

Topic 3 - Eigenvalue and Diagonalization

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Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

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Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

1. An **eigenvector** of an $n \times n$ matrix A is a **nonzero** vector \mathbf{x} such that

$$A\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x} \quad \text{for some scalar } \lambda.$$

2. The scalar λ is called an **eigenvalue** of A . We also say \mathbf{x} is an **eigenvector** corresponding to λ .

Example Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$, and $\mathbf{z} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$A\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 3\mathbf{x}.$$

$$A\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -21 \end{bmatrix} = -7 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = -7\mathbf{y}.$$

$$A\mathbf{z} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 15 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 3\lambda \\ 3\lambda \end{bmatrix} = \lambda\mathbf{z}.$$

Therefore,

- ▶ $\lambda = 3$ is an eigenvalue of A and $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is an eigenvector corresponding to 3, and
- ▶ $\lambda = -7$ is another eigenvalue of A and $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ is an eigenvector corresponding to -7 .

Example Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{z} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$A\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 4\mathbf{x}, \quad A\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ -8 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = 4\mathbf{y}, \quad \text{and} \quad A\mathbf{z} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = 2\mathbf{z}.$$

- ▶ $\lambda = 4$ is an eigenvalue of A and $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ are two linearly independent eigenvectors corresponding to 4, and
- ▶ $\lambda = 2$ is another eigenvalue of A and $\mathbf{z} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is an eigenvector corresponding to 2.

Characteristic equation

A scalar λ is an eigenvalue of an $n \times n$ matrix A if and only if λ satisfies the **characteristic equation (polynomial)**

Solution.
$$p_A(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I_n) = 0.$$

- λ is an eigenvalue of $A \iff A\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$ for some nonzero $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- $\iff A\mathbf{x} = \lambda I_n \mathbf{x}$ for some nonzero $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- $\iff (A - \lambda I_n)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has a nontrivial solution
- $\iff \mathbf{x} \in \text{Nul}(A - \lambda I_n)$ for some nonzero $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- $\iff (A - \lambda I_n)$ is singular
- $\iff \det(A - \lambda I_n) = 0.$

Eigenspace

The **eigenspace** $E_\lambda(A)$ of A associated with eigenvalue λ is the set of all vectors satisfying $A\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$ i.e.,

$$E_\lambda(A) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : A\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}\}.$$

The set $E_\lambda(A)$ contains all vectors in $\text{Nul}(A - \lambda I_n)$. Thus, every nonzero vector in $E_\lambda(A)$ is an eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue λ .

Example 3.1 Find the eigenvalues and all eigenvectors corresponding to each of the eigenvalues of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned} p_A(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I_2) &= \det \left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & -6 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} 2 - \lambda & 3 \\ 3 & -6 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (2 - \lambda)(-6 - \lambda) - 9 = \lambda^2 + 4\lambda - 21. \end{aligned}$$

As we need to solve the characteristic equation $\det(A - \lambda I_2) = 0$, which is equivalent to

$$\lambda^2 + 4\lambda - 21 = 0 \implies (\lambda - 3)(\lambda + 7) = 0 \implies \lambda = 3 \text{ or } -7.$$

Thus, the eigenvalues of A are $\lambda_1 = 3$ and $\lambda_2 = -7$.

For $\lambda_1 = 3$, solve the matrix equation $(A - 3I_2)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$. Then

$$E_3(A) = \text{Nul}(A - 3I_2) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

For $\lambda_2 = -7$, solve the matrix equation $(A - (-7)I_2)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$. Then

$$E_{-7}(A) = \text{Nul}(A + 7I_2) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1/3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

Therefore, A has

- ▶ eigenvalue $\lambda_1 = 3$ with eigenspace $E_3(A) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$, and
- ▶ eigenvalue $\lambda_2 = -7$ with eigenspace $E_{-7}(A) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

Example 3.2 Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & -1 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$. Find the eigenvalues and all eigenvectors corresponding to each of the eigenvalues.

Solution.

$$p_A(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I_3) = \begin{vmatrix} 4 - \lambda & -1 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 - \lambda & 6 \\ 2 & -1 & 8 - \lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -\lambda^3 + 13\lambda^2 - 40\lambda + 36 = -(\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 9).$$

Therefore, the eigenvalues of A are 9 and 2.

For $\lambda_1 = 9$, this is equivalent to solve the system $(A - 9I_3)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$. Then the eigenspace

$$E_9(A) = \text{Nul}(A - 9I_3) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

For $\lambda_2 = 2$, this is equivalent to solve the system $(A - 2I_3)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$. Then the eigenspace

$$E_2(A) = \text{Nul}(A - 2I_3) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

Example 3.3 Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Find the eigenvalues and all eigenvectors corresponding to each of the eigenvalues.

Solution.

$$p_A(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I_4) = \begin{vmatrix} 4 - \lambda & 0 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 - \lambda & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 - \lambda & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 - \lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \lambda^4 - 12\lambda^3 + 52\lambda^2 - 96\lambda + 64 = (\lambda - 4)^2(\lambda - 2)^2.$$

Therefore, the eigenvalues of A are 4 and 2.

For $\lambda_1 = 4$, this is equivalent to solve the system $(A - 4I_4)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$. Then the eigenspace

$$E_4(A) = \text{Nul}(A - 4I_4) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

For $\lambda_2 = 2$, this is equivalent to solve the system $(A - 2I_4)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$. Then the eigenspace

$$E_2(A) = \text{Nul}(A - 2I_4) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

Example 3.4 Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$. Find the eigenvalues and all eigenvectors corresponding to each of the eigenvalues.

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned} p_A(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I_3) &= \begin{vmatrix} 3 - \lambda & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 - \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \lambda^3 - 7\lambda^2 + 17\lambda - 15 = (\lambda - 3)(\lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 5). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the eigenvalues of A are 3 , $2 + i$ and $2 - i$.

