

Lecture 9

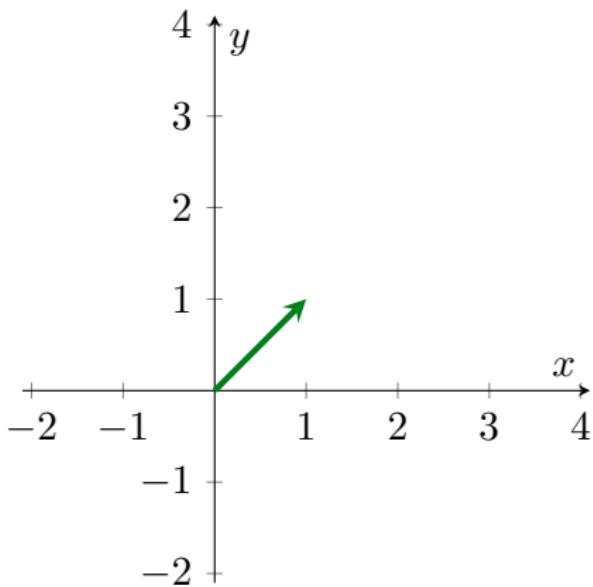
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Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

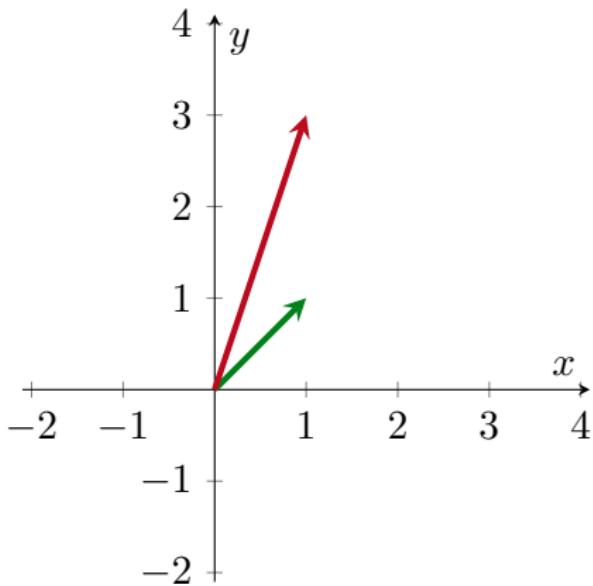
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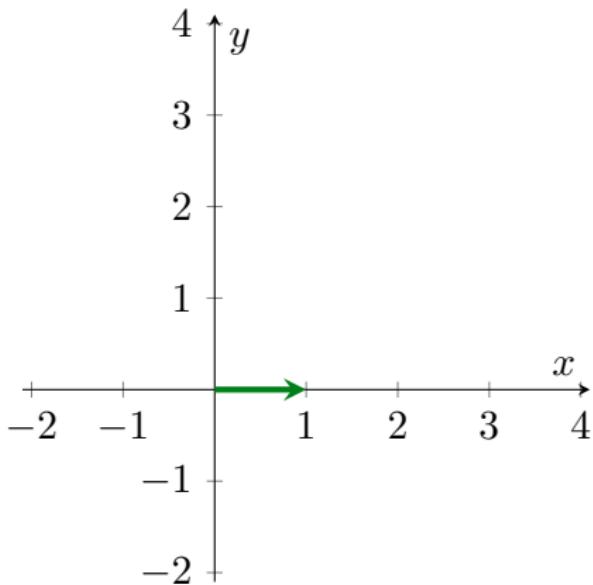
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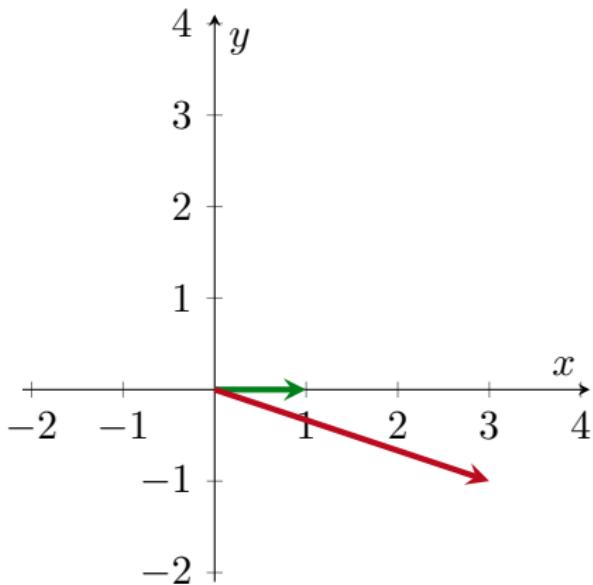
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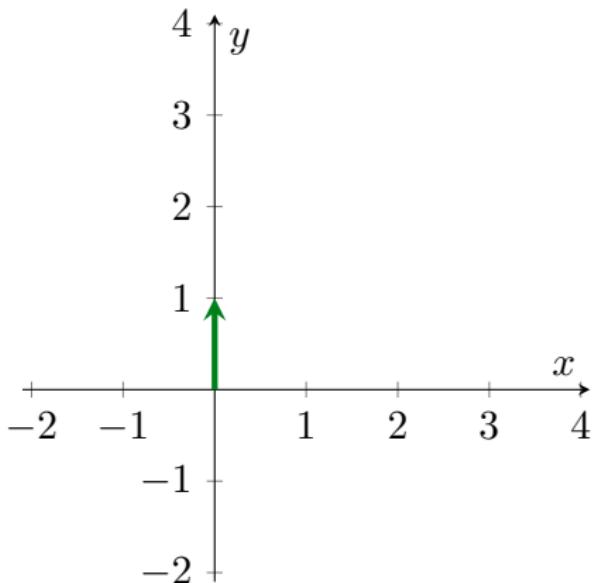


