

## 5.2 Diagonalization

Exercise #17) Start finding eigenvalues and eigenvectors of

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

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Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors:

$\lambda_1 = 1 \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  basis for eigenspace corresp. to  $\lambda_1 = 1$ .

$\lambda_2 = 2 \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  basis for eigenspace corresp. to  $\lambda_2 = 2$ .

$\lambda_3 = 3 \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  basis for eigenspace corresp. to  $\lambda_3 = 3$ .

Define

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{p}_1 & \vec{p}_2 & \vec{p}_3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

The set of vectors

$\{\vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2, \vec{p}_3\}$  are lin. indep.

In fact, Solving  $P\vec{x} = \vec{0}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & : & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & : & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & : & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & : & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & : & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & : & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & : & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & : & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & : & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \boxed{x_3 = 0} \\ \downarrow \\ \boxed{x_2 = 0} \\ \downarrow \\ \boxed{x_1 = 0} \end{array}$$

Exercise #13  
Section 7.2

Find Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors  
Determine whether A is diagonalizable

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 & -2 \\ -3 & 4 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad |\lambda I - A| = 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{vmatrix} \lambda+1 & -4 & 2 \\ 3 & \lambda-4 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & \lambda-3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Characteristic polyn.:  $\lambda^3 - 6\lambda^2 + 11\lambda - 6 = 0$

Equivalent to:  $(\lambda-1)(\lambda-2)(\lambda-3) = 0$

Therefore, eigenvalues:  $\lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 2, \lambda_3 = 3$

Finding eigenvectors

$\lambda_1 = 1$   $(\lambda_1 I - A)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  (solns. of this equ.)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & -3 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} x_2 = x_3 \\ x_1 = 2x_2 - x_3 \end{matrix}$$

Therefore, eigenvectors corresponding to  $\lambda_1 = 1$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_3 \\ x_3 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{Basis for eigenspace} \\ \text{Corresponding to } \lambda_1 = 1.$$

$\lambda_2 = 2$   $(\lambda_2 I - A)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} x_2 &= x_3 \\ 3x_1 &= 4x_2 - 2x_3 \\ &= 2x_3 \\ \text{or } x_1 &= \frac{2}{3}x_3 \end{aligned}$$

Eigenvectors corresponding to  $\lambda_2 = 2$ .

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3}x_3 \\ x_3 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ or } x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$
 Basis for eigenspace corresponding to  $\lambda_2 = 2$

$\lambda_3 = 3$   $(\lambda_3 I - A)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -4 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -\frac{3}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} x_2 &= \frac{3}{4}x_3 \\ x_1 &= \frac{1}{4}x_3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4}x_3 \\ \frac{3}{4}x_3 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{3}{4} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ or } x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$
 Basis for eigenspace corresponding to  $\lambda_3 = 3$

Defining  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

Verify  $P^{-1}AP = D$ .

Since only solution of  $P\vec{x}=\vec{0}$  is  $\vec{x}=\vec{0}$  the set of eigenvectors  $\{\vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2, \vec{p}_3\}$  is linearly independent.

and also the matrix  $P$  is invertible.

In fact,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \\
 & \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & 3 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \\
 & \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 & -5 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

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

Notice that

$$\begin{aligned}
 P^{-1}AP &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -5 & 3 \\ -1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 & -2 \\ -3 & 4 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -5 & 3 \\ -1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 6 & 9 \\ 1 & 6 & 12 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = D \Rightarrow P^{-1}AP = D
 \end{aligned}$$

# Example 1. - (book) Section 7.2

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad |\lambda I - A| = 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & \lambda - 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & \lambda - 3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Characteristic polyn.:  $\lambda(\lambda-2)(\lambda-3) + 2(\lambda-2) = 0$

$$\lambda^3 - 5\lambda^2 + 8\lambda - 4 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad (\lambda-1)(\lambda-2)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda_1 = 1 \\ \lambda_2 = 2 \end{cases}$$

Finding eigenvectors:

$$\lambda_1 = 1 \quad (\lambda_1 I - A) \vec{x} = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = -2x_3 \\ x_2 = x_3 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Eigenvs. } \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -2x_3 \\ x_3 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{Basis for the eigenspace corresponding to } \lambda_1 = 1.$$

For  $\lambda_2 = 2$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = -x_3, \quad x_2, x_3 \text{ free} \\ \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -x_3 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{cases}$$

$\lambda_2 = 2$   
Basis for eigenspace.

