

CHAPTER 7

EIGENVALUES AND EIGENVECTORS

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7.1 Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

- Eigenvalue problem:

If A is an $n \times n$ matrix, do there exist nonzero vectors \mathbf{x} in R^n such that $A\mathbf{x}$ is a scalar multiple of \mathbf{x} ?

- Eigenvalue and eigenvector:

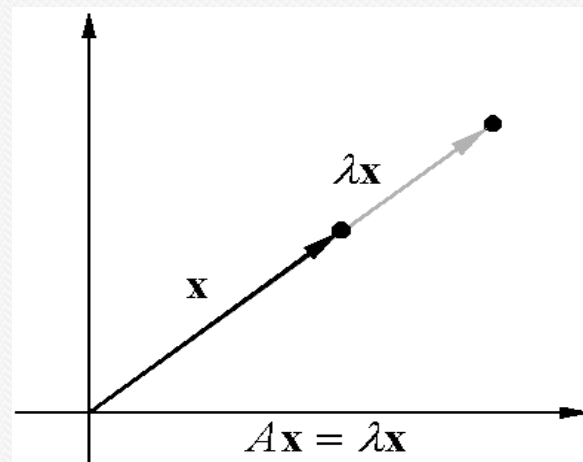
A : an $n \times n$ matrix

λ : a scalar

\mathbf{x} : a nonzero vector in R^n

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Eigenvalue} \\ \downarrow \\ A\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x} \\ \uparrow \quad \uparrow \\ \text{Eigenvector} \end{array}$$

- Geometrical Interpretation



■ Ex 1: (Verifying eigenvalues and eigenvectors)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Ax_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 2x_1$$

Eigenvalue
↓
Eigenvalue
↑
Eigenvector

$$Ax_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = -1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = (-1)x_2$$

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■ **Thm 7.1: (The eigenspace of A corresponding to λ)**

If A is an $n \times n$ matrix with an eigenvalue λ , then the set of all eigenvectors of λ together with the zero vector is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n . This subspace is called **the eigenspace of λ** .

Pf:

x_1 and x_2 are eigenvectors corresponding to λ

(i.e. $Ax_1 = \lambda x_1$, $Ax_2 = \lambda x_2$)

$$(1) A(x_1 + x_2) = Ax_1 + Ax_2 = \lambda x_1 + \lambda x_2 = \lambda(x_1 + x_2)$$

(i.e. $x_1 + x_2$ is an eigenvector corresponding to λ)

$$(2) A(cx_1) = c(Ax_1) = c(\lambda x_1) = \lambda(cx_1)$$

(i.e. cx_1 is an eigenvector corresponding to λ)

- Ex 3: (An example of eigenspaces in the plane)

Find the eigenvalues and corresponding eigenspaces of

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

Sol:

If $\mathbf{v} = (x, y)$

$$A\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

For a vector on the x -axis

Eigenvalue $\lambda_1 = -1$

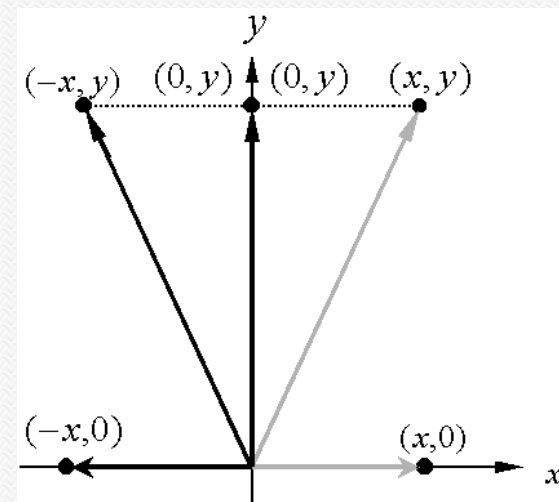
$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -x \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = -1 \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

For a vector on the y -axis

Eigenvalue $\lambda_2 = 1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ y \end{bmatrix} \neq 1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

Geometrically, multiplying a vector (x, y) in R^2 by the matrix A corresponds to a reflection in the y -axis.



