

Defⁿ (Similar matrices)

If A and B are square matrices, then we say that B is similar to A if there is an invertible matrix P such that $B = P^{-1}AP$; where P is invertible matrix.

∴ we write $B \sim A$.

NB: If B is similar to A , then A is also similar to B .

* Since diagonal matrix has simple form, our target is to investigate whether any matrix A is similar to a diagonal matrix.

Defⁿ (Diagonalizable)

A square matrix A is called diagonalizable if it is similar to some diagonal matrix. i.e. \exists an invertible matrix P such that $P^{-1}AP$ is diagonal. In this case, P is said to diagonalize A .

* Why do we want to find a diagonal matrix which is similar to any matrix A ?

\Rightarrow Because the matrix A & its similar diagonal matrix have same determinant, rank, nullity, trace, characteristic eqn, eigenvalues etc. for diagonal matrix, these are easy to find.

For eg, if $B \sim A$, i.e. $B = P^{-1}AP$,

$$\text{then, } |B| = |P^{-1}AP| = |P^{-1}| |A| |P| = \frac{1}{|P|} \cdot |A| \cdot |P| = |A|$$

Example (finding a matrix P that diagonalizes a matrix A).

[P is the matrix formed by taking the eigenvectors of A as columns]

Q. Find a matrix P that diagonalizes

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

Also, verify.

Sol. characteristic eqn

$$\lambda^3 - \text{tr}(A)\lambda^2 + (A_{11} + A_{22} + A_{33})\lambda - |A| = 0$$

$$\text{Here, } \text{tr}(A) = 0 + 2 + 3 = 5$$

$$A_{11} + A_{22} + A_{33}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (6 - 0) + (0 + 2) + (0 - 0)$$

$$= 8$$

$$|A| = 0 - 0 - 2(0 - 2) = 4$$

\therefore Charac. eqⁿ of $A \Rightarrow$

$$\lambda^3 - 5\lambda^2 + 8\lambda - 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^3 - \lambda^2 - 4\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 4\lambda - 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2(\lambda - 1) - 4\lambda(\lambda - 1) + 4(\lambda - 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda - 1)(\lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 2)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore \lambda = 1, 2, 2.$$

Now, we find the eigenvectors.

for $\lambda = 1$: $(A - \lambda I)\underline{x} = \underline{0}$

$$\Rightarrow (A - I)\underline{x} = \underline{0}$$

using calculator, we get -
 $\lambda = 1, 2$
 repeated eigenvalue!
 so, use factor method

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\sim \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right) ; R_1' = 2R_1 \times (-1)$$

$$\sim \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) ; \begin{array}{l} R_2' = R_2 - R_1 \\ R_3' = R_3 - R_1 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore \begin{array}{l} x_1 + 2x_3 = 0 \\ x_2 - x_3 = 0 \end{array}$$

2 eqⁿ in 3 variables $\therefore (3-2)=1$ free variable

$$\text{Let, } x_3 = t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\therefore x_2 = t$$

$$x_1 = -2t$$

$$\therefore \underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2t \\ t \\ t \end{pmatrix} = t \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\therefore \underline{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is the eigenvector corresponding to $\lambda = 1$.

for $\lambda = 2$:

$$(A - \lambda I) \underline{u} = \underline{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow (A - 2I) \underline{u} = \underline{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} -2 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\sim \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) ; r'_1 = r_1 \times \begin{pmatrix} -1/2 \\ 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sim \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) ; \begin{aligned} r'_2 &= r_2 - r_1 \\ r'_3 &= r_3 - r_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$u_1 + 0 \cdot u_2 + u_3 = 0.$$

$u_1 + u_3 = 0 \Rightarrow$
 $1 \text{ eqn in } 3 \text{ variable} \therefore (3-1) = 2 \text{ free variables.}$
 let, $u_2 = t, u_3 = s$
 $\therefore u_1 = -u_3 = -s$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore \underline{u} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda \\ \lambda \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda \\ 0 \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \lambda \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \lambda \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \underline{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ \& } \underline{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ are the}$$

eigenvectors corresponding to $\lambda = 2$.
 So, the matrix P will have these eigenvectors
 as its column. i.e.

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

So, P diagonalizes A . i.e. $P^{-1}AP$ will be
 a diagonal matrix.

verify.

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

→ use calculator to find P^T .

$$P^T A P = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

Note.

There is no rule to place the columns in P .
for eg. if we set,

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

$$\text{then } P^T A P = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{If } P = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\text{then } P^T A P = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Example. (A matrix that is NOT diagonalizable)

Show that $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ -3 & 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ is not diagonalizable.

