

Section 6.2

Diagonalization

Objective

- What is a diagonalizable matrix?
- How to determine if a matrix is diagonalizable?
- How to diagonalize a matrix?
- How to compute powers of matrix using diagonalization?
- How to solve linear recurrence relation using diagonalization?

A 2x2 diagonalizable matrix

Example 6.2.2.1

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.96 & 0.01 \\ 0.04 & 0.99 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

diagonalizable

diagonalizes \mathbf{A}

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.96 & 0.01 \\ 0.04 & 0.99 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.95 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0.96 & 0.01 \\ 0.04 & 0.99 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.95 \end{pmatrix}$$

\mathbf{P}^{-1}

\mathbf{A}

\mathbf{P}



diagonal

bring over to diagonalize the matrix

What is a diagonalizable matrix?

Definition 6.2.1

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

@pre: P is invertible

$$\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2 & \\ 0 & & \ddots \\ & & & \lambda_n \\ & & 0 & & \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{diagonal}$$

diagonalizable

We say: the matrix **P** **diagonalizes** **A**

A 3x3 diagonalizable matrix

Example 6.2.2.2

related to eigen vectors

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

diagonalizable

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

diagonalizes \mathbf{B}

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1}}_{\mathbf{P}^{-1}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{B}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{P}} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

A non-diagonalizable matrix

Example 6.2.2.3

We will introduce a systematic way to determine whether a matrix is diagonalizable

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{not diagonalizable}$$

Cannot find a matrix \mathbf{P} that diagonalizes \mathbf{M} .

Prove by contradiction

Suppose there exist an invertible \mathbf{P} such that
 $\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{P} = \text{Diagonal matrix.}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \mu \end{pmatrix}$$

Any matrix with 0 row will have $\det = 0$

Derive that: $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ * & * \end{pmatrix}$ contradicts that \mathbf{P} is invertible

How to tell whether a matrix is diagonalizable?

Example 6.2.2

$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \lambda = 1$ still diagonalizable

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.96 & 0.01 \\ 0.04 & 0.99 \end{pmatrix}$$

diagonalizable

two eigenvalues : **1** and **0.95**
two eigenvectors : $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$
linearly independent

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

diagonalizable

two eigenvalues : **3** and **0**
three eigenvectors : $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$
linearly independent

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

not diagonalizable

one eigenvalue : **2**
only **one** eigenvector : $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$
linearly independent

How to tell whether a matrix is diagonalizable?

Theorem 6.2.3

Let \mathbf{A} be a square matrix of order n .

\mathbf{A} is diagonalizable

if and only if

\mathbf{A} has n linearly independent eigenvectors

may be associated to the same eigenvalues

Two observations

$$AB = A(b_1 \ b_2 \ \cdots \ b_n) = (Ab_1 \ Ab_2 \ \cdots \ Ab_n)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \\ Ab_1 & Ab_2 & Ab_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$BD = (b_1 \ b_2 \ \cdots \ b_n) D = (d_1 b_1 \ d_2 b_2 \ \cdots \ d_n b_n)$$

diagonal matrix with
diagonal entries d_i

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 6 & 12 \\ 2 & 9 & 20 \\ 2b_1 & 3b_2 & 4b_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

The proof

A diagonalizable 
A has n linearly independent eigenvectors

Theorem 6.2.3 (\Leftarrow)

Suppose **A** has n linearly independent eigenvectors.

step 1: declare eigenvector $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n$

associating eigenvalues

$\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$

Define the invertible matrix $\mathbf{P} = (\mathbf{u}_1 \ \mathbf{u}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{u}_n)$

cfm invertible because all column vectors are lin indep

putting the vectors tgt to form a matrix

$$\mathbf{AP} = (\mathbf{Au}_1 \ \mathbf{Au}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{Au}_n)$$

$$= (\lambda_1 \mathbf{u}_1 \ \lambda_2 \mathbf{u}_2 \ \dots \ \lambda_n \mathbf{u}_n)$$

definition of eigenvectors

$$= (\mathbf{u}_1 \ \mathbf{u}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{u}_n) \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2 & \\ 0 & & \ddots \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{P} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2 & \\ 0 & & \ddots \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } \mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{AP} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2 & \\ 0 & & \ddots \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$$

using obv 2

A is diagonalizable.