The eigenspace corresponding to $\lambda_1 = -1$ is the x -axis.

The eigenspace corresponding to $\lambda_2 = 1$ is the y -axis.

- **Thm 7.2: (Finding eigenvalues and eigenvectors of a matrix $A \in M_{n \times n}$)**

Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix.

(1) The eigenvectors of A corresponding to λ are the nonzero solutions of $(\lambda I - A)x = 0$.

(2) An eigenvalue of A is a scalar λ such that $\det(\lambda I - A) = 0$.

- **Note:**

$$Ax = \lambda x \Rightarrow (\lambda I - A)x = 0 \quad (\text{homogeneous system})$$

If $(\lambda I - A)x = 0$ has nonzero solutions iff $\det(\lambda I - A) = 0$.

- **Characteristic polynomial of $A \in M_{n \times n}$:**

$$\det(\lambda I - A) = |(\lambda I - A)| = \lambda^n + c_{n-1}\lambda^{n-1} + \cdots + c_1\lambda + c_0$$

- **Characteristic equation of A :**

$$\det(\lambda I - A) = 0$$

■ Ex 4: (Finding eigenvalues and eigenvectors)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -12 \\ 1 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Sol: Characteristic equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \det(\lambda I - A) &= \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 2 & 12 \\ -1 & \lambda + 5 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 2 = (\lambda + 1)(\lambda + 2) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = -1, -2$$

Eigenvalues : $\lambda_1 = -1, \lambda_2 = -2$

$$(1) \lambda_1 = -1 \Rightarrow (\lambda_1 I - A)x = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 12 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\because \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 12 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4t \\ t \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad t \neq 0$$

$$(2) \lambda_2 = -2 \Rightarrow (\lambda_2 I - A)x = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 12 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\because \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 12 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3t \\ t \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad t \neq 0$$

Check : $Ax = \lambda_i x$

- **Ex 5: (Finding eigenvalues and eigenvectors)**

Find the eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors for the matrix A . What is the dimension of the eigenspace of each eigenvalue?

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

Sol: Characteristic equation:

$$|\lambda I - A| = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda - 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda - 2 \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda - 2)^3 = 0$$

Eigenvalue: $\lambda = 2$

The eigenspace of A corresponding to $\lambda = 2$:

$$(\lambda I - A)x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\because \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s \\ 0 \\ t \end{bmatrix} = s \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad s, t \neq 0$$

$$\left\{ s \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \mid s, t \in R \right\} : \text{the eigenspace of } A \text{ corresponding to } \lambda = 2$$

Thus, the dimension of its eigenspace is 2.

■ Notes:

- (1) If an eigenvalue λ_1 occurs as a multiple root (*k times*) for the characteristic polynomial, then λ_1 has multiplicity k .
- (2) The multiplicity of an eigenvalue is greater than or equal to the dimension of its eigenspace.

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- **Ex 6** : Find the eigenvalues of the matrix A and find a basis for each of the corresponding eigenspaces.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & -10 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Sol: Characteristic equation:

$$\begin{aligned} |\lambda I - A| &= \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda - 1 & -5 & 10 \\ -1 & 0 & \lambda - 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & \lambda - 3 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (\lambda - 1)^2 (\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 3) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Eigenvalues : $\lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 2, \lambda_3 = 3$

$$(1)\lambda_1 = 1 \Rightarrow (\lambda_1 I - A)x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -5 & 10 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -5 & 10 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2t \\ s \\ 2t \\ t \end{bmatrix} = s \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad s, t \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ is a basis for the eigenspace of } A \text{ corresponding to } \lambda = 1$$

$$(2)\lambda_2 = 2 \Rightarrow (\lambda_2 I - A)x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 & 10 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 & 10 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 5t \\ t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad t \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ is a basis for the eigenspace of } A \text{ corresponding to } \lambda = 2$$

$$(3)\lambda_3 = 3 \Rightarrow (\lambda_3 I - A)x = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -5 & 10 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -5 & 10 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -5t \\ 0 \\ t \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -5 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad t \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -5 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ is a basis for the eigenspace of } A \text{ corresponding to } \lambda = 3$$