For $\lambda_1 = 3$, this is equivalent to solve the system $(A - 3I_3)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$. Then the eigenspace

$$E_3(A) = \text{Nul}(A - 3I_3) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

For $\lambda_2 = 2 + i$, this is equivalent to solve the system $(A - (2 + i)I_3)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$. Then the eigenspace

$$E_{2+i}(A) = \text{Nul}(A - (2 + i)I_3) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} i \\ -i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

For $\lambda_3 = 2 - i$, this is equivalent to solve the system $(A - (2 - i)I_3)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$. Then the eigenspace

$$E_{2-i}(A) = \text{Nul}(A - (2 - i)I_3) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -i \\ i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

In fact,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i \\ -i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 + 2i \\ 1 - 2i \\ 2 + i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (2 + i)i \\ (2 + i)(-i) \\ 2 + i \end{bmatrix} = (2 + i) \begin{bmatrix} i \\ -i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -i \\ i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 - 2i \\ 1 + 2i \\ 2 - i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (2 - i)(-i) \\ (2 - i)i \\ 2 - i \end{bmatrix} = (2 - i) \begin{bmatrix} -i \\ i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus, the matrix has complex eigenvalues $2 + i$ and $2 - i$ with corresponding

complex eigenvectors $\begin{bmatrix} i \\ -i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} -i \\ i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ respectively.

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[1]: import sympy as sp; import numpy as np
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[2]: # Example 3.1
A = sp.Matrix([[2,3],[3,-6]];A
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[2]:  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$ 
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[3]: # Characteristic polynomial
A.charpoly()
```

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[3]: PurePoly( $\lambda^2 + 4\lambda - 21, \lambda, domain = \mathbb{Z}$ )
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[4]: # Factorize the polynomial
sp.factor(A.charpoly().as_expr())
```

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[4]:  $(\lambda - 3)(\lambda + 7)$ 
```

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[5]: # Eigenvalues of A
A.eigenvals()
```

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[5]: {3: 1, -7: 1}
```

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[6]: # Eigenvalues and eigenvectors of A
A.eigenvects()
```

```
[6]: [(-7,
1,
[Matrix([
[-1/3],
[ 1]])]),
(3,
1,
[Matrix([
[3],
[1]])])]
```

```
[7]: # Example 3.2
B = sp.Matrix([[4,-1,6], [2,1,6],
↔[2,-1,8]]); B
```

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[7]:  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & -1 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$ 
```

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[8]: # Eigenvalues and eigenvectors of B
B.eigenvects()
```

```
[8]: [(2,
2,
[Matrix([
[1/2],
[ 1],
[ 0]])],
Matrix([
[-3],
[ 0],
[ 1]])]),
(9,
1,
[Matrix([
[1],
[1],
[1]])])]
```

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[9]: # Example 3.3
C = sp.Matrix([[4,0,-1,-2], [-1,3,0,1],
↔[0,0,4,0], [1,1,-1,1]]); C
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[9]:  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 
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[10]: # Eigenvalues and eigenvectors of C
C.eigenvects()
```

```
[10]: [(2,
2,
[Matrix([
[1],
[0],
[0],
[1]])]),
(4,
2,
[Matrix([
[-1],
[ 1],
[ 0],
[ 0]])],
Matrix([
[ 1],
[ 0],
[-2],
[ 1]])])]
```

```
[11]: # Example 3.4
D = sp.Matrix([[3,1,-1],
↪ [0,2,1], [0,-1,2]]); D
```

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[11]: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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[12]: # Eigenvalues and eigenvectors ↪
↪ of D
D.eigenvecs()
```

```
[12]: [(3,
1,
Matrix([
[1],
[0],
[0]])),
(2 - I,
1,
Matrix([
[-I],
[ I],
[ 1]])),
(2 + I,
1,
Matrix([
[ I],
[-I],
[ 1]])))]
```

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[13]: # Example 3.2
B = np.array([[4,-1,6], [2,1,6], [2,-1,8]]); B
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[13]: array([[ 4, -1,  6],
[ 2,  1,  6],
[ 2, -1,  8]])
```

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[14]: # Eigenvalues and eigenvectors of B @ NumPy
np.linalg.eig(B)
```

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[14]: (array([9., 2., 2.]),
array([[ -0.57735027, -0.63269467,  0.13325561],
[ -0.57735027, -0.7699871 , -0.9694382 ],
[ -0.57735027,  0.08256704, -0.20599157]]))
```

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[15]: # A 10x10 random matrix
R = np.random.randint(0,4, size=(10,10)); R = R+R.
↪ T; R
```

```
[15]: array([[0, 3, 5, 4, 2, 2, 2, 2, 4, 0],
[3, 0, 4, 3, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4],
[5, 4, 2, 1, 0, 6, 6, 3, 6, 4],
[4, 3, 1, 0, 5, 2, 2, 2, 5, 3],
[2, 4, 0, 5, 0, 5, 1, 0, 2, 3],
[2, 4, 6, 2, 5, 6, 6, 1, 3, 3],
[2, 4, 6, 2, 1, 6, 4, 6, 3, 5],
[2, 4, 3, 2, 0, 1, 6, 0, 2, 1],
[4, 4, 6, 5, 2, 3, 3, 2, 0, 6],
[0, 4, 4, 3, 3, 3, 5, 1, 6, 2]])
```

```
[16]: # Eigenvalues and eigenvectors of R @ NumPy
np.linalg.eig(R)
```

