

# Diagonalization

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# Review

- If  $Av = \lambda v$  ( $v$  is a vector,  $\lambda$  is a scalar)
  - $v$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  **excluding zero vector**
  - $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  that corresponds to  $v$

- Eigenvectors corresponding to  $\lambda$  are **nonzero** solution of  $(A - \lambda I_n)\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$

Eigenvectors

corresponding to  $\lambda$

$$= \underline{\text{Null}(A - \lambda I_n)} - \{\mathbf{0}\}$$

**eigenspace**

**Eigenspace of  $\lambda$ :**

Eigenvectors

corresponding to  $\lambda + \{\mathbf{0}\}$

- A scalar  $t$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$



$$\det(A - tI_n) = 0$$

# Review

- Characteristic polynomial of A is

$$\det(A - tI_n)$$

Factorization

multiplicity

$$= (t - \lambda_1)^{m_1} (t - \lambda_2)^{m_2} \dots (t - \lambda_k)^{m_k} (\dots)$$

Eigenvalue:

$\lambda_1$

$\lambda_2$

$\lambda_k$

Eigenspace:

$d_1$

$d_2$

$d_k$

(dimension)

$\leq m_1$

$\leq m_2$

$\leq m_k$

# Outline

- An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is called **diagonalizable** if  $A = PDP^{-1}$ 
  - $D$ :  $n \times n$  diagonal matrix
  - $P$ :  $n \times n$  invertible matrix
- Is a matrix  $A$  **diagonalizable**?
  - If yes, find  $D$  and  $P$
- Reference: Textbook 5.3

# Diagonalizable

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- $P$ :  $n \times n$  invertible matrix


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

- **Not all matrices are diagonalizable**

$$\Rightarrow A^2 = 0 \quad (?)$$

If  $A = PDP^{-1}$  for some invertible  $P$  and diagonal  $D$

$$\Rightarrow A^2 = PD^2P^{-1} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow D^2 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow D = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A = 0$$


$D$  is diagonal

# Diagonalizable

$$P = [p_1 \quad \cdots \quad p_n]$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & d_n \end{bmatrix}$$

- If A is diagonalizable

$$A = PDP^{-1} \longrightarrow AP = PD$$

$$\longrightarrow AP = [\underline{Ap_1} \quad \cdots \quad \underline{Ap_n}]$$

$$\longrightarrow PD = P[d_1e_1 \quad \cdots \quad d_ne_n]$$

$$= [Pd_1e_1 \quad \cdots \quad Pd_ne_n]$$

$$= [d_1Pe_1 \quad \cdots \quad d_nPe_n]$$

$$= [\underline{d_1p_1} \quad \cdots \quad \underline{d_np_n}] \longrightarrow Ap_i = d_ip_i$$

$p_i$  is an eigenvector of A corresponding to eigenvalue  $d_i$

# Diagonalizable

- If A is diagonalizable

$$A = PDP^{-1}$$

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There are n eigenvectors that form an invertible matrix

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There are n independent eigenvectors

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The eigenvectors of A can form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

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corresponding to eigenvalue  $d_i$

How to diagonalize a matrix  $A$ ?

- Step 1: Find  $n$  L.I. eigenvectors corresponding if possible, and form an invertible  $P$
- Step 2: The eigenvalues corresponding to the eigenvectors in  $P$  form the diagonal matrix  $D$ .

