

7.2: DIAGONALIZATION

$$A - n \times n$$

(A) Definition

A is diagonalizable (diag'e) \leftrightarrow
 A is similar to a diagonal matrix

i.e., there exists an invertible $n \times n$ matrix P
 such that $P^{-1}AP$ is diagonal.

a matrix
is similar
to itself

Ex If A is diagonal, $I^{-1}AI = A$ is diagonal, so
 A is diag'e.

Ex Verify that A is diag'e by
 showing that $P^{-1}AP$ is diagonal.

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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 5 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

matrix mult.
is assoc.

$$P^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 5 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{\det(P)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 3 \\ 15 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

\swarrow flip signs
 \uparrow switch

$$= \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 3 \\ 15 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} -18 & 0 \\ 0 & 18 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ diagonal } \checkmark$$

So, A is diag'e.

evals are
invariant under
sim.

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$$|\lambda I - P^{-1}AP|$$

$$= |P^{-1}\lambda I P - P^{-1}AP|$$

$$= |P^{-1}(\lambda I - A)P|$$

$$= |P^{-1}||\lambda I - A||P|$$

evals are what?

(B) Similar matrices have the same evals.

If $D = P^{-1}AP \leftarrow A$ and D are similar

diagonal: has the
its evals are same evals
on its main
diagonal



Ex In (A)

$(A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 5 & -2 \end{bmatrix})$ is similar to

$$A \sim D = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

-3 and 3 are the evals of
 D and of A

① When is A diag'e?

↔ there exist n LI evcs of A
(i.e., an evc-basis for \mathbb{R}^n)

if you have n LI
vecs in an n -dim
space, they also
span

② How do you diagonalize A ?

We need P , diagonal D such that

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

① Find n LI evcs of A :

\vec{p}_1 (w/ corresp. eval λ_1)
 \vec{p}_2 λ_2
 \vdots
 \vec{p}_n λ_n

λ_n maybe
duplicate

If you can't, then A is not diag'e.
If you can ...

② Let $P = [\vec{p}_1 \ \vec{p}_2 \ \dots \ \vec{p}_n]$
 $\uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow$
cols. are the
 n LI evcs

③ Let $D = P^{-1}AP$ (D, A similar \rightarrow same evals)

Then, $D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$

order corresponds
to order of evcs
in P

then, we'll do
some examples.

⑤ LI Theorems

"Different spaces are LI"

Evecs corresponding to different evals form
(spaces)
a LI set.

if $\lambda_1 \rightarrow \vec{p}_1$
different $\lambda_k \rightarrow \vec{p}_k$ } then,
LI

Each eval has its own space,
with only $\vec{0}$ in common.



Each eval
has a 1-dim
space.

If A has n different ^{real} evals, then A is guaranteed
to be diag'e, since you can find
 n LI evecs.

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

Evals are: 0, 1, 2 (given).

A is 3×3 . A has $n=3$ different evals, so we know A is diag'e.

① Find $n=3$ LI evecs of A

$\lambda = 0$

What are its evecs?

$$[\cancel{0}I - A \mid \vec{0}]$$

$$\vec{x} = t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, t \neq 0$$

Espace for 0
is 1-dim.

Let $\vec{p}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ (or $\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$, etc.)

Can grab
any vector
from this
1-D espace

$$\underline{\lambda_2 = 1}$$

$$[I - A \mid \vec{0}]$$

$$\vec{x} = t \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{p}_2}, t \neq 0$$

$$\underline{\lambda_3 = 2}$$

$$[2I - A \mid \vec{0}]$$

$$\vec{x} = t \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{p}_3}, t \neq 0$$

$$\textcircled{2} \text{ Let } P = [\vec{p}_1 \ \vec{p}_2 \ \vec{p}_3]$$

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

③ Let $D = P^{-1}AP$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

Don't even
have to find
 P^{-1} . In HW,
you're asked
to verify

If you reorder
 \vec{p}_i 's you must
reorder λ_i 's

Bottom line: Give P, D

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Ex Diagonalize $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & -2 \\ 2 & 5 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

(Coincidence:
on main diag.

Evals are $\lambda_1 = 5, \lambda_2 = 4$
(mult. 2)

① Find $n=3$ LI evecs of A

$$\lambda_1 = 5$$

$$[5I - A | \vec{0}]$$

$$\vec{x} = t \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{p}_1} + u \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{p}_2} \leftarrow \text{LI}$$

Espace is 2-dim.

$$\underline{d_2 = 4}$$

$$[4I - A | \vec{0}]$$

$$\vec{x} = t \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{p}_3}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \text{ Let } P = [\vec{p}_1 \ \vec{p}_2 \ \vec{p}_3]$$

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

$$\textcircled{3} \text{ Let } D = P^{-1}AP$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Ex Diagonalize $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Only eval is 1.

① Find $n=3$ LI evecs of A

$$\lambda_1 = 1$$

$$[I - A \mid \vec{0}]$$

$$\vec{x} = t \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{p}_1} \quad \text{Just a 1-dim espace!}$$

We can't get
3 evecs that
form a LI set.

We can't get \vec{p}_2, \vec{p}_3 !!

A is not diag'e.

Ex 8 (p. 400)

$$T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}, \text{ where}$$

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

Book: B

Find a basis B' for \mathbb{R}^3 such that the matrix for T relative to B' is diagonal.

You diagonalize A .

Think of b_1, b_2, b_3 as arrows, as fixed physical entities

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\begin{matrix} \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{matrix}$
 B'

$$\text{Let } D = P^{-1}AP$$

$B \rightarrow B'$ T in B $B' \rightarrow B$ (standard)

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

is the matrix for T relative to B' .

$b_1 \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$
rel. to new / in new basis

what's $D \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

That reflects the fact that the 1st vec we found is stretched by a fac of 2 under T .



$$\begin{matrix} \nearrow D \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \nearrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$