- **Thm 7.3: (Eigenvalues of triangular matrices)**

If A is an $n \times n$ triangular matrix, then its eigenvalues are the entries on its main diagonal.

- **Ex 7: (Finding eigenvalues for diagonal and triangular matrices)**

$$(a) A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (b) A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Sol:

$$(a) \quad |\lambda I - A| = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & \lambda - 1 & 0 \\ -5 & -3 & \lambda + 3 \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 1)(\lambda + 3)$$
$$\lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = 1, \lambda_3 = -3$$

$$(b) \quad \lambda_1 = -1, \lambda_2 = 2, \lambda_3 = 0, \lambda_4 = -4, \lambda_5 = 3$$

- Eigenvalues and eigenvectors of linear transformations:

A number λ is called an eigenvalue of a linear transformation $T : V \rightarrow V$ if there is a nonzero vector \mathbf{x} such that $T(\mathbf{x}) = \lambda\mathbf{x}$.

The vector \mathbf{x} is called an eigenvector of T corresponding to λ , and the set of all eigenvectors of λ (with the zero vector) is called the eigenspace of λ .

- Ex 8: (Finding eigenvalues and eigenspaces)

Find the eigenvalues and corresponding eigenspaces

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

Sol:

$$|\lambda I - A| = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 1 & -3 & 0 \\ -3 & \lambda - 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda + 2 \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda + 2)^2 (\lambda - 4)$$

eigenvalues : $\lambda_1 = 4, \lambda_2 = -2$

The eigenspaces for these two eigenvalues are as follows.

$$B_1 = \{(1, 1, 0)\}$$

Basis for $\lambda_1 = 4$

$$B_2 = \{(1, -1, 0), (0, 0, 1)\}$$

Basis for $\lambda_2 = -2$

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

■ **Notes:**

(1) Let $T: R^3 \rightarrow R^3$ be the linear transformation whose standard matrix is A in Ex. 8, and let B' be the basis of R^3 made up of three linear independent eigenvectors found in Ex. 8. Then A' , the matrix of T relative to the basis B' , is diagonal.

$$B' = \{(1, 1, 0), (1, -1, 0), (0, 0, 1)\}$$


Eigenvectors of A

$$A' = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

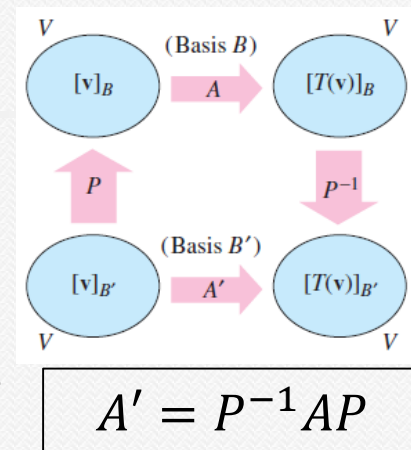
Eigenvalues of A

(2) The main diagonal entries of the matrix A' are the eigenvalues of A .

7.2 Diagonalization

- **Diagonalization problem:**

For a square matrix A , does there exist an invertible matrix P such that $P^{-1}AP$ is diagonal?



- **Diagonalizable matrix:**

A square matrix A is called **diagonalizable** if there exists an invertible matrix P such that $P^{-1}AP$ is **a diagonal matrix**.

(P diagonalizes A)

- **Notes:**

- (1) If there exists an invertible matrix P such that $B = P^{-1}AP$, then two square matrices A and B are called **similar**.
- (2) The eigenvalue problem is related closely to the diagonalization problem.

