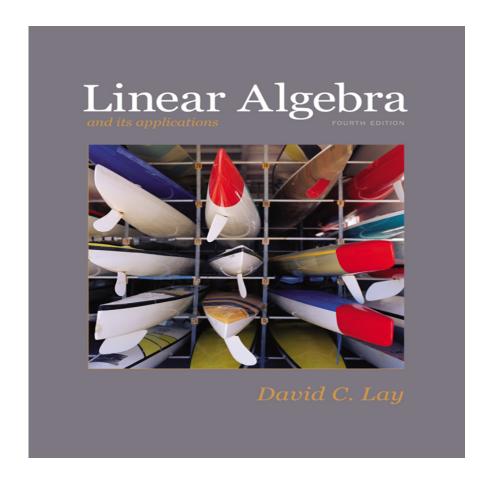
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Linear Algebra

Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors



Outline

- Geometrical Interpretation of Eignevalues and Eigenvectors
- Characteristic Equation
- Diagonalization
- Reading: Section 5.1, 5.2, 5.3 from Linear Algebra and Its Applications

Learning Objectives

- Interpret the eigenvalues and eigenvectors geometrically.
- Verify if a vector or a value is an eigenvector or eigenvalue
- Calculate eigenvalues and eigenvectors from the Characteristic Equation
- Determine if a given matrix is diagonalizable or not.
- If possible, diagonalize a matrix.
- Determine eigenvalues and eigenvectors in R.

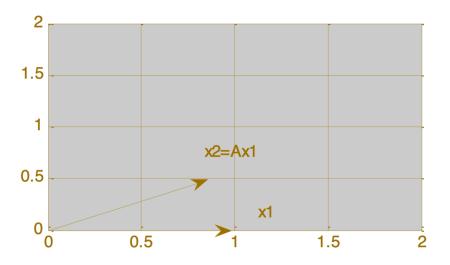
Matrix Transformation

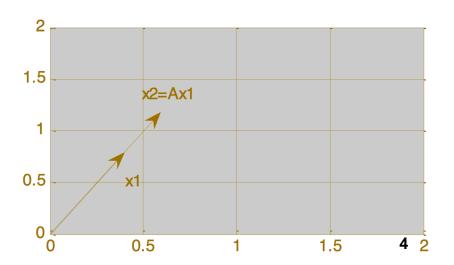
- Anytime a matrix is multiplied by a vector, that vector gets transformed to a new vector. This transformation is denoted by $x \mapsto Ax$.
- For example matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3}/2 & -1/2 \\ 1/2 & \sqrt{3}/2 \end{bmatrix}$

transforms vector $\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ to a new vector

on the plane
$$x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3}/2 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$
.

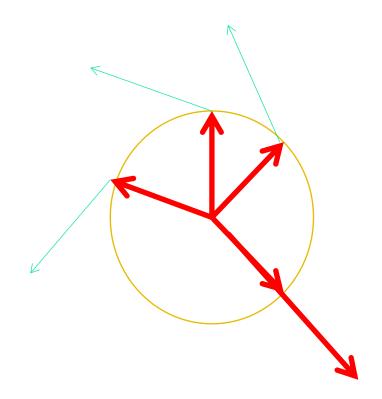
- As can be seen in the figure the new vector is a rotated version of the old vector.
- If A transforms a vector x into a parallel (same direction) vector, then x is called an eigenvector of A.





Geometrical Interpretation of Eigenvectors

- These 4 red vectors are unit vectors (inside a unit circle) each multiplied by a matrix A.
- Only 1 out of these 4 vectors is transformed to a new vector that is aligned (parallel) with the original.
- This vector is an eigenvector of matrix A.



Example

• Let
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
, $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ +1 \end{bmatrix}$, and $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} +2 \\ +1 \end{bmatrix}$.

• Are either of the two vectors an eigenvector of matrix A?

- A v is just 2v. So A only stretches v, and hence v is an eigenvector of A.
- The images of **u** and **v** under multiplication by *A* are shown in Fig. 1.

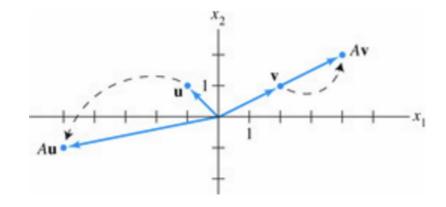


FIGURE 1 Effects of multiplication by A.

