

# MA2001 LINEAR ALGEBRA

## Diagonalization

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- Suppose  $A$  and  $B$  are **diagonal matrices** of order  $n$ .

- $$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & a_{22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & b_{22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & b_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$
- $$AB = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}b_{11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & a_{22}b_{22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_{nn}b_{nn} \end{pmatrix}.$$

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- Let  $A$  be a square matrix.
  - Suppose there exists an invertible matrix  $P$  such that
    - $P^{-1}AP = D$  is a diagonal matrix.

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 A^m &= (PDP^{-1})^m \\
 &= \underbrace{(PDP^{-1})(PDP^{-1}) \cdots (PDP^{-1})}_{m \text{ times}} \\
 &= PD(P^{-1}P)D(P^{-1}P) \cdots (P^{-1}P)DP^{-1} \\
 &= P \underbrace{DD \cdots DD}_{m \text{ times}} P^{-1} \\
 &= PD^m P^{-1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

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## Motivations

- **Example.** Suppose that each year
  - 4% of the rural population moves to the urban district.
  - 1% of the urban populations moves to the rural district.

After  $n$  years,

- Let  $a_n$  be the rural population;
- Let  $b_n$  be the urban population.

$$a_n = 0.96a_{n-1} + 0.01b_{n-1}, \quad b_n = 0.04a_{n-1} + 0.99b_{n-1}.$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.96 & 0.01 \\ 0.04 & 0.99 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_{n-1} \\ b_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Let } \mathbf{x}_n = \begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.96 & 0.01 \\ 0.04 & 0.99 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_{n-1} = \mathbf{A}^2\mathbf{x}_{n-2} = \cdots = \mathbf{A}^n\mathbf{x}_0.$$

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- Let  $\mathbf{x}_n = \begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.96 & 0.01 \\ 0.04 & 0.99 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- $\mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_{n-1} = \mathbf{A}^2\mathbf{x}_{n-2} = \dots = \mathbf{A}^n\mathbf{x}_0$ .

Let  $\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.95 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- $\mathbf{A}^n = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}^n\mathbf{P}^{-1}$
- $\mathbf{A}^n = \begin{pmatrix} 0.2 + 0.8 \cdot 0.95^n & 0.2 - 0.2 \cdot 0.95^n \\ 0.8 - 0.8 \cdot 0.95^n & 0.8 + 0.2 \cdot 0.95^n \end{pmatrix}$

- $\begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{A}^n\mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{A}^n \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ b_0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- $\begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.2a_0 + 0.2b_0 + (0.8a_0 - 0.2b_0) \cdot 0.95^n \\ 0.8a_0 + 0.8b_0 - (0.8a_0 - 0.2b_0) \cdot 0.95^n \end{pmatrix}$ .

In particular,  $\begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \begin{pmatrix} 0.2(a_0 + b_0) \\ 0.8(a_0 + b_0) \end{pmatrix}$ .

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## Motivations

- Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a square matrix of order 3.
- Suppose  $\mathbf{P} = (\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2 \ \mathbf{v}_3)$  is invertible such that

- $\mathbf{P}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Then  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}$ .

- $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2 \ \mathbf{v}_3) = (\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2 \ \mathbf{v}_3) \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{pmatrix}$

- $(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_2 \ \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_3) = (\lambda_1\mathbf{v}_1 \ \lambda_2\mathbf{v}_2 \ \lambda_3\mathbf{v}_3)$ .

- Hence,  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_1 = \lambda_1\mathbf{v}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_2 = \lambda_2\mathbf{v}_2$ ,  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_3 = \lambda_3\mathbf{v}_3$ .

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## Definitions

- **Definition.** Let  $A$  be a square matrix of order  $n$ .
  - Suppose that for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  and **nonzero**  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ 
    - $Av = \lambda v$
  - $\lambda$  is called an **eigenvalue** of  $A$ .
  - $v$  is called an **eigenvector** of  $A$  associated with  $\lambda$ .
- **Example.** Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0.96 & 0.01 \\ 0.04 & 0.99 \end{pmatrix}$ .
  - Let  $u = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $Au = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = 1u$ .
    - $u$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  associated to eigenvalue 1.
  - Let  $v = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .  $Av = \begin{pmatrix} 0.95 \\ -0.95 \end{pmatrix} = 0.95v$ .
    - $v$  is an eigenvector associated to eigenvalue 0.95.

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## Example

- Let  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .
  - Let  $u = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $Bu = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = 3u$ .
    - $u$  is an eigenvector of  $B$  associated to eigenvalue 3.
  - Let  $v = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $Bv = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0v$ .
    - $v$  is an eigenvector of  $B$  associated to eigenvalue 0.
  - Let  $w = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $Bw = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0w$ .
    - $w$  is an eigenvector of  $B$  associated to eigenvalue 0.

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## Characteristic Equation

- Let  $A$  be a square matrix. How to find its eigenvalues?

- $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ 
  - $\Leftrightarrow Av = \lambda v$  for some nonzero column vector  $v$
  - $\Leftrightarrow \lambda v - Av = 0$  for some nonzero column vector  $v$
  - $\Leftrightarrow (\lambda I - A)v = 0$  for some nonzero column vector  $v$
  - $\Leftrightarrow (\lambda I - A)x = 0$  has non-trivial solution
  - $\Leftrightarrow \lambda I - A$  a singular matrix
  - $\Leftrightarrow \det(\lambda I - A) = 0$ .

If  $A$  is of order  $n$ , then  $\det(\lambda I - A)$  is a monic polynomial in  $\lambda$  of degree  $n$ :

$$\lambda^n + c_{n-1}\lambda^{n-1} + \cdots + c_1\lambda + c_0.$$

- Definition.** Let  $A$  be a square matrix.
  - $\det(\lambda I - A)$  is the **characteristic polynomial** of  $A$ .
  - $\det(\lambda I - A) = 0$  is the **characteristic equation** of  $A$ .

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## Characteristic Equation

- Theorem.** Let  $A$  be a square matrix.

- Then the eigenvalues of  $A$  are precisely all the roots to the characteristic equation  $\det(\lambda I - A) = 0$ .

- Examples.**

- Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0.96 & 0.01 \\ 0.04 & 0.99 \end{pmatrix}$ . Characteristic polynomial is

$$\begin{aligned}\det(\lambda I - A) &= \det\left(\lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0.96 & 0.01 \\ 0.04 & 0.99 \end{pmatrix}\right) \\ &= \det\begin{pmatrix} \lambda - 0.96 & -0.01 \\ -0.04 & \lambda - 0.99 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (\lambda - 0.96)(\lambda - 0.99) - (-0.01)(-0.04) \\ &= \lambda^2 - 1.95\lambda + 0.95 \\ &= (\lambda - 0.95)(\lambda - 1).\end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $A$  has two eigenvalues 0.95 and 1.