- Thm 7.4: (Similar matrices have the same eigenvalues)

If A and B are similar $n \times n$ matrices, then they have the same eigenvalues.

Pf:

A and B are similar $\Rightarrow B = P^{-1}AP$

$$\begin{aligned} |\lambda I - B| &= |\lambda I - P^{-1}AP| = |P^{-1}\lambda IP - P^{-1}AP| = |P^{-1}(\lambda I - A)P| \\ &= |P^{-1}||\lambda I - A||P| = |P^{-1}||P||\lambda I - A| = |P^{-1}P||\lambda I - A| \\ &= |\lambda I - A| \end{aligned}$$

A and B have the same characteristic polynomial.

Thus A and B have the same eigenvalues.

■ Ex 1: (A diagonalizable matrix)

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

Sol: Characteristic equation:

$$|\lambda I - A| = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 1 & -3 & 0 \\ -3 & \lambda - 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda + 2 \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda - 4)(\lambda + 2)^2 = 0$$

Eigenvalues : $\lambda_1 = 4, \lambda_2 = -2, \lambda_3 = -2$

$$(1) \lambda = 4 \Rightarrow \text{Eigenvector : } p_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(2) \lambda = -2 \Rightarrow \text{Eigenvector: } p_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, p_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P = [p_1 \quad p_2 \quad p_3] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow P^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

■ **Notes:**

$$(1) P = [p_2 \quad p_1 \quad p_3] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow P^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(2) P = [p_2 \quad p_3 \quad p_1] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow P^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

- **Thm 7.5: (Condition for diagonalization)**

An $n \times n$ matrix A is diagonalizable if and only if it has n linearly independent eigenvectors.

Pf:

(\Rightarrow) A is diagonalizable

there exists an invertible P s.t. $D = P^{-1}AP$ is diagonal

Let $P = [\mathbf{p}_1 \mid \mathbf{p}_2 \mid \cdots \mid \mathbf{p}_n]$ and $D = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)$

$$\begin{aligned} PD &= [\mathbf{p}_1 \mid \mathbf{p}_2 \mid \cdots \mid \mathbf{p}_n] \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \\ &= [\lambda_1 \mathbf{p}_1 \mid \lambda_2 \mathbf{p}_2 \mid \cdots \mid \lambda_n \mathbf{p}_n] \end{aligned}$$

$$AP = A[\mathbf{p}_1 \mid \mathbf{p}_2 \mid \cdots \mid \mathbf{p}_n] = [A\mathbf{p}_1 \mid A\mathbf{p}_2 \mid \cdots \mid A\mathbf{p}_n]$$

$$\because AP = PD$$

$$\therefore A\mathbf{p}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{p}_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

(i.e. the column vector \mathbf{p}_i of P are eigenvectors of A)

$\because P$ is invertible $\Rightarrow \mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \dots, \mathbf{p}_n$ are linearly independent.

$\therefore A$ has n linearly independent eigenvectors.

(\Leftarrow) A has n linearly independent eigenvectors p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n

with corresponding eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$

i.e. $A\mathbf{p}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{p}_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

Let $P = [\mathbf{p}_1 \mid \mathbf{p}_2 \mid \cdots \mid \mathbf{p}_n]$

$$\begin{aligned}
 AP &= A[\mathbf{p}_1 \mid \mathbf{p}_2 \mid \cdots \mid \mathbf{p}_n] \\
 &= [A\mathbf{p}_1 \mid A\mathbf{p}_2 \mid \cdots \mid A\mathbf{p}_n] \\
 &= [\lambda_1\mathbf{p}_1 \mid \lambda_2\mathbf{p}_2 \mid \cdots \mid \lambda_n\mathbf{p}_n] \\
 &= [\mathbf{p}_1 \mid \mathbf{p}_2 \mid \cdots \mid \mathbf{p}_n] \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} = PD
 \end{aligned}$$

$\because \mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_1, \cdots, \mathbf{p}_n$ are linearly independent $\Rightarrow P$ is invertible

$$\therefore P^{-1}AP = D$$

$\Rightarrow A$ is diagonalizable

Note: If n linearly independent vectors do not exist,
then an $n \times n$ matrix A is not diagonalizable.