Solution in Python

```
A = np.array([[3,-2],[1,0]])
u = np.array([[-1],[1]])
v = np.array([[2],[1]])
Au = A@u
Av = A@v
print('Au=\n',Au, '\nAv=\n',Av)
Au=
 [[-5]
 [-1]
Av =
 [[4]
 [2]]
```

Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

- **Definition:** An **eigenvector** of an $n \times n$ matrix A is a nonzero vector \mathbf{x} such that $A\mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{x}$ for some scalar λ . A scalar λ is called an **eigenvalue** of A if there is a nontrivial solution \mathbf{x} . Such an \mathbf{x} is called an *eigenvector corresponding to* λ .
- λ is an eigenvalue of an $n \times n$ matrix A if and only if the equation $Ax = \lambda x$

$$(A - \lambda I)x = 0 ----(1)$$

has a nontrivial solution.

e.
$$g \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x1 \\ x2 \end{bmatrix} - \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x1 \\ x2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}) \begin{bmatrix} x1 \\ x2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example

Show that 7 is an eigenvalue of matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and find the corresponding eigenvectors.

• **Solution:** The scalar 7 is an eigenvalue of A if and only if the equation

$$A\mathbf{x} = 7\mathbf{x} \qquad ----(2)$$

has a nontrivial solution.

• But (2) is equivalent to Ax - 7x = 0, or (A - 7I)x = 0 ----(3)

To solve this homogeneous equation, form the matrix

$$A - 7I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -6 & 6 \\ 5 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

- The columns of A 7I are obviously linearly dependent, so (3) has nontrivial solutions.
- To find the corresponding eigenvectors, use row operations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -6 & 6 & 0 \\ 5 & -5 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $x_1 x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$
- The general solution has the parametric of form $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.
- Each vector of this form with $x_2 \neq 0$ is an eigenvector corresponding to $\lambda = 7$.

Eigenspace

- Let A be an nxn matrix and let λ be an eigenvalue of A. This implies that the equation $(A \lambda I)_X = 0$ has a nontrivial solution.
- The set of all solutions of above equation is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n and is called the eigenspace of A corresponding to λ .
- Therefore, the collection of all eigenvectors corresponding to λ , together with the zero vector is called the eigenspace.

Example

Example 2: Let
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & -1 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$
. An eigenvalue of

A is 2. Find a basis for the corresponding eigenspace.

• **Solution:** Form

$$A - 2I = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & -1 & 8 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 6 \\ 2 & -1 & 6 \\ 2 & -1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

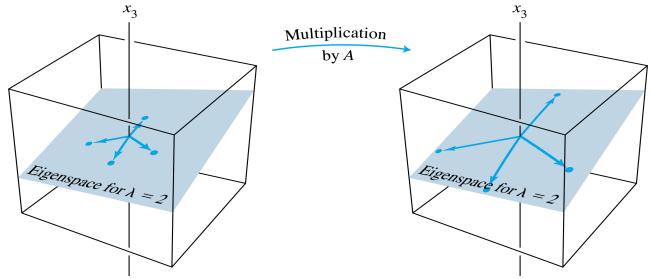
and row reduce the augmented matrix for (A-2I)x = 0.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 6 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 6 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- At this point, it is clear that 2 is indeed an eigenvalue of A because the equation (A-2I)x = 0 has free variables.
- $2x_1-x_2+6x_3=0 \Rightarrow x_1=\frac{1}{2}x_2-3x_3$
- The general solution is

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
, x_2 and x_3 free.

• The eigenspace, shown in the following figure, is a two-dimensional subspace of R³.



A acts as a dilation on the eigenspace.

• Any multiple of $\begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ would be a basis. E.g. $\left\{ \begin{vmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{vmatrix}, \begin{vmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{vmatrix} \right\}$

Eigenvalue of a Triangular Matrix

• **Theorem 1:** The eigenvalues of a triangular matrix are the entries on its main diagonal.

- **Example:** What are the eigenvalues of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$
- The eigenvalues of A are 3, 0, and 2. The eigenvalues of B are 4 and 1.

Finding Eigenvalues: Example

- Find the eigenvalues of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$
- Let's go to the definition of eigenvalues and eigenvectors: $Ax = \lambda x$ where λ is a scalar and $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 + 3x_2 \\ 3x_1 - 6x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda x_1 \\ \lambda x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 + 3x_2 - \lambda x_1 \\ 3x_1 - 6x_2 - \lambda x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} (2-\lambda)x_1 + 3x_2 \\ 3x_1 + (-6-\lambda)x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example – cont.

- Let's think about this system of equations geometrically. Each equation represents a line in 2D that passes through the origin.
- The only way for the two lines to have a nontrivial solution(s) is for the two lines to overlap.
- This requires the ratio of the coefficients of the two lines to be the same which means that the determinant of $\begin{bmatrix} 2-\lambda & 3 \\ 3 & -6-\lambda \end{bmatrix}$ has to be zero. (This matrix has to be **non-invertible**).
- Recall $\det\begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{bmatrix} = ad bc$
- Therefore $(2 \lambda)(-6 \lambda) (3)(3) = 0 = > \lambda^2 + 4\lambda 21 = 0$
- The above equation is called **Characteristic Equation**.
- Solving for lambda results in values of 3 and -7.