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- **Examples.**

- Let  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Characteristic polynomial:

$$\begin{aligned}\det(\lambda I - B) &= \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & \lambda - 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & \lambda - 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \lambda^3 - 3\lambda^2 \\ &= \lambda^2(\lambda - 3).\end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $B$  has two eigenvalues 0 and 3.

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## Characteristic Equation

- **Theorem.** Let  $A$  be a square matrix.
  - Then the eigenvalues of  $A$  are precisely all the roots to the characteristic equation  $\det(\lambda I - A) = 0$ .

- **Examples.**

- Let  $C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Characteristic polynomial:

$$\begin{aligned}\det(\lambda I - C) &= \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & -2 \\ -1 & -1 & \lambda - 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \lambda^3 - \lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 2 \\ &= (\lambda - 1)(\lambda - \sqrt{2})(\lambda + \sqrt{2}).\end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $C$  has three eigenvalues 1,  $\sqrt{2}$  and  $-\sqrt{2}$ .

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## Main Theorem for Invertible Matrices

- **Theorem.** Let  $A$  be a square matrix of order  $n$ . Then the following are equivalent:

1.  $A$  is invertible.
2. The reduced row-echelon form of  $A$  is  $I_n$ .
3. The homogeneous linear system  $Ax = 0$  has only the trivial solution.
4. The linear system  $Ax = b$  has exactly one solution.
5.  $A$  is the product of elementary matrices.
6.  $\det(A) \neq 0$ .
7. The rows of  $A$  form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
8. The columns of  $A$  form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
9.  $\text{rank}(A) = n$ .
10. 0 is not an eigenvalue of  $A$ .

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## Main Theorem for Invertible Matrices

- **Proof.** It remains to show that “10” is equivalent to “6”:

- 0 is not an eigenvalue of  $A$ 
  - $\Leftrightarrow 0$  is not a root to  $\det(\lambda I - A) = 0$
  - $\Leftrightarrow \det(0I - A) \neq 0$
  - $\Leftrightarrow \det(-A) \neq 0$
  - $\Leftrightarrow (-1)^n \det(A) \neq 0$
  - $\Leftrightarrow \det(A) \neq 0$ .

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## Upper Triangular Matrices

- Let  $A$  be an **upper triangular** matrix of order  $n$ :

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a_{22} & a_{23} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} & \cdots & a_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Its characteristic polynomial is  $\det(\lambda I - A)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \det(\lambda I - A) &= \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - a_{11} & -a_{12} & -a_{13} & \cdots & -a_{1n} \\ 0 & \lambda - a_{22} & -a_{23} & \cdots & -a_{2n} \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda - a_{33} & \cdots & -a_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda - a_{nn} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (\lambda - a_{11})(\lambda - a_{22})(\lambda - a_{33}) \cdots (\lambda - a_{nn}). \end{aligned}$$

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## Upper Triangular Matrices

- Theorem.** Let  $A$  be an upper (or lower) triangular matrix. Then its eigenvalues are all the diagonal entries of  $A$ .
  - More precisely, if  $A = (a_{ij})_{n \times n}$  is upper triangular ( $a_{ij} = 0$  if  $i > j$ ) or lower triangular ( $a_{ij} = 0$  if  $i < j$ ),
    - then the eigenvalues of  $A$  are  $a_{11}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{nn}$ .

- Examples.**

$$\circ \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3.5 & 14 \\ 0 & 5 & -26 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}. \text{ Eigenvalues: } -1, 5 \text{ and } 2.$$

$$\circ \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 99 & 0 & 0 \\ 10 & -4.5 & 10 \end{pmatrix}. \text{ Eigenvalues: } -2, 0 \text{ and } 10.$$

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## Eigenspace

- Let  $A$  be a square matrix of order  $n$ .
  - Let  $\lambda$  be an eigenvalue of  $A$ .

Let  $\mathbf{0} \neq \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then

- $\mathbf{v}$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  associated to  $\lambda$ 
  - $\Leftrightarrow A\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}$
  - $\Leftrightarrow (\lambda I - A)\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$
  - $\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{v}$  is a nonzero vector in the nullspace of  $\lambda I - A$ .

- **Definition.** Let  $A$  be a square matrix and  $\lambda$  an eigenvalue of  $A$ . (Then  $\lambda I - A$  is singular.)
  - The **eigenspace** of  $A$  associated to  $\lambda$  is the nullspace of  $\lambda I - A$ , denoted by  $E_\lambda$  (or  $E_{A,\lambda}$ ).
    - $E_\lambda$  consists of all the eigenvectors of  $A$  associated to  $\lambda$ , and the zero vector  $\mathbf{0}$ . Note that  $\dim E_\lambda \geq 1$ .

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## Examples

- $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0.96 & 0.01 \\ 0.04 & 0.99 \end{pmatrix}$  has eigenvalues 1 and 0.95.
  - The eigenspace  $E_1$  is the nullspace of  $1I - A$ .
    - $1I - A = \begin{pmatrix} 0.04 & -0.01 \\ -0.04 & 0.01 \end{pmatrix}$ .
    - $(1I - A)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{x} = t \begin{pmatrix} 0.25 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, t \in \mathbb{R}$ .
  - Then  $E_1 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0.25 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ , and  $\dim(E_1) = 1$ .
  - The eigenspace  $E_{0.95}$  is the nullspace of  $0.95I - A$ .
    - $0.95I - A = \begin{pmatrix} -0.01 & -0.01 \\ -0.04 & -0.04 \end{pmatrix}$ .
    - $(0.95I - A)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{x} = t \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, t \in \mathbb{R}$ .
    - Then  $E_{0.95} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ , and  $\dim(E_{0.95}) = 1$ .

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## Examples

- $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  has eigenvalues 3 and 0.

- The eigenspace  $E_3$  is the nullspace of  $3I - B$ .

- $3I - B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$

- $(3I - B)x = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, t \in \mathbb{R}.$

Then  $E_3 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ , and  $\dim(E_3) = 1$ .

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## Examples

- $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  has eigenvalues 3 and 0.

- The eigenspace  $E_0$  is the nullspace of  $0I - B$ .

- $0I - B = -B = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$

- $(0I - B)x = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = s \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, s, t \in \mathbb{R}.$

$E_0 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ , and  $\dim(E_0) = 2$ .

- **Note:** If  $A$  is singular, then 0 is an eigenvalue of  $A$ .

- The eigenspace  $E_0$  is the nullspace of  $A$ .

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## Examples

- $C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  has eigenvalues  $1, \sqrt{2}$  and  $-\sqrt{2}$ .

◦ The eigenspace  $E_1$  is the nullspace of  $1I - C$ .