Therefore,

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

Verify  $P^{-1}AP = D$ .

Example 2. - (Sect. 7.2)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ -3 & 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow |\lambda I - A| = 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{vmatrix} \lambda-1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & \lambda-2 & 0 \\ 3 & -5 & \lambda-2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Charact. polyn:  $(\lambda-1)(\lambda-2)^2 = 0$

$\lambda_1 = 1$   $(\lambda_1 I - A)\vec{x} = 0$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & -5 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -8 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} x_1 &= -x_2 = \frac{1}{8}x_3 \\ x_2 &= -\frac{1}{8}x_3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{x} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1/8 \\ -1/8 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\lambda_2 = 2$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & -5 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & -5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5/3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} x_2 &= 0 \\ 3x_1 &= 5x_2 \Rightarrow x_1 = 0 \\ x_2 &\text{ free.} \end{aligned}$$

$\vec{x} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  Eigensp. basis.

There is not P s.t  $PAP^{-1} = D$

Def:- - A, B nxn matrix

B is similar to A if there is an invertible matrix P (nxn) such that

$$\boxed{P^{-1}AP = B}$$

Notice that if B is similar to A, then A is similar to B

Since

$$A = PBP^{-1}$$

Renaming  $P^{-1} = Q \Rightarrow \boxed{A = Q^{-1}BQ}$

Importance: Similar matrices have properties in common.

For example,

$$\begin{aligned} \det(B) &= \det(P^{-1}AP) = \\ &= \det(P^{-1}) \det(A) \det(P) = \\ &= \frac{1}{\det(P)} \cdot \det(A) \cancel{\det(P)} = \det(A) \end{aligned}$$

We will say that det is invariant under similarity

See Table 1 for other similarity invariant properties.

Same eigenvalues  
rank  
nullity, etc

If the matrix  $B$  of the previous definition happens to be diagonal, then the matrix  $A$  is a special one.

Def. A  $(n \times n)$  matrix is said to be diagonalizable if it's similar to some diagonal matrix  $D$ . It means there is  $P$   $(n \times n)$  invertible such that

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

ASK students to work on

$$AP = ?$$

$$PD = ?$$

where  $P = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{p}_1 & \vec{p}_2 & \dots & \vec{p}_n \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$

$$AP = \begin{bmatrix} A\vec{p}_1 & A\vec{p}_2 & \dots & A\vec{p}_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} AP = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} & \dots & p_{1n} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} & \dots & p_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ p_{n1} & p_{n2} & \dots & p_{nn} \end{bmatrix} = \\ PD = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \vec{p}_1 & \lambda_2 \vec{p}_2 & \dots & \lambda_n \vec{p}_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}p_{11} + \dots + a_{1n}p_{n1} & \dots & \dots \\ a_{21}p_{11} + \dots + a_{2n}p_{n1} & \dots & \dots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1}p_{11} + \dots + a_{nn}p_{n1} & \dots & \dots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A\vec{p}_1 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \right. \end{array} \right.$$

Then, if  $AP = PD \Rightarrow A\vec{p}_1 = \lambda_1 \vec{p}_1, \dots, A\vec{p}_n = \lambda_n \vec{p}_n$

This means what?

It means that  $\vec{p}_1, \dots, \vec{p}_n$  are eigenvectors of  $A$  if they are nonzero.