Characteristic Equation

• Given a square matrix A, one can obtain the eigenvalues of A from the Characteristic Equation:

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

Note that the characteristic equation transforms the matrix equation $(A - \lambda I)x = 0$ which involves two unknowns (λ and x) into the scalar equation which involves only one unknown (λ).

Finding Eigenvectors Example

- Find Eigenvectors of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$.
- Recall that eigenvalues of A were λ =-7 and λ =3.
- Eigenvectors can be found by plugging in the eigenvalues in either of two equations:

$$\lambda = 7 \xrightarrow{top \ eq.} 9x_1 + 3x_2 = 0$$

•
$$x_1 = -\frac{x_2}{3}$$

•
$$x_2 = 1 \Rightarrow x_1 = -\frac{1}{3}$$

- $X = \begin{bmatrix} -1/3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ or any of its multiples
- Normalizing the above vector will result in:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3\sqrt{(1+\frac{1}{9})}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1+\frac{1}{9})}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.3162 \\ 0.9487 \end{bmatrix}$$
 normal eigenvector corresponding to λ =-7

$$\lambda = 3 \xrightarrow{top \ eq.} -x_1 + 3x_2 = 0$$

•
$$x_1 = 3x_2$$

•
$$x_2 = 1 \Rightarrow x_1 = 3$$

- $X = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ or any of its multiples
- $\begin{bmatrix} 0.9487 \\ 0.3162 \end{bmatrix}$ normal eigenvector corresponding to $\lambda = 3$

Finding Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors in R and Python

```
> A=matrix(c(2,3,3,-6),nrow=2)
                                                        from numpy import linal as LA
> A
                                                        import numpy as np
     [,1] [,2]
                                                        A = np.array([[2,3],[3,-6]])
                                                        print(A)
                                                        [[ 2 3]
> eig = eigen(A)
                                                         [ 3 -6]]
> eig$values
Γ11 3 -7
                            1, ev = LA.eig(A)
                            print('Eigen values are:', 1)
                            print('Eigen vectors are:' , ev[:,0], 'and', ev[:,1])
> eig$vectors
                            Eigen values are: [ 3. -7.]
       [,1]
             [,2]
                            Eigen vectors are: [0.9486833 0.31622777] and [-0.31622777 0.9486833]
[1.] -0.9487 -0.3162
[2,] -0.3162 0.9487
```

Diagonalization

Why Diagonalization? Example

- Given $D = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ calculate D^3 .
- $D^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$
- $D^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 125 & 0 \\ 0 & 27 \end{bmatrix}$
- In general $D^k = \begin{bmatrix} 5^k & 0 \\ 0 & 3^k \end{bmatrix}$

Why Diagonalization?

• If A is *similar* to D, then by definition $A=PDP^{-1}$

•
$$A^{k} = (PDP^{-1})(PDP^{-1}) ... (PDP^{-1}) = \frac{k \ times}{}$$

$$\left(PD P^{-1}P DP^{-1} \right) \dots \left(PDP^{-1} \right) =$$

• $(PD^2P^{-1})...(PDP^{-1}) = PD^kP^{-1}$

Example

• Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 2 \\ -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Find a formula for A^k , given that $A = PDP^{-1}$, where $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $D = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

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

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

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 \cdot 5^{k} - 3^{k} & 5^{k} - 3^{k} \\ 2 \cdot 3^{k} - 2 \cdot 5^{k} & 2 \cdot 3^{k} - 5^{k} \end{bmatrix}$$

The Diagonalization Theorem

- An nxn matrix A is diagonalizable if and only if A has n linearly independent eigenvectors.
- In fact, $A = PDP^{-1}$, with D a diagonal matrix, if and only if the columns of P are n linearly independent eigenvectors of A. In this case, the diagonal entries of D are eigenvalues of A that correspond, respectively, to the eigenvectors in P.
- In other words, A is diagonalizable if and only if there are enough eigenvectors to form a basis of \mathbb{R}^n .

Example

Diagonalize the following matrix, if possible.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 \\ -3 & -5 & -3 \\ 3 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Step 1. Find the eigenvalues of A.
- The characteristic equation is a cubic polynomial that can be factored:

$$0 = \det(A - \lambda I) = -\lambda^3 - 3\lambda^2 + 4$$
$$= -(\lambda - 1)(\lambda + 2)^2$$
$$\lambda = 1 \qquad \lambda = -2$$

Solution – cont.

• Step 2. Find three linearly independent eigenvectors of A.

$$\lambda = 1 : \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \lambda = -2 : \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

• Note that $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ is a linearly independent set.

Solution – cont.