The proof

A diagonalizable
A has n linearly independent eigenvectors

Theorem 6.2.3 (\Rightarrow)

A is diagonalizable $\Rightarrow \mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{D}$

Let $\mathbf{P} = (\mathbf{u}_1 \ \mathbf{u}_2 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{u}_n)$

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}$$

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{u}_1 \ \mathbf{u}_2 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{u}_n)$$

=

$$(\mathbf{u}_1 \ \mathbf{u}_2 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{u}_n)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}_1 \ \mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}_2 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}_n)$$

=

$$(\lambda_1\mathbf{u}_1 \ \lambda_2\mathbf{u}_2 \ \cdots \ \lambda_n\mathbf{u}_n)$$

Compare each column on LHS and RHS

linearly independent

So $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}_i = \lambda_i\mathbf{u}_i$ for all $i \Rightarrow \mathbf{u}_i$ are eigenvectors of **A**
with eigenvalues λ_i

How to diagonalize a matrix?

Algorithm 6.2.4 (Diagonalization)

Step 1: Solve the characteristic equation

$$\det(\lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}) = 0$$

to find all distinct eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k$.

Step 2: For each λ_i , find a basis S_{λ_i} for the eigenspace E_{λ_i} .

solving the homogeneous system $(\lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ solution space = eigenspace

Step 3: Let $S = S_{\lambda_1} \cup S_{\lambda_2} \cup \dots \cup S_{\lambda_k}$.

(a) If $|S| < n$, then \mathbf{A} is not diagonalizable.

(b) If $|S| = n$, then \mathbf{A} is diagonalizable.

Say, $S = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n\}$, then the square matrix $\mathbf{P} = (\mathbf{u}_1 \ \mathbf{u}_2 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{u}_n)$ diagonalizes \mathbf{A} .

How to diagonalize a matrix?

Example 6.2.6.1

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Step 1: By solving characteristic polynomial, the eigenvalues are 3 and 0.

Step 2: For $\lambda = 3$, solve $(3\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{B}) \mathbf{x} = 0$

For $\lambda = 0$, solve $(0\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{B}) \mathbf{x} = 0$

$$S_3 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \text{ a basis for } E_3 \quad S_0 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \text{ a basis for } E_0$$

Step 3: $|S| = |S_3| + |S_0| = 1 + 2 = \text{order of } \mathbf{B}$

So \mathbf{B} is diagonalizable

How to diagonalize a matrix?

Example 6.2.6.1

Step 3:

just need to use the eigenvalues to fill up the matrix
based on which eigenvector in which column

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1 & \mathbf{u}_2 & \mathbf{u}_3 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then

$$\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

you do not need to multiply this out!!!

\mathbf{P} is not unique

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -7 & 1 \\ 2 & 7 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$2\mathbf{u}_1 \quad 7\mathbf{u}_2 \quad -\mathbf{u}_3$

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

Then

$$\mathbf{Q}^{-1}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

How to show a matrix is not diagonalizable?

Example 6.2.6.3

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ -3 & 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$n = 3$$

Step 1: The eigenvalues are 1 and 2.

Step 2: For $\lambda = 1$, solve $(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}) \mathbf{x} = 0$

For $\lambda = 2$, solve $(2\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}) \mathbf{x} = 0$

$$S_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \text{ a basis for } E_1 \quad S_2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \text{ a basis for } E_2$$

Step 3: $|S| = |S_1| + |S_2| = 1 + 1 < \text{order of } \mathbf{A}$

Only have two linearly independent eigenvectors,
so \mathbf{A} is not diagonalizable.

Matrix with no eigenvalue

Remark 6.2.5.1

Not in
scope!

The characteristic polynomial $\det(\lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})$ may have **complex** roots.

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

$$\text{roots: } \lambda = \pm i$$

i.e. the matrix has eigenvalues that are not real numbers but **complex numbers**.

We can still use the algorithm to diagonalize the matrix.

