

Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

Definition:

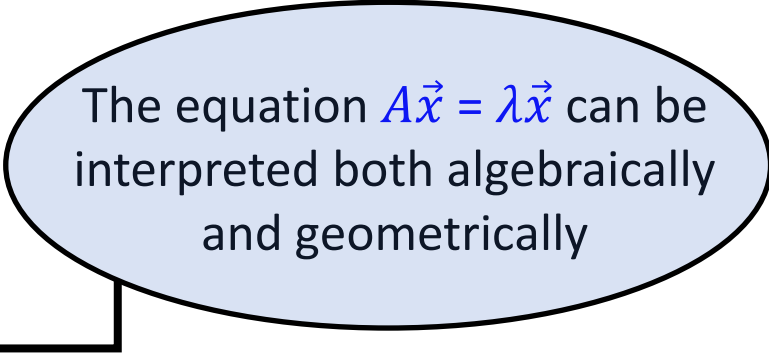
Let $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{F})$ where \mathbb{F} may be \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C}

\vec{x} is an **Eigenvector** (EV) of A if $A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x}$,

where λ is a constant (either \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C})

and $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{F}^n, \vec{x} \neq \vec{0}$

λ is an **Eigenvalue** (ev) of A associated with the Eigenvector (EV) \vec{x}



The equation $A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x}$ can be interpreted both algebraically and geometrically

Algebraic Meaning of $A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x}$

Note that $A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x} \Rightarrow (A - \lambda I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$

The (**Eigenvectors** $\{\vec{x}\} + \vec{0}$) form the **Null Space** of the matrix $(A - \lambda I)$ where it should be noted that $\vec{0}$ was explicitly left out from the definition of the eigenvectors.

This subspace of $(A - \lambda I)$ has a special name – **Eigenspace** or **Characteristic Space** of **A** associated with λ

Example: $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ $(A - \lambda I) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 - \lambda & -1 \\ 2 & 4 - \lambda \end{pmatrix}$

Solving $A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x}$ is equivalent to solving the system of linear equations -

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 - \lambda & -1 \\ 2 & 4 - \lambda \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } \begin{cases} (2 - \lambda)x_1 - x_2 = 0 \\ 2x_1 + (4 - \lambda)x_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Since an eigenvector cannot be $\vec{0}$, this system of linear equations can have a non-trivial solution only if $\text{Ker}(A - \lambda I) \neq \{\vec{0}\}$

But this is true only if $(A - \lambda I)$ is non-invertible, which can only happen if –

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = |A - \lambda I| = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad (2 - \lambda)(4 - \lambda) - (-1)(2) = 0$$

Solving this equation, we get **Eigenvalues** $\lambda_1 = 3 + i, \lambda_2 = 3 - i$

The eigenvectors for each eigenvalue are found by solving –

$$(A - \lambda_1 I) \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad (A - \lambda_2 I) \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Eigenvector for $\lambda_1 = 3 + i$: $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = K \begin{pmatrix} \frac{(-1+i)}{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Eigenvector for $\lambda_2 = 3 - i$: $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = K \begin{pmatrix} \frac{(-1-i)}{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

The **Eigenspace** is formed by these two vectors along with the zero vector $\vec{0}$