- $1I - C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$

- $(1I - C)x = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = t \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, t \in \mathbb{R}.$

$$E_1 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \text{ and } \dim(E_1) = 1.$$

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◦ The eigenspace  $E_{\sqrt{2}}$  is the nullspace of  $\sqrt{2}I - C$ .

- $\sqrt{2}I - C = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} & -2 \\ -1 & -1 & \sqrt{2} - 1 \end{pmatrix}.$

- $(\sqrt{2}I - C)x = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = t \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ \sqrt{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, t \in \mathbb{R}.$

$$E_{\sqrt{2}} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ \sqrt{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \text{ and } \dim(E_{\sqrt{2}}) = 1.$$

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## Examples

- $C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  has eigenvalues  $1$ ,  $\sqrt{2}$  and  $-\sqrt{2}$ .
    - The eigenspace  $E_{-\sqrt{2}}$  is the nullspace of  $-\sqrt{2}I - C$ .
      - $-\sqrt{2}I - C = \begin{pmatrix} -\sqrt{2} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\sqrt{2} & -2 \\ -1 & -1 & -\sqrt{2}-1 \end{pmatrix}$ .
      - $(-\sqrt{2}I - C)x = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = t \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -\sqrt{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, t \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- $$E_{-\sqrt{2}} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -\sqrt{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \text{ and } \dim(E_{-\sqrt{2}}) = 1.$$

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## Diagonalization

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### Diagonalizable Matrices

- **Definition.** Let  $A$  be a square matrix.
    - $A$  is called **diagonalizable** if there exists an **invertible** matrix  $P$  such that  $P^{-1}AP$  is a **diagonal** matrix.
  - **Examples.**
    - $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0.96 & 0.01 \\ 0.04 & 0.99 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $P = \begin{pmatrix} 0.25 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ 
      - Then  $P^{-1}AP = D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.95 \end{pmatrix}$ .
- Then  $A$  is diagonalizable.
- Note that the diagonal entries of  $D$  are the eigenvalues of  $A$ .
    - The columns of  $P$  are eigenvectors of  $A$  associated to these eigenvalues.

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- **Definition.** Let  $A$  be a square matrix.
  - $A$  is called **diagonalizable** if there exists an **invertible** matrix  $P$  such that  $P^{-1}AP$  is a **diagonal** matrix.
- **Examples.**
  - $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .
    - $P^{-1}BP = D = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . So  $B$  is diagonalizable.
  - Note that the diagonal entries of  $D$  are the eigenvalues of  $B$ .
    - The columns of  $P$  are eigenvectors of  $B$  associated to these eigenvalues.

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## Examples

- Prove that  $M = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  is not diagonalizable.
  - Suppose there exists invertible  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  such that
    - $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \mu \end{pmatrix}$ .  
 i.e.,  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \mu \end{pmatrix}$ .
    - $\begin{pmatrix} 2a & 2b \\ a + 2c & b + 2d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda a & \mu b \\ \lambda c & \mu d \end{pmatrix}$ .  
 If  $a \neq 0$ , then  $\lambda = 2$ , and  $a + 2c = 2c \Rightarrow a = 0$ ; so  $a = 0$ .  
 If  $b \neq 0$ , then  $\mu = 2$ , and  $b + 2d = 2d \Rightarrow b = 0$ ; so  $b = 0$ .
    - Then  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  is singular.
  - Therefore,  $M$  is not diagonalizable.

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## Criterion of Diagonalizability

- Let  $A$  be a square matrix of order  $n$ .
  - Suppose that  $A$  is diagonalizable.
    - There exist invertible matrices  $P$  such that  $P^{-1}AP$  is a diagonal matrix  $D$ , i.e.,  $AP = PD$ .

Let  $P = (v_1 \ \cdots \ v_n)$  and  $D = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$ .

- $A(v_1 \ \cdots \ v_n) = (v_1 \ \cdots \ v_n) \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$ .

- $(Av_1 \ \cdots \ Av_n) = (\lambda_1 v_1 \ \cdots \ \lambda_n v_n)$ .

- Then  $Av_i = \lambda_i v_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

$\lambda_i$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ ,  $v_i$  is an eigenvector associated to  $\lambda_i$ .

- $P$  is invertible  $\Rightarrow v_1, \dots, v_n$  are linearly independent.

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## Criterion of Diagonalizability

- Let  $A$  be a square matrix of order  $n$ .
  - Suppose  $A$  has  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors.
    - $Av_1 = \lambda_1 v_1, Av_2 = \lambda_2 v_2, \dots, Av_n = \lambda_n v_n$ ,
      - where  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  are linearly independent.

Let  $P = (v_1 \ \cdots \ v_n)$ . Then  $P$  is invertible.

- Let  $D = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} AP &= A(v_1 \ \cdots \ v_n) = (Av_1 \ \cdots \ Av_n) \\ &= (\lambda_1 v_1 \ \cdots \ \lambda_n v_n) \\ &= (v_1 \ \cdots \ v_n) \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix} = PD. \end{aligned}$$

- $P^{-1}AP = D$ ; so  $A$  is diagonalizable.

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## Criterion of Diagonalizability

- **Theorem.** Let  $A$  be a square matrix of order  $n$ .
  - $A$  is diagonalizable
    - $\Leftrightarrow A$  has  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors.
- **Remark.** Suppose that  $P^{-1}AP = D$  is diagonal.
  - The diagonal entries of  $D$  are eigenvalues of  $A$ :
    - $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ , which may be repeated. $D$  is not unique unless  $A$  has only one eigenvalue.
  - The columns of  $P$  are eigenvectors of  $A$ :
    - $v_1, \dots, v_n$ , which are linearly independent.
    - $v_i$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  associated to  $\lambda_i$ . $P$  is not unique. For instance,
    - $v_i$  can be replaced by a nonzero multiple of  $v_i$ .

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## Diagonalization

- **Algorithm of Diagonalization**
  - Let  $A$  be a square matrix of order  $n$ .
    1. Solve  $\det(\lambda I - A) = 0$  to find eigenvalues of  $A$ .
    2. For each eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$  of  $A$ ,
      - find a basis  $S_i$  for the eigenspace  $E_{\lambda_i}$ .

$$A \text{ is diagonalizable} \Leftrightarrow |S_1| + \dots + |S_k| = n,$$

$$A \text{ is not diagonalizable} \Leftrightarrow |S_1| + \dots + |S_k| < n.$$

Suppose  $A$  is diagonalizable. Then

- $S_1 \cup \dots \cup S_k = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- $A$  is diagonalized by  $P = (v_1 \ \dots \ v_n)$ .

