

4.3 Finding Eigenvalues Cont'd

Warm-up: $A \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$

Find $A^4 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$

$$= \lambda^4 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= 16 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -16 \\ 80 \end{bmatrix}$$

Recap Fact (5) from yesterday

Ex: A has eigenvalue $\lambda_1 = -2$ corresponding to $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$
 and " $\lambda_2 = 3$ " $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

Find $A^3 \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

① let $c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_1 & c_2 & | & 11 \\ 1 & 2 & | & 11 \\ 2 & -1 & | & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & c_2 & | & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & | & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & | & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + 4 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(2) \quad A^3 \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} &= A^3 \left(3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + 4 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\
&= c_1 \lambda_1^3 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \lambda_2^3 \vec{v}_2 \\
&= 3(-2)^3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + 4(3)^3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= -24 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + 108 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} 192 \\ -156 \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

4.4 Diagonalization

Def

An $n \times n$ matrix A is diagonalizable if there exist an invertible matrix P and a diagonal matrix D so that

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

Ex: Find P that diagonalizes $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

→ Find a basis for each eigenspace of A

$$\lambda = 2, 3, 3$$

(A is upper triangular \Rightarrow eigenvalues are the diagonal entries)

E_2 : Solve $[A - 2I \mid \vec{0}]$

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

$$\rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{RREF}$$

$x_1 \quad x_2 \quad x_3$
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 $x_1 = t$
 $x_2 = 0$
 $x_3 = 0$

eigenvectors $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} t \quad (t \neq 0)$

basis for $E_2 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

E_3 : Solve $[A - 3I \mid \vec{0}]$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & -2 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{REF}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{RREF}$$

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 $x_2 = s$ $x_3 = t$

$x_1 + 2x_3 = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad x_1 = -2t$

eigenvectors $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} s + \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} t$

basis for $E_3 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

To build P : put basis vectors into columns

To build D : eigenvalues on the diagonal, in the same order as columns of P

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

To check: Find P^{-1} by $[P | I] \rightsquigarrow [I | P^{-1}]$

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

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \checkmark$$

P^{-1} will always exist because columns of P are linearly independent (Section 4.3)

FACT

A is diagonalizable if and only if
geometric multiplicity = algebraic multiplicity
for all eigenvalues.

basis vectors
in eigenspace

in previous example
 $\lambda = 2, 3, 3$
alg. mult. of $\lambda = 3$ is 2

Intuitively: A is diagonalizable exactly when
you have enough columns to make P square.