Features of an Invertible Matrix $B \in M_{n \times n}$

1. B is invertible

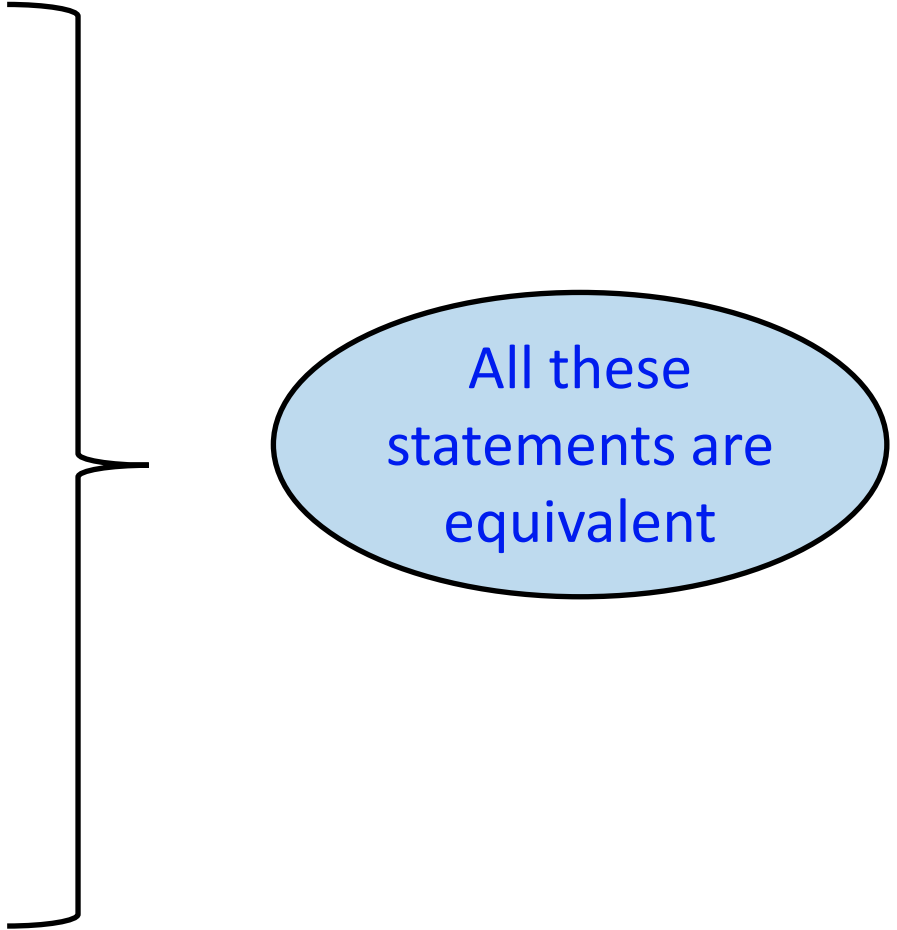
2. $B\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ has a unique solution $\vec{x} \forall \vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

3. $\text{rref}(B) = \mathbb{I}_n$

4. $\text{rank}(B) = n$

5. $\text{im}(B) = \mathbb{R}^n$

6. $\text{Ker}(B) = \{\vec{0}\}$



All these
statements are
equivalent

A slight digression –

Question: Why $\text{null}(B) = \{0\} \Leftrightarrow B$ is invertible

Answer: The transformation $T: U \rightarrow V$ is invertible if and only if T is *one to one* & *onto*

This implies that - $\dim(U) = \dim(V)$

Rank Nullity Theorem \Rightarrow $\text{null}(T) + \text{rank}(T) = \dim(U)$
 $\{0\} \quad \dim(V)$

Something Interesting and Useful!

- The trace of a matrix (product of its diagonal terms) is equal to the product of its eigenvalues
- The sum of the eigenvalues of a matrix is equal to the determinant of the matrix

Example

What are the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the $n \times n$ identity matrix \mathbb{I}_n ?

Is there an eigenbasis for \mathbb{I}_n ?

Which matrix would diagonalize \mathbb{I}_n ?

