# Diagonalization Hung-yi Lee

#### 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  $\lambda$ 

$$= \underbrace{Null(A - \lambda I_n) - \{\mathbf{0}\}}_{\mathbf{eigenspace}}$$

Eigenspace of  $\lambda$ :

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

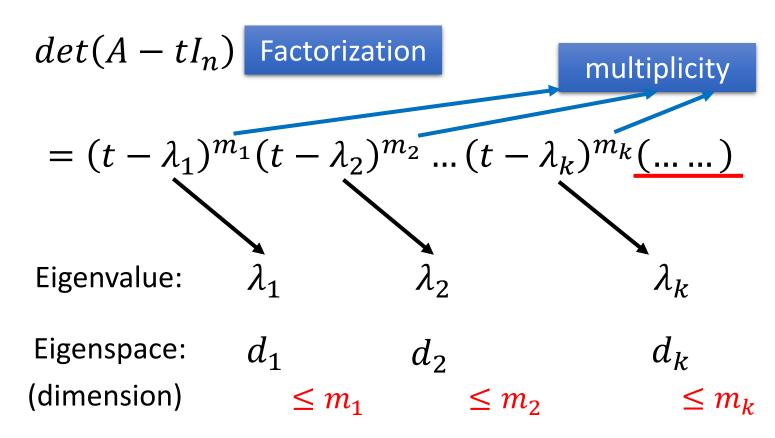
A scalar t is an eigenvalue of A



 $det(A - tI_n) = 0$ 

#### Review

Characteristic polynomial of A is



#### Outline

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

- An nxn matrix A is called diagonalizable if A = $PDP^{-1}$ 
  - D: nxn diagonal matrix
  - P: nxn invertible matrix
- Not all matrices are diagonalizable

$$A = \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$A^2 = 0$$
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If  $A = PDP^{-1}$  for some invertible P and diagonal D

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

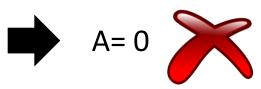


$$D^2 = 0$$



$$D = 0$$





D is diagonal

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

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

• If A is diagonalizable

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

$$AP = [Ap_1 \quad \cdots \quad Ap_n]$$

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

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

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

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

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There are n eigenvectors that form an invertible matrix

There are n independent eigenvectors

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The eigenvectors of A can form a basis for R<sup>n</sup>.

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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*.

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Eigenvalue:

 $\lambda_1 \qquad \lambda_2 \qquad \dots \qquad \lambda_m$ 

Assume dependent

 $(\lambda_k)$ 

Eigenvector:

 $v_1$   $v_2$  .....  $v_m$ 



a contradiction

$$\mathbf{v}_{k} = c_{1}\mathbf{v}_{1} + c_{2}\mathbf{v}_{2} + \cdots + c_{k-1}\mathbf{v}_{k-1}$$

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

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

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

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

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





• If A is diagonalizable

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

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

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

 $det(A - tI_n)$ 

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

Eigenvalue:

Eigenspace:

 $\lambda_1$ 

 $\lambda_2$ 

····· \( \lambda \)

corresponding to eigenvalue  $\overline{d_i}$ 

Basis for  $\lambda_3$ 

Basis for  $\lambda_1$  Basis for  $\lambda_2$ 

**Independent Eigenvectors** 

 $p_i$  is an eigenvector of A

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
$$\mathcal{B}_{1} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \qquad \text{where} \qquad P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$
eigenvalue 1

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

eigenvalue -1

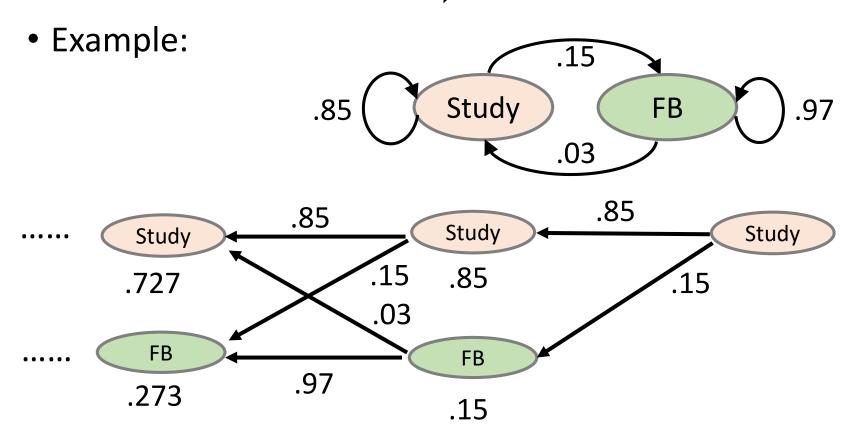
$$\mathcal{B}_2 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

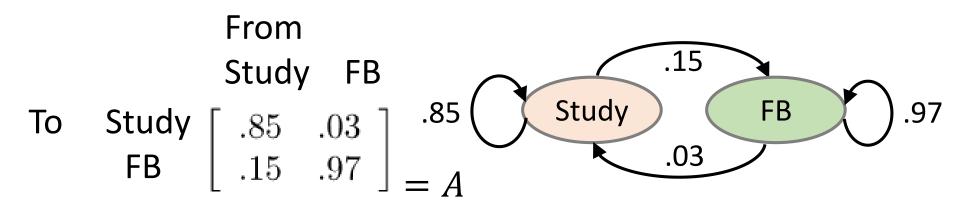
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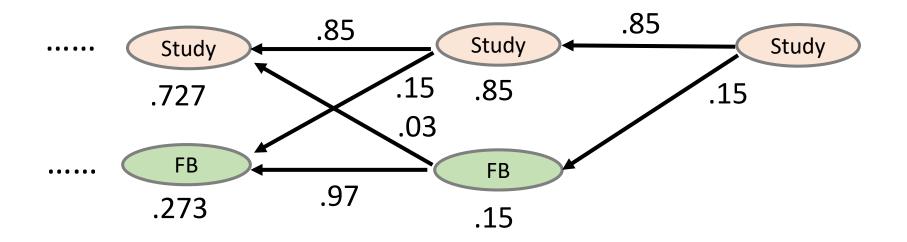
#### Application of Diagonalization

