

# Unit-7

## Eigen values and Eigen vectors

### ⊗ Eigen value:

Definition: If  $A$  is  $n \times n$  matrix, then a scalar  $\lambda$  is called an eigen value of matrix  $A$  if equation  $Ax = \lambda x$  has a non-trivial solution. Such an  $x$  is called eigen vector corresponding to eigen value  $\lambda$ .

### ⊗ Eigen vector:

Definition: If  $A$  is  $n \times n$  matrix, then a non-zero vector  $x \in R^n$  is called an eigen-vector of matrix  $A$  if  $Ax = \lambda x$ , where  $\lambda$  is scalar.

Example 1: Is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  an eigen vector of  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 8 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ?

Solution:

Since  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 8 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\text{So, } Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 8 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda x$$

Hence,  $x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  is eigen vector of  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 8 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

Note: If  $Ax \neq \lambda x$  then  $x$  is not eigen vector of  $A$ .

Example 2: Show that  $-2$  is eigen value of  $\begin{bmatrix} 7 & 3 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

Solution:

Given,  $\lambda = -2$  and  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 3 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

If  $Ax = \lambda x$

or,  $Ax = -2x$

or,  $(A + 2I)x = 0$  (1), where  $I =$  identity matrix

has non-trivial solution, then  $\lambda = -2$  is eigen value of  $\begin{bmatrix} 7 & 3 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

Since,  $A + 2I = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 3 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

So, row reduced augmented matrix is;

$$\begin{bmatrix} A+2I & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{3}R_1 \sim \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1 \sim \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus homogeneous system has free variable (here  $x_2$  is free variable), so eqn (1) has non-trivial sol<sup>n</sup>.  
Thus  $\lambda = -2$  is eigen value of given matrix  $A$ .



Moreover  
For finding corresponding eigenvectors;

The general solution form  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -x_2/3 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1/3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$\therefore$  from row reduced augmented matrix  $3x_1 + x_2 = 0$   
or,  $3x_1 = -x_2$   
or,  $x_1 = -x_2/3$

So,  $x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1/3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $x_2 \neq 0$  are the eigen vectors corresponding to eigen value  $\lambda = -2$ .

Note:- If the homogenous system has no free variable after constructing row reduced augmented matrix, then the equation has trivial solution and  $\lambda$  is not eigen value of  $A$ .

Example 3: Find the basis for the eigen space corresponding to listed eigenvalue, where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & -3 \\ 2 & 4 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\lambda = 3$ .

Solution:

Since  $\lambda = 3$  is eigen value for given matrix  $A$ , so  $Ax = 3x$  has non-trivial solution. i.e.  $(A - 3I)x = 0$  — (P).

Here,

$$A - 3I = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & -3 \\ 2 & 4 & 9 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 & -3 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

So, reduced augmented matrix  $[A - 3I \quad 0]$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & -3 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + R_1$   
 $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_1$

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

remember  
free variable  $\rightarrow$  trivial solution  
if eigen value  $\lambda$  is not eigen value of  $A$ , then reverse for no free variable, no trivial solution,  $\lambda$  not eigen value of  $A$ .

Thus the homogenous system has free variable so the system has non-trivial solution.

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 0$$

$x_2$  is free  
 $x_3$  is free

This implies

$$x_1 = -2x_2 - 3x_3$$

$$x_2 = x_2$$

$$x_3 = x_3$$

Hence,  $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2x_2 - 3x_3 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \left\{ x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is eigen space

and basis for eigen space is  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .



## ⊗. The characteristic Equation:

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Definition (Characteristic Polynomial, Characteristic Equation):

If  $\lambda$  be an eigen value of a square matrix  $A$ , then  $\det(A - \lambda I)$  is called characteristic polynomial and  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$  is called characteristic equation of the matrix  $A$ .

Example 1: Find the characteristic polynomial of matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  and find its eigen value.