Exercise Problem Consider $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

(a) Find the characteristic polynomial

Ans: $\lambda^3 - 4\lambda^2 + \lambda + 6$

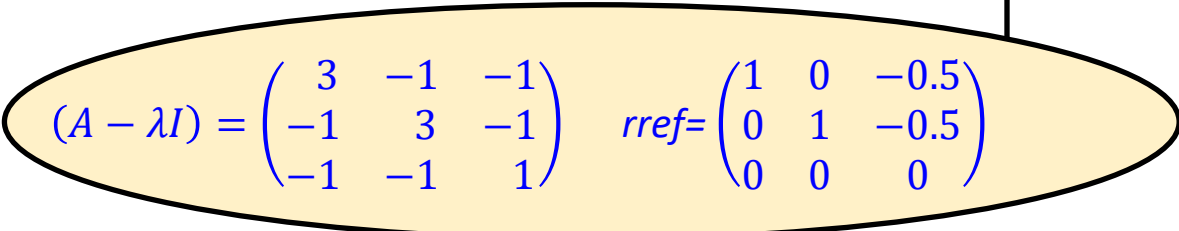
(b) Find the eigenvalues of A

Ans: -1, 2, 3

(c) Find the eigenvectors of A

Ans: $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$\lambda = -1$


$$(A - \lambda I) = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad rref = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -0.5 \\ 0 & 1 & -0.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Geometric Meaning of $A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x}$, when λ is real

As indicated earlier, when λ is real, $A\vec{x}$ is parallel to \vec{x} .

This implies that a Eigenvector \vec{x} , either gets stretched or compressed along its length when acted upon by the transformation matrix A

Algebraic Multiplicity & Geometric Multiplicity

Algebraic Multiplicity: Let A be a $N \times N$ matrix and let $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N$ be the *possibly repeated* eigenvalues of A which solve the characteristic equation

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0 = (\lambda - \lambda_1) \cdot \dots \cdot (\lambda - \lambda_N)$$

The eigenvalue λ_n has algebraic multiplicity $\mu(\lambda_n)$ if the characteristic equation has *exactly* $\mu(\lambda_n)$ solutions equal to λ_n

Geometric Multiplicity: Let A be a $N \times N$ matrix and let λ_n be one of the eigenvalues and denote its associated eigenspace by E_n .

The dimension of E_n is referred to as the geometric multiplicity of the eigenvalue λ_n

The Geometric Multiplicity of an eigenvalue is LESS THAN OR EQUAL to its Algebraic Multiplicity
also, **Geometric Multiplicity of eigenvalue $\lambda = \text{nullity}(A - \lambda I) = N - \text{rank}(A - \lambda I)$**

Algebraic Multiplicity & Geometric Multiplicity EXAMPLE

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Eigenvalues are $\lambda = -1, \lambda = 2$

Eigenvector for $\lambda = -1$ is $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Eigenvector for $\lambda = 2$ is $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Algebraic Multiplicity is 1 for both the eigenvalues

Geometric Multiplicity is 1 for both the eigenvalues as each of the eigenspaces E_{-1} and E_2 is spanned by only one non-zero vector

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Eigenvalues are $\lambda = 1$, **TWICE**

Eigenvector for $\lambda = 1$ is $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Algebraic Multiplicity is 2 for the single eigenvalue

Geometric Multiplicity is 1 for this eigenvalue

$(A - \lambda I) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ The rank of this matrix is 1.

By the rank-nullity theorem, we get that the nullspace has dimension 1. Hence, the Geometric Multiplicity is 1.

Note that in this case, Geometric Multiplicity \neq Algebraic Multiplicity.

*In the general case, **Geometric Multiplicity has to be less than or equal to the Algebraic Multiplicity***

IMPORTANT: If for every eigenvalue of \mathbf{A} , the geometric and algebraic multiplicities are equal then the matrix \mathbf{A} will be **Diagonalizable**

Algebraic Multiplicity & Geometric Multiplicity EXAMPLE

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Eigenvalues are $\lambda = 3$ (Algebraic Multiplicity 1)
 $\lambda = 2$ (Algebraic Multiplicity 2)

$$\lambda = 3 \quad (A - 3I) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{rank} = 2 \quad \text{nullity} = 1 \quad \text{Eigenvector} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Geometric Multiplicity} = 1$$

$$\lambda = 2 \quad (A - 2I) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{rank} = 1 \quad \text{nullity} = 2 \quad \text{Eigenvectors} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Geometric Multiplicity = 2

Since **Geometric Multiplicity = Algebraic Multiplicity** for each of the two roots, the matrix **A will be Diagonalizable**

To Diagonalize **A** to the Diagonal Matrix **D**, use the matrix **S**, so that **A=SDS⁻¹** and, therefore, **D=S⁻¹AS**.