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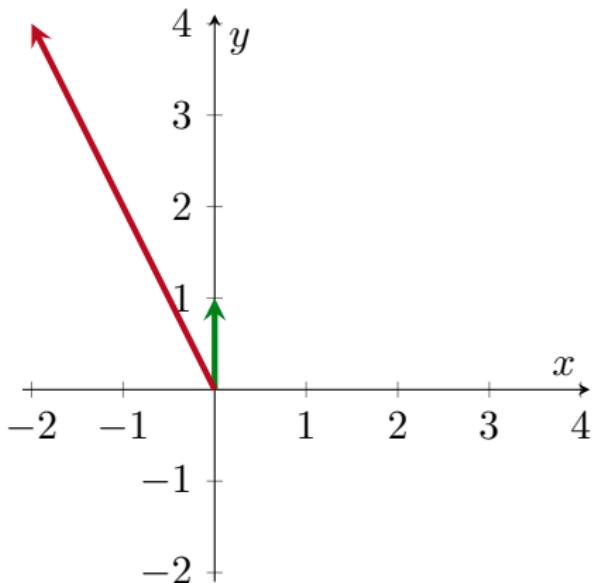


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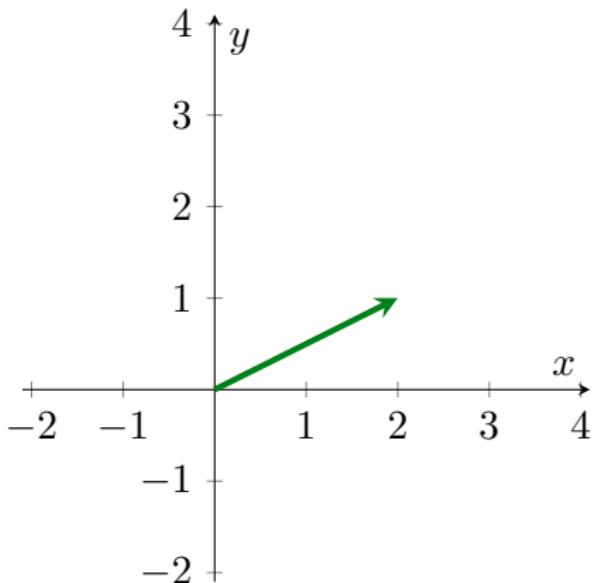
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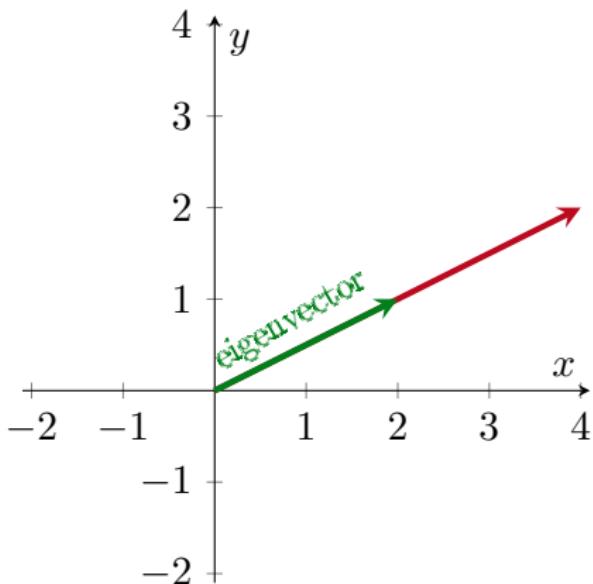
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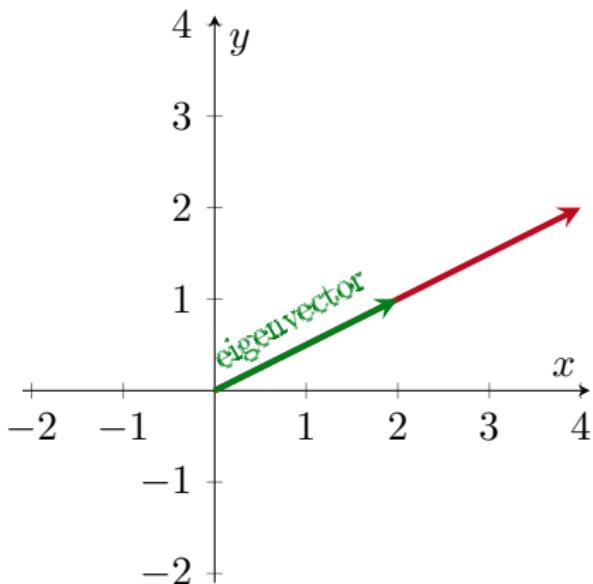
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Remark

The zero vector $\mathbf{0}$ can not be an eigenvector. Only non-zero vectors can be eigenvectors.

Remark

Some books use

$$A\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$$

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

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EXAMPLE 2 Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$, and $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$. Are \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} eigenvectors of A ?

SOLUTION

$$A\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -24 \\ 20 \end{bmatrix} = -4 \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} = -4\mathbf{u}$$
$$A\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix} \neq \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus \mathbf{u} is an eigenvector corresponding to an eigenvalue (-4) , but \mathbf{v} is not an eigenvector of A , because $A\mathbf{v}$ is not a multiple of \mathbf{v} . ■

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If A is an $n \times n$ matrix, then λ is an eigenvalue of A if and only if it satisfies the equation

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This is called the characteristic equation of A .

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Remark

$$\det(\lambda I - A) = 0 \iff \det(A - \lambda I) = 0$$

because $\det(-B) = (-1)^n \det(B)$ and $-0 = 0$.

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For example, the characteristic polynomial of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 8 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ is

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which is a polynomial of degree $\textcolor{red}{2}$.

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Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors



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$$\lambda = 4 \quad \lambda^3 - 8\lambda^2 + 17\lambda - 4 = 64 - 128 + 68 - 4 = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

So $\lambda = 4$ is an eigenvalue. Now we need to look for more.