However, to discuss the theory, we need the concept of **vector space over complex numbers**.

Upper bound of dimension of eigenspace

Remark 6.2.5.2

$$\det(\lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}) = (\lambda - 1)^1 (\lambda - 2)^3 (\lambda - 4)^2$$

Characteristic polynomial

$$\det(\lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}) = (\lambda - \lambda_1)^{r_1} (\lambda - \lambda_2)^{r_2} \cdots (\lambda - \lambda_k)^{r_k}$$

Then $\dim(E_{\lambda_i}) \leq r_i$

multiplicity

$$\dim(E_2) \leq 3$$

$$\dim(E_4) \leq 2$$

$$\dim(E_1) = 1$$

The **number of basis vectors** in each eigenspace cannot be more than the **multiplicity of the eigenvalue** in the characteristic polynomial.

A is **diagonalizable**

if and only if

$$\dim(E_{\lambda_i}) = r_i \quad \text{for all } \lambda_i$$

Union of bases of eigenspaces

$$A = \{(1,1,1), (1,2,3)\}$$

$$B = \{(2,2,2), (1,2,3)\}$$

$A \cup B$ is linearly dependent

Remark 6.2.5.3

The set S is always linearly independent. Ex 6 Q22

because they are vectors of different eigenspaces

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & \text{linearly} & & \text{linearly} & & & \text{linearly} \\ & \text{independent} & & \text{independent} & & & \text{independent} \\ & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & & \uparrow \\ S & = S_{\lambda_1} \cup S_{\lambda_2} \cup \dots \cup S_{\lambda_k} \\ \text{bases} & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & & \uparrow \\ & E_{\lambda_1} & & E_{\lambda_2} & & & E_{\lambda_k} \end{array}$$

In particular

If $\mathbf{u}_1 \in E_{\lambda_1}, \mathbf{u}_2 \in E_{\lambda_2}, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k \in E_{\lambda_k}$

then $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k\}$ is linearly independent

Matrix with maximum number of eigenvalues

Theorem 6.2.7

Let \mathbf{A} be a square matrix of order n .

If \mathbf{A} has n distinct eigenvalues, $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$

then \mathbf{A} is diagonalizable.

$\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n$

linearly independent

Proof

We can find one eigenvector for each eigenvalue.

Hence we have n eigenvectors.

By Remark 6.2.5.3, these eigenvectors are linearly independent.

By Theorem 6.2.3, \mathbf{A} is diagonalizable.

Matrix with maximum number of eigenvalues

Example 6.2.8

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

\mathbf{A} has 4 distinct eigenvalues 1, 2, 3, 4.

So \mathbf{A} is diagonalizable.

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

diagonal matrices are diagonalizable

\mathbf{B} has only 2 distinct eigenvalues 1, 2.

And \mathbf{B} is also diagonalizable.

Matrix with maximum number of eigenvalues

Remark 6.2.9

The **converse** of Theorem 6.2.7 is **not true**.

If **A** is an **$n \times n$ diagonalizable** matrix,
 A need not have n distinct eigenvalues.

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

B has only **2 distinct** eigenvalues 1, 2.

And **B** is also diagonalizable.

How to find powers of a matrix?

Discussion 6.2.10

Let \mathbf{A} be a diagonalizable matrix of order n

\mathbf{P} an invertible matrix such that

$$\begin{matrix} (\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P})^m \\ \mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^m\mathbf{P} \end{matrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}^m = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1^m & & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2^m & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & \lambda_n^m \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Then } \mathbf{A}^m = \mathbf{P} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1^m & & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2^m & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & \lambda_n^m \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}^{-1}$$

How to find powers of a matrix?