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## Remarks

- $\det(\lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})$  is a polynomial of  $\lambda$  in degree  $n$ .
  - It can be completely factorized as
    - $(\lambda - \lambda_1)(\lambda - \lambda_2) \cdots (\lambda - \lambda_n)$ ,  $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{C}$ .
 But  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  are not necessarily real numbers.
  - If some  $\lambda_i$  is not real,
    - then  $\mathbf{A}$  is not diagonalizable (over  $\mathbb{R}$ ).
- **Example.** Let  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .
  - $\det(\lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}) = \lambda^2 + 1 = (\lambda - i)(\lambda + i)$ .
    - $\mathbf{A}$  is not diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{R}$ .
    - $\begin{pmatrix} -i & i \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -i & i \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix}$ .

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## Remarks

- Suppose that  $\det(\lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})$  can be completely factorized:
  - $(\lambda - \lambda_1)^{r_1} (\lambda - \lambda_2)^{r_2} \cdots (\lambda - \lambda_k)^{r_k}$ ,
    - where  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k$  are all distinct.
 Then  $r_i$  is the **algebraic multiplicity**  $a(\lambda_i)$  of  $\lambda_i$ .
  - Let  $E_i$  be the eigenspace of  $\mathbf{A}$  associated to  $\lambda_i$ .
    - $\dim E_i$  is the **geometric multiplicity**  $g(\lambda_i)$  of  $\lambda_i$ .
  - One can prove (MA2101) that  $g(\lambda_i) \leq a(\lambda_i)$ .
 Note that  $a(\lambda_1) + a(\lambda_2) + \cdots + a(\lambda_k) = n$ .
  - If  $\dim E_i < a(\lambda_i)$  for some  $i$ ,
    - then  $\dim E_1 + \dim E_2 + \cdots + \dim E_k < n$ ;
 consequently,  $\mathbf{A}$  is not diagonalizable.

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## Remarks

- Let  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k$  be distinct eigenvalues of  $A$ .
  - and  $\mathbf{v}_i$  be an eigenvector of  $A$  associated to  $\lambda_i$ .

Then  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k$  are linearly independent.

- **Proof.** Let  $k = 2$ . Suppose  $c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{0}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{0} &= A\mathbf{0} = A(c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2) \\ &= c_1(A\mathbf{v}_1) + c_2(A\mathbf{v}_2) \\ &= (c_1\lambda_1)\mathbf{v}_1 + (c_2\lambda_2)\mathbf{v}_2, \\ \mathbf{0} &= \lambda_1\mathbf{0} = \lambda_1(c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2) \\ &= (c_1\lambda_1)\mathbf{v}_1 + (c_2\lambda_1)\mathbf{v}_2.\end{aligned}$$

- Then  $c_2\lambda_2\mathbf{v}_2 = c_2\lambda_1\mathbf{v}_2$ , i.e.,  $c_2(\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)\mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{0}$ .

- $\mathbf{v}_2 \neq \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$ ; so  $c_2 = 0$  &  $c_1 = 0$ .

The general case can be proved by mathematical induction. (Exercise.)

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## Diagonalization

- **Algorithm of Diagonalization**

- Let  $A$  be a square matrix of order  $n$ .

Case 1. If  $\det(\lambda I - A)$  cannot be completely factorized,

- then  $A$  is not diagonalizable.

Case 2. If  $\det(\lambda I - A)$  can be completely factorized,

- for each  $\lambda_i$ , find a basis  $S_i$  for its eigenspace.

2a. If  $|S_i| < a(\lambda_i)$  for some  $i$ ,

- then  $A$  is not diagonalizable.

2b. If  $|S_i| = a(\lambda_i)$  for all  $i$ ,

- then  $A$  is diagonalizable.
- $S_1 \cup \dots \cup S_k = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- $P = (\mathbf{v}_1 \ \dots \ \mathbf{v}_n)$  diagonalizes  $A$ .

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## Examples

- Let  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Step 1.  $\det(\lambda I - B) = (\lambda - 3)\lambda^2$ .

- $B$  has eigenvalues  $\lambda = 3$  and  $\lambda = 0$ .

Step 2. Find bases for eigenspaces:

- $E_3$ :  $\{(1, 1, 1)^T\}$ .
- $E_0$ :  $\{(-1, 1, 0)^T, (-1, 0, 1)^T\}$ .

Step 3.  $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $P^{-1}BP = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

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- The  $i$ th column of  $P$  is an eigenvector of  $B$  associated to the  $i$ th diagonal entry (eigenvalue) of  $P^{-1}BP$ .

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## Examples

- Let  $C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Step 1.  $\det(\lambda I - C) = (\lambda - 1)(\lambda - \sqrt{2})(\lambda + \sqrt{2})$ .

- $C$  has eigenvalues  $\lambda = 1, \sqrt{2}$  and  $-\sqrt{2}$ .

Step 2. Find bases for eigenspaces:

- $E_1$ :  $\{(-2, 2, 1)^T\}$ .

- $E_{\sqrt{2}}$ :  $\{(-1, \sqrt{2}, 1)^T\}$ .

- $E_{-\sqrt{2}}$ :  $\{(-1, -\sqrt{2}, 1)^T\}$ .

Step 3.  $P = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 & -1 \\ 2 & \sqrt{2} & -\sqrt{2} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, P^{-1}CP = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$ .

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## Examples

- Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ -3 & 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Step 1.  $\det(\lambda I - A) = (\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 2)^2$ .

- $A$  has eigenvalues  $\lambda = 1$  and  $2$ .

Step 2. Find bases for eigenspaces:

- $1I - A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & -5 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- $(1I - A)x = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}, t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- $E_1 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ .

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## Examples

- Let  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ -3 & 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Step 1.  $\det(\lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}) = (\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 2)^2$ .

- $\mathbf{A}$  has eigenvalues  $\lambda = 1$  and  $2$ .

Step 2. Find bases for eigenspaces:

- $2\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & -5 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- $(2\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{x} = t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- $E_2 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ .

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## Examples

- Let  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ -3 & 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Step 1.  $\det(\lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}) = (\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 2)^2$ .

- $\mathbf{A}$  has eigenvalues  $\lambda = 1$  and  $2$ .

Step 2. Find bases for eigenspaces:

- $E_1 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ ,

- $E_2 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ .

Step 3. Since there are only two linearly independent eigenvectors,  $\mathbf{A}$  is not diagonalizable.

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## Examples

- Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Step 1.  $\det(\lambda I - A) = \lambda^2 - \lambda - 1$ .

- $A$  has eigenvalues  $\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$  and  $\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}$ .

Step 2. Find eigenspaces:

- $\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}I - A\right)x = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{pmatrix}, t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- $E_{\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ .

- $\left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}I - A\right)x = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{pmatrix}, t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- $E_{\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ .

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- $E_{\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ .

Step 3.  $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} & \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{pmatrix}$ .  $P^{-1}AP = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{pmatrix}$ .

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## Examples

- **Theorem.** Let  $A$  be a square matrix of order  $n$ .

