

## EIGENVALUES AND EIGENVECTORS

Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. If there exists a nonzero vector  $v$  and a number  $\lambda$  such that

$$Av = \lambda v,$$

then  $v$  is called an eigenvector whereas  $\lambda$  is called the corresponding eigenvalue.

PROPERTY: If  $\lambda$  is the eigenvalue for the eigenvector  $v$ , then  $u = kv$  ( $k \neq 0$ ) is also an eigenvector associated with  $\lambda$ .

$$Av = \lambda v \Rightarrow Au = A(kv) = k(Av) = k(\lambda v) \Rightarrow Au = \lambda(kv) = \lambda u$$

### How to find eigenvalues and eigenvectors

$$Av = \lambda v \Rightarrow (A - \lambda I)v = 0$$

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a homog. syst with  $n$  eq. and  $n$  unknowns

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This kind of a system has a nontrivial solution ( $v \neq 0$ ) if and only if

$$|A - \lambda I| = 0 \rightarrow \text{characteristic eq.}$$

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Find the eigenvalues  $\lambda$

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Solve  $(A - \lambda I)v = 0$  for each eigenvalue  $\lambda$  to find the corresponding eigenvector  $v$

★★ Distinct real eigenvalues, each corresponding to a single eigenvector

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (A - \lambda I)v = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & -2 \\ -3 & 2-\lambda \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|A - \lambda I| = 0 \Rightarrow (1-\lambda)(2-\lambda) - 6 = 0 \Rightarrow 2 - \lambda - 2\lambda + \lambda^2 - 6 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda^2 - 3\lambda - 4 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow (\lambda+1)(\lambda-4) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = -1 \text{ and } \lambda_2 = 4$$

$$\lambda_1 = -1 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 2x - 2y = 0 \\ -3x + 3y = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow x = y, x=1 \Rightarrow y=1 \Rightarrow v^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2 = 4 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -2 \\ -3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow -3x - 2y = 0 \Rightarrow 3x = -2y, y = -3 \Rightarrow x = 2 \Rightarrow v^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

★★ A single real eigenvalue corresponding to a single eigenvector

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (A - \lambda I)v = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2-\lambda & 3 \\ 0 & 2-\lambda \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|A - \lambda I| = 0 \Rightarrow (2-\lambda)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 2 \text{ (multiplicity 2)}$$

$$\lambda = 2 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow 3y = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0, x = 1 \Rightarrow v^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

★★ A single real eigenvalue corresponding to more than one linearly independent eigenvectors

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow |A - \lambda I| = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow (2-\lambda)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 2 \text{ multiplicity 2}$$

$$\lambda = 2 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow 0x + 0y = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x=1, y=0 \\ y=1, x=0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow v^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, v^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



★★ Two complex conjugate eigenvalues corresponding to complex conjugate eigenvectors

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow |A - \lambda I| = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 5 \\ -1 & -1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow -(1-\lambda)(1+\lambda) + 5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \lambda^2 = -5 \Rightarrow \lambda^2 = -4 \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm 2i$$

$$\lambda_1 = 2i \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1-2i & 5 \\ -1 & -1-2i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} (1-2i)x + 5y = 0 \\ -x - (1+2i)y = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = -(1+2i)y \\ y = -1 \Rightarrow x = 1+2i \end{cases}$$

$$\lambda_2 = -2i \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1+2i & -5 \\ -1 & -1+2i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} (1+2i)x - 5y = 0 \\ -x + (-1+2i)y = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = (-1+2i)y \\ y = -1 \Rightarrow x = 1-2i \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow v^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+2i \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, v^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-2i \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{pay attention that } v^{(2)} \text{ is also the conjugate of } v^{(1)}$$