Example 6.2.11.1 invertible

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 0 & -6 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Use Algorithm 6.2.4 to find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors

We have

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

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

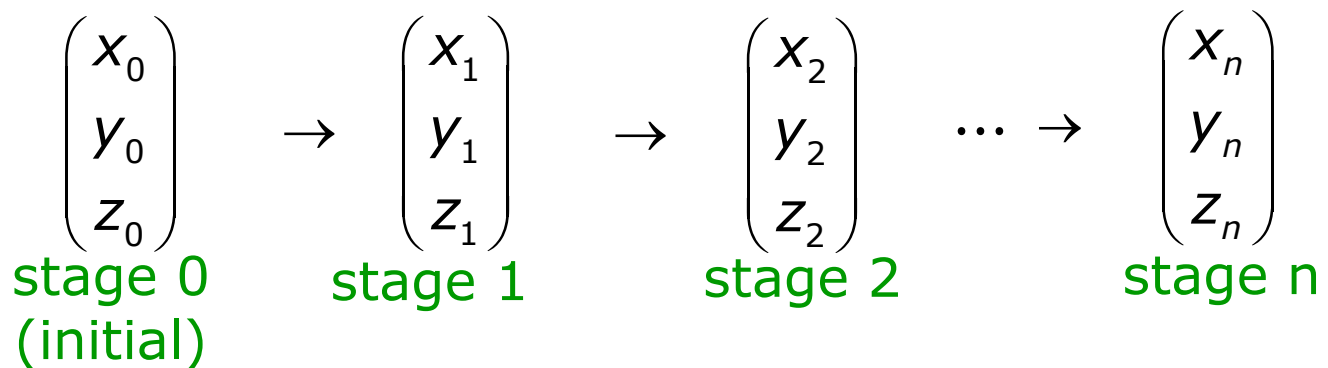
obtain this diagonal matrix from eigenvalues, not matrix multiplication!

$$\mathbf{A}^m = \mathbf{P} \begin{pmatrix} (-1)^m & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1^m & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2^m \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}^{-1}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{P} \begin{pmatrix} (-1)^{-1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}^{-1}$$

Some applications

- Weather forecast (Markov chain)
- Population growth
- Cards shuffling
- Genetics
- Linear recurrence relation



$$\mathbf{x}_0$$

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_0$$

$$\mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_1$$

$$\mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_{n-1}$$

Application to modeling

Example 6.1.1 (Population)

Population after n years

a_n

rural population



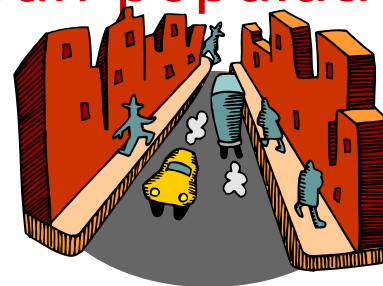
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Urban population b_n



Long term effect ?

Ans: $\sim 20\%$ rural population, $\sim 80\%$ urban population

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= 0.96a_{n-1} + 0.01b_{n-1} \\ b_n &= 0.04a_{n-1} + 0.99b_{n-1} \end{aligned} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.96 & 0.01 \\ 0.04 & 0.99 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_{n-1} \\ b_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

Example 6.1.1

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{x}_n} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0.96 & 0.01 \\ 0.04 & 0.99 \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{A}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} a_{n-1} \\ b_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{x}_{n-1}} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0.96 & 0.01 \\ 0.04 & 0.99 \end{pmatrix}^n}_{\mathbf{A}^n} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ b_0 \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{x}_0}$$

$$\mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_{n-1} = \mathbf{A}^2\mathbf{x}_{n-2} = \mathbf{A}^3\mathbf{x}_{n-3} = \dots = \mathbf{A}^n \mathbf{x}_0$$