- If  $A$  has  $n$  distinct eigenvalues,
  - then  $A$  is diagonalizable.

**Proof.** Suppose  $A$  has distinct eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ .

- Let  $v_i$  be an eigenvector of  $A$  associated to  $\lambda_i$ .
- It is known that  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  are linearly independent.

Therefore,  $A$  is diagonalizable.

- **Example.** Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- $A$  has eigenvalues 1, 2, 3, 4; so  $A$  is diagonalizable.
- Can you diagonalize it? (Exercise.)

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## Application

- Suppose that  $A$  is diagonalizable.
  - There exists an invertible matrix  $P$  such that

- $P^{-1}AP = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$  is diagonal.

- $A = P \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix} P^{-1}$ .

- Let  $m$  be a nonnegative integer. Then

- $A^m = P \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1^m & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n^m \end{pmatrix} P^{-1}$ .

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## Application

- Suppose that  $A$  is diagonalizable.
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    - $P^{-1}AP = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$  is diagonal.
    - $A = P \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix} P^{-1}$ .
  - Suppose that  $A$  is invertible. Then for any integer  $m$ ,
    - $A^m = P \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1^m & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n^m \end{pmatrix} P^{-1}$ .

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## Examples

- Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 0 & -6 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ .
  - $\det(\lambda I - A) = (\lambda + 1)(\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 2)$ .
    - $(-1I - A)x = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = t \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, t \in \mathbb{R}$ .
    - $(1I - A)x = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, t \in \mathbb{R}$ .
    - $(2I - A)x = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = t \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, t \in \mathbb{R}$ .
  - $P = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .  $P^{-1}AP = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

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## Examples

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

- $A^m = P \begin{pmatrix} (-1)^m & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1^m & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2^m \end{pmatrix} P^{-1}$ .

$$A^{10} = P \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1024 \end{pmatrix} P^{-1}$$

$$= \dots = \begin{pmatrix} -1022 & 0 & -2046 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1023 & 0 & 2047 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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## Examples

- The **Fibonacci numbers**  $a_n$  are defined by
  - $a_0 = 0$ ,  $a_1 = 1$  and  $a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2}$  for  $n \geq 2$ .

Note that  $a_{n+1} = a_{n-1} + a_n$  for  $n \geq 1$ .

- $\begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ a_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ a_{n-1} + a_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_{n-1} \\ a_n \end{pmatrix}$ .

Let  $x_n = \begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ a_{n+1} \end{pmatrix}$  and  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- $x_n = Ax_{n-1} = A^2x_{n-2} = \dots = A^n x_0$ ,  $x_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

We have diagonalized  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} & \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{pmatrix}$ .  $P^{-1}AP = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{pmatrix}$ .

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## Examples

- The **Fibonacci numbers**  $F_n$  are defined by
  - $a_0 = 0, a_1 = 1$  and  $a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2}$  for  $n \geq 2$ .

Let  $x_n = \begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ a_{n+1} \end{pmatrix}$  and  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} x_n &= A^n x_0 = P \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{pmatrix}^n P^{-1} x_0 \\ &= P \begin{pmatrix} \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n & 0 \\ 0 & \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n \end{pmatrix} P^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{n+1} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{n+1} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $a_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n$ .

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## Orthogonal Diagonalization

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### Introduction

- Recall that an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is **diagonalizable**
  - $\Leftrightarrow A$  has  $n$  **linearly independent eigenvectors**

$v_1, \dots, v_n$  (associated to  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ ).

Then  $P^{-1}AP = D$ , where

- $P = (v_1 \ v_2 \ \dots \ v_n), D = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$

- In order to find  $P^{-1}$ , we may need:
  - Gauss-Jordan elimination:  $(P \mid I) \dashrightarrow (I \mid P^{-1})$ .
  - Adjoint matrix:  $P^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(P)} \text{adj}(P)$ .
- Note:** If  $P$  is **orthogonal**, then  $P^{-1} = P^T$ .

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## Introduction

- Let  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then it can be diagonalized by
  - $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

We can verify that the columns of  $P$ , which are eigenvectors of  $B$ , form an **orthogonal** basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

- Normalizing:

- $R = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 & \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix}$ .

- $R$  is an orthogonal matrix, which also diagonalizes  $B$ .

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## Definition

- **Definition.** A square matrix  $A$  is called **orthogonally diagonalizable** if it can be diagonalized by an **orthogonal** matrix. That is,
  - there exists an **orthogonal** matrix  $P$  such that
    - $P^T A P (= P^{-1} A P)$  is a **diagonal** matrix.

$P$  is said to **orthogonally diagonalize**  $A$ .

- **Remarks.** For any eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of  $A$ , we can always choose an orthonormal basis for the associated eigenspace  $E_\lambda$ .

Suppose further that  $A$  is **orthogonally diagonalizable**.

- Then  $A$  is diagonalizable, and  $A$  has  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors.
- For distinct eigenvalues  $\lambda \neq \mu$ ,
  - Every eigenvector of  $\lambda$  is orthogonal to that of  $\mu$ .

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## Classification

- **Theorem.** A square matrix is **orthogonally diagonalizable**  
 $\Leftrightarrow$  it is a **symmetric** matrix.

- **Proof.** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose  $A$  is orthogonally diagonalizable.
  - There is an orthogonal matrix  $P$  & a diagonal matrix  $D$ 
    - such that  $D = P^T A P$ .Since  $D$  is diagonal, it is also symmetric.
  - $D = D^T = (P^T A P)^T = P^T A^T P$ .Therefore,  $P^T A P = P^T A^T P$ .
  - Note that both  $P$  and  $P^T$  are invertible.
    - By Cancellation Law:  $A = A^T$ .That is,  $A$  is symmetric.  
( $\Leftarrow$ ) is left in MA2101 Linear Algebra II.

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## Algorithm

- **Algorithm.** (Orthogonally diagonalize symmetric matrix).

Let  $A$  be a **symmetric** matrix of order  $n$ .

1. Find all distinct eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k$ .
2. For each eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$ , find an **orthonormal** basis for the eigenspace  $E_{\lambda_i}$ .
  - (i) Find a basis  $S_{\lambda_i}$  for  $E_{\lambda_i}$ .
  - (ii) Use Gram-Schmidt process to transfer  $S_{\lambda_i}$  to an orthonormal basis  $T_{\lambda_i}$  for  $E_{\lambda_i}$ .
3. Let  $T = T_{\lambda_1} \cup T_{\lambda_2} \cup \dots \cup T_{\lambda_k}$ ,
  - $T = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . $P = (v_1 \ \dots \ v_n)$  orthogonally diagonalizes  $A$ .

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## Algorithm

- Compare with the **algorithm for diagonalization**:

Let  $A$  be a square matrix of order  $n$ .