★★ Be careful, we're looking for a nonzero vector  $v$  but  $\lambda$  can be 0.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ -4 & 6 & 2 \\ 16 & -15 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow |A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & 0 & 0 \\ -4 & 6-\lambda & 2 \\ 16 & -15 & -5-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda(\lambda-1)(3-\lambda) = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} \lambda_1 = 0 \\ \lambda_2 = 1 \\ \lambda_3 = 3 \end{matrix}$$

$$\lambda_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ -4 & 6 & 2 \\ 16 & -15 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 3x = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0 \\ 6y + 2z = 0 \\ -15y - 5z = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} z = -3y \\ y = 1 \\ z = -3 \end{cases} \Rightarrow v^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2 = 1 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ -4 & 5 & 2 \\ 16 & -15 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 2x = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0 \\ 5y + 2z = 0 \\ -15y - 6z = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 2z = -5y \\ z = -5 \\ y = 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow v^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_3 = 3 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -4 & 3 & 2 \\ 16 & -15 & -8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x: \text{free var} \\ x = 1 \\ 3y + 2z = 4 \\ 15y + 8z = 16 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 2z = 4 \\ z = 2 \\ y = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow v^{(3)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

★  $\lambda=0$  if and only if  $|A|=0$ . ( $|A-\lambda I|=|A|$ )

### EIGENSPACES

Let  $\lambda$  be a fixed eigenvalue of the  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ . Then, the set of all eigenvectors is the set of all nonzero solution vectors of the system  $(A-\lambda I)v=0$ . The solution space of this system is called the eigenspace of  $A$  associated with the eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .

**Ex**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow |A-\lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} 4-\lambda & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & -\lambda & 1 \\ 2 & -2 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = -\lambda^3 + 7\lambda^2 - 16\lambda + 12$

$$-(\lambda^3 - 7\lambda^2 + 16\lambda - 12) = -(\lambda-2)(\lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 6) = -(\lambda-2)^2(\lambda-3) = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 = 2 \text{ (multiplicity 2)} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow 2x - 2y + z = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} z=0 &\Rightarrow 2x-2y=0 \Rightarrow x=y=1 \\ y=0 &\Rightarrow 2x+z=0 \Rightarrow z=-2x, x=1 \Rightarrow z=-2 \end{aligned} \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} z=0 \\ y=0 \end{aligned}} \right\} v_1^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad v_2^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow$  the eigenspace of  $A$  associated with  $\lambda=2$  has basis  $\{v_1^{(1)}, v_2^{(1)}\}$

$$\lambda_2 = 3 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} 2x-2y &= 0 \Rightarrow x=y \\ x-2y+z &= 0 \\ 2x-3y+z &= 0 \end{aligned} \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} 2x-2y \\ x-2y+z \end{aligned}} \right\} \begin{aligned} -x+z &= 0 \Rightarrow x=y=z=1 \\ z &= x \end{aligned}$$

$$v^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow$  the eigenspace of  $A$  associated with  $\lambda=3$  has basis  $\{v^{(2)}\}$ .



## DIAGONALIZATION

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ v_1 & v_2 & \dots & v_n \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad AV = \lambda V$$

$\downarrow$   
 eigenvector matrix
  $\downarrow$   
diagonal eigenvalue matrix

$\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  :  $n$  eigenvalues ,  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  : corresponding  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors

$$AP = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ AV_1 & AV_2 & \dots & AV_n \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ \lambda_1 V_1 & \lambda_2 V_2 & \dots & \lambda_n V_n \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix} = PD$$

$$\Rightarrow A = PDP^{-1} \quad \text{or} \quad D = P^{-1}AP$$

**Ex**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $v^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $v^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\lambda_1 = -1$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 4$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad P^{-1} = -\frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} -3 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P.D.P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 8 \\ -1 & -12 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3/5 & 2/5 \\ 1/5 & -1/5 \end{bmatrix} = A$$

## SIMILAR MATRICES

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $n \times n$  matrices.  $A$  and  $B$  are called similar if there exists an invertible matrix  $P$  such that

$$B = P^{-1}AP.$$

$A$  is called diagonalizable if it's similar to a diagonal matrix  $D$ .