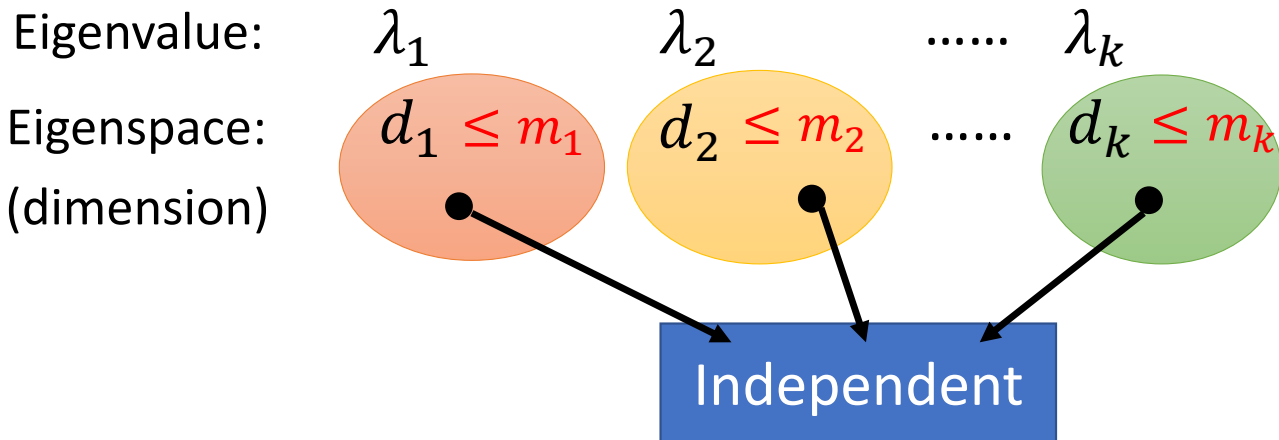


# Diagonalizable

A set of eigenvectors that correspond to distinct eigenvalues is linear independent.

$\det(A - tI_n)$  Factorization

$$= (t - \lambda_1)^{\underline{m_1}} (t - \lambda_2)^{\underline{m_2}} \dots (t - \lambda_k)^{\underline{m_k}} (\dots \dots)$$



# Diagonalizable

A set of eigenvectors that correspond to distinct eigenvalues is linear independent.

Eigenvalue:  $\lambda_1 \quad \lambda_2 \quad \dots \quad \lambda_m$

Assume dependent

Eigenvector:  $v_1 \quad v_2 \quad \dots \quad v_m$

➡ a contradiction

$$\mathbf{v}_k = c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_{k-1} \mathbf{v}_{k-1}$$

$$A\mathbf{v}_k = c_1 A\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 A\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_{k-1} A\mathbf{v}_{k-1}$$

$$\lambda_k \mathbf{v}_k = c_1 \lambda_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \lambda_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_{k-1} \lambda_{k-1} \mathbf{v}_{k-1}$$

$$- \lambda_k \mathbf{v}_k = c_1 \lambda_k \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \lambda_k \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_{k-1} \lambda_k \mathbf{v}_{k-1}$$

$(\lambda_k)$

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$$\mathbf{0} = c_1 (\lambda_1 - \lambda_k) \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 (\lambda_2 - \lambda_k) \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_{k-1} (\lambda_{k-1} - \lambda_k) \mathbf{v}_{k-1}$$

Not  $c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_{k-1} = 0$  ➡ Same eigenvalue ➡ a contradiction

## 证明

给定一个  $n$  维矩阵  $A$ ，其具有  $n$  个不等的特征值，分别为  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ ，而  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  为分别对应  $n$  个不等特征值的特征向量。我们需要证明这些特征向量线性无关。

先假设这些特征向量线性相关，则存在  $n$  个不全为零的常数  $(c_i)$  使得如下式子成立：

$$c_1 x_1 + c_2 x_2 + \dots + c_n x_n = 0 \quad (1)$$

用矩阵  $A$  左乘式 (1)，根据  $Ax_i = \lambda_i x_i$  得：

$$c_1 \lambda_1 x_1 + c_2 \lambda_2 x_2 + \dots + c_n \lambda_n x_n = 0 \quad (2)$$

再用式 (2) 减去  $\lambda_n * (1)$ ，得：

$$c_1 (\lambda_1 - \lambda_n) x_1 + c_2 (\lambda_2 - \lambda_n) x_2 + \dots + c_{n-1} (\lambda_{n-1} - \lambda_n) x_{n-1} = 0 \quad (3)$$

