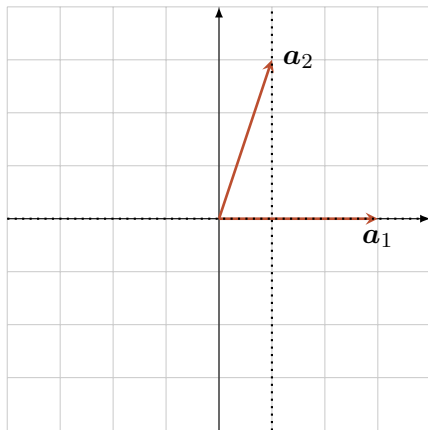
if  $A$  is upper triangular or lower triangular then its characteristic polynomial is given by  $\prod (s - d_i)$  with the  $d_i$ 's the elements on the diagonal, i.e.,

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## The case of Jordan miniblocks

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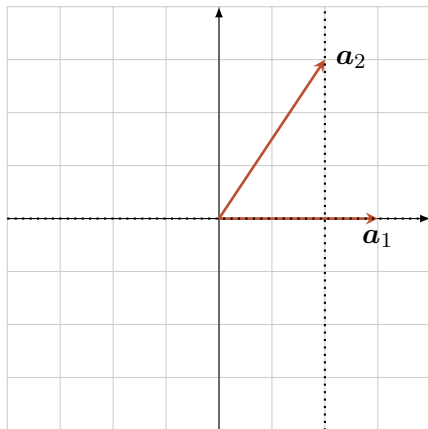
How many 1-dimensional eigenspaces do Jordan miniblocks have?



in this case there is only one “stretching” for which the stretched columns align



Note that this can be generalized to Jordan miniblocks with  $\alpha$  instead of 1



(we though like more to write Jordan miniblocks as  $\begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}$ )

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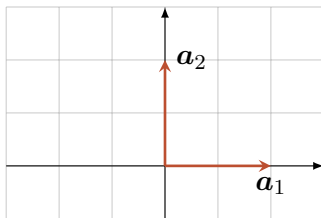
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- thus the system  $\dot{\mathbf{y}} = A\mathbf{y}$  cannot be divided into a series of independent 1-dimensional dynamics

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An example, to make things in practice. System “N”:

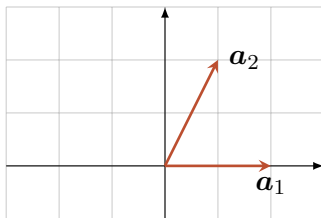
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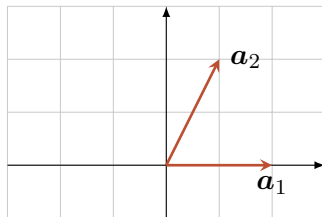
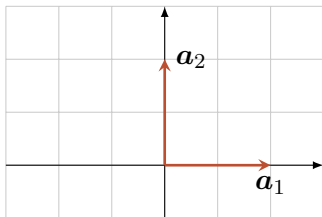
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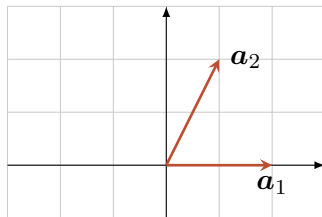
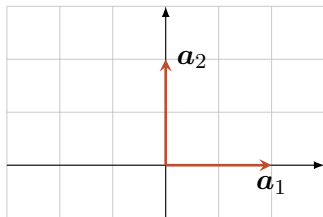
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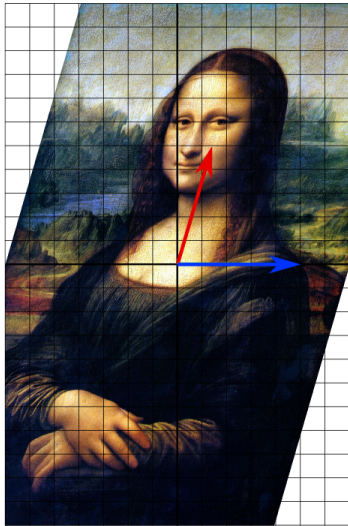
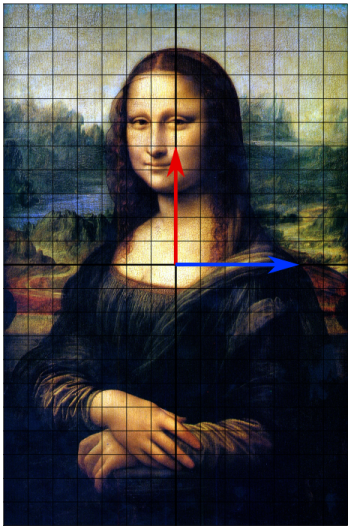
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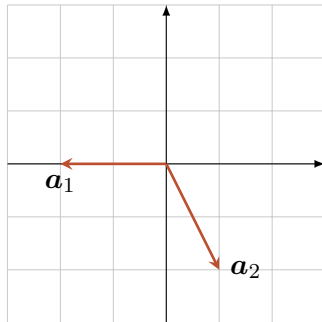
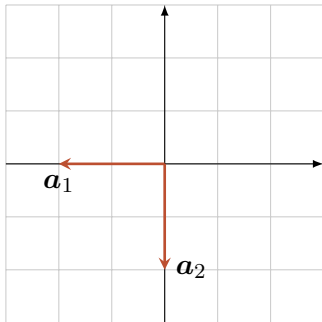
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Discussion: is this due to a Jordan map?



Watch out that to have asymptotic stability the eigenvalues must have real part strictly negative!





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 $\implies$  need to go back to the geometric interpretations  
*(but, before, we need a couple of theoretical results)*

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*A is diagonalizable if  $\exists T$  s.t.  $T^{-1}AT = \Lambda$  with  $\Lambda$  diagonal*

### Theorem

*A is diagonalizable if and only if A has  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors*

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*not all the A's are diagonalizable; e.g., Jordan matrices are not*

## Theorem (Jordan canonical form)

*all the matrices that can not be diagonalized can always be transformed, by using an opportune change of coordinates, to a block diagonal matrix*

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & & 0 \\ & \dots & \\ 0 & & A_{n'} \end{bmatrix}$$

*with  $n' < n$  and at least one block  $A_i$  of the form*

$$A_i = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_i & 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 1 \\ 0 & & & \lambda_i \end{bmatrix}$$



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- there must be at least one Jordan minibloc, and the effect of this miniblock is to introduce some sort of shearing in some directions
- the eigenvectors of  $A$  do not span the entire  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , but only a part of it
- the sum of the geometric multiplicities of the various eigenspaces of  $A$  is smaller than  $n$ ; actually it is equal to the number of Jordan miniblocks
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- the modes of the associated system  $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = A\mathbf{x}$  are not only of the form  $e^{\lambda t}$ , but there must be some  $te^{\lambda t}$  or even higher powers of  $t$

## How do we find Jordan forms?

i.e., how can we go from  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 8 \\ 1 & -5 & 2 \\ -5 & 9 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  to  $J = TAT^{-1}$ ?

→ needs the concepts of generalized eigenvectors, but this is a bit too much for this course ... In any case just use numerical tools!

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## Additional results

derivation

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product of same exponentials

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preservation of commutativity

$$AB = BA \iff e^A e^B = e^B e^A$$

exponential of zero

$$e^{\mathbf{0}} = I$$

non-null determinant

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inversion

$$(e^{At})^{-1} = e^{-At}$$

decomposition

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## Example

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

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