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[16]: (array([32.17563324,  5.63277259,  3.88026324,  1.7608565 ,  1.01060793,
-3.21293784, -5.20648718, -7.82496673, -7.35063895, -6.86510279]),
array([[ 0.23990821,  0.12698866, -0.31397399,  0.59262617, -0.10085464,
0.09258429,  0.4528656 , -0.0499217 ,  0.50005554,  0.01241008],
[ 0.32824738,  0.08889643, -0.07734561, -0.02532038,  0.23429608,
-0.74965133,  0.09324504,  0.08100801, -0.07676899, -0.48959722],
[ 0.38054555, -0.30367416, -0.07026408,  0.23239732, -0.46619618,
-0.12890288,  0.03676486,  0.34194048, -0.50214232,  0.31566571],
[ 0.25200664,  0.46943061, -0.2409439 ,  0.04233546,  0.21516853,
0.45827272, -0.25336992,  0.4857925 , -0.19897684, -0.24533134],
[ 0.21909999,  0.53714234,  0.25013033, -0.01500226,  0.29128353,
-0.07592698,  0.28616397, -0.27485218, -0.29329862,  0.5163472 ],
[ 0.39167006, -0.01768889,  0.76243963,  0.23029822, -0.05962076,
0.05952778, -0.32298967,  0.04937532,  0.2990691 , -0.09289477],
[ 0.39459753, -0.48066242,  0.05561704, -0.1895034 ,  0.30530031,
0.42073494,  0.38454022, -0.23436875, -0.18937165, -0.25566373],
[ 0.22379669, -0.32506165, -0.30528602,  0.04529434,  0.53373118,
-0.11819883, -0.42768526,  0.02357383,  0.23764865,  0.4584884 ],
[ 0.34134339,  0.16544963, -0.2992427 , -0.08850286, -0.36897361,
0.04765903, -0.4119943 , -0.65817932, -0.06172418, -0.11649057],
[ 0.32040244,  0.10236405, -0.05223611, -0.70234897, -0.26206451,
-0.01589003,  0.18420864,  0.26713627,  0.42508529,  0.18952249]]))
```

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[17]: # Same matrix in SymPy
S = sp.Matrix(R); S
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[17]: [0  3  5  4  2  2  2  2  4  0]
      [3  0  4  3  4  4  4  4  4  4]
      [5  4  2  1  0  6  6  3  6  4]
      [4  3  1  0  5  2  2  2  5  3]
      [2  4  0  5  0  5  1  0  2  3]
      [2  4  6  2  5  6  6  1  3  3]
      [2  4  6  2  1  6  4  6  3  5]
      [2  4  3  2  0  1  6  0  2  1]
      [4  4  6  5  2  3  3  2  0  6]
      [0  4  4  3  3  3  5  1  6  2]
```