接下来，可将  $x_i$  前面的系数  $c_i (\lambda_i - \lambda_n)$  用常数  $d_i$  代替，则式 (3) 可写成：

$$d_1 x_1 + d_2 x_2 + \dots + d_{n-1} x_{n-1} = 0 \quad (4)$$

式 (4) 是不是与式 (1) 形式一样？只是少了一个  $x_n$ 。那么对式 (4) 也进行类似式 (1) 的处理，可得：

$$d_1 (\lambda_1 - \lambda_{n-1}) x_1 + d_2 (\lambda_2 - \lambda_{n-1}) x_2 + \dots + d_{n-2} (\lambda_{n-2} - \lambda_{n-1}) x_{n-2} = 0 \quad (5)$$

若是按照前面的步骤（式 (1) 至式 (3)）重复进行  $n - 2$  次（每次都用一个不同的单个字符代替  $x_i$  前面的系数）后，可得：

$$m_1 (\lambda_1 - \lambda_3) x_1 + m_2 (\lambda_2 - \lambda_3) x_2 = 0 \quad (6)$$

用  $n_i$  代替式 (6) 中  $x_i$  的系数，即令  $n_1 = m_1 (\lambda_1 - \lambda_3)$ ， $n_2 = m_2 (\lambda_2 - \lambda_3)$ 。

再按照前面的步骤（式 (1) 至式 (3)）进行一次处理，可得  $n_1 (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) x_1 = 0$  ( $n_1$  为常数)，由于特征向量不为零且各特征值都不相等，所以只能是  $n_1 = 0$ ，又因为  $n_1 = m_1 (\lambda_1 - \lambda_3)$ ，所以  $m_1 = 0$ ，带入到式 (6) 中可得  $m_2 = 0$ ，如此往后迭代最终可得：

$$c_i = 0 \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

则说明前面的假设（ $n$  个特征向量  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  是线性相关）是错误的，故 矩阵不同特征值对应的特征向量线性无关 得证。

# Diagonalizable

$$P = [p_1 \quad \cdots \quad p_n]$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & d_n \end{bmatrix}$$

- If A is diagonalizable

$$A = PDP^{-1}$$

$$\det(A - tI_n)$$

$$= (t - \lambda_1)^{m_1} (t - \lambda_2)^{m_2} \cdots (t - \lambda_k)^{m_k} (\dots)$$

$p_i$  is an eigenvector of A  
corresponding to eigenvalue  $d_i$

Eigenvalue:

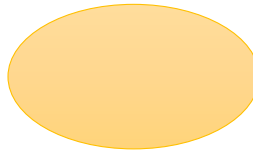
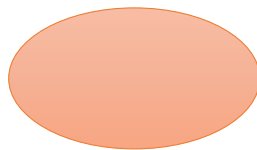
$\lambda_1$

$\lambda_2$

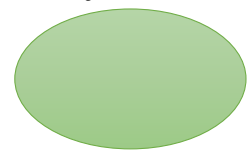
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$\lambda_k$

Eigenspace:



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Basis for  $\lambda_1$

Basis for  $\lambda_2$

Basis for  $\lambda_3$




Independent Eigenvectors

You can't find more!

# Diagonalizable - Example

- Diagonalize a given matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

characteristic polynomial is  $-(t+1)^2(t-3)$   eigenvalues: 3, -1

eigenvalue 3

$$\mathcal{B}_1 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

eigenvalue -1

$$\mathcal{B}_2 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$A = PDP^{-1},$$

