

## 4.3 Finding Eigenvalues Cont'd

Ex: A is  $5 \times 5$

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

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

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

<u>Eigenvalue</u>	<u>Algebraic Multiplicity</u>	<u>Geometric Mult.</u>
$\lambda = 7$	3	1
$\lambda = 9$	2	2

### FACT

For any eigenvalue,  
geometric multiplicity  $\leq$  algebraic multiplicity

When geo. mult. = alg. mult. for all eigenvalues,  
matrix 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

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 for  $A^{-1}$  with eigenvalue  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$

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

Mult by  $A^{-1}$  :

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

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

$$\vec{x} = \lambda A^{-1}\vec{x} \quad (\lambda \text{ is a constant})$$

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

eigenvector                      eigenvalue

③ If  $A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x}$  then  $A^n\vec{x} = \lambda^n\vec{x}$   
for  $n = 2, 3, 4, \dots$

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

Mult. by  $A$  :

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

Quick Ex:  $A$  is invertible and has  $\lambda = -1, 3$

Eigenvalues of  $A^{-1}$  :  $-1, \frac{1}{3}$

Eigenvalues of  $A^n$  :  $(-1)^n, 3^n$

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

$$\begin{aligned}(A+kI)\vec{x} &= A\vec{x} + kI\vec{x} \\ &= \lambda\vec{x} + k\vec{x} \\ &= (\lambda+k)\vec{x}\end{aligned}$$

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

$$A^k (c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_m\vec{v}_m) = c_1\lambda_1^k\vec{v}_1 + c_2\lambda_2^k\vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_m\lambda_m^k\vec{v}_m$$

- Generalization of Fact 3
- Coefficients are preserved

Ex:  $A$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix with eigenvector  $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  corresponding to  $\lambda_1 = -2$   
"  $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  "  $\lambda_2 = 3$

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