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[18]: # Eigenvalues and eigenvectors of R @ SymPy
S.eigenvects()
```

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[18]: [(CRootOf(_lambda**10 - 14*_lambda**9 - 545*_lambda**8 - 2182*_lambda**7 +
24794*_lambda**6 + 146786*_lambda**5 - 308634*_lambda**4 - 2300298*_lambda**3 +
1472271*_lambda**2 + 9183384*_lambda - 8266448, 0),
1,
[Matrix([
[ 6895968363835957306471753587*CRootOf(_lambda**10 - 14*_lambda**9 -
545*_lambda**8 - 2182*_lambda**7 + 24794*_lambda**6 + 146786*_lambda**5 -
308634*_lambda**4 - 2300298*_lambda**3 + 1472271*_lambda**2 + 9183384*_lambda -
8266448, 0)**5/89854537549089693738202621120 -
5820128746504536882596119*CRootOf(_lambda**10 - 14*_lambda**9 - 545*_lambda**8 -
2182*_lambda**7 + 24794*_lambda**6 + 146786*_lambda**5 - 308634*_lambda**4 -
2300298*_lambda**3 + 1472271*_lambda**2 + 9183384*_lambda - 8266448,
0)**8/89854537549089693738202621120 +
629838097521509919753131*CRootOf(_lambda**10 - 14*_lambda**9 - 545*_lambda**8 -
2182*_lambda**7 + 24794*_lambda**6 + 146786*_lambda**5 - 308634*_lambda**4 -
2300298*_lambda**3 + 1472271*_lambda**2 + 9183384*_lambda - 8266448,
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Eigenvalues, Determinant and Diagonal Entries

Given an $n \times n$ matrix $A = [a_{ij}]$ with eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ (can be repeated).

1. The characteristic polynomial is equal to

$$p_A(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I_n) = (-1)^n (\lambda - \lambda_1) \cdot (\lambda - \lambda_2) \cdots (\lambda - \lambda_n) \\ = (\lambda_1 - \lambda) \cdot (\lambda_2 - \lambda) \cdots (\lambda_n - \lambda).$$

2. The product of all eigenvalues of A is equal to the determinant of A , i.e.,

$$\prod_{j=1}^n \lambda_j = \lambda_1 \cdot \lambda_2 \cdots \lambda_n = \det(A).$$

3. The sum of all eigenvalues of A is equal to the sum of all diagonal entries of A , which is also called the **Trace of A** and denoted by $\text{Tr}(A)$, i.e.,

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \cdots + \lambda_n = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{jj} = a_{11} + a_{22} + \cdots + a_{nn} = \text{Tr}(A).$$

4. **Cayley-Hamilton Theorem:**

$$p_A(A) = (-1)^n (A - \lambda_1 I_n) \cdot (A - \lambda_2 I_n) \cdots (A - \lambda_n I_n) = \mathbf{0}.$$

Proof.

1. Since $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ are roots of the degree n polynomial $\det(A - \lambda I_n)$ and $(-1)^n$ as the leading coefficient (the coefficient of λ^n),

$$\det(A - \lambda I_n) = (-1)^n (\lambda - \lambda_1) \cdot (\lambda - \lambda_2) \cdots (\lambda - \lambda_n).$$

2. Substitute $\lambda = 0$ in the equation $p_A(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I_n)$,

$$\det A = \det(A - 0I_n) = (-1)^n (0 - \lambda_1)(0 - \lambda_2) \cdots (0 - \lambda_n) = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \cdots \lambda_n.$$

3. Consider the coefficient of λ^{n-1} in the characteristic polynomial,

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} - \lambda & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} - \lambda & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (-1)^n \lambda^n + (-1)^n (-\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 - \cdots - \lambda_n) \lambda^{n-1} + \cdots$$

The left hand side has the term $(a_{11} + a_{22} + \cdots + a_{nn})(-\lambda)^{n-1}$ and the right hand side has the term $(-1)^{n-1}(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \cdots + \lambda_n)\lambda^{n-1}$. Thus,

$$a_{11} + a_{22} + \cdots + a_{nn} = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \cdots + \lambda_n.$$

Eigenvalues of Triangular matrix

The eigenvalues of a **triangular matrix** are the entries on **its main diagonal**.

Proof. Suppose $T = [t_{ij}]$ is an $n \times n$ upper triangular matrix, i.e., $t_{ij} = 0$ for all $i > j$. Then $T - \lambda I_n$ is also upper triangular and hence

$$p_T(\lambda) = \det(T - \lambda I_n) = (t_{11} - \lambda)(t_{22} - \lambda) \cdots (t_{nn} - \lambda).$$

Thus, t_{11}, \dots, t_{nn} are the roots of the characteristic equation $\det(T - \lambda I_n)$. Hence, they are the eigenvalues of T . Similar result holds for lower triangular matrices.

Example Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$. Find the eigenvalues of A and B .

Solution. The eigenvalues of A are 3, 0 and 2 and the eigenvalues of B are 4 and 1.

Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix with eigenvalue λ .

- ▶ The **eigenspace** $E_\lambda(A)$ of A associated with eigenvalue λ is equal to the null space of $A - \lambda I_n$, i.e., $E_\lambda(A) = \text{Nul}(A - \lambda I_n)$.
- ▶ The **algebraic multiplicity** of an eigenvalue λ , denoted by $\mu_A(\lambda)$, is the multiplicity as a root of the characteristic polynomial $\det(A - \lambda I_n) = 0$.
- ▶ The **geometric multiplicity** of an eigenvalue λ , denoted by $\gamma_A(\lambda)$, is the dimension of the eigenspace $E_\lambda(A) = \text{Nul}(A - \lambda I_n)$, i.e.,

$$\gamma_A(\lambda) = \dim E_\lambda(A) = \dim \text{Nul}(A - \lambda I_n).$$

- ▶ The **geometric multiplicity** is less than or equal to **algebraic multiplicity**, i.e.,

$$1 \leq \gamma_A(\lambda) \leq \mu_A(\lambda).$$

		algebraic multiplicity $\mu_A(\lambda)$	geometric multiplicity $\gamma_A(\lambda)$
Example 3.1	$\lambda_1 = 3$	1	1
	$\lambda_2 = -7$	1	1
Example 3.2	$\lambda_1 = 9$	1	1
	$\lambda_2 = 2$	2	2
Example 3.3	$\lambda_1 = 4$	2	2
	$\lambda_2 = 2$	2	1

Eigenvalues, Determinant and Diagonal Entries

Given an $n \times n$ matrix A with distinct eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$ and **algebraic multiplicities** $\mu_A(\lambda_1), \dots, \mu_A(\lambda_k)$. Then $\mu_A(\lambda_1) + \dots + \mu_A(\lambda_k) = n$.

1. The characteristic polynomial is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} p_A(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I_n) &= (-1)^n (\lambda - \lambda_1)^{\mu_A(\lambda_1)} \cdot (\lambda - \lambda_2)^{\mu_A(\lambda_2)} \dots (\lambda - \lambda_k)^{\mu_A(\lambda_k)} \\ &= (\lambda_1 - \lambda)^{\mu_A(\lambda_1)} \cdot (\lambda_2 - \lambda)^{\mu_A(\lambda_2)} \dots (\lambda_k - \lambda)^{\mu_A(\lambda_k)}. \end{aligned}$$

2. The product of all eigenvalues of A (counting algebraic multiplicities) is equal to the determinant of A , i.e.,

$$\prod_{j=1}^k \lambda_j^{\mu_A(\lambda_j)} = \lambda_1^{\mu_A(\lambda_1)} \cdot \lambda_2^{\mu_A(\lambda_2)} \dots \lambda_k^{\mu_A(\lambda_k)} = \det(A).$$

3. The sum of all eigenvalues of A (counting algebraic multiplicities) is equal to the sum of all diagonal entries of A (The Trace of A), i.e.,

$$\sum_{j=1}^k \lambda_j \cdot \mu_A(\lambda_j) = \lambda_1 \cdot \mu_A(\lambda_1) + \lambda_2 \cdot \mu_A(\lambda_2) + \dots + \lambda_k \cdot \mu_A(\lambda_k) = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{jj} = \text{Tr}(A).$$

Example 3.5 Let A and B be $n \times n$ matrices. Show that if λ is a **nonzero** eigenvalue of AB , then λ is also an eigenvalue of BA .

Solution. Suppose λ is a nonzero eigenvalue of AB , then there is an eigenvector $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that

$$AB\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}.$$

Let $\mathbf{y} = B\mathbf{x}$. Since λ and \mathbf{x} are nonzero, $AB\mathbf{x}$ is nonzero and hence $\mathbf{y} = B\mathbf{x}$ is nonzero. Now

$$AB\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x} \implies BAB\mathbf{x} = \lambda B\mathbf{x} \implies BA\mathbf{y} = \lambda\mathbf{y}.$$

Then λ is an eigenvalue of BA with \mathbf{y} as an eigenvector corresponding to λ .

Exercise What if the assumption **nonzero** is removed from the statement?

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$. By Example 3.4, A has

- ▶ eigenvalue $\lambda_1 = 3$ with $E_3(A) = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{x}_1\} = \text{Span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$,
- ▶ eigenvalue $\lambda_2 = 2 + i$ with $E_{2+i}(A) = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{x}_2\} = \text{Span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} i \\ -i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$,
- ▶ eigenvalue $\lambda_3 = 2 - i$ with $E_{2-i}(A) = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{x}_3\} = \text{Span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} -i \\ i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$.

Notice that $\bar{\lambda}_3 = \lambda_2$ and $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_3 = \mathbf{x}_2$. Indeed,

$$A\mathbf{x}_2 = \lambda_2\mathbf{x}_2 \implies \overline{A\mathbf{x}_2} = \overline{\lambda_2\mathbf{x}_2} \implies \bar{A}\bar{\mathbf{x}}_2 = \bar{\lambda}_2\bar{\mathbf{x}}_2 \implies A\bar{\mathbf{x}}_2 = \bar{\lambda}_2\bar{\mathbf{x}}_2,$$

which is equal to $A\mathbf{x}_3 = \lambda_3\mathbf{x}_3$.

Complex eigenvalues and eigenvectors

Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix with **real entries**. If $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ is an eigenvalue of A and \mathbf{x} is a corresponding eigenvector in \mathbb{C}^n , then the **complex conjugate** $\bar{\lambda}$ is another eigenvalue of A and $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$ is a corresponding eigenvector.

Similarity

For any $n \times n$ matrices A and B ,

A is similar to B

if there is a nonsingular matrix S such that

$$S^{-1}AS = B.$$

Suppose A is similar to B , then

$$S^{-1}AS = B \implies A = SBS^{-1} = \hat{S}^{-1}B\hat{S}.$$

with $\hat{S} = S^{-1}$. Therefore, B is also similar to A . In short, we say simply that A and B are similar.

Example Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 2 \\ -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ and set $S = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$. Then

$$S^{-1}AS = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 2 \\ -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = B.$$

Thus, A and B are similar.

Eigenvalues and Similarity

If two $n \times n$ matrices A and B are similar, then they have the same characteristic polynomial and hence the same eigenvalues (with the same algebraic multiplicities).

Proof. If $B = S^{-1}AS$, then

$$\begin{aligned} p_B(\lambda) = \det(B - \lambda I_n) &= \det(S^{-1}AS - \lambda S^{-1}I_n S) \\ &= \det(S^{-1}(A - \lambda I_n)S) \\ &= \det(S^{-1}) \det(A - \lambda I_n) \det(S) \\ &= \det(S^{-1}) \det(S) \det(A - \lambda I_n) \\ &= (\det(S))^{-1} \det(S) \det(A - \lambda I_n) \\ &= \det(A - \lambda I_n) = p_A(\lambda). \end{aligned}$$

Diagonal matrix

A square matrix $D = [d_{ij}]$ is called a **diagonal matrix** if $d_{ij} = 0$ for all $i \neq j$.

Diagonalization

An $n \times n$ matrix A is said to be **diagonalizable** if

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

for some **nonsingular matrix** P and some **diagonal matrix** D .

Example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 2 \\ -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \overbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}}^P \overbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}}^D \overbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}^{P^{-1}}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_P \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 9 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_D \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1/4 & 1/4 & 1/4 & 1/4 \\ -1/4 & 3/4 & -1/4 & -1/4 \\ -1/4 & -1/4 & 3/4 & -1/4 \\ -1/4 & -1/4 & -1/4 & 3/4 \end{bmatrix}}_{P^{-1}}$$

Therefore, A and B are diagonalizable.