where

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

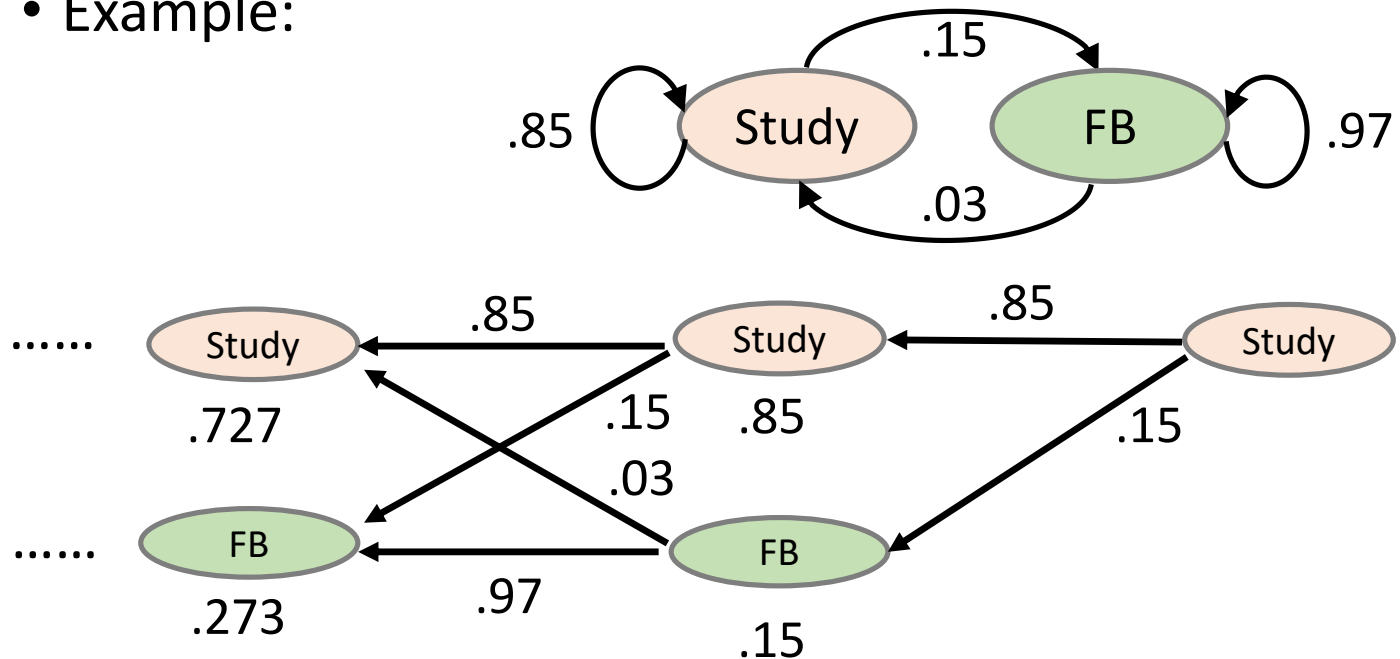
$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

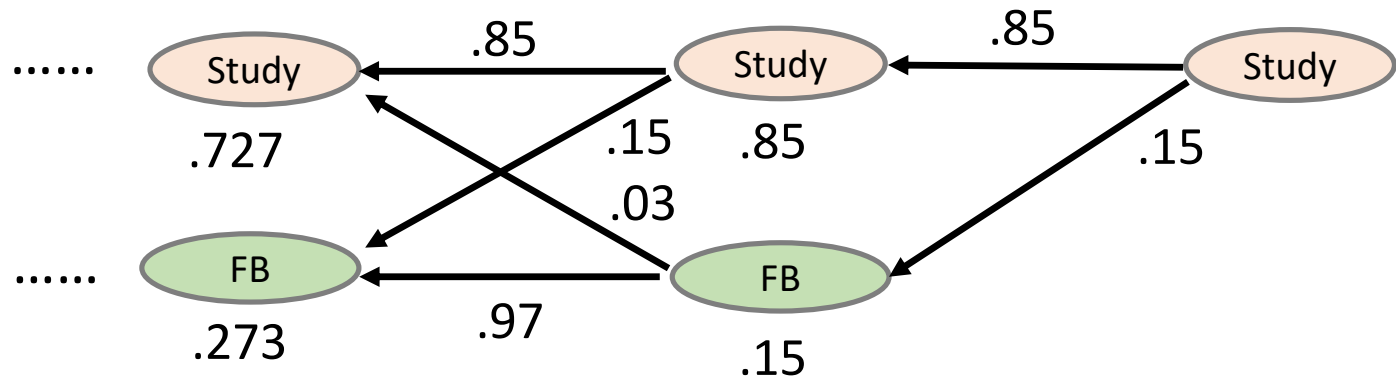
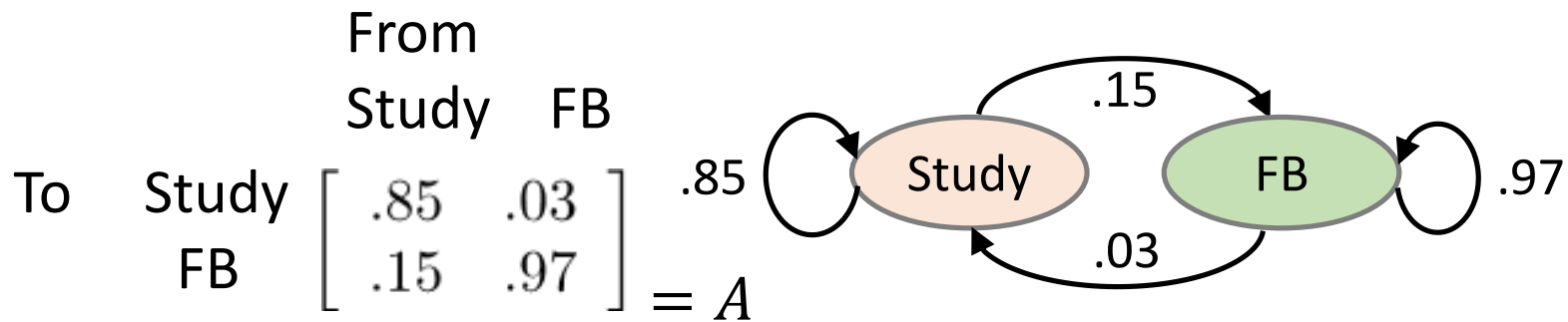
# Application of Diagonalization