- Step 3. Construct P from the vectors in step 2.
- The order of the vectors is unimportant.
- Using the order chosen in step 2, form

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2 & \mathbf{v}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Step 4. Construct D from the corresponding eigenvalues.
- In this step, it is essential that the order of the eigenvalues matches the order chosen for the columns of P. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

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

Example

Diagonalize the following matrix and verify your answer.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 3 \\ -4 & -6 & -3 \\ 3 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
> A = matrix(c(2,-4,3,4,-6,3,3,-3,1), nrow = 3)
                                                   > eigValMat = diag(eigVal)
> A
                                                   > eigValMat
                                                         [,1] [,2] [,3]
     [,1] [,2] [,3]
      2
                                                   [1,] -2+0i 0+0i 0+0i
[1,]
     -4 -6 -3
3 3 1
[2,]
                                                   [2,] 0+0i -2-0i 0+0i
[3,]
                                                   [3,] 0+0i 0+0i 1+0i
> eig = eigen(A)
> eigVal = eig$values
                                                   > eigVec%*%eigValMat%*%ginv(eigVec)
> eigVal
                                                         [.1] [.2] [.3]
[1] -2+0i -2-0i 1+0i
                                                   [1,] 2-0i 4-0i 3-0i
                                                   [2,] -4+0i -6+0i -3+0i
                                                   [3,] 3-0i 3-0i 1-0i
> eigVec = eig$vectors
> round(eigVec, digits = 3)
          [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,] 0.707+0i 0.707+0i 0.577+0i
     -0.707+0i -0.707+0i -0.577+0i
[3,]
      0.000+0i 0.000+0i 0.577+0i
```

Solution in Python

from numpy import linal as LA

A = np.array([[2,4,3],[-4,-6,-3],[3,3,1]])

```
1, ev = LA.eig(A)
print('Eigen values are:', 1)
print('Eigen vectors are:\n\n', ev[:,0], '\n\n', ev[:,1], '\n\n', ev[:,2])
Eigen values are: [ 1.+0.00000000e+00j -2.+4.43741475e-08j -2.-4.43741475e-08j]
Eigen vectors are:
[ 0.57735027+0.j -0.57735027+0.j 0.57735027+0.j]
[ 7.07106781e-01+3.13772606e-08j -7.07106781e-01+0.00000000e+00j
 2.21670630e-15-3.13772606e-08jl
[ 7.07106781e-01-3.13772606e-08j -7.07106781e-01-0.00000000e+00j
 2.21670630e-15+3.13772606e-08jl
                        : eigValMatrix = np.diag(1)
                          ev@eigValMatrix@LA.inv(ev)
                        : array([[ 2.+2.64785493e-09j, 4.+6.26348292e-09j, 3.-1.49027072e-24j],
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[-4.-4.89168448e-09j, -6.-4.78202217e-09j, -3.+1.00783883e-24j], [3.+1.86264515e-09j, 3.+1.86264515e-09j, 1.-3.42072075e-25j]])

Theorem

- An nxn matrix with *n* distinct eigenvalues is diagonalizable
- It is not *necessary* for an nxn matrix to have n distinct eigenvalues in order to be diagonalizable, but this provides a sufficient condition for a matrix to be diagonalizable.

Example

• Diagonalize the following matrices, if possible and verify that **A=PDP**⁻¹ in R.

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

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

```
> A = matrix(c(5,0,0,-8,0,0,1,7,-2), nrow = 3)
> A
     [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,]
[2,]
[3,]
> eig=eigen(A)
> eig$values
[1] 5 -2 0
> eig$vectors
     [,1]
                [,2]
                          [,3]
[1,]
      1 -0.7512222 0.8479983
[2,]
      0 -0.6346533 0.5299989
[3,]
       0 0.1813295 0.0000000
```

```
> P%*%lambda%*%ginv(P)

[,1] [,2] [,3]

[1,] 5.0000000e+00 -8.0000000e+00 1

[2,] 4.227640e-16 -2.818427e-16 7

[3,] -1.207897e-16 8.052648e-17 -2
```

```
> P = eig$vectors
> P
        [,1]        [,2]        [,3]
[1,]        1 -0.7512222  0.8479983
[2,]        0 -0.6346533  0.5299989
[3,]        0 0.1813295  0.0000000
```

```
> B = matrix(c(5,0,1,-1,0,5,4,-2,0,0,-3,0,0,0,0,-3), nrow =4)
> B
     [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
[1,]
[2,]
[3,]
> eig = eigen(B)
> lambda = diag(eig$values)
> lambda
      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
[1,]
[2,]
[3,]
[4,]
    = eig$vectors
> P
           [,1]
                       [,2] [,3] [,4]
      0.9847319 0.0000000
[1,]
[2,]
      0.0000000
                0.8728716
                                             > det(P)
      0.1230915
[3,]
                0.4364358
                                             [1] 0.8595445
     -0.1230915 -0.2182179
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