```
[1]: import sympy as sp
```

```
[2]: A = sp.Matrix([[7,2],[-4,1]]);A
```

```
[2]:  $\begin{bmatrix} 7 & 2 \\ -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 
```

```
[3]: A.eigenvects()
```

```
[3]: [(3,
1,
Matrix([
[-1/2],
[ 1]])),
(5,
1,
Matrix([
[-1],
[ 1]]))]
```

```
[4]: B = sp.Matrix([[3,2,2,2],[2,3,2,2],[2,2,3,2],[2,2,2,3]]); B
```

```
[4]:  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ 
```

```
[5]: B.eigenvects()
```

```
[5]: [(1,
3,
Matrix([
[-1],
[ 1],
[ 0],
[ 0]]),
Matrix([
[-1],
[ 0],
[ 1],
[ 0]]),
Matrix([
[-1],
[ 0],
[ 0],
[ 1]])),
(9,
1,
Matrix([
[1],
[1],
[1],
[1]]))]
```

Let

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad P = [\mathbf{v}_1 \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{v}_n].$$

Now

$$AP = A[\mathbf{v}_1 \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{v}_n] = [A\mathbf{v}_1 \quad \cdots \quad A\mathbf{v}_n]$$

$$PD = [\mathbf{v}_1 \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{v}_n] \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} = [\lambda_1\mathbf{v}_1 \quad \cdots \quad \lambda_n\mathbf{v}_n]$$

Thus,

$$AP = PD \iff [A\mathbf{v}_1 \quad \cdots \quad A\mathbf{v}_n] = [\lambda_1\mathbf{v}_1 \quad \cdots \quad \lambda_n\mathbf{v}_n].$$

The equality $AP = PD$ holds if and only if $A\mathbf{v}_j = \lambda_j\mathbf{v}_j$ for $j = 1, \dots, n$.

Thus, λ_j is an eigenvalue of A and \mathbf{v}_j is an eigenvector corresponding to λ_j .

Furthermore, P is invertible if and only if $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$ are linearly independent.

In this case,

$$AP = PD \implies A = PDP^{-1}.$$

Therefore, A is diagonalizable if and only if A has n linearly independent eigenvectors. Since P is invertible, the n eigenvectors are linearly independent.

Diagonalization Theorem

- ▶ An $n \times n$ matrix A is **diagonalizable** if and only if A has n **linearly independent eigenvectors**.

- ▶ In fact,

$$A = PDP^{-1} \quad \text{with a diagonal matrix } D \text{ and an invertible } P,$$

if and only if

- ▶ the columns of P are n linearly independent eigenvectors of A , and
- ▶ the diagonal entries of D are eigenvalues of A that correspond, respectively, to the eigenvectors in P .

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_P \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 9 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_D \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1/4 & 1/4 & 1/4 & 1/4 \\ -1/4 & 3/4 & -1/4 & -1/4 \\ -1/4 & -1/4 & 3/4 & -1/4 \\ -1/4 & -1/4 & -1/4 & 3/4 \end{bmatrix}}_{P^{-1}}$$

Example 3.6 Diagonalize the following matrix, if possible.

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

Solution. Direct computations show that A has

- ▶ eigenvalue $\lambda_1 = -2$ with $E_{-2}(A) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$, and
- ▶ eigenvalue $\lambda_2 = 1$ with $E_1(A) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

Take

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

Then P is nonsingular (why?) and

$$AP = PD \implies A = PDP^{-1}.$$

Therefore, A is diagonalizable.