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Therefore the eigenvalues of A are

$$\lambda = 4, \quad \lambda = 2 + \sqrt{3}, \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda = 2 - \sqrt{3}.$$

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Example

Find the eigenvalues of the upper triangular matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ 0 & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} & a_{34} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{44} \end{bmatrix}.$$

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$$\lambda = a_{11}, \quad \lambda = a_{22}, \quad \lambda = a_{33}, \quad \lambda = a_{44}$$

which are the entries on the main diagonal.

Theorem

If A is an $n \times n$ triangular matrix (upper triangular, lower triangular, or diagonal), then the eigenvalues of A are the entries on the main diagonal of A .

Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors



Example

The eigenvalues of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & \frac{2}{3} & 0 \\ 5 & -8 & -\frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix}$$

are $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$, $\lambda = \frac{2}{3}$ and $\lambda = -\frac{1}{4}$.

Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors



Theorem

If A is an $n \times n$ matrix, the following statements are equivalent.

- 1 λ is an eigenvalue of A .
- 2 λ is a solution of the characteristic equation
$$\det(\lambda I - A) = 0.$$
- 3 The system of equations $(\lambda I - A)\mathbf{x} = 0$ has nontrivial solutions.
- 4 There is a nonzero vector \mathbf{x} such that $A\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$.

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The matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

has eigenvalues $\lambda = -4$ and $\lambda = 7$. Find the corresponding eigenvectors.

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We can choose any x and y (apart from $x = y = 0$) which satisfy this equation. For example we can choose

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

This is an eigenvector of A corresponding to $\lambda = -4$.

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Next we consider $\lambda = 7$. We calculate that

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Eigenspaces

Let A be a square matrix and let λ be an eigenvalue of A .

Definition

The *eigenspace* of A corresponding to λ is

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Nul}(\lambda I - A) &= \{\text{all solutions of } (\lambda I - A)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}\} \\ &= \{\text{all eigenvectors corresponding to } \lambda\} \cup \{\mathbf{0}\}.\end{aligned}$$

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So every eigenvector corresponding to $\lambda = 2$ can be written as

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becomes

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -3 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2x - 3y \\ -2x - 3y \end{bmatrix} \implies 2x = -3y.$$

This means that every eigenvector corresponding to $\lambda = -3$ can be written as

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for some $s \neq 0$ and that

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Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors



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$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc} 2 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \implies \begin{cases} x = -z \\ y \text{ is free} \\ z \text{ is free.} \end{cases}$$

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Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

If $\lambda = 1$ then

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becomes

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

which has solution

$$\mathbf{x} = t \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(please check).

Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors



Hence

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

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$$A \text{ is invertible} \iff c_n \neq 0.$$

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So clearly $\det(A) \neq 0$ if and only if $c_n \neq 0$. □

Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors



Example

The matrix

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

has eigenvalues $\lambda = 1 \neq 0$ and $\lambda = 2 \neq 0$. Therefore A must be invertible.

I leave it for you to check that $\det(A) \neq 0$.

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The matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ has null space $\text{Nul}(A) = \{\mathbf{0}\}$

because the eigenvalues of A are $\lambda = 1 \neq 0$ and $\lambda = 2 \neq 0$.

Eigenvalues of Linear Transformations

These ideas extend to vector spaces.

Definition

If $T : V \rightarrow V$ is a linear operator on a vector space V , then a nonzero vector \mathbf{x} in V is called an *eigenvector* of T if $T(\mathbf{x})$ is a scalar multiple of \mathbf{x} ; that is,

$$T(x) = \lambda x$$

for some scalar λ . The scalar λ is called an eigenvalue of T , and \mathbf{x} is said to be an eigenvector corresponding to λ .

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Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

Remark

$(\begin{array}{l} A \text{ and } B \\ \text{are similar} \end{array}) \quad \not\iff \quad (A \text{ and } B \text{ have the} \\ \text{same eigenvalues})$

For example, the matrices $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ have the same eigenvalues but are not similar.

Remark

Similarity is not the same as row equivalence. Row operations can change a matrix's eigenvalues.



Diagonalisation

Definition

A square matrix A is said to be *diagonalisable* if and only if it is similar to some diagonal matrix; that is, if there exists an invertible matrix P such that $P^{-1}AP$ is diagonal.