Thm 5.2.1  $A$   $n \times n$  matrix

$A$  diagonalizable  $\Leftrightarrow A$  has  $n$  linearly indep. eigenvectors.

Proof - ( $\rightarrow$ ) If  $A$  is diagonalizable

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

From previous computation if  $D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$

if  $P = [\vec{p}_1 \ \dots \ \vec{p}_n]$  then

$A\vec{p}_1 = \lambda_1\vec{p}_1, \dots, A\vec{p}_n = \lambda_n\vec{p}_n$

Also, from hypothesis  $P$  is invertible  $\Rightarrow \{\vec{p}_1, \dots, \vec{p}_n\}$

is lin. indep.  $\Rightarrow \vec{p}_i \neq 0, i=1, 2, \dots, n$

Therefore, All  $\vec{p}_i (i=1, \dots, n)$  are eigenvectors of  $A$

Corresponding to the eigenvalues  $\lambda_i (i=1, \dots, n)$ .

( $\leftarrow$ ) If  $A$  has  $n$  lin. indep. eigenvectors  $\{\vec{p}_1, \dots, \vec{p}_n\}$  with corresp. eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  (they may be repeated)

then, for  $P = [\vec{p}_1 \ \vec{p}_2 \ \dots \ \vec{p}_n]$

$$AP = \begin{bmatrix} A\vec{p}_1 & \dots & A\vec{p}_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1\vec{p}_1 & \lambda_2\vec{p}_2 & \dots & \lambda_n\vec{p}_n \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} \vec{p}_1 & \vec{p}_2 & \dots & \vec{p}_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & 0 \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= PD$$

$\rightarrow$  This matrix  $P$  is invertible because its columns are lin. indep.

or  $AP = PD \Rightarrow P^{-1}AP = D$   
 $\Rightarrow \boxed{A \text{ is diagonalizable}}$

For diagonalizing procedure review previous problems.

Thm 5.5.2 -  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  Set of eigenvectors of  $A$   
 $\downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow$   
 -  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k$  Corresponding eigenvalues  
 - and all  $\lambda_i$ 's are different.  
 $\Rightarrow \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$  are lin. independent.

Proof. - (by induction)

If  $k=1$   $S = \{\vec{v}_1\}$  is lin. indep. because  $\vec{v}_1 \neq \vec{0}$ .  
 otherwise,  $\vec{v}_1$  wouldn't be an eigenvector.

Assume, it's true for  $k=h$

It means a set of eigenvectors  $S = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_h\}$  corresponding to distinct eigenvalues is lin. indep.

We want to prove now, that the thm. is true for  $k=h+1$

Consider  $C_1 \vec{v}_1 + C_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + C_h \vec{v}_h + C_{h+1} \vec{v}_{h+1} \tag{10.1}$

$\Rightarrow$  Multiplying by  $A$

$$C_1 A\vec{v}_1 + C_2 A\vec{v}_2 + \dots + C_h A\vec{v}_h + C_{h+1} A\vec{v}_{h+1} = \vec{0}$$

or  $C_1 \lambda_1 \vec{v}_1 + C_2 \lambda_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + C_h \lambda_h \vec{v}_h + C_{h+1} \lambda_{h+1} \vec{v}_{h+1} = \vec{0} \tag{10.2}$

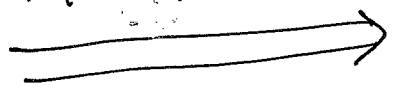
Multiplying (10.1) by  $\lambda_{h+1}$  and subtracting (10.2)

$$\begin{aligned}
& C_1 \lambda_{h+1} \vec{v}_1 + C_2 \lambda_{h+1} \vec{v}_2 + \dots + C_h \lambda_{h+1} \vec{v}_h + C_{h+1} \lambda_{h+1} \vec{v}_{h+1} = \vec{0} \\
& - C_1 \lambda_1 \vec{v}_1 + C_2 \lambda_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + C_h \lambda_h \vec{v}_h + C_{h+1} \lambda_{h+1} \vec{v}_{h+1} = \vec{0}
\end{aligned}$$