- Ex 4: (A matrix that is not diagonalizable)

Show that the following matrix is not diagonalizable.

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

Sol: Characteristic equation:

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

Eigenvalue: $\lambda_1 = 1$

$$\lambda I - A = I - A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{Eigenvector: } p_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

A does not have two ($n=2$) linearly independent eigenvectors,
so A is not diagonalizable.

- Steps for diagonalizing an $n \times n$ square matrix:

Step 1: Find n linearly independent eigenvectors $\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \dots, \mathbf{p}_n$
for A with corresponding eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$

Step 2: Let $P = [\mathbf{p}_1 \mid \mathbf{p}_2 \mid \dots \mid \mathbf{p}_n]$

Step 3:

$$P^{-1}AP = D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } A\mathbf{p}_i = \lambda_i\mathbf{p}_i, \ i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Note:

The order of the eigenvalues used to form P will determine the order in which the eigenvalues appear on the main diagonal of D .

■ Ex 5: (Diagonalizing a matrix)

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

Find a matrix P such that $P^{-1}AP$ is diagonal.

Sol: Characteristic equation:

$$|\lambda I - A| = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & \lambda - 3 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & \lambda + 1 \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda - 2)(\lambda + 2)(\lambda - 3) = 0$$

Eigenvalues : $\lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = -2, \lambda_3 = 3$

$$\lambda_1 = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 I - A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -t \\ 0 \\ t \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{Eigenvector: } p_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2 = -2$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_2 I - A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -5 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{4} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4}t \\ -\frac{1}{4}t \\ t \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{4}t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{Eigenvector: } p_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_3 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_3 I - A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -t \\ t \\ t \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{Eigenvector: } p_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Let } P = [p_1 \quad p_2 \quad p_3] = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow P^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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- **Notes:** k is a positive integer

$$(1) D = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & d_n \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow D^k = \begin{bmatrix} d_1^k & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & d_2^k & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & d_n^k \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(2) D = P^{-1}AP$$

$$\Rightarrow D^k = (P^{-1}AP)^k$$

$$= (P^{-1}AP)(P^{-1}AP)\cdots(P^{-1}AP)$$

$$= P^{-1}A(P P^{-1})A(P P^{-1})\cdots(P P^{-1})AP$$

$$= P^{-1}AA\cdots AP$$

$$= P^{-1}A^k P$$

$$\therefore A^k = P D^k P^{-1}$$

- Thm 7.6: (Sufficient conditions for diagonalization)

If an $n \times n$ matrix A has n distinct eigenvalues, then the corresponding eigenvectors are linearly independent and A is diagonalizable.

- Proof

Let $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ be n distinct eigenvalues of A with corresponding eigenvectors $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n$. To begin, assume the set of eigenvectors is linearly dependent. Moreover, consider the eigenvectors to be ordered so that the first m eigenvectors are linearly independent, but the first $m + 1$ are linearly dependent, where $m < n$. Then \mathbf{x}_{m+1} can be written as a linear combination of the first m eigenvectors:

$$\mathbf{x}_{m+1} = c_1\mathbf{x}_1 + c_2\mathbf{x}_2 + \dots + c_m\mathbf{x}_m \quad \text{Equation 1}$$

where the c_i 's are not all zero. Multiplication of both sides of Equation 1 by A yields

$$A\mathbf{x}_{m+1} = Ac_1\mathbf{x}_1 + Ac_2\mathbf{x}_2 + \dots + Ac_m\mathbf{x}_m.$$