In this case, we say that the matrix P *diagonalises* A .

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- 3 Calculate $P^{-1}AP$.

Diagonalisation



Example

Find a matrix P which diagonalises $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

Earlier today we found that the eigenvalues of A are $\lambda = 2$ and $\lambda = 1$. We also found that

$$\mathbf{p}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{p}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

form a basis for the eigenspace corresponding to $\lambda = 2$; and

$$\mathbf{p}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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To check this, we can calculate (please check) that

$$P^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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When we wrote P , we used the two eigenvectors corresponding to $\lambda = 2$ in the first two columns, and the eigenvector corresponding to $\lambda = 1$ in the third column. This is why we get **2, 2** first, then **1**, on the main diagonal of D .

Diagonalisation

Remark

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

is not the only matrix which diagonalises A .

Diagonalisation



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$$P = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & \textcolor{green}{0} & \textcolor{brown}{-2} \\ 0 & \textcolor{green}{1} & \textcolor{brown}{1} \\ 1 & \textcolor{green}{0} & \textcolor{brown}{1} \end{bmatrix}$$

A red curved arrow points from the second column to the third column of the matrix P , indicating a swap between them.

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$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & \textcolor{brown}{-2} & \textcolor{green}{0} \\ 0 & \textcolor{brown}{1} & \textcolor{green}{1} \\ 1 & \textcolor{brown}{1} & \textcolor{green}{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Diagonalisation



Example

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Diagonalisation



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Since A is a triangular matrix, we can see straight away that the eigenvalues of A are $\lambda = 1$ and $\lambda = 2$.

Diagonalisation



I leave it for you to check that bases for the eigenspaces of A are

$$\lambda = 1 : \mathbf{p}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \lambda = 2 : \mathbf{p}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since A is a 3×3 matrix but with only two linearly independent eigenvectors, A is not diagonalisable.

Diagonalisation



Example

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Diagonalisation



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We saw earlier that the eigenvalues of this matrix are $\lambda = 4$, $\lambda = 2 + \sqrt{3}$ and $\lambda = 2 - \sqrt{3}$. Since A has 3 distinct eigenvalues, A is diagonalisable.

► EXAMPLE 4 Diagonalizability of Triangular Matrices

From Theorem 5.1.2, the eigenvalues of a triangular matrix are the entries on its main diagonal. Thus, a triangular matrix with distinct entries on the main diagonal is diagonalizable. For example,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

is a diagonalizable matrix with eigenvalues $\lambda_1 = -1$, $\lambda_2 = 3$, $\lambda_3 = 5$, $\lambda_4 = -2$. ◀

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So λ^2 is an eigenvalue of A^2 with corresponding eigenvector \mathbf{x} .

Theorem

Let $k \in \mathbb{N}$. If λ is an eigenvalue of A , and \mathbf{x} is a corresponding eigenvector, then λ^k is an eigenvalue of A^k and \mathbf{x} is a corresponding eigenvector.

Diagonalisation



Example

The matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ -3 & 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ has eigenvalues $\lambda = 1$ and $\lambda = 2$,

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The eigenvalues of A^7 are $\lambda = 1^7 = 1$ and $\lambda = 2^7 = 128$. The eigenvectors \mathbf{p}_1 and \mathbf{p}_2 of A are also eigenvectors of A^7 , corresponding to the eigenvalues $\lambda = 1$ and $\lambda = 128$ respectively.

