

for  $\lambda$   
 algebraic multiplicity: the multiplicity of root  $\lambda$  in characteristic eq.  
 example:  $(\lambda-2)^3=0$  alg. multiplicity of  $\lambda=2$  is 3.  
 geometric multiplicity: the dimension of  $\text{Nul}(A-\lambda I)$

## HANDOUT 13

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- Diagonalizable, eigenvector basis, (algebraic/geometric) multiplicity, similar  
 Matrix  $A$  is diagonalizable if and only if  $A$  has  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors.  
**Exercise1:** What are the eigenvalues of  $A$  and their algebraic multiplicities if  $A$  is similar to the following diagonal matrix?

eigenvalues:  $\lambda=1, 3, 2$   
 multiplicity for  $\lambda=1$ : 2  
 multiplicity for  $\lambda=3$ : 1  
 multiplicity for  $\lambda=2$ : 1

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

- How to diagonalize matrix

**Exercise2:** Is the following matrix diagonalizable? If so, diagonalize it.

$$\det(A-\lambda I) = (2-\lambda)(3-\lambda)^2$$

characteristic eq.

$$(2-\lambda)(3-\lambda)^2 = 0$$

roots:  $\lambda=2, \lambda=3$

①  $\lambda=2$ .  $(A-2I)X=0$

solution set:  $\{X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} s : s \in \mathbb{R}\}$

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

②  $\lambda=3$   $(A-3I)X=0$

solution set

$$\{X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} s + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} t : s, t \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

3 eigenvectors:  $v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, v_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow$  by definition.  $A$  is diagonalizable.

Let  $P = (v_1 \ v_2 \ v_3)$ ,  $P^{-1}AP = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

**Exercise3:** Determine if the following matrices are diagonalizable. Determine also if they are similar.

(1)  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(2)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ -4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ .

1)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$   $\det(A-\lambda I) = (2-\lambda)^2$

characteristic eq.  $(2-\lambda)^2 = 0$

$\lambda=2$ .  $(A-2I)X=0$

sol. set  $\{X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} s : s \in \mathbb{R}\}$

$\Rightarrow$  eigenvector  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$   $\det(B-\lambda I) = (2-\lambda)^2$

characteristic eq.  $(2-\lambda)^2 = 0$

$\lambda=2$   $(B-2I)X=0$

sol. set  $\{X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} s : s \in \mathbb{R}\}$

$\Rightarrow$  eigenvector  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

the number of eigenvectors = 1 < 2

$\Rightarrow A$  not diagonalizable.

the number of eigenvectors = 1 < 2

$\Rightarrow B$  not diagonalizable.

However  $A$  and  $B$  are similar because the alg. and geo. multiplicity of  $\lambda=2$  for  $A$  equals that of  $\lambda=2$  for  $B$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow P B P^{-1} = A \quad \text{where } P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

matrix  $A$  is similar to  $B$  iff both the algebraic and geometric multiplicity of eigenvalues of  $A$  equals that of  $B$

example:  $A$

$\lambda$	alg.	geo.
3	2	1
2	1	1

$B$

$\lambda$	alg.	geo.
3	2	1
2	1	1

$$\Rightarrow A \sim B$$

in Exercise 3 (1)

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

$\lambda$	alg.	geo.
2	2	1

$B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

$\lambda$	alg.	geo.
2	2	1

$\Rightarrow A \sim B$ . although they are not diagonalizable.

(2)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$   $\det(A - \lambda I) = (1-\lambda)(4-\lambda) + 2 = \lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 6$

characteristic eq.  $\lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 6 = 0$

$(\lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 6) = (\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 3) \Rightarrow \lambda = 2 \text{ or } 3$

$\lambda = 2$ .  $(A - 2I)X = 0 \quad \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} X = 0$

sol. set  $\{X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} s : s \in \mathbb{R}\}$

$\lambda = 3$   $(A - 3I)X = 0 \quad \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} X = 0$

sol. set  $\{X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} t : t \in \mathbb{R}\}$

$\Rightarrow A$  diagonalizable

$A$

$\lambda$	alg.	geo.
2	1	1
3	1	1

$$A \sim B$$

$B = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ -4 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$   $\det(B - \lambda I) = (-1-\lambda)(6-\lambda) + 12 = \lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 6$

characteristic eq.  $\lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 6 = 0$

$\lambda = 2 \text{ or } 3$

$\lambda = 2$   $(B - 2I)X = 0 \quad \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 3 \\ -4 & 4 \end{pmatrix} X = 0$

sol. set  $\{X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} s : s \in \mathbb{R}\}$

$\lambda = 3$   $(B - 3I)X = 0 \quad \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 3 \\ -4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} X = 0$

sol. set  $\{X = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} t : t \in \mathbb{R}\}$

$\Rightarrow B$  diagonalizable.