```
[1]: import sympy as sp
```

```
[2]: # Example 3.6
A = sp.Matrix([[1,3,3], [-3,-5,-3],
↪ [3,3,1]]);A
```

```
[2]:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 \\ -3 & -5 & -3 \\ 3 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 
```

```
[3]: A.eigenvecs()
```

```
[3]: [(-2,
2,
[Matrix([
[-1,
[ 1,
[ 0]])],
Matrix([
[-1,
[ 0,
[ 1]])]),
(1,
1,
[Matrix([
[ 1,
[-1,
[ 1]])])])]
```

```
[4]: # Diagonalize A
A.diagonalize()
```

```
[4]: (Matrix([
[-1, -1, 1],
[ 1, 0, -1],
[ 0, 1, 1]]),
Matrix([
[-2, 0, 0],
[ 0, -2, 0],
[ 0, 0, 1]]))
```

Example 3.7 Diagonalize the following matrix, if possible.

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

Solution. Direct computations show that A has

- ▶ eigenvalue $\lambda_1 = -2$ with

$$E_{-2}(A) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\},$$
- ▶ eigenvalue $\lambda_2 = 1$ with

$$E_1(A) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

Since at most two linearly independent eigenvectors can be found, one cannot construct a nonsingular matrix P . Therefore, A is not diagonalizable.

```
[7]: # Example 3.7
      B = sp.Matrix([[2,4,3], [-4,-6,-3],
      ↪ [3,3,1]]);B
```

```
[7]:  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 3 \\ -4 & -6 & -3 \\ 3 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 
```

```
[8]: B.eigenvects()
```

```
[8]: [(-2,
      2,
      [Matrix([
      [-1],
      [ 1],
      [ 0]])]),
      (1,
      1,
      [Matrix([
      [ 1],
      [-1],
      [ 1]])])]
```

```
[9]: # Diagonalize B
      B.diagonalize()
```

```
-----
MatrixError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-8-9e04948e9332> in <module>
      1 # Diagonalize B
----> 2 B.diagonalize()

~/opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.8/site-packages/sympy/matrices/matrices.py in diagonalize(self, ↪
↪reals_only, sort, normalize)
      375
      376     def diagonalize(self, reals_only=False, sort=False, normalize=False):
--> 377         return _diagonalize(self, reals_only=reals_only, sort=sort,
      378                             normalize=normalize)
      379

~/opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.8/site-packages/sympy/matrices/eigen.py in _diagonalize(M, ↪
↪reals_only, sort, normalize)
      603
      604     if not is_diagonalizable:
--> 605         raise MatrixError("Matrix is not diagonalizable")
      606
      607     if sort:

MatrixError: Matrix is not diagonalizable
```

Linearly independent eigenvectors (Part I)

If $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k$ are eigenvectors that correspond to **distinct eigenvalues** $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$ of a matrix A , then $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k$ are **linearly independent**.

Proof. Let

$$r = \dim(\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}).$$

Suppose $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k$ are linearly dependent. Then $r < k$. By re-order the indices, we may assume that $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_r$ are linearly independent and span $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$. Then there are c_1, \dots, c_r , not all zero, such that

$$\mathbf{v}_{r+1} = c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_r\mathbf{v}_r.$$

Then

$$\lambda_{r+1}\mathbf{v}_{r+1} = A\mathbf{v}_{r+1} = c_1A\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_rA\mathbf{v}_r = c_1\lambda_1\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_r\lambda_r\mathbf{v}_r.$$

Also

$$\lambda_{r+1}\mathbf{v}_{r+1} = c_1\lambda_{r+1}\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_r\lambda_{r+1}\mathbf{v}_r.$$

Then

$$\mathbf{0} = c_1(\lambda_1 - \lambda_{r+1})\mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_r(\lambda_r - \lambda_{r+1})\mathbf{v}_r.$$

But this implies that $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_r$ are linearly dependent, which contradicts to our assumption. So we must have $r = k$ and hence $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k$ are linearly independent.

Linearly independent eigenvectors (Part II)

Suppose A has k distinct eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$. If $\mathbf{v}_{j1}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{jn_j}$ are n_j linearly independent eigenvectors corresponding to the eigenvalue λ_j for $j = 1, \dots, k$. Then the $n_1 + \dots + n_k$ eigenvectors

$$\mathbf{v}_{11}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{1n_1}, \mathbf{v}_{21}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{2n_2}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{k1}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{kn_k}$$

are linearly independent.

Proof. Consider the vector equation

$$\underbrace{c_{11}\mathbf{v}_{11} + \dots + c_{1n_1}\mathbf{v}_{1n_1}}_{\mathbf{x}_1} + \underbrace{c_{21}\mathbf{v}_{21} + \dots + c_{2n_2}\mathbf{v}_{2n_2}}_{\mathbf{x}_2} + \dots + \underbrace{c_{k1}\mathbf{v}_{k1} + \dots + c_{kn_k}\mathbf{v}_{kn_k}}_{\mathbf{x}_k} = \mathbf{0}.$$

Then \mathbf{x}_j is an eigenvector corresponding to λ_j and

$$\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2 + \dots + \mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{0}.$$

By the previous result, $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k$ are linearly independent. Thus, their sum is equal to the zero vector if and only if all of $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k$ are zero. Thus,

$$c_{j1}\mathbf{v}_{j1} + \dots + c_{jn_j}\mathbf{v}_{jn_j} = \mathbf{0} \quad j = 1, \dots, k.$$

and it follows $c_{j1} = \dots = c_{jn_j} = 0$ for $j = 1, \dots, k$. So all the $n_1 + \dots + n_k$ eigenvectors are linearly independent.

Diagonalization Theorem

Given an $n \times n$ matrix A with distinct eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$ and **algebraic multiplicities** $\mu_A(\lambda_1), \dots, \mu_A(\lambda_k)$ and **geometric multiplicities** $\gamma_A(\lambda_1), \dots, \gamma_A(\lambda_k)$. The matrix A is **diagonalizable** if and only if the **geometric multiplicity** of λ_j is equal to its **algebraic multiplicity** for all $j = 1, \dots, k$, i.e.,

$$\gamma_A(\lambda_j) = \mu_A(\lambda_j) \quad \text{for all } j = 1, \dots, k.$$

Proof. Notice that $\gamma_A(\lambda_j) \leq \mu_A(\lambda_j)$ for all $j = 1, \dots, k$. Then

$$\sum_{j=1}^k \gamma_A(\lambda_j) \leq \sum_{j=1}^k \mu_A(\lambda_j) = n.$$

Then A has n linearly independent eigenvectors if and only if the above equality holds. That is, $\gamma_A(\lambda_j) = \mu_A(\lambda_j)$ for all $j = 1, \dots, k$.

Distinct eigenvalues \implies diagonalizable

An $n \times n$ matrix with n distinct eigenvalues is diagonalizable.

Example 3.8 Without using any computational devices, show that the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is not diagonalizable.}$$

Solution. If A is diagonalizable, then

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

But **2 is the only eigenvalue of A** , so

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 2I_4.$$

Then

$$A = P(2I_4)P^{-1} = 2I_4,$$

which contradiction arrived. Therefore, A is not diagonalizable.

Example 3.9 Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 \\ -3 & -5 & -3 \\ 3 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Compute $(A + 5I_3)^{3724} - (A - I_3)^{3724}$.

