

# Diagonalizability

**A is diagonalizable if  $\exists$  a 'Basis change' matrix B such that  $B^{-1}AB$  is a diagonal matrix**

## Example

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

$$\text{spectrum}(A) = \{5, -2\}$$

$$E_5 = \text{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$$

$$E_{-2} = \text{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$$

$$A_{EE} : R_E^n \rightarrow R_E^n$$

$$A_{VV} : R_V^n \rightarrow R_V^n$$

Need:

$$I_{EV}, I_{VE}$$

$$V = \text{span}\{\text{eigenvectors of } A\} = \text{will span whole of } R^n$$

$$A_{VV} = I_{VE}A_{EE}I_{EV} = I_{EV}^{-1}A_{EE}I_{EV}$$

$A_{VV}$  is a diagonal matrix

$$SOB = E = \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

$$V = \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

$$I_{EV} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$I_{VE} = I_{EV}^{-1} = (1/7) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_{VV} = I_{VE}A_{EE}I_{EV} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \text{Entries are the eigenvalues!}$$

Change order of Eigenvectors  $\implies$  change order of eigenvalues in  $A_{VV}$

# Summary

1. Start with matrix A
2. Compute  $Spectrum(A) = \{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k\}$
3. Compute Bases of  $\{E_{\lambda_1}, E_{\lambda_2}, \dots, E_{\lambda_k}\}$
4.  $\sum_{i=1}^k (dim(E_{\lambda_i})) = n \implies A$  is diagonalizable
  1.  $B = [\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n]$