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Ex: Are $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 7 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 4 & 6 \\ -5 & -4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ similar?

Yes: - distinct e-vals 1, -1, 4 can certainly form a basis w/ eigenvalues
 \Rightarrow both similar to $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

Ex: Are these diagonalizable?

a) $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ Yes! (it already is diagonal)
 $\dim(\lambda=2 \text{ eigenspace}) = 3$

b) $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - 2I = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{matrix} x_2=0 \\ x_3=0 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$
 $\dim(\lambda=2 \text{ eigenspace}) = 1$

No!

c) $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ No, $\dim(\lambda=2 \text{ eigenspace}) = 2$

Prop: For any λ , A is similar to B

$\Leftrightarrow A - \lambda I$ is similar to $B - \lambda I$

Pf: $A = CBC^{-1}$

$$A - \lambda I = CBC^{-1} - \lambda I$$

$$A - \lambda I = CBC^{-1} - C\lambda I C^{-1}$$

$$A - \lambda I = C(B - \lambda I)C^{-1} \quad \square$$

Thm If A and B are similar, they have same characteristic polynomial, eigenvalues, and dimensions of eigenspaces.

Pf. Only left to show char. poly.

Suppose $A = CBC^{-1}$

$$\Rightarrow A - \lambda I = C(B - \lambda I)C^{-1}$$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \det(C(B - \lambda I)C^{-1})$$

$$= \det(C) \det(B - \lambda I) \det(C^{-1})$$

$$= \det(B - \lambda I)$$

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Ex: Diagonalize (if possible): $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & -5 & 6 \\ 0 & -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

char. poly.: $\begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & -5-\lambda & 6 \\ 0 & -3 & 4-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 1-\lambda \begin{vmatrix} -5-\lambda & 6 \\ -3 & 4-\lambda \end{vmatrix}$

$$= 1-\lambda(-20+5\lambda-4\lambda+\lambda^2+18)$$

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

e-vecs: $\lambda = 1, -2$
 $\lambda = 1:$

$$A - I = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & -6 & 6 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} x_1 = x_1 \\ x_2 = x_3 \\ x_3 = x_3 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\lambda = -2$

$$A + 2I = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & -3 & 6 \\ 0 & -3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} x_1 = x_3 \\ x_2 = 2x_3 \\ x_3 = x_3 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Yes! Three independent eigen-vectors \Rightarrow diagonalizable

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

Def'n: Let A be a $n \times n$ matrix w/ eigenvalue λ .

- The algebraic multiplicity of λ is its multiplicity as a root of the characteristic polynomial
- The geometric multiplicity of λ is the dimension of the eigen-space

Fact: geometric multiplicity \leq algebraic multiplicity

Ex:

$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$
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alg. mult.
of $\lambda=2$: 3 3 3

geom. mult
of $\lambda=2$: 3 1 2

Ex: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ Find alg. & geom. multiplicities of e-vals.
Is A diagonalizable?

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (2-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ 3 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 = 2-\lambda(-\lambda+\lambda^2-3) - (\lambda-1-1) &= -(\lambda-2)(\lambda^2-\lambda-2) \\
 &= -(\lambda-2)^2(\lambda+1)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda = 2, -1$$

$\lambda = 2$:

$$\text{Nul}(A-2I) = \text{Nul}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}\right) \xrightarrow{R_3+R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_1-R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3-3R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{aligned} x_2 &= 0 \\ x_1 &= x_3 \\ x_3 &= x_3 \end{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

alg. mult.: 2 geom. mult.: 1

$\lambda = -1$

$$\text{Nul}(A+I) = \text{Nul}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}\right) \xrightarrow[R_2+R_3]{R_1-3R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -8 & -6 \\ 0 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_1+2R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3-R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{aligned} 4x_2 &= -3x_3 \\ x_1 &= x_2 + x_3 \end{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

alg. mult.: 1 geom. mult.: 1

Not diagonalizable