■ **Proof**

$$\mathbf{x}_{m+1} = c_1\mathbf{x}_1 + c_2\mathbf{x}_2 + \cdots + c_m\mathbf{x}_m$$

Equation 1

$$A\mathbf{x}_{m+1} = Ac_1\mathbf{x}_1 + Ac_2\mathbf{x}_2 + \cdots + Ac_m\mathbf{x}_m.$$

Now $A\mathbf{x}_i = \lambda_i\mathbf{x}_i$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, m+1$, so you have

$$\lambda_{m+1}\mathbf{x}_{m+1} = c_1\lambda_1\mathbf{x}_1 + c_2\lambda_2\mathbf{x}_2 + \cdots + c_m\lambda_m\mathbf{x}_m.$$

Equation 2

Multiplication of Equation 1 by λ_{m+1} yields

$$\lambda_{m+1}\mathbf{x}_{m+1} = c_1\lambda_{m+1}\mathbf{x}_1 + c_2\lambda_{m+1}\mathbf{x}_2 + \cdots + c_m\lambda_{m+1}\mathbf{x}_m.$$

Equation 3


$$c_1(\lambda_{m+1} - \lambda_1)\mathbf{x}_1 + c_2(\lambda_{m+1} - \lambda_2)\mathbf{x}_2 + \cdots + c_m(\lambda_{m+1} - \lambda_m)\mathbf{x}_m = \mathbf{0}$$

Eq3-Eq2

$$c_1(\lambda_{m+1} - \lambda_1) = c_2(\lambda_{m+1} - \lambda_2) = \cdots = c_m(\lambda_{m+1} - \lambda_m) = 0.$$

All the eigenvalues are distinct, so it follows that $c_i = 0$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$.

- Proof

All the eigenvalues are distinct, so it follows that $c_i = 0$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$. But this result contradicts our assumption that \mathbf{x}_{m+1} can be written as a linear combination of the first m eigenvectors. So, the set of eigenvectors is linearly independent, and from Theorem 7.5, you can conclude that A is diagonalizable. 

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- Ex 7: (Determining whether a matrix is diagonalizable)

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

Sol: Because A is a triangular matrix,
its eigenvalues are the main diagonal entries.

$$\lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 0, \lambda_3 = -3$$

These three values are distinct, so A is diagonalizable. (Thm.7.6)

- **Ex 8: (Finding a diagonalizing matrix for a linear transformation)**

Let $T: R^3 \rightarrow R^3$ be the linear transformation given by

$$T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 - x_2 - x_3, x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3, -3x_1 + x_2 - x_3)$$

Find a basis B for R^3 such that the matrix for T relative to B is diagonal.

Sol: The standard matrix for T is given by

$$A = [T(e_1) \quad T(e_2) \quad T(e_3)] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ -3 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

From Ex. 5, there are three distinct eigenvalues

$$\lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = -2, \lambda_3 = 3$$

so A is diagonalizable. (Thm. 7.6)

Thus, the three linearly independent eigenvectors found in Ex. 5

$$p_1 = (-1, 0, 1), p_2 = (1, -1, 4), p_3 = (-1, 1, 1)$$

can be used to form the basis B . That is

$$B = \{p_1, p_2, p_3\} = \{(-1, 0, 1), (1, -1, 4), (-1, 1, 1)\}$$

The matrix for T relative to this basis is

$$\begin{aligned} D &= \begin{bmatrix} [T(p_1)]_B & [T(p_2)]_B & [T(p_3)]_B \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} [Ap_1]_B & [Ap_2]_B & [Ap_3]_B \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} [\lambda_1 p_1]_B & [\lambda_2 p_2]_B & [\lambda_3 p_3]_B \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

7.3 Symmetric Matrices and Orthogonal Diagonalization

- **Symmetric matrix:**

A square matrix A is **symmetric** if it is equal to its transpose:

$$A = A^T$$

- **Ex 1: (Symmetric matrices and nonsymmetric matrices)**

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{symmetric})$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{symmetric})$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -4 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{nonsymmetric})$$

- Thm 7.7: (Eigenvalues of symmetric matrices)

If A is an $n \times n$ symmetric matrix, then the following properties are true.

