

Section 5.5: Diagonalizable Matrices

Plan: * Example: (Non) Diagonalizable Matrices

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Example: [Show that A is diagonalizable but B is not.
 $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$]

Sol:

Eigenvalues: (For both A and B)

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3-\lambda & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (3-\lambda)^2 (1-\lambda) = \det(B - \lambda I)$$

upper triangular

$$\boxed{\lambda_1 = 1}, \boxed{\lambda_2 = 3} \quad \text{eigenvalues to both } A \text{ and } B.$$

Eigenvectors: A .

$$\boxed{\lambda_1 = 1} \quad (A - I)\vec{V} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \\ V_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 2V_1 + V_3 &= 0 \Rightarrow V_1 = -\frac{1}{2}V_3 \\ 2V_2 + 2V_3 &= 0 \Rightarrow V_2 = -V_3 \\ V_3 &: \text{free} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{V} = \begin{bmatrix} -V_3/2 \\ -V_3 \\ V_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} V_3$$

Choose: $V_3 = 2 \Rightarrow \left[\lambda_1 = 1, \vec{V}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right]$

$$\left[W_{\lambda_1=1} = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \right] \text{ line.}$$

$$\boxed{\lambda_2 = 3}$$

$$(A - 3I)\vec{V} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \\ V_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} V_3 = 0 \\ 2V_3 = 0 \\ -2V_3 = 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

V_1, V_2 : free.

$$\Rightarrow \vec{V} = \begin{bmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \\ V_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} V_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ V_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = V_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + V_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left[\lambda_2 = 3, \vec{V}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right] \quad \text{and} \quad \left[\lambda_3 = 3, \vec{V}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right]$$

$$W_{\lambda_2=3} = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad \text{Plane.}$$

$$\left\{ \vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad \text{l. l.} \Rightarrow$$

$\Rightarrow$ A is diagonalizable.

Eigenvectors B:

$$\text{Check: } * \lambda_1 = 1, \quad \vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \left[W_{\lambda_1} = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \right] \quad \text{line.}$$

$$* \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 3, \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \left[W_{\lambda_2} = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \right] \quad \text{line.}$$

No other eigenvectors.

B has only two l.i. eigenvectors, not three.

B is not diagonalizable.

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