1. Find all distinct eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k$ .
2. For each eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$ , find a basis for the eigenspace  $E_{\lambda_i}$ .
3. Let  $S = S_{\lambda_1} \cup S_{\lambda_2} \cup \dots \cup S_{\lambda_k}$ .
  - (i) If  $|S| < n$ , then  $A$  is not diagonalizable.
  - (ii) If  $|S| = n$ , say  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ ,
    - $P = (v_1 \ v_2 \ \dots \ v_n)$  diagonalizes  $A$ .

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## Algorithm

- **Remarks.** Let  $A$  be a **symmetric** matrix of order  $n$ .

1. Every eigenvalue of  $A$  is a real number.
2. Write the characteristic polynomial
  - $\det(\lambda I - A) = (\lambda - \lambda_1)^{r_1} \dots (\lambda - \lambda_k)^{r_k}$ ,
    - where  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$  are distinct eigenvalues.

Then  $\dim E_{\lambda_1} = r_1, \dots, \dim E_{\lambda_k} = r_k$ .

$\therefore \dim E_{\lambda_1} + \dots + \dim E_{\lambda_k} = r_1 + \dots + r_k = n$ .

3. If each basis  $S_{\lambda_i}$  for  $E_{\lambda_i}$  is orthonormal, then
  - $T = S_{\lambda_1} \cup \dots \cup S_{\lambda_k} = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is an orthonormal set. (Exercise.)
  - $P = (v_1 \ \dots \ v_n)$  is an orthogonal matrix.

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## Examples

- Let  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .
  1. Find eigenvalues: For  $2 \times 2$  matrix,
    - $\det(\lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}) = \lambda^2 - \text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\lambda + \det(\mathbf{A})$ .
    - $\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + \frac{3}{4} = (\lambda - \frac{1}{2})(\lambda - \frac{3}{2})$ .
    - $\therefore \lambda = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\lambda = \frac{3}{2}$ .
  2. Find eigenvectors. For  $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$ ,
    - Solve  $(\lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ :
      - $\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .
    - $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{normalizing}} \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$ .

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## Examples

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  2. Find eigenvectors. For  $\lambda = \frac{3}{2}$ ,
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      - $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .
    - $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = t \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{normalizing}} \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$ .

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## Examples

- Let  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .
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    - $\det(\lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}) = \lambda^2 - \text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\lambda + \det(\mathbf{A})$ .
    - $\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + \frac{3}{4} = (\lambda - \frac{1}{2})(\lambda - \frac{3}{2})$ .
    - $\therefore \lambda = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\lambda = \frac{3}{2}$ .
  3. Let  $\mathbf{P} = (\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$ . Then
    - $\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{2} \end{pmatrix}$ .

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## Examples

- Let  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ .
  1. Find the eigenvalues. The characteristic polynomial
 
$$\begin{aligned} & \det(\lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{B}) \\ &= \det \begin{pmatrix} \lambda - 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & \lambda - 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & \lambda - 3 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & \lambda - 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \dots\dots\dots \\ &= \lambda^4 - 8\lambda^3 + 16\lambda^2 = \lambda^2(\lambda - 4)^2. \end{aligned}$$
    - The eigenvalues are  $\lambda = 0$  and  $\lambda = 4$ .

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## Examples

- Let  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

2. Find the eigenvectors. Let  $\lambda = 0$ . Solve

- $(\lambda I - B)x = 0$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -3 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} w \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- $\begin{pmatrix} w \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = s \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, s, t \in \mathbb{R}.$

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## Examples

- Let  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

2. Find the eigenvectors. Let  $\lambda = 0$ . Set

- $u_1 = (1, 1, 0, 0)$  and  $u_2 = (2, 0, -1, 1)$ .

$$v_1 = u_1 = (1, 1, 0, 0)$$

$$v_2 = u_2 - \frac{u_2 \cdot v_1}{v_1 \cdot v_2} v_1 = (1, -1, -1, 1).$$

- Normalizing:

$$w_1 = \frac{v_1}{\|v_1\|} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0, 0\right)$$

$$w_2 = \frac{v_2}{\|v_2\|} = \left(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right).$$

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## Examples

- Let  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

2. Find the eigenvectors. Let  $\lambda = 4$ . Solve

- $(\lambda I - B)x = 0$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} w \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- $\begin{pmatrix} w \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = s \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, s, t \in \mathbb{R}.$

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## Examples

- Let  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

2. Find the eigenvectors. Let  $\lambda = 4$ . Set

- $u_3 = (\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 1, 0)$  and  $u_4 = (-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0, 1)$ .

$$v_3 = u_3 = (\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 1, 0)$$

$$v_4 = u_4 - \frac{u_4 \cdot v_3}{v_3 \cdot v_3} v_3 = (-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, 1).$$

- Normalizing:

$$w_3 = \frac{v_3}{\|v_3\|} = (\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}, 0)$$

$$w_4 = \frac{v_4}{\|v_4\|} = (-\frac{1}{\sqrt{12}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{12}}).$$

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## Examples

- Let  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

3. Let  $P = (w_1 \ w_2 \ w_3 \ w_4)$ .

- $P = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{12}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}} \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{3}{\sqrt{12}} \end{pmatrix}$ .

Then  $P^T A P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$  is diagonal.

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## Quadratic Forms and Conic Sections

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### Quadratic Form

- A **homogeneous** polynomial in degree 2 in variables  $x, y$ :
  - $f(x, y) = ax^2 + bxy + cy^2$ ,  $a, b, c$  are real constants.

It is known as a **quadratic form** in variables  $x, y$ .

- Definition.** A **quadratic form** in  $n$  variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  is

- $Q(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n q_{ii}x_i^2 + \sum_{i < j} q_{ij}x_i x_j$ .

- Examples.**

- $Q(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - xy$ .
- $Q(x, y, z) = x^2 + 2y^2 + 3z^2 + 4xy + 5xz + 6yz$ .
- $Q(x_1, \dots, x_n) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2$ .

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## Quadratic Form

- Let  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\mathbf{A} = (a_{ij})_{n \times n}$  a symmetric matrix.

$$\circ \mathbf{Ax} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}x_1 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n \\ \vdots \\ a_{n1}x_1 + \cdots + a_{nn}x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{j=1}^n a_{1j}x_j \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{j=1}^n a_{nj}x_j \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Ax} &= (x_1, \dots, x_n) \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{j=1}^n a_{1j}x_j \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{j=1}^n a_{nj}x_j \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \left( \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}x_j \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}x_i x_j \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii}x_i^2 + \sum_{i < j} 2a_{ij}x_i x_j. \end{aligned}$$

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## Quadratic Form

- $Q(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n q_{ii}x_i^2 + \sum_{i < j} q_{ij}x_i x_j$  is a quadratic form.