$B$

$\lambda$	alg.	geo.
2	1	1
3	1	1

- Complex eigenvalue: The roots of characteristic equation can be complex.

**Exercise4:** Find the eigenvalues of the following matrix, ~~as well as the corresponding~~  
~~matrix~~

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = (1-\lambda)(5-\lambda) + 8 = \lambda^2 - 6\lambda + 13$$

characteristic eq:  $\lambda^2 - 6\lambda + 13 = 0$

$$\lambda^2 - 6\lambda + 9 + 4 = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 3)^2 + 4 = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 3)^2 = -4 \Rightarrow \lambda - 3 = \pm 2i$$

$$\lambda = 3 \pm 2i$$

(or  $\lambda = 3 + 2i, 3 - 2i$ )

- Eigenvalue and eigenvector of linear transformation.

**Exercise5:** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be the linear transformation such

that  $T(x) = Ax$ . Consider vector  $v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find  $T(v)$ . Is  $v$  an eigenvector of  $A$ ? If so,

what is the associated eigenvalue?

$$T(v) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 4 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 4v$$

$\Rightarrow v$  is an eigenvector of  $T$

the associated eigenvalue is 4

- Matrix of a linear transformation Given a linear transformation  $T: V \rightarrow V$  and vector space  $V$  with basis  $B = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n\}$ . For any  $x \in V$ , if  $x = r_1 b_1 + r_2 b_2 + \dots + r_n b_n$ , then

$$\text{rank}(T) = \text{rank of matrix } T_B$$

$$[x]_B = \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ \vdots \\ r_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad [T(x)]_B = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} [T(b_1)]_B & [T(b_2)]_B & \dots & [T(b_n)]_B \end{bmatrix}}_{T_B} [x]_B.$$

**Exercise6:** (Geometric interpretation of similar matrices) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be given by  $T(e_1) = e_1 - e_2, T(e_2) = e_1 + e_2$ .

- Find the matrix  $T_B$  of  $T$  under the basis  $B = \{e_1, e_2\}$ .
- Find the matrix  $T_C$  of  $T$  under the basis  $C = \{e_1, e_1 + e_2\}$ .
- Find the change of coordinate matrix from  $B$  to  $C$ , i.e., a matrix  $A$  such that the coordinate of a vector under basis  $B$  is the coordinate of the vector under basis  $C$ , left multiplied by the matrix  $A$ .
- Show that  $T_B = A T_C A^{-1}$ .

$$1) T_B = \begin{bmatrix} [T(e_1)]_B & [T(e_2)]_B \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \{e_1, e_2\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(e_1) = e_1 - e_2 &\Rightarrow [T(e_1)]_B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ T(e_2) = e_1 + e_2 &\Rightarrow [T(e_2)]_B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned} \Rightarrow T_B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(1) T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad [T(e_1)]_B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(2) T_C = \begin{bmatrix} [T(e_1)]_C & [T(e_1+e_2)]_C \end{bmatrix} \quad C = \{e_1, e_1+e_2\}$$

$$T(e_1) = e_1 - e_2 = 2e_1 - (e_1+e_2) \Rightarrow [T(e_1)]_C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T(e_1+e_2) = T(e_1) + T(e_2) = e_1 - e_2 + e_1 + e_2 = 2e_1 \Rightarrow [T(e_1+e_2)]_C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{in conclusion. } T_C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(3) A = P_{B \rightarrow C} = \begin{bmatrix} [e_1]_C & [e_2]_C \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[e_1]_C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad e_2 = -e_1 + (e_1+e_2) \quad [e_2]_C = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A = P_{B \rightarrow C} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(4) A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A T_B A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow T_C = A T_B A^{-1}$$

Exercise 7:  $Ab_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -16 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$   $Ab_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -7 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$   $Ab_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 15 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