(1) A is diagonalizable.

(2) All eigenvalues of A are real.

(3) If λ is an eigenvalue of A with multiplicity k , then λ has k linearly independent eigenvectors. That is, the eigenspace of λ has dimension k .

■ Ex 2:

Prove that a symmetric matrix is diagonalizable.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ c & b \end{bmatrix}$$

Pf: Characteristic equation:

$$|\lambda I - A| = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - a & -c \\ -c & \lambda - b \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 - (a + b)\lambda + ab - c^2 = 0$$

As a quadratic in λ , this polynomial has a discriminant of

$$\begin{aligned} (a + b)^2 - 4(ab - c^2) &= a^2 + 2ab + b^2 - 4ab + 4c^2 \\ &= a^2 - 2ab + b^2 + 4c^2 \\ &= \underline{(a - b)^2 + 4c^2} \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$(1) (a-b)^2 + 4c^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a = b, c = 0$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{bmatrix} \text{ is a matrix of diagonal.}$$

$$(2) (a-b)^2 + 4c^2 > 0$$

The characteristic polynomial of A has two distinct real roots, which implies that A has two distinct real eigenvalues. Thus, A is diagonalizable.

- **Orthogonal matrix:**

A square matrix P is called **orthogonal** if it is invertible and

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

- **Ex 4: (Orthogonal matrices)**

(a) $P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is orthogonal because $P^{-1} = P^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

(b) $P = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{5} & 0 & \frac{-4}{5} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{4}{5} & 0 & \frac{3}{5} \end{bmatrix}$ is orthogonal because $P^{-1} = P^T = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{5} & 0 & \frac{4}{5} \\ \frac{5}{5} & 1 & \frac{0}{5} \\ \frac{-4}{5} & 0 & \frac{3}{5} \end{bmatrix}$.

- Thm 7.8: (Properties of orthogonal matrices)

An $n \times n$ matrix P is orthogonal if and only if its column vectors form an orthogonal set.

■ Ex 5: (An orthogonal matrix)

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{-2}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & 0 \\ \frac{-2}{3\sqrt{5}} & \frac{-4}{3\sqrt{5}} & \frac{5}{3\sqrt{5}} \end{bmatrix}$$

Sol: If P is a orthogonal matrix, then $P^{-1} = P^T \Rightarrow PP^T = I$

$$PP^T = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{-2}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & 0 \\ \frac{-2}{3\sqrt{5}} & \frac{-4}{3\sqrt{5}} & \frac{5}{3\sqrt{5}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{-2}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{-2}{3\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{-4}{3\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{3} & 0 & \frac{5}{3\sqrt{5}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I$$

$$\text{Let } \mathbf{p}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{-2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{-2}{3\sqrt{5}} \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{p}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{-4}{3\sqrt{5}} \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{p}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 \\ \frac{5}{3\sqrt{5}} \end{bmatrix}$$

produces

$$\mathbf{p}_1 \cdot \mathbf{p}_2 = \mathbf{p}_1 \cdot \mathbf{p}_3 = \mathbf{p}_2 \cdot \mathbf{p}_3 = 0$$

$$\|\mathbf{p}_1\| = \|\mathbf{p}_2\| = \|\mathbf{p}_3\| = 1$$

$\{\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{p}_3\}$ is an orthonormal set.

- Thm 7.9: (Properties of symmetric matrices)

Let A be an $n \times n$ symmetric matrix. If λ_1 and λ_2 are distinct eigenvalues of A , then their corresponding eigenvectors x_1 and x_2 are orthogonal.

- **Ex 6: (Eigenvectors of a symmetric matrix)**

Show that any two eigenvectors of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

corresponding to distinct eigenvalues are orthogonal.