**THEOREM** The  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is diagonalizable if and only if it has  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors.

**Proof:** We showed before that if  $A$  has  $n$  lin. indep. eigenvectors, then  $A$  is diagonalizable.

Let  $A$  be the  $n \times n$  diagonalizable matrix and let  $D = P^{-1}AP$  where  $P = [v_1 \ v_2 \ \dots \ v_n]$  and  $D = [d_1 \ d_2 \ \dots \ d_n]$ .

$$AP = PD \Rightarrow [Av_1 \ Av_2 \ \dots \ Av_n] = [v_1 d_1 \ v_2 d_2 \ \dots \ v_n d_n]$$

$$\Rightarrow Av_i = v_i d_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

This means that  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  are eigenvectors of  $A$ .

Since  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  are column vectors of an invertible matrix  $P$  ( $\det P \neq 0$ ), then they are lin. independent.

**Ex**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \lambda = 2 \text{ (mult. 2)}, \quad v^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$A$  does not have  $n=2$  lin. indep. eigenvectors  $\Rightarrow A$  is not diagonalizable.

**Ex**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ -4 & 6 & 2 \\ 16 & -15 & -5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{matrix} \lambda_1 = 0 \\ \lambda_2 = 1 \\ \lambda_3 = 3 \end{matrix}, \quad v^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad v^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad v^{(3)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$A$  has 3 lin. indep. vect  $\Rightarrow A$  is diagonalizable.

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ -3 & -5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -5 & -2 \\ -2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow D = P^{-1}AP$$

$$= P^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$



**THEOREM**

Let the eigenvectors  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k$  be associated with the distinct eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k$ . Then, these  $k$  eigenvalues are linearly independent.

Proof: To prove the theorem, let's use mathematical induction.

★ The case is true for  $k=1$  since any single eigenvector constitutes a lin. indep. set ( $c_1 v_1 = 0, v_1 \neq 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = 0$ )

★ Let's assume that  $k-1$  eigenvectors  $v_2, v_3, \dots, v_k$  are lin indep and let's prove that  $k$  eig. vec. are also lin ind.

$$c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_k v_k = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{c_1 (A - \lambda_1 I) v_1}_{=0 \text{ since } A v_1 = \lambda_1 v_1} + c_2 (A - \lambda_1 I) v_2 + \dots + c_k (A - \lambda_1 I) v_k = 0$$

$$A v_2 = \lambda_2 v_2 \Rightarrow A v_2 - \lambda_1 v_2 = \lambda_2 v_2 - \lambda_1 v_2 = (\lambda_2 - \lambda_1) v_2 \text{ and so on.}$$

$$\Rightarrow c_2 \underbrace{(\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)}_{\neq 0} v_2 + c_3 \underbrace{(\lambda_3 - \lambda_1)}_{\neq 0} v_3 + \dots + c_k \underbrace{(\lambda_k - \lambda_1)}_{\neq 0} v_k = 0$$

since  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k$  are distinct

$$\Rightarrow c_2 = c_3 = \dots = c_k = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_k v_k = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 v_1 = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = 0$$

**THEOREM**

If the  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  has  $n$  distinct eigenvalues, then it is diagonalizable.

Important Note: This theorem does not say that if the  $n \times n$  matrix has  $k$  ( $k < n$ ) distinct eigenvalues, then it is not diagonalizable. Be careful!!!

**Ex**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\lambda_1 = 2$  (mult. 2),  $v_1^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $v_2^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\lambda_2 = 3 \Rightarrow v^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

There are 2 eigenvalues but 3 lin ind eigenvectors

$\Rightarrow A$  is diagonalizable

**THEOREM** Let  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k$  be the distinct eigenvalues of the  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ . Let  $S_i$  be the basis for the eigenspace associated with  $\lambda_i$ . Then the union  $S$  of the basis  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_k$  is a linearly independent set of eigenvectors of  $A$ .