Solⁿ $\det(A) = 1 + 2 + 2 = 5$

$$A_{11} + A_{22} + A_{33} = 1 + 2 + 2 = 5$$

$$|A| = 4$$

$$\lambda^3 - \det(A)\lambda^2 + (A_{11} + A_{22} + A_{33})\lambda - |A| = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^3 - 5\lambda^2 + 8\lambda - 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 2)^2 = 0$$

$$\lambda = 1, 2, 2.$$

for $\lambda = 1$: $(A - \lambda I)x = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 5 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\sim \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -5/3 & -1/3 & 0 \end{array} \right); \begin{matrix} r_1 \leftrightarrow r_2 \\ r_3' = r_3 \times (-1/3) \end{matrix}$$

$$\sim \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -\frac{5}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right); r_2 \leftrightarrow r_3$$

$$\sim \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{8}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) r_2' = r_2 - r_1$$

$$\sim \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{8} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right); r_2' = r_2 \times \left(-\frac{3}{8}\right)$$

$$u_1 + u_2 = 0$$

$$u_2 + \frac{1}{8}u_3 = 0$$

$\therefore 2$ eqn in 3 var $\therefore (3-2) = 1$ free var

$$\text{Let } u_3 = t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$u_2 = -\frac{1}{8}t$$

$$u_1 = \frac{1}{8}t$$

$$\therefore \underline{u} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{pmatrix} = t \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{8} \\ -\frac{1}{8} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \underline{u} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{8} \\ -\frac{1}{8} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

for $\lambda=2$:

$$(A - \lambda I) \underline{x} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 5 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ -3 & 5 & 0 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ -3 & 5 & 0 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} ; r_1' = r_1 \times (-1)$$

$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & -5/3 & 0 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} r_2' = r_2 - r_1 \\ r_3' = r_3 \times (-1/3) \end{matrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 4 & -5/3 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} r_2 \leftrightarrow r_3$$

$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & -5/3 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} r_2' = r_2 - r_1$$

$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} r_2' = r_2 \times (-3/5)$$

$$v_1 = 0$$

$$v_2 = 0$$

2 \mathbb{R}^n in 3 unknowns. $(3-2)=1$ free variable.

$$w, v_3 = t$$

$$\therefore \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ t \end{pmatrix} = t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \underline{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Since, A is a 3×3 matrix & there are only two eigenvectors, so, A is not diagonalizable.

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Eigenvalues & Eigenvectors of Matrix Powers: -

Th^m: If λ is an eigenvalue of A & k is a +ve integer, and \underline{x} is the eigenvector of A corresponding to λ , then,

- i) λ^k is an eigenvalue of A^k , and
- ii) \underline{x} is the eigenvector of A^k corresponding to λ^k .

* Eigenvalues & Eigenvectors of Matrix Powers: -

consider $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$.

Eigenvalues & eigenvectors are -

$$\lambda = 1 : \underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/8 \\ -1/8 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = 2 : \underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Q. Find eigenvalues & eigenvectors of A^7 .

Eigenvalues of A will be $\lambda = 1$ & $\lambda = 2$

$$\lambda = 1^7 = 1$$

$$\lambda = 2^7 = 128$$

& the eigenvectors of A^7 corresponding to $\lambda = 1$ & $\lambda = 128$ will be same as that of A . i.e.

$$\lambda = 1 : \underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/8 \\ -1/8 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = 128 : \underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

* Computing powers of a matrix. - (2)

We know, if A is similar to a diagonal matrix, say D , then, \exists ~~inter~~ an invertible matrix P such that,

$$P^{-1}AP = D \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } (P^{-1}AP)^n &= P^{-1}AP P^{-1}AP \\ &= P^{-1}A I A P \quad [\because PP^{-1} = I] \\ &= P^{-1}A A P \quad [AI = A] \end{aligned}$$

$$(P^{-1}AP)^n = P^{-1}A^n P.$$

$$\Rightarrow D^n = P^{-1}A^n P \quad [\text{by (1)}]$$

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

$$\Rightarrow PP^{-1}A^n PP^{-1} = PD^n P^{-1} \quad [\text{taking } P \text{ on left \& } P^{-1} \text{ on right}]$$

$$\Rightarrow A^n = PD^n P^{-1} \quad [\because PP^{-1} = I]$$

In general,

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

Ex: $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$, find A^{13} .

soln. eigenvalues $\Rightarrow \lambda = 1, 2, 2$

eigenvectors \Rightarrow

$\lambda = 1: \underline{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$\lambda = 2: \underline{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \underline{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

So, $P = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, P^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

$\therefore D = P^{-1}AP$
 $= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

We know,

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

$\therefore A^{13} = P D^{13} P^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2^{13} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2^{13} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1^{13} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$
 $= \begin{pmatrix} -8190 & 0 & -16382 \\ 8191 & 8191 & 8191 \\ 8191 & 0 & 16383 \end{pmatrix}$ Ans

Practice Problem:

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