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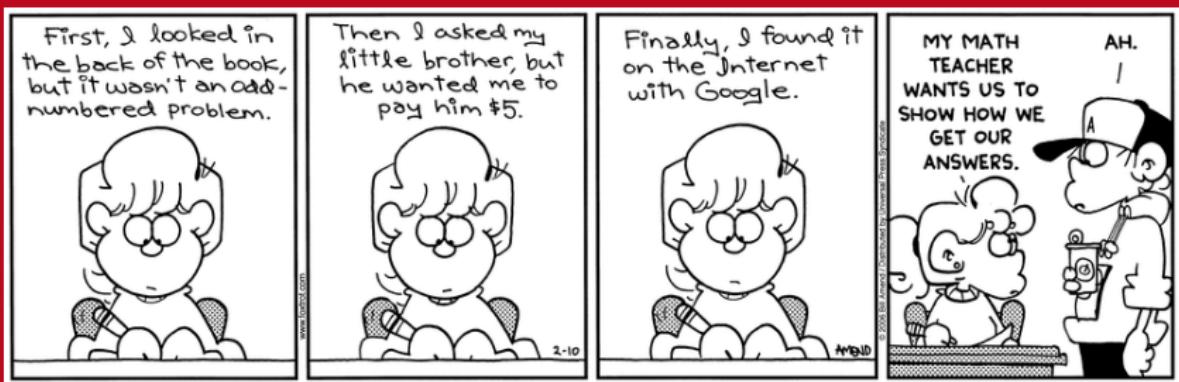
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We will continue at 3pm





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If n is a positive integer, then a *complex n-tuple* is a sequence of n complex numbers

$$(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n).$$

The set of all complex n-tuples is called *complex n-space* and is denoted by \mathbb{C}^n .

Scalars are complex numbers, and the operations of addition, subtraction, and scalar multiplication are performed componentwise.

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Example

Let $\mathbf{v} = (3 + i, -2i, 5) \in \mathbb{C}^3$. Then

- $\bar{\mathbf{v}} = (3 - i, 2i, 5)$
- $\text{Re}(\mathbf{v}) = (3, 0, 5)$
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Matrices in $\mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$

If A is a *complex matrix* is a matrix whose entries may be either real numbers or complex numbers.

$\text{Re}(A)$ and $\text{Im}(A)$ are the matrices formed from the real and imaginary parts of the entries of A .

\overline{A} is the matrix formed by taking the complex conjugate of each entry in A .

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Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1+i & -i \\ 4 & 6-2i \end{bmatrix}$. Then

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- $\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 1+i & -i \\ 4 & 6-2i \end{vmatrix} = (1+i)(6-2i) - (-i)(4) = 8 + 8i.$

Complex Vector Spaces

Theorem

If \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are vectors in \mathbb{C}^n , and if k is a scalar, then:

- $\overline{\overline{\mathbf{v}}} = \mathbf{v}$
- $\overline{k\mathbf{v}} = \bar{k}\bar{\mathbf{v}}$
- $\overline{\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}} = \bar{\mathbf{u}} + \bar{\mathbf{v}}$

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If A is an $m \times r$ complex matrix, B is a $r \times n$ complex matrix, and k is a scalar, then:

- 1 $\overline{\overline{A}} = A$
- 2 $\overline{A^T} = \bar{A}^T$
- 3 $\overline{AB} = \bar{A}\bar{B}$
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Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors of a Real Matrix

We have seen that sometimes real matrices can have complex eigenvalues.

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Next we need to find the eigenvectors.

Complex Vector Spaces

Since

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(We have $a = 1$, $b = -\text{tr}(A)$ and $c = \det(A)$.)

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Theorem

If $A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$, then the characteristic equation of A is

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and

- 1 A has two distinct real eigenvalues if $\text{tr}(A)^2 - 4\det(A) > 0$;
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$\lambda = 1$ is the only eigenvalue of A .

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The solutions to this quadratic equation are

$$\lambda = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{(-4)^2 - 4(13)}}{2} = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{-36}}{2} = \frac{4 \pm 6i}{2} = 2 \pm 3i.$$

The eigenvalues of A are $\lambda = 2 + 3i$ and $\lambda = 2 - 3i$.

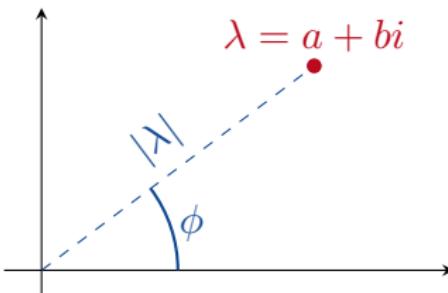
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If A is a real symmetric matrix, then A has real eigenvalues.