```
[1]: import sympy as sp; import numpy as np
```

```
[2]: # Example 3.9
A = np.array([[1,3,3], [-3,-5,-3], [3,3,1]]);A
```

```
[2]: array([[ 1,  3,  3],
          [-3, -5, -3],
          [ 3,  3,  1]])
```

```
[3]: I = np.eye(3);I
```

```
[3]: array([[1., 0., 0.],
          [0., 1., 0.],
          [0., 0., 1.]])
```

```
[4]: # (A+5I)^2 - (A-I)^2
np.linalg.matrix_power(A+5*I,2)-np.linalg.matrix_power(A-I,2)
```

```
[4]: array([[ 36.,  36.,  36.],
          [-36., -36., -36.],
          [ 36.,  36.,  36.]])
```

```
[5]: # (A+5I)^20 - (A-I)^20
np.linalg.matrix_power(A+5*I,20)-np.linalg.matrix_power(A-I,20)
```

```
[5]: array([[ 3.65615844e+15,  3.65615844e+15,  3.65615844e+15],
          [-3.65615844e+15, -3.65615844e+15, -3.65615844e+15],
          [ 3.65615844e+15,  3.65615844e+15,  3.65615844e+15]])
```

```
[6]: # (A+5I)^3724 - (A-I)^3724
np.linalg.matrix_power(A+5*I,3724)-np.linalg.matrix_power(A-I,3724)
```

```
/Users/marsze/opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.8/site-
packages/numpy/linalg/linalg.py:662: RuntimeWarning: overflow encountered in
matmul
  z = a if z is None else fmatmul(z, z)
/Users/marsze/opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.8/site-
packages/numpy/linalg/linalg.py:665: RuntimeWarning: invalid value encountered
in matmul
  result = z if result is None else fmatmul(result, z)
/Users/marsze/opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.8/site-
packages/numpy/linalg/linalg.py:662: RuntimeWarning: invalid value encountered
in matmul
  z = a if z is None else fmatmul(z, z)
/Users/marsze/opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.8/site-
packages/numpy/linalg/linalg.py:665: RuntimeWarning: overflow encountered in
matmul
  result = z if result is None else fmatmul(result, z)
```