If A is diagonalizable,

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







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

$$\det (A - tI_2)$$

$$A - .82I_{2} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{p}_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A - I_{2} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -.2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{p}_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$
(invertible)
$$D = \begin{bmatrix} .82 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Application of Diagonalization

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

$$A^{m} = PD^{m}P^{-1}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (.82)^{m} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$

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

When  $m \to \infty$ ,

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

The beginning condition does not influence.

#### Test for a Diagonalizable Matrix

• An *n* x *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.

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

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

#### Independent Eigenvectors

#### An *n* x *n* matrix *A* is diagonalizable

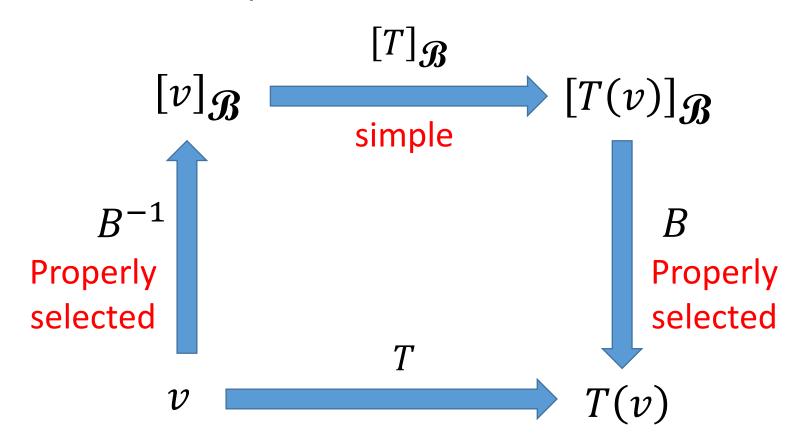
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$$det(A-tI_n)$$
 
$$= (t-\lambda_1)^{\underline{m_1}}(t-\lambda_2)^{\underline{m_2}}\dots(t-\lambda_k)^{\underline{m_k}}(\dots)$$
 Eigenvalue:  $\lambda_1$   $\lambda_2$   $\dots$   $\lambda_k$  Eigenspace:  $d_1=m_1$   $d_2=m_2$   $\dots$   $d_k=m_k$  (dimension)

#### This lecture

• Reference: Chapter 5.4



$$P = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 & \cdots & p_n \end{bmatrix}$$
 eigenvector  $D = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & d_n \end{bmatrix}$ 

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

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The eigenvectors of A can form a basis for R<sup>n</sup>.

$$det(A-tI_n)\\ = (t-\lambda_1)^{m_1}(t-\lambda_2)^{m_2}\dots(t-\lambda_k)^{m_k}(\dots)$$
 Eigenvalue:  $\lambda_1$   $\lambda_2$  ......  $\lambda_k$  Eigenspace: Basis for  $\lambda_1$  Basis for  $\lambda_2$  Basis for  $\lambda_3$  Independent Eigenvectors

• Example 1: 
$$T\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8x_1 + 9x_2 \\ -6x_1 - 7x_2 \\ 3x_1 + 3x_2 - x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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

#### Eigenvalue -1: Eigenvalue 2:

$$\mathcal{B}_1 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \qquad \mathcal{B}_2 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \qquad \Rightarrow \mathcal{B}_1 \cup \mathcal{B}_2 \text{ is a basis of } \mathcal{R}^3$$

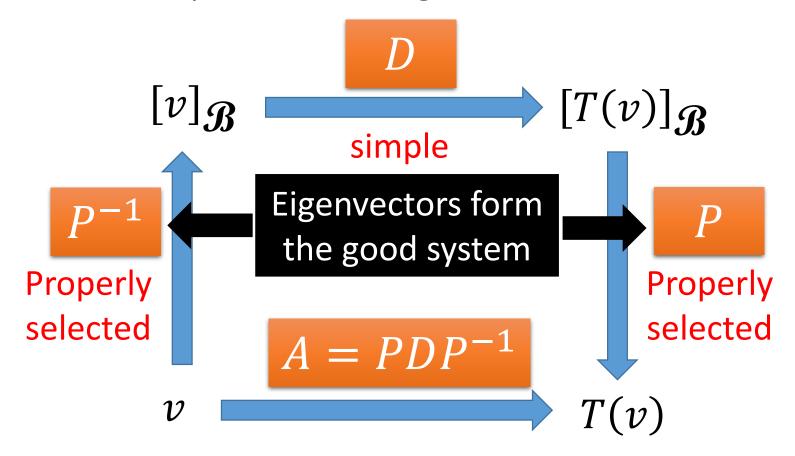
$$\mathcal{B}_2 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

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

• Example 2: 
$$T\begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 \\ x_1 - x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$
The standard matrix is  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -t & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & -t \end{bmatrix}$ 

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

• If a linear operator T is diagonalizable



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