- If  $A$  is diagonalizable,

$$A = PDP^{-1} \longrightarrow A^m = PD^mP^{-1}$$

- Example:





$$\begin{bmatrix} .727 \\ .273 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} .85 & .03 \\ .15 & .97 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} .85 \\ .15 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} .85 & .03 \\ .15 & .97 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = PDP^{-1} \longrightarrow A^m = PD^mP^{-1}$$

# Diagonalizable

- Diagonalize a given matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} .85 & .03 \\ .15 & .97 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\det (A - tI_2)$$

$$\begin{array}{l} A - .82I_2 \xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{p}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ A - I_2 \xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -.2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{p}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \Rightarrow P = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \text{ (invertible)}$$
$$D = \begin{bmatrix} .82 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Application of Diagonalization

$$A = PDP^{-1} \text{ where } P = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, D = \begin{bmatrix} .82 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A^m &= PD^m P^{-1} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (.82)^m & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 1 + 5(.82)^m & 1 - (.82)^m \\ 5 - 5(.82)^m & 5 + (.82)^m \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

When  $m \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$A^m = \begin{bmatrix} 1/6 & 1/6 \\ 5/6 & 5/6 \end{bmatrix}$$

The beginning condition does not influence.

# Test for a Diagonalizable Matrix

- An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is diagonalizable if and only if both the following conditions are met.

The characteristic polynomial of  $A$  factors into a product of linear factors.

$$\det(A - tI_n) \quad \text{Factorization}$$

$$= (t - \lambda_1)^{m_1} (t - \lambda_2)^{m_2} \dots (t - \lambda_k)^{m_k} \text{~~(...)~~}$$

For each eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of  $A$ , the multiplicity of  $\lambda$  equals the dimension of the corresponding eigenspace.

# Independent Eigenvectors

An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is diagonalizable

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The eigenvectors of  $A$  can form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

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$$\det(A - tI_n)$$

$$= (t - \lambda_1)^{\underline{m_1}} (t - \lambda_2)^{\underline{m_2}} \dots (t - \lambda_k)^{\underline{m_k}} (\dots \dots)$$

$$\text{Eigenvalue:} \quad \lambda_1 \quad \lambda_2 \quad \dots \quad \lambda_k$$