(proof omitted)

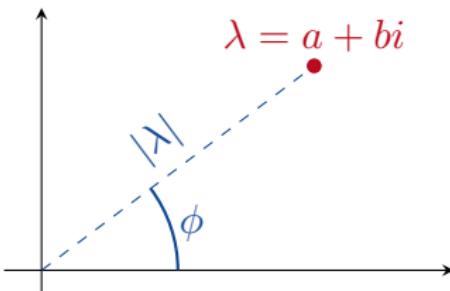
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where ϕ is the argument of $a + bi$.

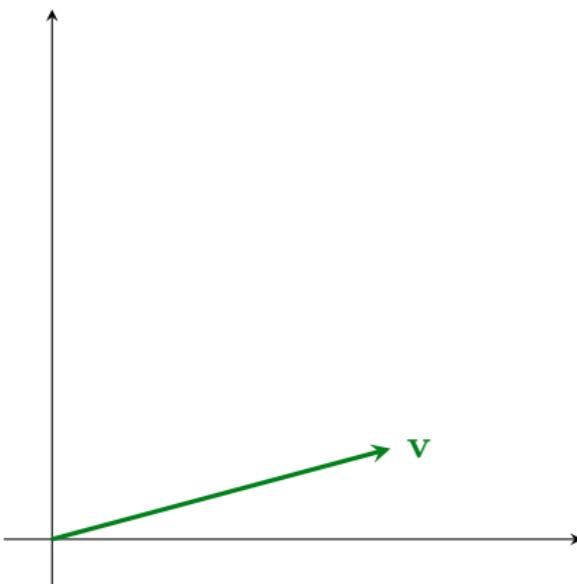
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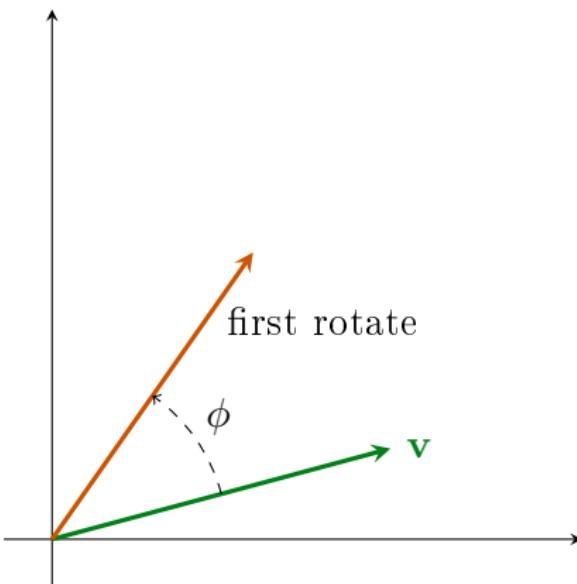
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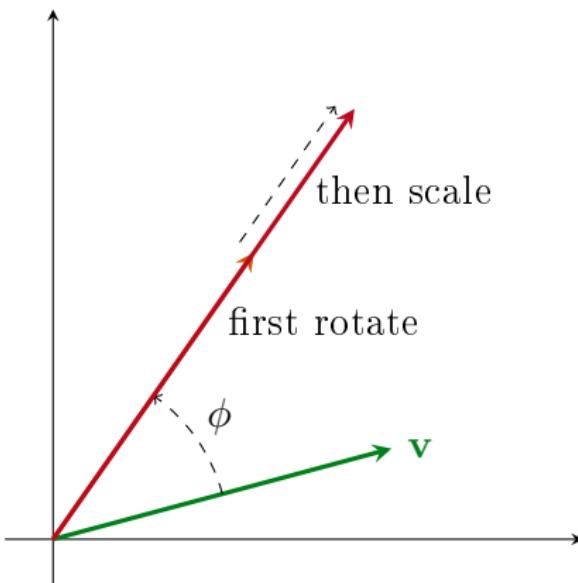
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