

§5.1, 2a(c) removed

§5.2 Characteristic Equation

§5.5 Diagonalization

Recall:  $A$   $n \times n$ .

$$\text{if } A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x} \quad \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad \vec{x} \neq \vec{0} \\ \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

Say  $\vec{x}$  eigenvector

$\lambda$  eigenvalue

solution set of  $A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x}$  (for fixed  $\lambda$ )  
called eigenspace associated w/  $\lambda$ .

$$A\vec{x} = (\lambda I)\vec{x}$$

$$(A - \lambda I)\vec{x} = \vec{0} \quad (\text{has non-zero sol. } \vec{x})$$

$$\text{so } \det(A - \lambda I) = 0.$$

e.g.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  find all eigenvalues and eigenvectors

$$\text{step 1: } \det(A - \lambda I)$$

$$= \det \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$= \det \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & 6 \\ 5 & 2-\lambda \end{bmatrix} \right) = 0$$

$$= (1-\lambda)(2-\lambda) - 30 = 0$$

$$2 + \lambda^2 - 3\lambda - 30 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 3\lambda - 28 = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 7)(\lambda + 4) = 0 \rightarrow \lambda = 7, -4$$

(eigenvalues)

Step 2: Find eigenvectors.

$$\lambda = 7$$

$$(A - 7I)\vec{x} = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -6 & 6 \\ 5 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} x_1 = x_2 \\ x_2 = x_2 \end{array} \quad \text{Sol: } \boxed{\text{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right\}}$$

$$\lambda = -4$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 = -\frac{6}{5}x_2 \quad x_2 = x_2 \quad \text{Sol: } \boxed{\text{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} -6/5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right\}}$$

Diagonalization:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Calculation gives:

$$A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 7 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = -4 \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Combine:

$$A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -6 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -6 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \ A \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}) = (7 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \ -4 \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix})$$

Multiply  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -6 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$  to the right.

$$\text{Get: } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -6 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -6 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$

↑  
diagonal matrix

diagonal form

ex. compute  $A^n$  for  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$A = PDP^{-1} \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \quad P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -6 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^2 = PDP^{-1}PDP^{-1}$$

$$= PD^2P^{-1}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 49 & 0 \\ 0 & 16 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^3 = PDP^{-1}PDP^{-1}PDP^{-1}$$

$$= PD^3P^{-1}$$

$$A^n = PD^nP^{-1} \quad D^n = \begin{bmatrix} 7^n & 0 \\ 0 & (-4)^n \end{bmatrix}$$
$$A^n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -6 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 7^n & 0 \\ 0 & (-4)^n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -6 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$

Diagonalization for general  $A$  ( $n \times n$ )

1st Find characteristic eqn

$$(A - \lambda I)$$

2nd Find roots to  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$

3rd Find eigen vectors

4th Write  $A = PDP^{-1}$

What if we don't have  $n$  distinct roots of  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$ ?

e.g.  $(\lambda - 1)^2(\lambda - 2) = 0$

1 is multiple root

Thm  $A$  is diagonalizable iff

① all roots of  $\det(A - \lambda I) \in \mathbb{R}$

② for each root  $\lambda_i$ , we want  $\dim(\text{eigenspace}(\lambda_i))$

= multiplicity of lambda

→ only implicit  
b/c we work  
over reals