This is discussed subsequently. For this example, we have -

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad S^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Eigenvectors as the columns

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

Eigenvalues on the diagonal

Certain forms of matrices are convenient to work with. For example –

Upper Triangular Form (also for the Lower Triangular Form)

- * sum of two upper triangular matrices also upper triangular
- * product of two upper triangular matrices also upper triangular
- * inverse remains upper triangular
- * transpose is lower triangular
- * stays upper triangular if multiplied by a scalar
- * determinant is the product of the diagonal elements

Diagonal Form

- * determinant is the product of the diagonal elements
- * inverse of a diagonal matrix is also diagonal with each term being the inverse of the original term
- * transpose of the matrix is the same matrix
- * multiplication of two diagonal matrices is commutative, i.e. $PQ = QP$
- * powers of the matrix are easily computed
- * eigenvalues of the matrix are just the diagonal terms of the matrix

Diagonalizable Matrices

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{A} & \rightarrow & \mathbf{D} \\ \text{any } n \times n & & n \times n \text{ matrix in} \\ \text{matrix} & & \text{diagonal form} \end{array}$$

$\mathbf{A} \in \mathbf{M}_{n \times n}(\mathbb{F})$ is **diagonalizable** over \mathbb{F} if there exists an invertible matrix \mathbf{S} over \mathbb{F} such that -

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{S}^{-1}$$

or equivalently,

$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{S}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{S}$$

Similarity Transformation

Here, \mathbf{S} is said to diagonalize \mathbf{A}

Note that, \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{D} have the same eigenvalues which are actually the diagonal terms of \mathbf{D}

When is a matrix diagonalizable?

A matrix $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{F})$ is diagonalizable if and only if A has n linearly independent eigenvectors in \mathbb{F}^n

A $n \times n$ complex matrix that has n distinct eigenvalues is always diagonalizable
(n distinct eigenvalues $\implies n$ linearly independent eigenvectors)

To find a matrix S which diagonalizes A , find a set of linearly independent eigenvectors of A .

If there are enough of them, they can be taken to form the columns of the S matrix.

Example Find a matrix that diagonalizes $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$

Note that this particular matrix was considered earlier

Solve $|A - \lambda I|=0$ to obtain $\lambda_{1,2} = 3 \pm i$ as the eigenvalues of A .

We then use $A\vec{x}_j = \lambda_j\vec{x}_j$, $j=1, 2$ to obtain the following eigenvectors

$$\vec{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-1+i}{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-1-i}{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ for } A$$

The column vectors of S form an eigenbasis for A

Then $S = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-1+i}{2} & \frac{-1-i}{2} \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ will diagonalize A

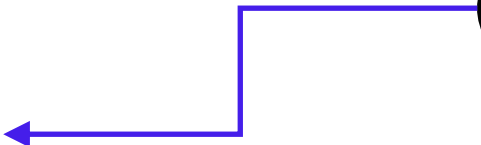
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \lambda_{1,2} = 3 \pm i \quad \vec{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-1+i}{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-1-i}{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{S}^{-1} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{S} = \begin{pmatrix} -i & \frac{1-i}{2} \\ +i & \frac{1+i}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-1+i}{2} & \frac{-1-i}{2} \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 3+i & 0 \\ 0 & 3-i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \mathbf{D}$$

Note that the diagonal terms of \mathbf{D} are the eigenvalues of \mathbf{A}



Example

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Characteristic Equation: $(1 - \lambda)^2 - 4 = 0$
Eigenvalues are $\lambda_1 = 3, \lambda_2 = -1$