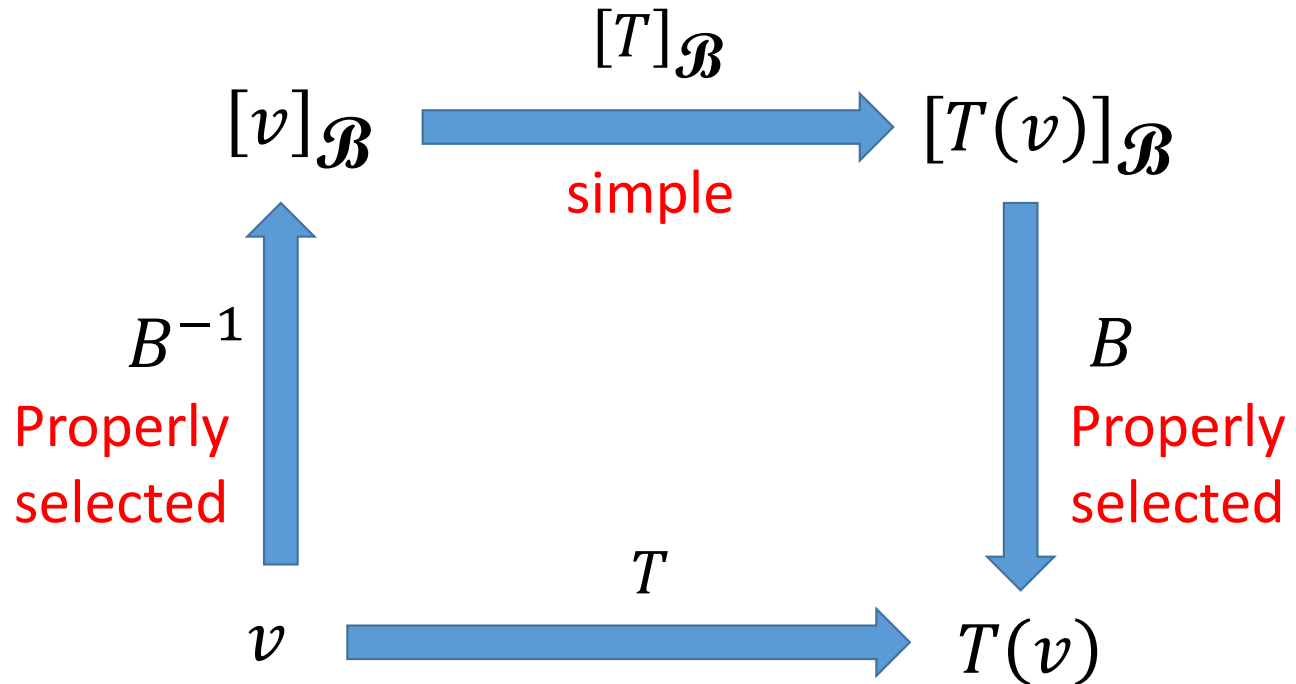
$$\text{Eigenspace:} \quad d_1 = m_1 \quad d_2 = m_2 \quad \dots \quad d_k = m_k$$

(dimension)

怎么证明?

# This lecture

- Reference: Chapter 5.4



# Review

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & \cdots & p_n \end{bmatrix}$$

eigenvector

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & d_n \end{bmatrix}$$

eigenvalue

An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is diagonalizable ( $A = PDP^{-1}$ )

⇔

The eigenvectors of  $A$  can form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

$$\det(A - tI_n) = (t - \lambda_1)^{m_1} (t - \lambda_2)^{m_2} \cdots (t - \lambda_k)^{m_k} (\dots)$$

Eigenvalue:

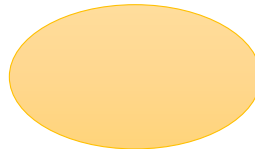
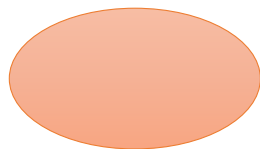
$\lambda_1$

$\lambda_2$

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$\lambda_k$

Eigenspace:



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Basis for  $\lambda_1$

Basis for  $\lambda_2$

Basis for  $\lambda_3$



Independent Eigenvectors

# Diagonalization of Linear Operator

- Example 1:  $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 8x_1 + 9x_2 \\ -6x_1 - 7x_2 \\ 3x_1 + 3x_2 - x_3 \end{bmatrix}$