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$$\Rightarrow C_1 (\lambda_{h+1} \overset{\neq 0}{-} \lambda_1) \vec{v}_1 + C_2 (\lambda_{h+1} \overset{\neq 0}{-} \lambda_2) \vec{v}_2 + \dots + C_h (\lambda_{h+1} \overset{\neq 0}{-} \lambda_h) \vec{v}_h + C_{h+1} (\lambda_{h+1} \overset{\neq 0}{-} \lambda_{h+1}) \vec{v}_{h+1} = \vec{0}$$

Using that  $\lambda_i$  are different and  $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_h\}$  is lin. indep.



$C_1 = 0, \dots, C_h = 0$

Subst. into (10.1)

$C_{h+1} \vec{v}_{h+1} = \vec{0}$ ; but  $\vec{v}_{h+1} \neq 0$  (eigenvector)

$\Rightarrow C_{h+1} = 0$

As a result, all coefficients  $C_i = 0, i=1, \dots, h, h+1.$

and the set  $S = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_h, \vec{v}_{h+1}\}$  is lin. indep.

Thm 5.2.3  $A$  ( $n \times n$ )

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

Proof: If  $A$  has  $n$  distinct eigenvalues  $\Rightarrow$  <sup>Thm 5.2.2</sup>  
 the corresponding eigenvectors  $\{\vec{p}_1, \dots, \vec{p}_n\}$   
 form a lin. indep. set of vectors.

then by theorem 5.2.1  $A$  is diagonalizable

Powers of a diagonalizable matrix

If  $A$  is diagonalizable

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

$$\Rightarrow A^2 = PDP^{-1}PDP^{-1} = PDIDP^{-1} = PD^2P^{-1}$$

In general,  $A^k = PD^kP^{-1}$ .

$$\text{and } D^k = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^k & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n^k \end{bmatrix}$$

Find out  $A^k$  for matrix  $A$  of Ex. #17.

## Geometric and Algebraic Multiplicity

In exercise (17), we found that

$$P(\lambda) = (\lambda-1)(\lambda-2)(\lambda-3)$$

$$\text{So } \lambda_1=1 \rightarrow \vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \lambda_2=2 \rightarrow \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \lambda_3=3 \rightarrow \vec{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

In each case, the multiplicity of the root  $\lambda_i$  in  $P(\lambda)$  equals the dimension of the corresponding eigenspace, which is always "one".

In example 1 (A diagonalizable)

$$P(\lambda) = (\lambda-1)(\lambda-2)^2$$

$$\lambda_1=1 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \lambda_2=2 \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Corresponding Eigenspace dimension = 1      dimension = 2

So, again algebraic multiplicity agrees with dimension of corresponding eigenspace.

In example 2 (A not diagonalizable)

$$P(\lambda) = (\lambda-1)(\lambda-2)^2$$

$$\lambda_1=1 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \lambda_2=2 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

So, "algebraic multiplicity" of  $\lambda_2=2$  is "2" but dimension of corresp. eigenspace is "1".

Def. If  $\lambda_0$  is an eigenvalue of a matrix  $A$  then the algebraic multiplicity of  $\lambda_0$  is the number of times that  $\lambda - \lambda_0$  appears as a factor in the expression for  $P(\lambda)$ .

On the other hand, the dimension of the eigenspace corresponding to  $\lambda_0$  is called the "geometric multiplicity" of  $\lambda_0$ .

Back to previous examples.

Thm 5.2.5  $A$  ( $n \times n$ )

a) For every eigenvalue  $\lambda$

$$\boxed{\text{geom. mult.} \leq \text{alg. multiplicity}}$$

b)  $A$  is diagonalizable iff for each eigenvalue  $\lambda$

$$\boxed{\text{geom mult. of } \lambda = \text{alg. mult. of } \lambda.}$$