```
[6]: array([[nan, nan, nan],
          [nan, nan, nan],
          [nan, nan, nan]])
```

Solution. By Example 3.6, $A = PDP^{-1}$ with

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

Then

$$\begin{aligned} (A + 5I_3)^{3724} &= P(D + 5I_3)^{3724}P^{-1} \\ &= P \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}^{3724} P^{-1} = P \begin{bmatrix} 3^{3724} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3^{3724} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6^{3724} \end{bmatrix} P^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (A - I_3)^{3724} &= P(D - I_3)^{3724}P^{-1} \\ &= P \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{3724} P^{-1} = P \begin{bmatrix} (-3)^{3724} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (-3)^{3724} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} P^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} (A + 5I_3)^{3724} - (A - I_3)^{3724} &= P \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6^{3724} \end{bmatrix} P^{-1} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6^{3724} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= 6^{3724} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= 6^{3724} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$. By Example 3.4, A has

- ▶ eigenvalue $\lambda_1 = 3$ with $E_3(A) = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{x}_1\} = \text{Span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$,
- ▶ eigenvalue $\lambda_2 = 2 + i$ with $E_{2+i}(A) = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{x}_2\} = \text{Span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} i \\ -i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$,
- ▶ eigenvalue $\lambda_3 = 2 - i$ with $E_{2-i}(A) = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{x}_3\} = \text{Span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} -i \\ i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$.

Let

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & i & -i \\ 0 & -i & i \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2+i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2-i \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then

$$A = PDP^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & i & -i \\ 0 & -i & i \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2+i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2-i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{i}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & -\frac{i}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Let

$$\text{Re } \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Im } \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \implies \quad \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} i \\ -i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \text{Re } \mathbf{x}_2 + i \text{Im } \mathbf{x}_2.$$

Set

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then

$$PDP^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = A.$$

In general, suppose A has eigenvalue $a + ib$ with eigenvector $\mathbf{x} = \text{Re } \mathbf{x} + i \text{Im } \mathbf{x}$.
Then

$$\begin{aligned} A \text{Re } \mathbf{x} + i A \text{Im } \mathbf{x} &= A(\text{Re } \mathbf{x} + i \text{Im } \mathbf{x}) \\ &= A\mathbf{x} = (a + ib)(\text{Re } \mathbf{x} + i \text{Im } \mathbf{x}) \\ &= (a \text{Re } \mathbf{x} - b \text{Im } \mathbf{x}) + i(a \text{Im } \mathbf{x} + b \text{Re } \mathbf{x}). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 A \begin{bmatrix} \operatorname{Re} \mathbf{x} & \operatorname{Im} \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} A \operatorname{Re} \mathbf{x} & A \operatorname{Im} \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \operatorname{Re} \mathbf{x} - b \operatorname{Im} \mathbf{x} & a \operatorname{Im} \mathbf{x} + b \operatorname{Re} \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} \operatorname{Re} \mathbf{x} & \operatorname{Im} \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Factorization with real matrices

Suppose an $n \times n$ matrix A with **real entries** is diagonalizable. Then there exists an invertible matrix P with **real entries** such that

$$A = P \begin{bmatrix} D_1 & \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & D_2 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} & D_k \end{bmatrix} P^{-1},$$

where either (1) $D_j = [\lambda_j]$ is a 1×1 block matrix, or (2) $D_j = \begin{bmatrix} a_j & b_j \\ -b_j & a_j \end{bmatrix}$ is a 2×2 block matrix. Here λ_j is the real eigenvalue of A and $a_j \pm ib_j$ are the complex eigenvalues of A .

Jordan Canonical Form

Jordan block

A **Jordan block** $J_k(\lambda)$ is a $k \times k$ upper triangular matrix of the form

$$J_k(\lambda) = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 1 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}.$$

In particular,

$$J_1(\lambda) = [\lambda], \quad J_2(\lambda) = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}, \quad J_3(\lambda) = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}, \quad J_4(\lambda) = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}.$$

Jordan Canonical Form

Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix. There is a nonsingular matrix S such that

$$A = SJS^{-1} = S \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} J_{n_1}(\lambda_1) & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & J_{n_2}(\lambda_2) & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & J_{n_r}(\lambda_r) \end{bmatrix}}_J S^{-1},$$

where $n_1 + \cdots + n_r = n$. Here the eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r$ are **not necessarily distinct**.

If $r = n$ and $n_1 = \cdots = n_r = 1$. Then

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix},$$

and thus, A is diagonalizable.

Reference: R.A. Horn & C.R. Johnson, Matrix Analysis 2nd Edition, Cambridge University Press (2012)

Jordan Canonical Form

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

▶ eigenvalue $\lambda_1 = -2$ with $\mu_A(-2) = 2$ and $E_{-2}(A) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$,

and

▶ eigenvalue $\lambda_2 = 1$ with $\mu_A(1) = 1$ and $E_1(A) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

So A is not diagonalizable. But

$$A = SJS^{-1} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_S \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_J \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{S^{-1}}.$$

Here $n_1 = 2$ and $n_2 = 1$.

Remark: The vector $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is a solution of the equation $(A + 2I_3)\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

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

▶ eigenvalue $\lambda_1 = 4$ with $\mu_A(4) = 2$ and

$$E_4(A) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \text{ and}$$

▶ eigenvalue $\lambda_2 = 2$ with $\mu_A(2) = 2$ and $E_2(A) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

So A is not diagonalizable. But

$$A = SJS^{-1} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_S \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}}_J \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{S^{-1}}.$$

Here $n_1 = 2$ and $n_2 = n_3 = 1$.

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[1]: import sympy as sp
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[4]: A.jordan_form()
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[2]: A = sp.Matrix([[2,4,3], [-4,-6,-3], [3,3,1]]); A
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[4]: (Matrix([
[-1, -1, 1],
[ 1,  0, -1],
[ 0,  1,  1]]),
Matrix([
[-2,  1,  0],
[ 0, -2,  0],
[ 0,  0,  1]]))
```

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[2]: \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 3 \\ -4 & -6 & -3 \\ 3 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}
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[3]: A.eigenvecs()
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[3]: [(-2,
2,
[Matrix([
[-1],
[ 1],
[ 0]])]),
(1,
1,
[Matrix([
[ 1],
[-1],
[ 1]])])]
```

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[5]: B = sp.Matrix([[4,0,-1,-2], [-1,3,0,1],  
↳ [0,0,4,0], [1,1,-1,1]]);B
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[5]: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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[6]: B.eigenvects()
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[6]: [(2,  
2,  
[Matrix(  
[1],  
[0],  
[0],  
[1]])]),  
(4,  
2,  
[Matrix(  
[-1],  
[ 1],  
[ 0],  
[ 0]])],  
Matrix(  
[ 1],  
[ 0],  
[-2],  
[ 1]])])]
```

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[7]: B.jordan_form()
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[7]: (Matrix(  
[2, 1, -1, 1],  
[0, 1, 1, 0],  
[0, 0, 0, -2],  
[2, 0, 0, 1])),  
Matrix(  
[2, 1, 0, 0],  
[0, 2, 0, 0],  
[0, 0, 4, 0],  
[0, 0, 0, 4])))
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