- Let  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)^T$  and  $\mathbf{A} = (a_{ij})_{n \times n}$  be defined by

- $a_{ii} = q_{ii}$  and  $a_{ij} = a_{ji} = \frac{1}{2}q_{ij}$  for  $i < j$ .

Then  $Q(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Ax}$ ,  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

- Examples.**

- $Q(x, y) = 2x^2 + 3y^2$  is a quadratic form in  $x$  and  $y$ .

- Let  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- Then  $Q(x, y) = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Ax}$ .

- $Q(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - xy$  is a quadratic form in  $x$  and  $y$ .

- Let  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- Then  $Q(x, y) = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Ax}$ .

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## Quadratic Form

- $Q(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n q_{ii}x_i^2 + \sum_{i < j} q_{ij}x_i x_j$  is a quadratic form.
  - Let  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)^T$  and  $\mathbf{A} = (a_{ij})_{n \times n}$  be defined by
    - $a_{ii} = q_{ii}$  and  $a_{ij} = a_{ji} = \frac{1}{2}q_{ij}$  for  $i < j$ .
 Then  $Q(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}$ ,  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .
- **Examples.**
  - $Q(x, y, z) = x^2 + 2y^2 + 3z^2 + 4xy + 5xz + 6yz$ .
    - It is a quadratic form in variables  $x, y, z$ .
    - Let  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & \frac{5}{2} \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \\ \frac{5}{2} & 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ .
    - Then  $Q(x, y, z) = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}$ .

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## Simplification

- Suppose the quadratic form is presented as
  - $Q(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}$ ,  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  
where  $\mathbf{A}$  is a **symmetric** matrix of order  $n$ .
- Recall that  $\mathbf{A}$  is **orthogonally diagonalizable**.
  - There exists an orthogonal matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  such that

$$\bullet \quad \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{x} = (y_1, \dots, y_n)^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P} \mathbf{y}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\mathbf{x}) &= (\mathbf{P} \mathbf{y})^T \mathbf{A} (\mathbf{P} \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{y}^T (\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P}) \mathbf{y} \\ &= (y_1 \quad \cdots \quad y_n) \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \lambda_1 y_1^2 + \cdots + \lambda_n y_n^2. \end{aligned}$$

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## Examples

- Let  $Q(x, y) = x^2 - xy + y^2$ .
  - $Q(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} x & y \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$ .
  - Orthogonally diagonalize  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .
    - $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{2} \end{pmatrix}$ .
  - Let  $\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(x + y) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(-x + y) \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} Q(x, y) &= \frac{1}{2}(x')^2 + \frac{3}{2}(y')^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(x + y)^2 + \frac{3}{4}(-x + y)^2. \end{aligned}$$

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## Examples

- Let  $Q(x, y, z) = x^2 + 2y^2 + z^2 + 2xz$ .
  - $Q(x, y, z) = \begin{pmatrix} x & y & z \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$ .
  - Orthogonally diagonalize  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .
    - $P^T A P = D = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, P = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$ .
  - Let  $\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{pmatrix} = P^T \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(x + z) \\ y \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(-x + z) \end{pmatrix}$ .
    - $Q(x, y, z) = 2(x')^2 + 2(y')^2 + 0(z')^2 = (x + z)^2 + 2y^2$ .

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## Quadratic Equation

- A **quadratic equation** in variable  $x$  is of the form
  - $ax^2 + bx = c$ .
- **Definition.** A **quadratic equation** in variables  $x$  and  $y$  is
  - $ax^2 + bxy + cy^2 + dx + ey = f$ .

The graph of a quadratic equation is a **conic section**.

- **Note.** Let  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a & \frac{1}{2}b \\ \frac{1}{2}b & c \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} d \\ e \end{pmatrix}$ .
  - $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{x} = f$ .
- **Definition.**  $ax^2 + bxy + cy^2 = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}$  is the quadratic form **associated** with the quadratic equation.
  - $ax^2 + bxy + cy^2 + dx + ey = f$ .

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## Classification of Conics

- Classification of **conic sections**.
  - **Degenerated** conic sections.
    - The whole plane  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :  $0 = 0$ .
    - Empty set:  $x^2 + y^2 = -1$ .
    - A point:  $x^2 + y^2 = 0$ .
    - A line:  $x = 0$  or  $x^2 = 0$ .
    - A pair of distinct lines:  $x^2 - y^2 = 0$ .
  - **Non-degenerated** conic sections.
    - Circle:  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ .
    - Ellipse:  $x^2 + 2y^2 = 1$ .
    - Hyperbola:  $x^2 - y^2 = 1$ .
    - Parabola:  $x^2 - y = 0$ .

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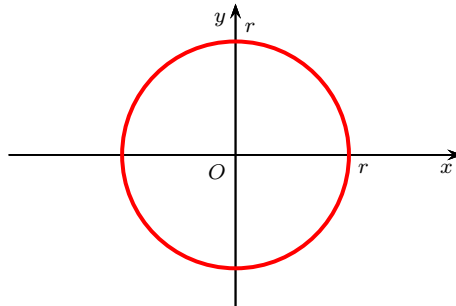
## Standard Forms

- Standard form of **circle** or **ellipse**:

- $$\frac{x^2}{\alpha^2} + \frac{y^2}{\beta^2} = 1, \quad \alpha > 0, \beta > 0.$$

- $$\begin{pmatrix} x & y \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\alpha^2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\beta^2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 1.$$

If  $\alpha = \beta$ , it is a circle of radius  $r = \alpha = \beta$ .



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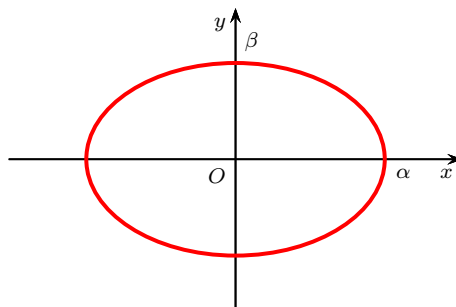
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- Standard form of **circle** or **ellipse**:

- $$\frac{x^2}{\alpha^2} + \frac{y^2}{\beta^2} = 1, \quad \alpha > 0, \beta > 0.$$

- $$\begin{pmatrix} x & y \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\alpha^2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\beta^2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 1.$$

If  $\alpha > \beta$ , ellipse of major radius  $\alpha$ , minor radius  $\beta$ :



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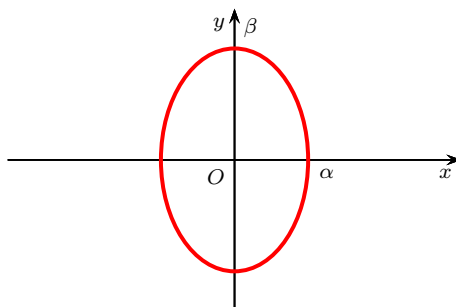
## Standard Forms

