

## Section 4.4 – Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

In many problems in science and mathematics, linear equations  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  come from steady state problems. Eigenvalues have their greatest importance in dynamic problems. The solution of  $A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x}$  or  $\frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = A\vec{x}$  (is changing with time) has nonzero solutions. (*All matrices are square*)

### Definition

Suppose  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix and

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

The values of  $\lambda$  are called eigenvalues of the matrix  $A$  and the nonzero vectors  $\vec{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are called the eigenvectors corresponding to that eigenvalue ( $\lambda$ ).

$\lambda$  is the eigenvalue associated with or corresponding to the eigenvector  $\vec{x}$ .

✚ One of the meanings of the word “*eigen*” in German is “*proper*”; eigenvalues are also called *proper values*, *characteristic values*, or *latent roots*.

### Example

The vector  $x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  is an eigenvector of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 8 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda = 3$  since

$$\begin{aligned} A\vec{x} &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 8 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \underline{3\vec{x}} \end{aligned}$$

Eigenvalues and eigenvectors have a useful geometric interpretation in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

## The equation for the *eigenvalues*

Let's rewrite the equation  $\lambda \vec{x} = A\vec{x}$ .

$$A\vec{x} - \lambda \vec{x} = 0$$

$\lambda$  : are the eigenvalues and not a vector

$$A\vec{x} - \lambda I\vec{x} = 0$$

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

The matrix  $A - \lambda I$  times the eigenvectors  $\vec{x}$  is the zero vector.

The eigenvectors make up the nullspace of  $A - \lambda I$ .

### *Definition*

The number  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  if and only if  $A - \lambda I$  is singular:

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

This equation  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$  is called *characteristic equation* of  $A$ ; the scalars satisfying this equation are the eigenvalues of  $A$ . when expanding the determinant  $\det(A - \lambda I)$  is a polynomial in  $\lambda$  of degree  $n$ , called the *characteristic polynomial* of  $A$ .

### *Example*

Find the eigenvalues of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

#### *Solution*

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A - \lambda I) &= \det\left(\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} 3 - \lambda & 2 \\ -1 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (3 - \lambda)(-\lambda) + 2 \\ &= \lambda^2 - 3\lambda + 2 \end{aligned}$$

The characteristic equation of  $A$  is:

$$\lambda^2 - 3\lambda + 2 = 0$$

The eigenvalues of  $A$  are  $\lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 2$

### ***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  $A$ .

### ***Example***

Find the eigenvalues of the lower triangular matrix

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

### **Solution**

The eigenvalues are:  $\lambda_1 = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\lambda_2 = \frac{3}{2}$ , and  $\lambda_3 = -\frac{1}{4}$

### ***Theorem***

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

- a)*  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ .
- b)* The system of equations  $(A - \lambda I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  has nontrivial solutions.
- c)* There is a nonzero vector  $\vec{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x}$ .
- d)*  $\lambda$  is a real solution of the characteristic equation  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$

## Eigenvectors

To find the eigenvector  $\vec{x}$ , for each eigenvalue  $\lambda$  solve  $(A - \lambda I)\vec{x} = 0$  *or*  $A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x}$

From the eigenvalues, the eigenvectors, in the form  $V_i = \begin{pmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \end{pmatrix}$ , of the system can be determined by

letting:

$$(A - \lambda_1 I)V_1 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad (A - \lambda_2 I)V_2 = 0$$

### Example

Find the eigenvalues and the eigenvectors of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$

### Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A - \lambda I) &= \det \begin{pmatrix} 1-\lambda & 2 \\ 2 & 4-\lambda \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (1-\lambda)(4-\lambda) - 4 \\ &= \lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 4 - 4 \\ &= \lambda^2 - 5\lambda \\ &= \lambda(\lambda - 5) = \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$

The eigenvalues of  $A$  are:  $\lambda_1 = 0$   $\lambda_2 = 5$

For  $\lambda_1 = 0$ , we have:

$$(A - \lambda_1 I)V_1 = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1-0 & 2 \\ 2 & 4-0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{cases} x + 2y = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\underline{x = -2y}$$

$$\text{If } y = -1 \Rightarrow x = 2$$

$$\text{Therefore, the eigenvector } V_1 = \underline{\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}}$$

$$\text{Or } \begin{pmatrix} -2y \\ y \end{pmatrix} = y \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow V_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

For  $\lambda_2 = 5 \Rightarrow (A - \lambda_2 I)V_2 = 0$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1-5 & 2 \\ 2 & 4-5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -4 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow 2x - y = 0$$

$$\underline{2x = y}$$

Therefore, the eigenvector  $V_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

## Power of a Matrix

### *Theorem*

If  $k$  is a positive integer,  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of a matrix  $A$ , and  $\vec{x}$  is a corresponding eigenvector, then  $\lambda^k$  is an eigenvalue of  $A^k$  and  $\vec{x}$  is a corresponding eigenvector.

