

# Assignment 9

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## 3 SOLUTION

**Abstract**—This document explains the concept of diagonalizability of a matrix.

Download latex-tikz codes from

<https://github.com/Shweta-SV/Assignment-9>

### 1 PROBLEM

Which of the following matrices is not diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{R}$ ?

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

### 2 THEORY

A matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is diagonalizable if it is similar to a diagonal matrix i.e. if there exists an invertible matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  and a diagonal matrix  $\mathbf{D}$  such that

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{PDP}^{-1} \quad (2.0.1)$$

- 1) If the Eigen values of a matrix are distinct then the matrix is diagonalizable.
- 2) If the Eigen values of a matrix are not distinct then : if Arithmetic multiplicity and geometric multiplicity are equal then the matrix is diagonalizable.
- 3) Arithmetic multiplicity (AM) = multiplicity of eigen values
- 4) Geometric multiplicity (GM) = no of variables - Rank( $\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I}$ )

Option 1:

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

Characteristic equation of  $\mathbf{A}$  is given by:

$$|\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I}| = \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (3.0.1)$$

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

The Eigen Values of  $\mathbf{A}$  are:

$$\lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 1, \lambda_3 = 2 \quad (3.0.2)$$

for  $\lambda = 1$ : AM = 2

for  $\lambda = 1$ : GM = 1

Eigen vector  $\mathbf{p}$  is given as:

$$\mathbf{Ap} = \lambda\mathbf{p} \quad (3.0.3)$$

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

For  $\lambda = 1$

$$(\mathbf{A} - \lambda_1\mathbf{I})\mathbf{p} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{p}_1 = 0 \quad (3.0.4)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{p}_1 = 0$$

From (3.0.4) Rank is

$$R(\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I}) = 1$$

For  $\lambda = 2$

$$(\mathbf{A} - \lambda_1\mathbf{I})\mathbf{p} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{p} = 0 \quad (3.0.5)$$

From (3.0.5) Rank is-

$$R(\mathbf{A} - \lambda_1\mathbf{I}) = 2 \text{ for } \lambda = 1: \text{GM} = 2$$

for  $\lambda = 1$ : GM = 1

AM and GM are equal.

Hence we obtained that  $\mathbf{A}$  is diagonalizable.

Option 2:

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

Characteristic equation of  $\mathbf{A}$  is given by:

$$|\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 - \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (3.0.6)$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 - \lambda)(2 - \lambda)(3 - \lambda) = 0$$

The Eigen Values of  $\mathbf{A}$  are:

$$\lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 2, \lambda_3 = 3 \quad (3.0.7)$$

Since the Eigen values of the matrix are distinct  
Hence the matrix is diagonalizable.

Option 3:

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

Characteristic equation of  $\mathbf{A}$  is given by:

$$|\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 - \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (3.0.8)$$

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

The Eigen Values of  $\mathbf{A}$  are:

$$\lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 1, \lambda_3 = 2 \quad (3.0.9)$$

for  $\lambda = 1$ :  $\mathbf{AM} = 2$

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Eigen vector  $\mathbf{p}$  is given as:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Ap} &= \lambda \mathbf{p} \\ \Rightarrow (\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I})\mathbf{p} &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (3.0.10)$$

For  $\lambda = 1$

$$(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I})\mathbf{p} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{p} = 0 \quad (3.0.11)$$

from (3.0.11) Rank is-

$$R(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = 2$$

For  $\lambda = 2$

$$(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I})\mathbf{p} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{p}_3 = 0 \quad (3.0.12)$$

from (3.0.12) Rank is-

$$R(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = 2$$

for  $\lambda = 1$ :  $\mathbf{GM} = 1$

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$\mathbf{AM}$  and  $\mathbf{GM}$  are not equal.

Hence we obtained that  $\mathbf{A}$  is not diagonalizable.

Option 4:

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

Characteristic equation of  $\mathbf{A}$  is given by:

$$|\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 - \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (3.0.13)$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 - \lambda)(2 - \lambda)(3 - \lambda) = 0$$

The Eigen Values of  $\mathbf{A}$  are:

$$\lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 2, \lambda_3 = 3 \quad (3.0.14)$$

Since the Eigen values of the matrix are distinct  
Hence the matrix is diagonalizable.