current population

long term effect $\longrightarrow a_n$ and b_n for large n

$\longrightarrow \mathbf{x}_n$ for large n

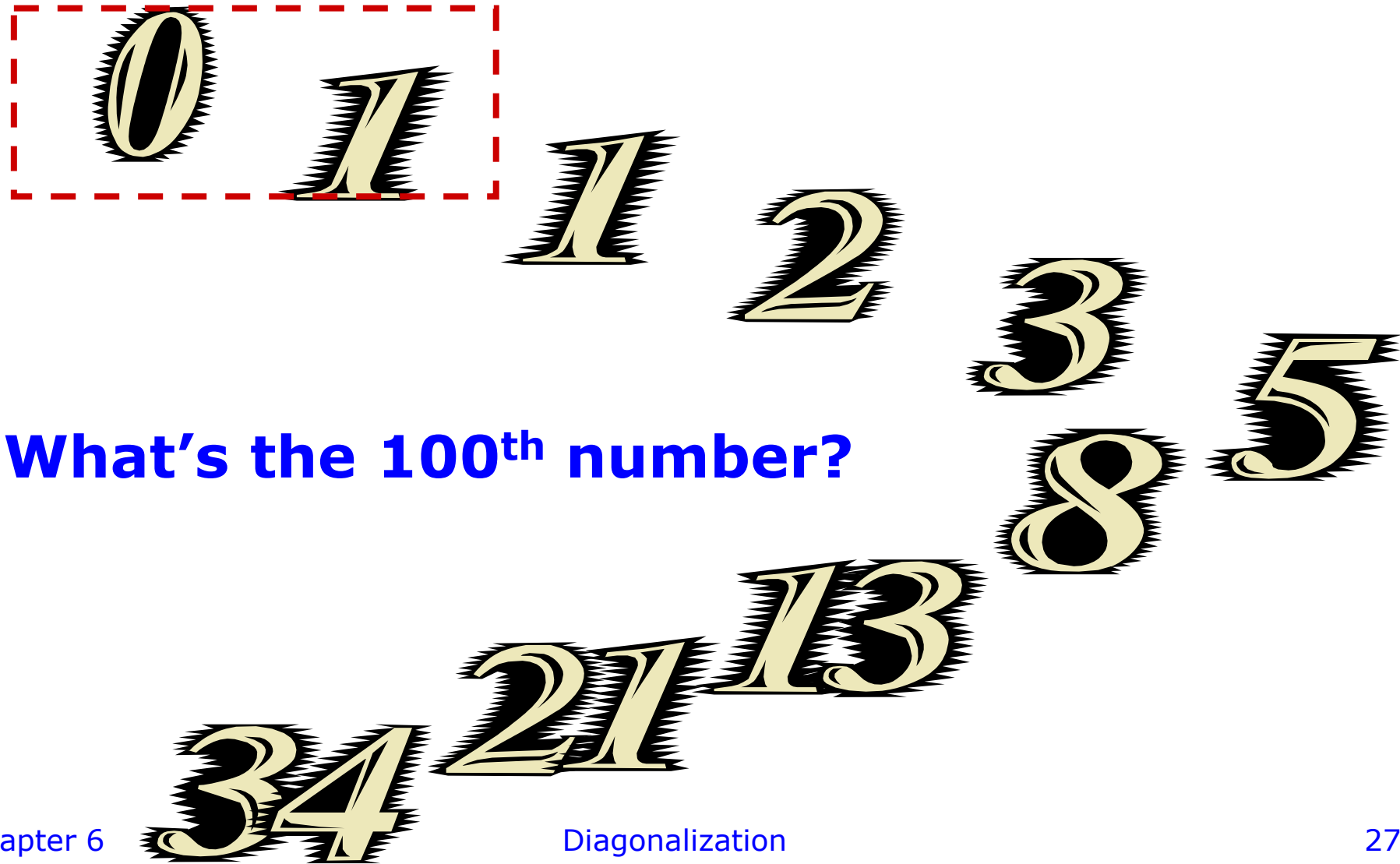
$\longrightarrow \mathbf{A}^n$ for large n

$$\mathbf{A}^{(\text{big } n)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.95^{(\text{big } n)} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \approx \begin{pmatrix} 0.2 & 0.2 \\ 0.8 & 0.8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{(\text{big } n)} \\ b_{(\text{big } n)} \end{pmatrix} \approx \begin{pmatrix} 0.2 & 0.2 \\ 0.8 & 0.8 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ b_0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{0} \begin{pmatrix} 0.2(a_0 + b_0) \\ 0.8(a_0 + b_0) \end{pmatrix}$$



Fibonacci Numbers



What's the 100th number?

How to solve recurrence relation?

Example 6.2.11.2

Denote the **Fibonacci numbers** by a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots

$$a_0 = 0 \quad a_1 = 1$$

initial conditions

$$a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} \quad \text{for } n \geq 2$$

recurrence relation

What is the value of a_n ?