The standard matrix is  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 9 & 0 \\ -6 & -7 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow$  the characteristic polynomial is  $-(t+1)^2(t-2)$

Eigenvalue -1:

$$\mathcal{B}_1 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Eigenvalue 2:

$$\mathcal{B}_2 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{B}_1 \cup \mathcal{B}_2$  is a basis of  $\mathcal{R}^3$

# Diagonalization of Linear Operator

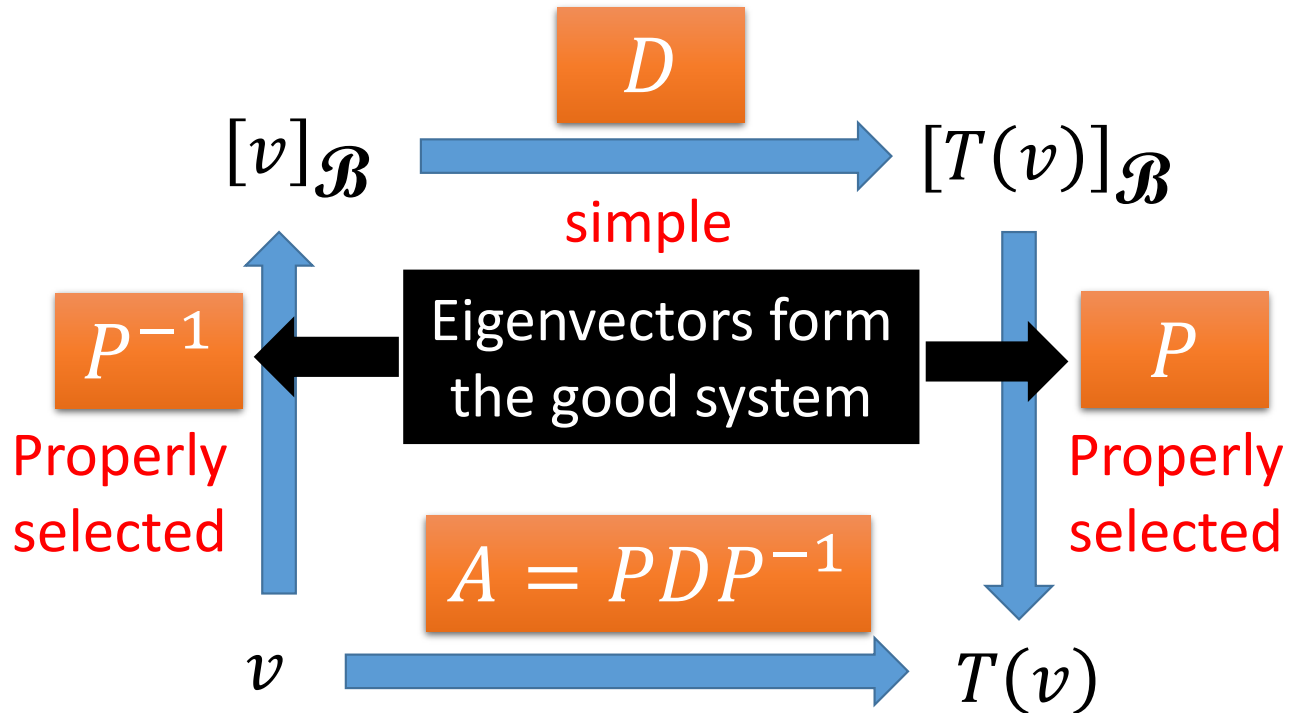
• Example 2:  $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} -x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 \\ x_1 - x_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

The standard matrix is  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

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

# Diagonalization of Linear Operator

- If a linear operator  $T$  is diagonalizable





# Diagonalization of Linear Operator

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 8x_1 + 9x_2 \\ -6x_1 - 7x_2 \\ 3x_1 + 3x_2 - x_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} -1: \\ \mathcal{B}_1 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} 2: \\ \mathcal{B}_2 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \end{matrix}$$