### POWERS OF MATRICES

Let  $A$  be diagonalizable

$$A = P D P^{-1}$$

$$A^2 = (P D P^{-1}) (P D P^{-1}) = P D \underbrace{(P^{-1} P)}_I D P^{-1} = P D^2 P^{-1}$$

$$A^k = P D^k P^{-1}$$

and

$$\text{if } D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then } D^k = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^k & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2^k & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda_n^k \end{bmatrix}$$



Ex

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \lambda_1 = 3 \Rightarrow v^{(1)} = [1 \ 1 \ 1]^T$$

$$\lambda_2 = 2 \Rightarrow v_1^{(2)} = [1 \ 1 \ 0]^T, v_2^{(2)} = [-1 \ 0 \ 2]^T$$

mult. 2

$$\Rightarrow P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, D = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[R_3 - R_1 \rightarrow R_3]{R_2 - R_1 \rightarrow R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow[-R_2 \rightarrow R_2]{R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[3R_3 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2]{-2R_3 + R_1 \rightarrow R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{= P^{-1}}$

$$D^5 = \begin{bmatrix} 3^5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2^5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2^5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow A^5 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 243 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 32 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 32 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 243 & 32 & -32 \\ 243 & 32 & 0 \\ 243 & 0 & 64 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 454 & -422 & 211 \\ 422 & -390 & 211 \\ 422 & -422 & 243 \end{bmatrix}$$

## CAYLEY-HAMILTON

If the  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  has the characteristic polynomial

$$p(\lambda) = (-1)^n \lambda^n + c_{n-1} \lambda^{n-1} + \dots + c_2 \lambda^2 + c_1 \lambda + c_0,$$

then

$$p(A) = (-1)^n A^n + c_{n-1} A^{n-1} + \dots + c_2 A^2 + c_1 A + c_0 I = 0.$$

Proof: We will prove this when  $A$  is diagonalizable.

$$A^k = P D^k P^{-1}$$

$$p(D) = (-1)^n D^n + c_{n-1} D^{n-1} + \dots + c_2 D^2 + c_1 D + c_0 I$$

$$= (-1)^n \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^n & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2^n & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda_n^n \end{bmatrix} + c_{n-1} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^{n-1} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2^{n-1} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda_n^{n-1} \end{bmatrix} + \dots + c_1 \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} + c_0 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} p(\lambda_1) & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & p(\lambda_2) & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & p(\lambda_n) \end{bmatrix} = 0 \text{ since } p(\lambda_k) = 0 \text{ for } k=1, 2, \dots, n.$$

$$p(A) = (-1)^n P D^n P^{-1} + c_{n-1} P D^{n-1} P^{-1} + \dots + c_1 P D P^{-1} + c_0 P I P^{-1}$$

$$= P \underbrace{\{ (-1)^n D^n + c_{n-1} D^{n-1} + \dots + c_1 D + c_0 I \}}_{= p(D)} P^{-1}$$

$$= P \cdot 0 \cdot P^{-1} = 0$$



$$\text{Ex } A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$p(\lambda) = -\lambda^3 + 7\lambda^2 - 16\lambda + 12 \Rightarrow -A^3 + 7A^2 - 16A + 12I = 0$$

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 14 & -10 & 5 \\ 10 & -6 & 5 \\ 10 & -10 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow A^3 = 7A^2 - 16A + 12I = \begin{bmatrix} 46 & -38 & 19 \\ 38 & -30 & 19 \\ 38 & -38 & 27 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow A^4 = 7A^3 - 16A^2 + 12A = 7(7A^2 - 16A + 12I) - 16A^2 + 12A$$

$$= 33A^2 - 100A + 84I$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 146 & -130 & 65 \\ 130 & -114 & 65 \\ 130 & -130 & 81 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-A^3 + 7A^2 - 16A + 12I = 0 \Rightarrow 12I = A^3 - 7A^2 + 16A$$

$$\Rightarrow 12A^{-1} = A^2 - 7A + 16I$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1} = \frac{1}{12} (A^2 - 7A + 16I) = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -2 & 5 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$