Solution:

Characteristic polynomial is  $|A - \lambda I|$ ,

where,

$$A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

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

Therefore characteristic polynomial is,  $\begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & -1 \\ 1 & 4-\lambda \end{vmatrix}$

$$= (2-\lambda)(4-\lambda) + 1$$

$$= \lambda^2 - 6\lambda + 9.$$

So, characteristic equation is  $|A - \lambda I| = 0$

$$\text{or, } \lambda^2 - 6\lambda + 9 = 0$$

$$\text{or, } \lambda^2 - \lambda(3+3) + 9 = 0$$

$$\text{or, } \lambda^2 - 3\lambda - 3\lambda + 9 = 0$$

$$\text{or, } \lambda(\lambda-3) - 3(\lambda-3) = 0$$

$$\text{or, } (\lambda-3)(\lambda-3) = 0$$

$$\text{or, } \lambda = 3.$$

$\therefore \lambda = 3$  is eigenvalue of matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Example 2: Find the characteristic equation and eigen value of  $A$  where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Solution: Given,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

So, the characteristic eq<sup>n</sup> of  $A$  is  $|A - \lambda I| = 0$ .

$$\text{or, } A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & -4 \\ 4 & 2-\lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus characteristic eq<sup>n</sup> of  $A$  is  $|A - \lambda I| = 0$

$$\text{or, } \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & -4 \\ 4 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\text{or, } (1-\lambda)(2-\lambda) + 16 = 0$$

$$\text{or, } \lambda^2 - 3\lambda + 18 = 0.$$

$$\text{This gives } \lambda = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{(-3)^2 - 4 \times 1 \times 18}}{2} = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{-63}}{2}$$

This gives the imaginary value of  $\lambda$ . Therefore the matrix  $A$  has no real eigen value.



## \* Diagonalization:

Definition → A square matrix  $A$  is called diagonalizable if there exist an invertible matrix  $P$  and diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $A = PDP^{-1}$ . [Equivalently  $AP = PD$ ],

### Procedure for Diagonalizing a matrix:

Step 1: Find  $n$  linearly independent eigen vectors of  $A$ , say  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ .

Step 2: For matrix  $P$  having  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  as its column vectors.

Step 3: The matrix  $D$  will be the diagonal matrix with  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  as its successive diagonal entries, where  $\lambda_i$  is the eigenvalue corresponding to  $v_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

Hence,  $A = PDP^{-1}$  or  $AP = PD$ , if so our  $P$  and  $D$  really work as  $AP = PD$  then the matrix  $A$  is diagonalizable.

Example 1: Diagonalize the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 & -2 \\ -3 & 4 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , if exist.

Solution:

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 & -2 \\ -3 & 4 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{The characteristic polynomial of } A \text{ is } A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} -1-\lambda & 4 & -2 \\ -3 & 4-\lambda & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 3-\lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore, the characteristic equation of  $A$  is  $A - \lambda I = 0$ .

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} -1-\lambda & 4 & -2 \\ -3 & 4-\lambda & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} -1-\lambda & 4 & -2 \\ -3 & 4-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & -3+\lambda & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (3-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} -1-\lambda & 4 & -2 \\ -3 & 4-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\text{Either } (3-\lambda) = 0 \text{ or } \begin{vmatrix} -1-\lambda & 4 & -2 \\ -3 & 4-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} -1-\lambda & 2 & -2 \\ -3 & 4-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} -1-\lambda & 2 \\ -3 & 4-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda(-1-\lambda)(4-\lambda) + 6 = 0$$



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

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

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

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

$\lambda = 1$  or  $2$  या वाटे  
3 वाटे either  $(3 - \lambda) = 0$  वाटे

Therefore  $\lambda = 1, 2, 3$ .

For  $\lambda = 1$

Since  $Ax = \lambda x$ .

$$\Rightarrow (A - \lambda I)x = 0.$$

And its augmented matrix is  $[A - \lambda I \ 0]$   
 $= [A - I \ 0]$ , being  $\lambda = 1$ .

