

### 4.3 Finding Eigenvalues Gt'd

Ex: A is  $5 \times 5$

$$|A - \lambda I| = (\lambda - 7)^3 (\lambda - 9)^2$$

Basis for  $E_7 = \{ [ ] \}$

Basis for  $E_9 = \{ [ ], [ ] \}$

<u>Eigenvalue</u>	<u>Algebraic Multiplicity</u>	<u>Geometric Mult.</u>
7	3	1
9	2	2

**FACT**  
 For each eigenvalue, geometric multiplicity  $\leq$  algebraic multiplicity

When geo. mult. = alg. mult for each eigenvalue,  
 then A has a useful property.  
 (Section 4.4)

### 5 Facts about Eigenvalues

① A is invertible if and only if 0 is not an eigenvalue of A

- $\Leftrightarrow$  A is invertible
- $\Leftrightarrow \det A \neq 0$
- $\Leftrightarrow \det (A - 0I) \neq 0$
- $\Leftrightarrow 0$  is not an eigenvalue of A

② If  $A$  is invertible and  $A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x}$  then  $\vec{x}$  is an eigenvector of  $A^{-1}$  with eigenvalue  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$ .

$$A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x}$$

Multiply by  $A^{-1}$  :  $A^{-1}A\vec{x} = A^{-1}\lambda\vec{x}$

$$\vec{x} = A^{-1}\lambda\vec{x}$$

$$\vec{x} = \lambda A^{-1}\vec{x}$$

( $\lambda$  is a constant)

$$\frac{1}{\lambda}\vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{x}$$

$$A^{-1}\vec{x} = \left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right)\vec{x}$$

↑ eigenvector      ↑ eigenvalue

③ If  $A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x}$  then  $A^n\vec{x} = \lambda^n\vec{x}$  (for  $n=2,3,\dots$ )

$$A^n\vec{x} = A^{n-1}(A\vec{x})$$

$$= A^{n-1}\lambda\vec{x}$$

$$= \lambda A^{n-1}\vec{x}$$

( $\lambda$  is a constant)

$$= \lambda^2 A^{n-2}\vec{x}$$

⋮

$$= \lambda^n\vec{x}$$

④ If  $A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x}$  then  $\vec{x}$  is an eigenvector of  $A+kI$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda+k$

$$(A+kI)\vec{x} = A\vec{x} + kI\vec{x}$$

$$= \lambda\vec{x} + k\vec{x}$$

$$= \underbrace{(\lambda+k)}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{eigenvalue}}}\vec{x}$$

$\uparrow$ 
 $\uparrow$   
eigenvector

Ex: Summary of Facts 2-4

A is invertible with eigenvalues -2 and 3

Eigenvalues of	$A^{-1}$ :	$-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}$
	$A^4$ :	$(-2)^4, 3^4$
	$A-5I$ :	$-7, -2$

⑤ Suppose A has eigenvectors  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_m$  corresponding to  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_m$ .

$$A^k (c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_m\vec{v}_m) = c_1\lambda_1^k\vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_m\lambda_m^k\vec{v}_m$$

- Generalization of Fact 3
- Coefficients are preserved

Ex: A is a 2x2 matrix with

eigenvector  $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  corresponding to  $\lambda_1 = 2$

"  $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  "  $\lambda_2 = 3$

Find  $A^4 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}$

$$1) \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{cc|c} c_1 & c_2 & \\ \hline 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 & 12 \end{array}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & | & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & | & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2) A^4 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix} = A^4 \left( 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$= 2 \lambda_1^4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \lambda_2^4 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= 2 (2)^4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + 3 (3)^4 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= 32 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + 243 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -211 \\ 582 \end{bmatrix}$$