

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

### 4.3 Finding Eigenvalues

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

$$\text{Solve } |A - \lambda I| = 0$$

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

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

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

FACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\begin{array}{r}
 3\lambda^2 + 9\lambda - 12 \\
 -\lambda^3 - 3\lambda^2 + 4\lambda \\
 \phantom{-\lambda^3 - 3\lambda^2 + 4\lambda} - 7\lambda + 8 \\
 + \phantom{-\lambda^3 - 3\lambda^2 + 4\lambda} 6\lambda - 12 \\
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 -\lambda^3 + 12\lambda - 16
 \end{array}$$

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

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

### Integer Roots Theorem

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

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

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 of polynomial

Long Division

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

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda^3 - 12\lambda + 16 &= 0 \\ (\lambda - 2)(\lambda^2 + 2\lambda - 8) &= 0 \\ (\lambda - 2)(\lambda + 4)(\lambda - 2) &= 0 \\ (\lambda - 2)^2(\lambda + 4) &= 0 \\ \lambda &= 2, -4 \end{aligned}$$

Given bases for eigenspaces

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

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

To check:  
Solve  $[A - \lambda I | \vec{0}]$

$$A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad A \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = -4 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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  
Useful in Section 4.4

Def

• Characteristic equation of  $A$  :  $(\lambda-2)^2(\lambda+4) = 0$   
(in general  $|A-\lambda I| = 0$ )

• 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:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 7 & -5 & 1 \\ 6 & -6 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

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

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

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

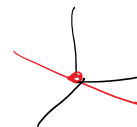
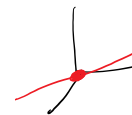
Find :

a) characteristic equation

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

b) algebraic and geometric multiplicities  
of the eigenvalues

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



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