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 4 & -2 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_1 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2}R_1$$

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

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + 3R_1, R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 3R_1$$

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

$$R_2 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{3}R_2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 5R_2$$

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

$$R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + 2R_2$$

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

Now,

$$x_1 - x_3 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_3$$

$$x_2 - x_3 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = x_3$$

$$x_3 \text{ is free} \Rightarrow x_3 = x_3$$

$$\therefore X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_3 \therefore \text{let } x_3 = 1 \therefore X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



For  $\lambda=2$

Augmented matrix is  $[A-2I \ 0]$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 4 & -2 & 0 \\ -3 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1, R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 4 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 4 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 3R_2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 4 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + (-4)R_2$$

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

$$R_1 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{3}R_1$$

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

Now,

$$x_1 - \frac{2}{3}x_3 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{2}{3}x_3$$

$$x_2 - x_3 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = x_3$$

$$x_3 \text{ is free} \Rightarrow x_3 = x_3$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_3$$

$$\text{let } x_3 = 3 \therefore X = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

For  $\lambda=3$

Augmented matrix is  $[A-3I \ 0]$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 4 & -2 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_1 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{4}R_1$$

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



$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + 3R_1 \quad \& \quad R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 3R_1$$

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

$$R_2 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2}R_2 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3/4 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 3/2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 2R_2 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3/4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1/4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3/4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now,  $x_1 - \frac{1}{4}x_3 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{1}{4}x_3$

$x_2 - \frac{3}{4}x_3 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = \frac{3}{4}x_3$

$x_3$  is free  $\Rightarrow x_3 = x_3$ .

$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/4 \\ 3/4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_3$ . let  $x_3 = 4 \therefore X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$

There are 3 base vectors in total which are L.I. (linearly independent)

So,  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  &  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

collection of values of  $\lambda$

values of  $\lambda$  in diagonal others zero

Also,

$$PD = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 6 & 9 \\ 1 & 6 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{and } AP = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 & -2 \\ -3 & 4 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 6 & 9 \\ 1 & 6 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus,  $AP = PD$  or equivalently,  $A = PDP^{-1}$

Therefore,  $A$  is diagonalizable



Example 2: Diagonalizable the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ , if possible.

Solution:

Given,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

So, the characteristic polynomial of  $A$  is  $A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} 4-\lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5-\lambda \end{bmatrix}$

Therefore, the characteristic equation of  $A$  is  $|A - \lambda I| = 0$ .

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 4-\lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$

This determinant is an lower triangular. So we get,  
 $\lambda = 4, 5$ .

For  $\lambda = 4$

Since  $Ax = \lambda x$ . So  $(A - \lambda I)x = 0$ .

And, its augmented matrix is  $[A - \lambda I \ 0]$   
 $= [A - 4I \ 0] \quad (\because \lambda = 4)$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

From this last matrix, This is reduced echelon form.  
 $x_2$  is free variable.  
and  $x_1 = 0$   
 $x_3 = 0$ .

Therefore,  $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ x_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

There the basis for eigenspace (for  $\lambda = 4$ ) is  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = v_1$

Similarly the eigenspace (for  $\lambda = 5$ ) is  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = v_2$

There are only two vector ( $v_1$  and  $v_2$ ) in basis and is linearly independent. But we need three independent eigen vectors to form  $P$ . So,  $P$  doesn't exist. Hence,  $A$  is not diagonalizable.

for  $\lambda = 5$   
solve  
it



Theorem: An  $n \times n$  matrix with  $n$  distinct eigenvalues is diagonalizable. (35)

Example 1: Is matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ -3 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is diagonalizable?

Solution:

Since matrix is triangular and there are three distinct eigenvalues (i.e.  $\lambda = 2, 3$  and  $5$ ) and matrix is  $3 \times 3$ . So it is diagonalizable.

