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Recall that we can view matrix multiplication in the following way (p. 19 LADW):

If $\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \dots, \mathbf{b}_r$ are the columns of B , then $A\mathbf{b}_1, A\mathbf{b}_2, \dots, A\mathbf{b}_r$ are the columns of AB .

Useful notation: Let $\{\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \dots, \vec{e}_n\}$ denote the standard basis for \mathbf{R}^n . Then the $n \times n$ identity matrix can be written

$$I = [\vec{e}_1 \ \vec{e}_2 \ \cdots \ \vec{e}_n].$$

1. Suppose A is an $n \times n$ matrix such that $A = SDS^{-1}$ where $D = \text{diag}\{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n\}$ is a diagonal matrix, and S is an invertible matrix. Show that the columns of S are eigenvectors of A with corresponding eigenvalues being the diagonal entries of D .

Hint: Let the columns of S be $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n$ (without assuming anything about them). Compute $A[\vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2 \ \cdots \ \vec{v}_n]$ in two different ways and compare the results.

2. Show that if a matrix P satisfies $P^2 = P$, and if λ is an eigenvalue of P , then $\lambda = 0$ or $\lambda = 1$.