### *Example*

Find the eigenvalues of  $A^7$  for  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

### *Solution*

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A - \lambda I) &= \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \lambda^3 - 5\lambda^2 + 8\lambda - 4 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

The eigenvalues of  $A$ :  $\lambda_1 = 1$  and  $\lambda_2 = 2$

The eigenvalues of  $A^7$  are:

$$\underline{\lambda_1 = 1^7 = 1} \quad \text{and} \quad \underline{\lambda_2 = 2^7 = 128}$$

### *Theorem*

A square matrix  $A$  is invertible iff  $\lambda = 0$  is not an eigenvalue of  $A$ .

## Summary

To solve the eigenvalue problem for an  $n$  by  $n$  matrix:

1. Compute the determinant of  $A - \lambda I$ . With  $\lambda$  subtracted along the diagonal, this determinant starts with  $\lambda^n$  or  $-\lambda^n$ . It is a polynomial in  $\lambda$  of degree  $n$ .
2. Find the roots of this polynomial, by solving  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$ . The  $n$  roots are the  $n$  eigenvalues of  $A$ . They make  $A - \lambda I$  singular.
3. For each eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , solve  $(A - \lambda I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  to find an eigenvector  $\mathbf{x}$ .

## Imaginary Eigenvalues

### Example

Find the eigenvalues and the eigenvectors of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

### Solution

$$\begin{aligned}\det(A - \lambda I) &= \begin{vmatrix} -2 - \lambda & -1 \\ 5 & 2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (-2 - \lambda)(2 - \lambda) + 5 \\ &= \lambda^2 + 1 = 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 = -1$$

The eigenvalues are:  $\lambda_{1,2} = \pm i$

For  $\lambda_1 = i$ :  $(A - \lambda_1 I)V_1 = 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 - i & -1 \\ 5 & 2 - i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow (-2 - i)x_1 - y_1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{(2 + i)x_1 = -y_1}$$

Therefore, the eigenvector  $V_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 + i \end{pmatrix}$

$\lambda_1 = -i$ :  $(A - \lambda_2 I)V_2 = 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 + i & -1 \\ 5 & 2 + i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow (-2 + i)x_2 - y_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{(-2 + i)x_2 = y_2}$$

Therefore, the eigenvector  $V_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 - i \end{pmatrix}$

### Example

Find the eigenvalues and the eigenvectors of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

### Solution

$$\begin{aligned}\det(A - \lambda I) &= \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ -1 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \lambda^2 + 1 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \lambda^2 &= -1\end{aligned}$$

The eigenvalues are:  $\lambda_{1,2} = \pm i$

The matrix  $A$  is a  $90^\circ$  rotation which has no real eigenvalues or eigenvectors.

No vector  $A\vec{x}$  stays in the same direction as  $\vec{x}$  (except the zero vector which is useless).

If we add the eigenvalues together the result is zero which is the trace of  $A$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_1 = i: \quad (A - \lambda_1 I)V_1 &= 0 \\ \begin{pmatrix} -i & 1 \\ -1 & -i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{cases} -ix + y = 0 \\ -x - iy = 0 \end{cases} \\ \Rightarrow x &= -iy\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the eigenvector  $V_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_2 = -i: \quad (A - \lambda_2 I)V_2 &= 0 \\ \begin{pmatrix} i & 1 \\ -1 & i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{cases} ix + y = 0 \\ -x + iy = 0 \end{cases} \\ \Rightarrow y &= -ix\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the eigenvector  $V_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{pmatrix}$

## Exercises      Section 4.4 – Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

1. Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $A$ ,  $A^2$ ,  $A^{-1}$ , and  $A + 4I$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -4 \\ -4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Check the trace  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2$  and the determinant  $\lambda_1 \lambda_2$  for  $A$  and also  $A^2$ .

2. Show directly that the given vectors are eigenvectors of the given matrix. What are the corresponding eigenvalues

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. For which real numbers  $c$  does this matrix  $A$  have

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -c \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- a) Two real eigenvalues and eigenvectors.
- b) A repeated eigenvalue with only one eigenvector
- c) Two complex eigenvalues and eigenvectors.

4. Find the eigenvalues of  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $AB$ , and  $BA$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad BA = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- a) The eigenvalues of  $AB$  (are equal to) (are not equal to) eigenvalues of  $A$  times eigenvalues of  $B$ .
- b) The eigenvalues of  $AB$  (are equal to) (are not equal to) eigenvalues of  $BA$ .

5. When  $a + b = c + d$  show that  $(1, 1)$  is an eigenvector and find both eigenvalues of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

6. The eigenvalues of  $A$  equal to the eigenvalues of  $A^T$ . This is because  $\det(A - \lambda I)$  equals  $\det(A^T - \lambda I)$ . That is true because \_\_\_\_\_. Show by an example that the eigenvectors of  $A$  and  $A^T$  are not the same.



7. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Compute the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $A$ .

8. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

- What is the characteristic polynomial for  $A$  (i.e. compute  $\det(A - \lambda I)$ )?
- Verify that 1 is an eigenvalue of  $A$ . What is a corresponding eigenvector?
- What are the other eigenvalues of  $A$ ?

(9 – 58) For the following matrices:

- Find the characteristic equation.
- Find the eigenvalues.
- Find the eigenvectors.