Example 2: Let  $A = PDP^{-1}$ , compute  $A^4$ ; if  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 7 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Solution:

We know that,

$$\begin{aligned} A^4 &= P D^4 P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 7 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^4 \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 7 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 7 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2^4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1^4 \end{bmatrix} \left( \frac{1}{15-14} \right) \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -7 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 7 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 16 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -7 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 80 & 7 \\ 32 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -7 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 226 & -525 \\ 90 & -209 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Note: If only  $A$  is given in question first we find  $P$  and  $D$  same as we used in diagonalization of matrix then we follow same process as in example 2.

Example 3: Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 12 \\ -2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Suppose you are told that  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  are eigenvectors of  $A$ . Use the information to diagonalize  $A$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup>:

To diagonalize  $A$ , we must find the value of  $P$  and  $D$ .

For these, we need the eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of  $A$ .

For the eigen value  $\lambda$  corresponding to eigenvector  $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$\text{Let, } Av_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 12 \\ -2 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -9+12 \\ -6+7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \cdot v_1.$$

This shows that  $\lambda = 1$ .



For  $\lambda = -1$ ,  
 $(A - \lambda I)x = 0$

For the eigenvalue  $\lambda$  corresponding to eigen vector  $v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Let,  $Av_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 12 \\ -2 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -6+12 \\ -4+7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 3v_2$ .

This shows that  $\lambda = 3$ .

So,  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

And,  $AP = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 12 \\ -2 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -9+12 & -6+12 \\ -6+7 & -4+7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$PD = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

This shows  $AP = PD$  or equivalently  $A = PDP^{-1}$   
 So,  $A$  is diagonalizable.

### Complex Eigen values:

Example 1: If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find eigen value and corresponding eigen vector.

Solution:

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

The characteristic equation is,  $|A - \lambda I| = 0$ .

$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & -1 \\ 1 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$

$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 + 1 = 0$

$\Rightarrow \lambda = \pm i$  (complex eigen values).

For  $\lambda = i$ ,

$Ax = \lambda x, x \neq 0$

i.e.,  $(A - \lambda I)x = 0$ .

having non-trivial solution, then  $x$  is eigen vector of Eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .

or,  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$ .

$\Rightarrow -x_1 - x_2 = 0 \dots \textcircled{1}$

$\Rightarrow x_1 - x_2 = 0 \dots \textcircled{2}$

Here, both eq<sup>n</sup> are identical  
 Take eq<sup>n</sup>  $\textcircled{1}$

$x_1 = x_2$

Put  $x_2 = 1$  then  $x_1 = 1$

Put  $x_2 = 1$  then  $x_1 = 1$ .

Hence, eigen vector is  $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  corresponding  $\lambda = i$ .



Hence, eigen vector  $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2+4i \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$  corresponding to eigen value  $\lambda = 0.8 + (0.6)i$ .

And, the basis for the corresponding to  $\lambda = 0.8 + (0.6)i$  is,

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -2+4i \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

For  $\lambda = 0.8 - (0.6)i$ ,

$$(A - \lambda I)x = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -0.3 + (0.6)i & -0.6 \\ 0.75 & 0.3 + 0.6i \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (-0.3 + (0.6)i)x_1 - (0.6)x_2 = 0 \text{ --- (iii)}$$

$$\text{And } 0.75x_1 + (0.3 + (0.6)i)x_2 = 0 \text{ --- (iv)}$$

Here both (iii) and (iv) are identical so it has non-trivial solution.  
Taking (iv)

$$0.75x_1 + (0.3 + (0.6)i)x_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.75x_1 = -(0.3 + (0.6)i)x_2$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{-1}{0.75} (0.3 + (0.6)i)x_2$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = \left(-\frac{2}{5} - \frac{4}{5}i\right)x_2$$

Put  $x_2 = 5$ , then  $x_1 = -2 - 4i$

Hence, eigen vector  $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2-4i \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$  corresponding to eigen vector.

$\lambda = 0.8 - (0.6)i$ . A basis for the corresponding to  $\lambda = 0.8 - (0.6)i$

$$\text{is } v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2-4i \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$