- Linear transformation on  $\mathcal{RR}^n$  and matrix similarity

**Exercise 7:** Find the  $\mathcal{B}$ -matrix for the transformation  $x \rightarrow Ax$  when  $\mathcal{B} = \{b_1, b_2, b_3\}$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -14 & 4 & -14 \\ -33 & 9 & -31 \\ 11 & -4 & 11 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

solve  $(b_1 \ b_2 \ b_3)X = Ab_1$   $X = \begin{pmatrix} 20 \\ -12 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}$   $[Ab_1]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} 20 \\ -12 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow T_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} 20 & 9 & 6 \\ -12 & -5 & -9 \\ -6 & -3 & -9 \end{pmatrix}$

solve  $(b_1 \ b_2 \ b_3)X = Ab_2$   $X = \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ -5 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$   $[Ab_2]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ -5 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$

solve  $(b_1 \ b_2 \ b_3)X = Ab_3$   $X = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -9 \\ -9 \end{pmatrix}$   $[Ab_3]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -9 \\ -9 \end{pmatrix}$

simple method:  
calculate  $P^{-1}AP$   
where  $P = (b_1 \ b_2 \ b_3)$

- Some problems about eigenvalues

**Exercise 8:** Let  $T: V \rightarrow V$  be a linear transformation with  $\dim V = n$ .

- Show that if  $T$  is not onto, then it has an eigenvector.
- Show that  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  is an eigenvalue for  $T$  if and only if  $\text{rank}(T - \lambda I) < n$ .

1) pf: Let  $\mathcal{B} = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n\}$  denote a basis of  $V$ .

$\forall v \in V$ ,  $x$  has  $\mathcal{B}$ -coordinate  $[v]_{\mathcal{B}}$ .

$T: V \rightarrow V$  has  $\mathcal{B}$  matrix,  $T_{\mathcal{B}}$  i.e.

$$[T(v)]_{\mathcal{B}} = T_{\mathcal{B}} [v]_{\mathcal{B}} \quad \text{here } T_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} [T(b_1)]_{\mathcal{B}} & [T(b_2)]_{\mathcal{B}} & \dots & [T(b_n)]_{\mathcal{B}} \end{bmatrix}$$

since  $T$  is not onto, there exists  $y \in V$  such that for any  $v \in V$ ,  $T(v) \neq y$   
it implies there exists  $b = [y]_{\mathcal{B}} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  s.t.  $T_{\mathcal{B}} x = b$  has no sol.

$$\Rightarrow \dim(\text{Col}(T_{\mathcal{B}})) < n$$

$$\text{since } \dim(\text{Col}(T_{\mathcal{B}})) + \dim(\text{Nul}(T_{\mathcal{B}})) = n$$

$$\text{so } \dim(\text{Nul}(T_{\mathcal{B}})) \geq 1 \quad \text{There exists } x_0 \text{ s.t. } T_{\mathcal{B}} x_0 = 0$$

$$\text{let } v = (b_1 \ b_2 \ \dots \ b_n) x_0 \quad [T(v)]_{\mathcal{B}} = T_{\mathcal{B}} x_0 = 0 \Rightarrow T(v) = 0$$

$$T(v) = 0 \cdot v \Rightarrow v \text{ is an eigenvector.}$$

(2)  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $T$

$\Rightarrow$  there exists  $v \neq 0$  such that  $T(v) = \lambda v$

$$\text{so } 0 = T(v) - \lambda v = (T - \lambda I)(v)$$

linear transformation  $T - \lambda I$  as  $S$

denote the linear transformation  $T: V \rightarrow V$ .

we have  $S(v) = 0$

Let  $\mathcal{B} = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n\}$  denote a basis of  $V$ .

then we have  $\mathcal{B}$ -matrix for  $S$ , say  $S_{\mathcal{B}}$ .

$S(v) = 0$  means:  $S_{\mathcal{B}} [v]_{\mathcal{B}} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \dim(\text{Nul}(S_{\mathcal{B}})) > 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then, } \text{rank } S &= \text{rank } S_{\mathcal{B}} = \dim \text{Col}(S_{\mathcal{B}}) \\ &= n - \dim \text{Nul}(S_{\mathcal{B}}) < n. \end{aligned}$$