9.  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 8 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

19.  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

28.  $\begin{pmatrix} 5 & -4 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

10.  $\begin{pmatrix} 10 & -9 \\ 4 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$

20.  $\begin{pmatrix} -4 & 2 \\ -\frac{5}{2} & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

29.  $\begin{pmatrix} 6 & -6 \\ 4 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$

11.  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

21.  $\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{5}{2} & 2 \\ \frac{3}{4} & -2 \end{pmatrix}$

30.  $\begin{pmatrix} 5 & -3 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

12.  $\begin{pmatrix} -2 & -7 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

22.  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 9 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$

31.  $\begin{pmatrix} 5 & -4 \\ 3 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$

13.  $\begin{pmatrix} 12 & 14 \\ -7 & -9 \end{pmatrix}$

23.  $\begin{pmatrix} -6 & 5 \\ -5 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$

32.  $\begin{pmatrix} 6 & -10 \\ 2 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$

14.  $\begin{pmatrix} -4 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

24.  $\begin{pmatrix} 6 & -1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

33.  $\begin{pmatrix} 11 & -15 \\ 6 & -8 \end{pmatrix}$

15.  $\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ -6 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$

25.  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

34.  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

16.  $\begin{pmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 0 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$

26.  $\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

35.  $\begin{pmatrix} 9 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$

17.  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ -4 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$

27.  $\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ -2 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$

36.  $\begin{pmatrix} 13 & 4 \\ 4 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$

18.  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

37.  $\begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$38. \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$39. \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$40. \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -5 & -6 \\ -2 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$41. \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$42. \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -7 & 0 \\ 5 & 10 & 4 \\ 0 & 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$43. \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$44. \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$45. \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ -8 & -5 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$46. \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$47. \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$48. \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{5}{2} & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -\frac{5}{2} & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -\frac{5}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$49. \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$50. \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & -5 \\ \frac{1}{5} & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$51. \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & 1 \\ -6 & -2 & 0 \\ 19 & 5 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$52. \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 \\ -4 & 13 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$53. \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 \\ -8 & -4 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$54. \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -4 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -6 & -12 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$55. \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 \\ -2 & -4 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$56. \begin{pmatrix} -6 & 4 & 4 \\ -4 & 2 & 4 \\ -10 & 8 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$57. \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$58. \begin{pmatrix} 10 & -9 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$59. \text{ Find the eigenvalues of } A^9 \text{ for } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 7 & 11 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 3 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$60. \text{ Given: } A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 7 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 15 & -2 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Compute } A^{11}$$

61. Find the eigenvalues of the matrices

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0.7 & 0.4 \\ 0.3 & 0.6 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.61 & 0.52 \\ 0.39 & 0.48 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A^\infty = \begin{pmatrix} 0.57143 & 0.57143 \\ 0.42857 & 0.42857 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{and } B = \begin{pmatrix} 0.3 & 0.6 \\ 0.7 & 0.4 \end{pmatrix}$$

62. Given the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -3 \\ -3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$
- Find the characteristic polynomial.
  - Find the eigenvalues
  - Find the bases for its eigenspaces
  - Graph the eigenspaces
  - Verify directly that  $A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$ , for all associated eigenvectors and eigenvalues.
63. Given the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 \\ -4 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$
- Find the characteristic polynomial.
  - Find the eigenvalues
  - Find the bases for its eigenspaces
  - Graph the eigenspaces
  - Verify directly that  $A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$ , for all associated eigenvectors and eigenvalues.
64. Explain why a  $2 \times 2$  matrix can have at most two distinct eigenvalues. Explain why an  $n \times n$  matrix can have at most  $n$  distinct eigenvalues.
65. Construct an example of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix with only one distinct eigenvalue.
66. Let  $\lambda$  be an eigenvalue of an invertible matrix  $A$ . Show that  $\lambda^{-1}$  is an eigenvalue of  $A^{-1}$ .
67. Show that if  $A^2$  is the zero matrix, then the only eigenvalue of  $A$  is 0.
68. Show that  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  if and only if  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A^T$ .
69. For  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ , find one eigenvalue, without calculation. Justify your answer.
70. For  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ , find one eigenvalue, and two linearly independent eigenvectors, without calculation. Justify your answer.
71. Consider an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  with the property that the row sums all equal the same number  $s$ . Show that  $s$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ .
72. Consider an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  with the property that the column sums all equal the same number  $s$ . Show that  $s$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ .

73. Let  $A$  be the matrix of the linear transformation  $T$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2$   
 $T$ : reflects points across some line through the origin.  
Without writing  $A$ , find an eigenvalue of  $A$  and describe the eigenspace.
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 $T$ : reflects points about some line through the origin.  
Without writing  $A$ , find an eigenvalue of  $A$  and describe the eigenspace.
75. Show that if  $\vec{v}$  is an eigenvector of the matrix product  $AB$  and  $B\vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$ , then  $B\vec{v}$  is an eigenvector of  $BA$ .
76. Explain and demonstrate that the eigenspace of a matrix  $A$  corresponding to some eigenvalue  $\lambda$  is a subspace.
77. If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of the matrix  $A$ , prove that  $\lambda^2$  is an eigenvalue of  $A^2$ .