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n$$

due to eigenvalues

Example: $a_{100} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{100} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{100}$

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How to find recurrence matrix?

Example 6.2.11.2

$$a_0 = 0, a_1 = 1, \\ a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} \text{ for } n \geq 2$$

Form the vector: $\mathbf{x}_n = \begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ a_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x}_{n-1} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{n-1} \\ a_n \end{pmatrix}$

$$\mathbf{x}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \dots$$

The recurrence matrix **A**:

$$\mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}_{n-1} \text{ for all } n$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p & q \\ r & s \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ a_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_{n-1} \\ a_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Compare coefficients

$$a_n = 0 a_{n-1} + 1 a_n$$

Recurrence relation

$$a_{n+1} = 1 a_{n-1} + 1 a_n$$

$$a_{n+1} = a_n + a_{n-1}$$

Example (Additional)

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= 0a_{n-1} + 1a_n \\ a_{n+1} &= 5a_{n-1} + 3a_n \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= 1, a_1 = 3, \\ a_n &= 3a_{n-1} + 5a_{n-2} \quad \text{for } n \geq 2 \end{aligned}$$

What is the recurrence matrix ?

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 5 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

In general,

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= s, a_1 = t, \\ a_n &= pa_{n-1} + qa_{n-2} \quad \text{for } n \geq 2 \end{aligned}$$

The recurrence matrix $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ q & p \end{pmatrix}$

How to find the explicit formula?

Example 6.2.11.2

$$a_0 = 0, a_1 = 1, \\ a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} \text{ for } n \geq 2$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ has two eigenvalues } \lambda_1 = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \quad \lambda_2 = \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

So \mathbf{A} is diagonalizable

Diagonalized by $\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} & \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{pmatrix}$

$$\mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{A}^n \mathbf{x}_0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ a_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{P} \begin{pmatrix} \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n & 0 \\ 0 & \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{n+1} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{n+1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n$$

$$a_0 = 0, a_1 = 1, a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} \text{ for } n \geq 2$$

Solving linear recurrence relation

$$a_0 = u \quad a_1 = v \quad a_n = pa_{n-1} + qa_{n-2} \text{ for } n \geq 2$$

Form the recurrence matrix \mathbf{A}

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

Find the eigenvalues of \mathbf{A}

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \quad \lambda_2 = \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

If \mathbf{A} is diagonalizable, find the matrix \mathbf{P} that diagonalizes \mathbf{A}

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} & \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Set up $\mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{A}^n \mathbf{x}_0$
and diagonalize \mathbf{A}^n

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ a_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{P} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1^n & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2^n \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{P}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Multiply out the RHS and
equate the first component

$$a_n = s(\lambda_1)^n + t(\lambda_2)^n$$

Section 6.3

Orthogonal Diagonalization

Objective

- What is orthogonal diagonalization?
- When is a matrix orthogonally diagonalizable?
- How to orthogonally diagonalize a symmetric matrix?

What is an orthogonally diagonalizable matrix

Definition 6.3.2

Recall: Section 6.2

A square matrix **A** is called

diagonalizable

if there exists an **invertible** matrix **P** such that

P⁻¹**AP** is a diagonal matrix.

We say the matrix **P** **diagonalizes A**.

A square matrix **A** is called

orthogonally diagonalizable

special type of invertible matrix where inverse == transpose

if there exists an **orthogonal** matrix **P** such that

P^T**AP** is a diagonal matrix.

We say the matrix **P** **orthogonally diagonalizes A**.

When is a matrix orthogonally diagonalizable

Theorem 6.3.4

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

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

A square matrix is **orthogonally diagonalizable** if and only if it is **symmetric**.

beyond the scope of this course

A is **orthogonally diagonalizable**

$$\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{D}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{P}^T \quad (\text{since the inverse is the transpose})$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{A}^T = (\mathbf{P} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{P}^T)^T$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{A}^T = (\mathbf{P}^T)^T \mathbf{D}^T (\mathbf{P}^T) \quad (\text{transpose must flip the order also})$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{P} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{P}^T = \mathbf{A} \quad (\text{transpose of D is D because it is a diagonal matrix})$$

So **A** is **symmetric**

How to orthogonally diagonalize a symmetric matrix

Algorithm 6.3.5 **A**: symmetric matrix

either find characteristic polynomial or hope its a triangular matrix

Step 1: Find all distinct eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k$.

