

Test 3  
Thurs Mar 26<sup>th</sup>

### 4.3 Finding Eigenvalues

Ex: Find all eigenvalues of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -4 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$

Solve  $|A - \lambda I| = 0$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -4-\lambda & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 7-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(1-\lambda)(-4-\lambda)(7-\lambda) = 0$$

$$\lambda = 1, -4, 7$$

**FACT**

If  $A$  is diagonal or upper/lower triangular then eigenvalues of  $A$  are the diagonal entries.

Ex: Find all eigenvalues of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 7 & -5 & 1 \\ 6 & -6 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$|A - \lambda I| = 0$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & -1 & 1 \\ 7 & -5-\lambda & 1 \\ 6 & -6 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} + & - & + \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(3-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} -5-\lambda & 1 \\ -6 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} + 1 \begin{vmatrix} 7 & 1 \\ 6 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} + 1 \begin{vmatrix} 7 & -5-\lambda \\ 6 & -6 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(3-\lambda) [(-5-\lambda)(2-\lambda) + 6] + [7(2-\lambda) - 6] + [-42 - 6(-5-\lambda)] = 0$$

$$(3-\lambda) [\lambda^2 + 3\lambda - 4] + [-7\lambda + 8] + [6\lambda - 12] = 0$$

		$3\lambda^2$	$+ 9\lambda$	$- 12$
	$-\lambda^3$	$- 3\lambda^2$	$+ 4\lambda$	
			$- 7\lambda$	$+ 8$
			$6\lambda$	$- 12$
+	<hr style="border-top: 1px solid red;"/>			
	$-\lambda^3$		$+ 12\lambda$	$- 16$

$$-\lambda^3 + 12\lambda - 16 = 0$$

$$\lambda^3 - 12\lambda + 16 = 0$$

### Integer Roots Theorem

If a polynomial has integer coefficients and the leading coefficient is 1 then any integer roots divide the constant.

Possible roots (solutions) :  $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 4, \pm 8, \pm 16$

Check  $\lambda = -1$  :  $(-1)^3 - 12(-1) + 16 = 0$  ? No  
 $\lambda = 1$  : No  
 $\lambda = 2$  :  $2^3 - 12(2) + 16 = 0$  ? YES

$\lambda=2$  is a solution  $\Rightarrow (\lambda-2)$  is a factor

Long Division

$$\begin{array}{r} \lambda^2 + 2\lambda - 8 \\ (\lambda-2) \overline{) \lambda^3 + 0\lambda^2 - 12\lambda + 16} \\ \underline{-(\lambda^3 - 2\lambda^2)} \phantom{+ 16} \\ 2\lambda^2 - 12\lambda + 16 \\ \underline{-(2\lambda^2 - 4\lambda)} \phantom{+ 16} \\ -8\lambda + 16 \\ \underline{-(-8\lambda + 16)} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\lambda^3 - 12\lambda + 16 = 0$$

$$(\lambda-2)(\lambda^2 + 2\lambda - 8) = 0$$

$$(\lambda-2)(\lambda-2)(\lambda+4) = 0$$

$$(\lambda-2)^2(\lambda+4) = 0$$

$$\lambda = 2, -4$$

Given: Basis for  $E_2 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

Basis for  $E_{-4} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

Means

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



FACT

When bases for different eigenspaces are combined, the new set is linearly independent

e.g.  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is linearly independent

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Def

- Characteristic equation of A :  $|A - \lambda I| = 0$
- Algebraic multiplicity of an eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$  :  
exponent on  $(\lambda - \lambda_i)$  in characteristic equation
- Geometric multiplicity of an eigenvalue :  
# of basis vectors in the eigenspace

Ex: A has characteristic equation

$$\lambda^3 - 12\lambda + 16 = 0.$$

Given  $E_2 = \text{span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)$  ←



$E_{-4} = \text{span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$

Solve  $[A - 2I | \vec{0}]$   
 $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} t$

Find algebraic and geometric multiplicities  
for all eigenvalues.

$$\lambda^3 - 12\lambda + 16 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow (\lambda - 2)^2 (\lambda + 4) = 0$$

	<u>Alg. Mult.</u>	<u>Geo. Mult.</u>	
$\lambda = 2$	2	1	
$\lambda = -4$	1	1	

geo. mult.  $\leq$  alg. mult.