- **Sol:** Characteristic function

$$|\lambda I - A| = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 3 & -1 \\ -1 & \lambda - 3 \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 - 6\lambda + 8 = (\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 4) = 0$$

\Rightarrow Eigenvalues: $\lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = 4$

$$(1) \lambda_1 = 2 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 I - A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}_1 = s \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, s \neq 0$$

$$(2) \lambda_2 = 4 \Rightarrow \lambda_2 I - A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}_2 = t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, t \neq 0$$

$$\mathbf{x}_1 \cdot \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -s \\ s \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} t \\ t \end{bmatrix} = st - st = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}_1 \text{ and } \mathbf{x}_2 \text{ are orthogonal.}$$

- **Thm 7.10: (Fundamental theorem of symmetric matrices)**

Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix. Then A is orthogonally diagonalizable and has real eigenvalue if and only if A is symmetric.

- **Orthogonal diagonalization of a symmetric matrix:**

Let A be an $n \times n$ symmetric matrix.

- (1) Find all eigenvalues of A and determine the multiplicity of each.
- (2) For each eigenvalue of multiplicity 1, choose a unit eigenvector.
- (3) For each eigenvalue of multiplicity $k \geq 2$, find a set of k linearly independent eigenvectors. If this set is not orthonormal, apply Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization process.
- (4) The composite of steps 2 and 3 produces an orthonormal set of n eigenvectors. Use these eigenvectors to form the columns of P . The matrix $P^{-1}AP = P^T AP = D$ will be diagonal.

■ Ex 7: (Determining whether a matrix is orthogonally diagonalizable)

| | Symmetric matrix | Orthogonally diagonalizable |
|--|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| $A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ | ○ | ○ |
| $A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 8 \\ -1 & 8 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ | × | × |
| $A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ | × | × |
| $A_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ | ○ | ○ |

■ Ex 9: (Orthogonal diagonalization)

Find an orthogonal matrix P that diagonalizes A .

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

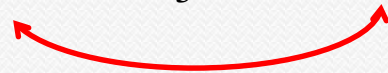
Sol:

$$(1) \quad |\lambda I - A| = (\lambda - 3)^2 (\lambda + 6) = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 = -6, \lambda_2 = 3 \text{ (has a multiplicity of 2)}$$

$$(2) \quad \lambda_1 = -6, \quad v_1 = (1, -2, 2) \Rightarrow u_1 = \frac{v_1}{\|v_1\|} = \left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{-2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\right)$$

$$(3) \quad \lambda_2 = 3, \quad v_2 = (2, 1, 0), \quad v_3 = (-2, 0, 1)$$



Linear Independent

Gram-Schmidt Process:

$$w_2 = v_2 = (2, 1, 0), \quad w_3 = v_3 - \frac{v_3 \cdot w_2}{w_2 \cdot w_2} w_2 = \left(\frac{-2}{5}, \frac{4}{5}, 1\right)$$

$$u_2 = \frac{w_2}{\|w_2\|} = \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, 0\right), \quad u_3 = \frac{w_3}{\|w_3\|} = \left(\frac{-2}{3\sqrt{5}}, \frac{4}{3\sqrt{5}}, \frac{5}{3\sqrt{5}}\right)$$

$$(4) P = [p_1 \ p_2 \ p_3] = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{-2}{3\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{-2}{3} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{4}{3\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{2}{3} & 0 & \frac{5}{3\sqrt{5}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow P^{-1}AP = P^TAP = \begin{bmatrix} -6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Key Learning in Section 7.3

- Recognize, and apply properties of, symmetric matrices.
- Recognize, and apply properties of, orthogonal matrices.
- Find an orthogonal matrix P that orthogonally diagonalizes a symmetric matrix A .

Keywords in Section 7.3

- symmetric matrix: 對稱矩陣
- orthogonal matrix: 正交矩陣
- orthonormal set: 單範正交集
- orthogonal diagonalization: 正交對角化