Step 2: For each eigenvalue λ_i ,

Step 2a: find a basis S_{λ_i} for the eigenspace E_{λ_i}

Step 2b: use the Gram-Schmidt Process (Theorem 5.2.19) to transform S_{λ_i} to an

orthonormal basis T_{λ_i} .

Step 3: Let $T = T_{\lambda_1} \cup T_{\lambda_2} \cup \dots \cup T_{\lambda_k}$

say $T = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$. since vectors are all orthonormal sets, then matrix is orthogonal

The square matrix $\mathbf{P} = (\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{v}_n)$ is an orthogonal matrix that diagonalizes \mathbf{A} .

Eigenvalues of symmetric matrix

Remark 6.3.6.1 **A:** symmetric matrix

In Step 1, the eigenvalues of a symmetric matrix are **always real numbers**.

Idea:

Let λ be an eigenvalue of a symmetric matrix

Write $\lambda = a + ib$ (a, b are real)

Conjugate $\bar{\lambda} = a - ib$ also an eigenvalue of the matrix

Try to show $\lambda = \bar{\lambda}$, which implies λ is real.

Remark 6.3.6.2 **A**: symmetric matrix

Suppose the characteristic polynomial of **A** is

$$\det(\lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}) = (\lambda - \lambda_1)^{r_1} (\lambda - \lambda_2)^{r_2} \dots (\lambda - \lambda_k)^{r_k}$$

where $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k$ are distinct eigenvalues of **A**.

Then for each eigenvalue λ_i ,

$$\dim(E_{\lambda_i}) = r_i.$$

Remark 6.2.5.2

number of basis vectors
in the eigenspace for λ_i

multiplicity of λ_i in the
characteristic polynomial

$$r_1 + r_2 + \dots + r_k = \text{degree of polynomial} = \text{order of } \mathbf{A}$$

$$\dim E_{\lambda_1} + \dim E_{\lambda_2} + \dots + \dim E_{\lambda_k} = \text{no. lin. indep. eigenvectors}$$

A symmetric matrix is **always diagonalizable**.

T is an orthonormal set

Step 2b: use the Gram-Schmidt Process to transform S_{λ_i} to an orthonormal basis T_{λ_i}

Remark 6.3.6

$$T = T_{\lambda_1}^{S_{\lambda_1}} \cup T_{\lambda_2}^{S_{\lambda_2}} \cup \dots \cup T_{\lambda_k}^{S_{\lambda_k}}$$

3. In Step 3, the set T is always **orthonormal**.

Not immediate

after performing gram-schmidt individually on each vector

4. Since T is always orthonormal, the square matrix **P** in Step 3 is always **orthogonal**.

Immediate from Theorem 5.4.6

Ex6 Q26 Proof later

Let **A** be a symmetric matrix.

1st condition

If **u** and **v** are two eigenvectors of **A** associated with eigenvalues λ and μ , resp. where $\lambda \neq \mu$,

Then **$u \cdot v = 0$** .

must be different eigen values

OD a 2x2 symmetric matrix

Example 6.3.7.1

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Step 1: The eigenvalues are $1/2$ and $3/2$.

Step 2a: Bases for $E_{1/2}$ and $E_{3/2}$: $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ and $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

Step 2b: Orthonormal bases: $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ and $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

No need Gram-Schmidt

Step 3: $\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{2} \end{pmatrix}$

OD a 3x3 symmetric matrix

Discussion 6.3.1

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Step 1: The eigenvalues are 3 and 0.

Step 2a: Bases for E_3 and E_0 : $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ and $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

Step 2b: Orthonormal bases: $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ and $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

Step 3: $\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 & \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{B} \mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

just normalize

Gram-Schmidt