For $\lambda_1 = 3$ $(A - 3I)\vec{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 4 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} \\ x_{12} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $rref \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$ $\vec{x}_1 = k \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

For $\lambda_2 = -1$ $(A + I)\vec{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{21} \\ x_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $rref \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$ $\vec{x}_2 = k \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$

To diagonalize **A**

$$D = S^{-1}AS$$

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad S^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 1/4 \\ 1/2 & -1/4 \end{pmatrix} \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Example

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Eigenvalues: $\lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = 1, \lambda_3 = -1$

$$\lambda_1 = 2, \quad \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} \\ x_{12} \\ x_{13} \end{pmatrix} = \vec{0} \quad rref \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2 = 1, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{21} \\ x_{22} \\ x_{23} \end{pmatrix} = \vec{0} \quad rref \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \quad \vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_3 = -1, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{31} \\ x_{32} \\ x_{33} \end{pmatrix} = \vec{0} \quad rref \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \quad \vec{v}_{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Eigenvalues: } \lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = 1, \lambda_3 = -1$$

with the corresponding *Eigenvectors* as $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{v}_{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

The matrix A is obviously diagonalizable since it has three distinct eigenvalues. The corresponding S and D matrices are -

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Its *Eigenspace* is spanned by the three vectors $\vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_{-1}$

Example Consider $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Find its eigenvalues and eigenvectors, and diagonalize it if you can

Eigenvalues are $\lambda = 1$ (Algebraic Multiplicity 2) and $\lambda = 0$ (Algebraic Multiplicity 1)

For $\lambda = 1$, $\vec{X}_1 = \ker(A - 1 * I) = \ker \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \text{span} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ Geometric Multiplicity = 1

For $\lambda = 0$, $\vec{X}_0 = \ker(A - 0 * I) = \ker \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \text{span} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ Geometric Multiplicity = 1

Since \vec{X}_1 and \vec{X}_0 span only the $\vec{X}_0 - \vec{X}_1$ plane, we are unable to construct an eigenbasis for A . Hence A **is not diagonalizable**.

Note also that for $\lambda = 1$, the Geometric Multiplicity is less than its Algebraic Multiplicity and, therefore, from that too, **A is not diagonalizable**

Example $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

Find its eigenvalues and eigenvectors, and diagonalize it if you can

Characteristic Equation: $(1 - \lambda)(3 - \lambda) - 8 = 0$

Eigenvalues are $\lambda = 5$ and $\lambda = -1$

For $\lambda = 5$, $\vec{X}_1 = \ker(A - 5 * I) = \ker \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 2 \\ 4 & -2 \end{pmatrix} = \text{span} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

For $\lambda = -1$, $\vec{X}_2 = \ker(A + 1 * I) = \ker \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \text{span} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

Since \vec{X}_1 and \vec{X}_2 form an eigenbasis for \mathbf{A} , \mathbf{A} is diagonalizable with -

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Example Consider $A = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$

Find its eigenvalues and eigenvectors, and diagonalize it if you can

Characteristic Equation simplifies to $\lambda(\lambda + 3)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = -3$

For $\lambda_1 = 0$ $A\vec{x}_1 = \vec{0}$ $rref = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $x_{11} = x_{13}, x_{12} = x_{13}$ $\vec{x}_1 = k \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

For $\lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = -3$ $(A + 3I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \vec{x} = \vec{0}$ $rref = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ Eigenvector for $\lambda_1=0$

So, $\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -r - s \\ r \\ s \end{pmatrix} = r \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ $\vec{x}_2 = k \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $\vec{x}_3 = k \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Eigenvectors for $\lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 0$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_1 = 0 \quad \vec{x}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = -3 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \vec{x}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \vec{x}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{array} \right.$$

To Diagonalize A -

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$S^{-1} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D = S^{-1}AS$$

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