- Standard form of **circle** or **ellipse**:

- $\frac{x^2}{\alpha^2} + \frac{y^2}{\beta^2} = 1, \quad \alpha > 0, \beta > 0.$

- $(x \ y) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\alpha^2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\beta^2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 1.$

If  $\alpha < \beta$ , ellipse of major radius  $\beta$ , minor radius  $\alpha$ :



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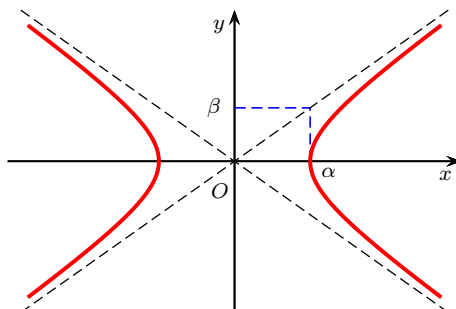
## Standard Forms

- Standard form of **hyperbola**:

- Case 1:  $\frac{x^2}{\alpha^2} - \frac{y^2}{\beta^2} = 1, \quad \alpha > 0, \beta > 0.$

- $(x \ y) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\alpha^2} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{\beta^2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 1.$

Semi-major axis  $\alpha$  and semi-minor axis  $\beta$ .



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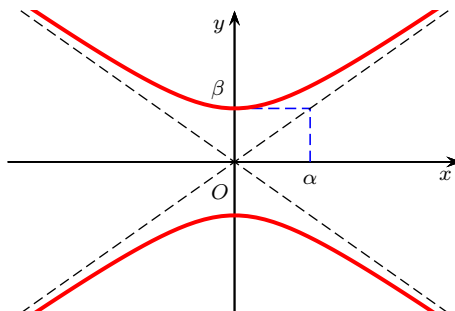
## Standard Forms

- Standard form of **hyperbola**:

- Case 2:  $-\frac{x^2}{\alpha^2} + \frac{y^2}{\beta^2} = 1, \alpha > 0, \beta > 0.$

- $(x \ y) \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{\alpha^2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\beta^2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 1.$

Semi-major axis  $\beta$  and semi-minor axis  $\alpha$ .



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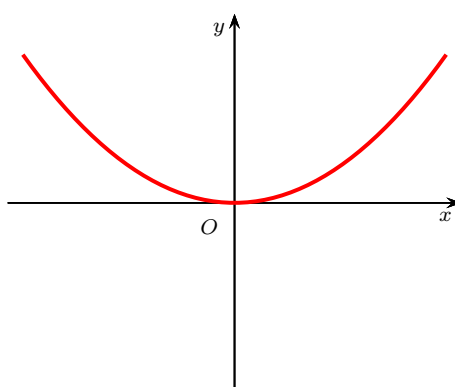
## Standard Forms

- Standard form of **parabola**:

- Case 1:  $x^2 = \alpha y, |\alpha|/4 \neq 0$  is the focal length.

- $(x \ y) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + (0 \ -\alpha) \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 0.$

Suppose that  $\alpha > 0$ .



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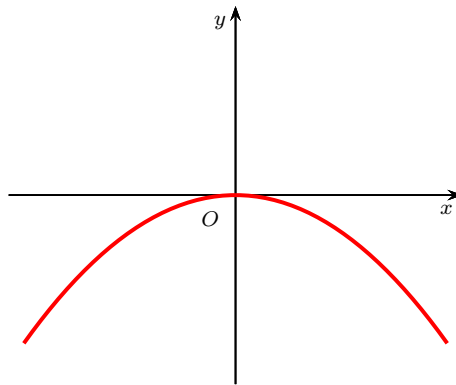
## Standard Forms

- Standard form of **parabola**:

- Case 1:  $x^2 = \alpha y$ ,  $|\alpha|/4 \neq 0$  is the focal length.

- $$\begin{pmatrix} x & y \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$

Suppose that  $\alpha < 0$ .



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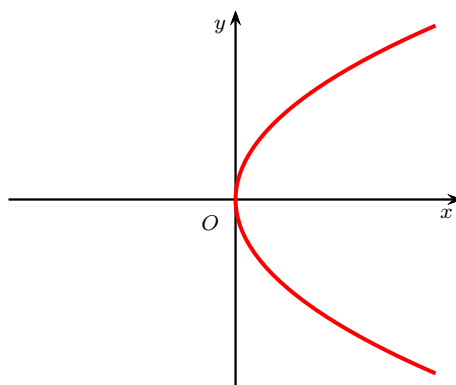
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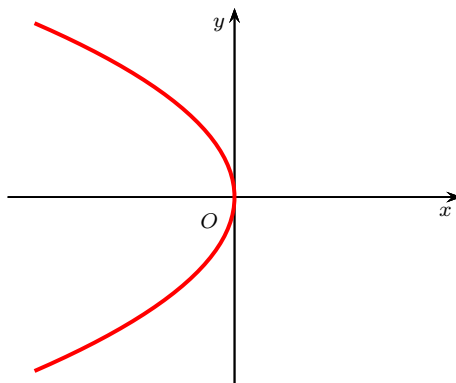
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## Classification

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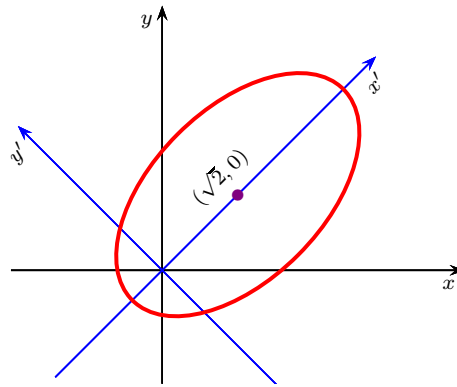
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3.  $18(x')^2 - 7(y')^2 + \frac{36}{5}x' - \frac{98}{5}y' = 5.$

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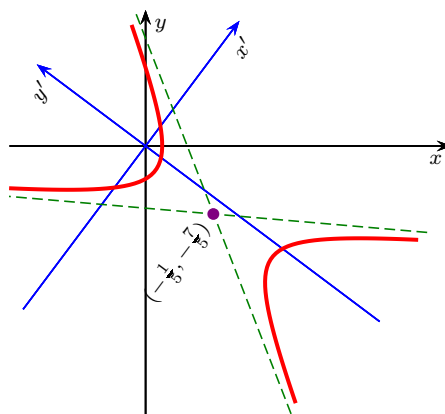
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### Remark

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By multiplying the 2nd column of  $\mathbf{P}$  by  $-1$  if necessary, we can always diagonalize a symmetric  $\mathbf{A}$  by an orthogonal matrix with determinant 1.

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