

Ex Find eigenvalues and eigenvectors of $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

Eigenvalues: $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$

$$|A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = -\lambda \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} - 0 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2-\lambda \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

first row

$$= -\lambda [(2-\lambda)(3-\lambda) - 0] - 0 - 2(0 - (2-\lambda))$$

$$= -\lambda(2-\lambda)(3-\lambda) + 2(2-\lambda)$$

$$= (2-\lambda)[- \lambda(3-\lambda) + 2] = (2-\lambda)[\lambda^2 - 3\lambda + 2]$$

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

$\lambda_1 = 2$ mult 2, $\lambda_2 = 1$ mult 1

Eigenvectors $(A - \lambda I)\vec{v} = \vec{0}$

$\lambda_1 = 2$: $\begin{pmatrix} -\lambda_1 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda_1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3-\lambda_1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

two free variables x_2, x_3

$x_1 + x_3 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = -x_3$

$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -x_3 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} x_2 + \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} x_3$

$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$\lambda_2 = 1$: $\begin{pmatrix} -\lambda_2 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda_2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3-\lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

One free variable x_3

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

$x_2 - x_3 = 0 \quad x_2 = x_3$

$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2x_3 \\ x_3 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} x_3$

$\vec{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

- Some facts:
- If A is a diagonal or upper/lower Δ matrix, the eigenvalues are its diagonal entries (consequence of determinant properties)
 - If A has eigenvalue $\lambda = 0$, then it is not invertible.

Diagonalization

Sometimes we want to find powers of matrices like A^{100} , but this is difficult. To make the calculation easier, we will diagonalize the matrix:

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

where $P = (\vec{v}_1 \ \vec{v}_2 \ \dots \ \vec{v}_n)$ and $D = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$

diagonal matrix

$\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n$ eigenvectors, $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ eigenvalues.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } A^k &= (P D P^{-1})^k = (P D P^{-1})(P D P^{-1}) \dots (P D P^{-1}) \\ &= P \underbrace{D \dots D}_{k \text{ times}} P^{-1} \\ &= P D^k P^{-1}, \end{aligned}$$

and $D^k = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1^k & & & \\ & \lambda_2^k & & \\ & & \dots & \\ & & & \lambda_n^k \end{pmatrix}.$

Ex Find A^{13} where $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$

We found eigenvalues and eigenvectors in previous example.

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

Ex continued

need to find P^{-1} .

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & -2 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & | & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & | & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & +1 & | & -1 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

$$\text{Then } A = PDP^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{and } A^{13} = PD^{13}P^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2^{13} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2^{13} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2^{13} & -2 \\ 2^{13} & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2^{13} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \boxed{\begin{pmatrix} -2^{13}+2 & 0 & -2^{14}+2 \\ 2^{13}-1 & 2^{13} & 2^{13}-1 \\ 2^{13}-1 & 0 & 2^{14}-1 \end{pmatrix}}$$

Ex Find A^{10} where $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

eigenvalues: $\lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 2$ ← fast because lower Δ matrix

eigenvectors: $\lambda_1 = 1$: $\begin{pmatrix} 1-1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ -1 & 2-1 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ x_2 free
 $x_1 - x_2 = 0$
 $x_1 = x_2$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} x_2 \quad \boxed{\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}$$

$\lambda_2 = 2$: $\begin{pmatrix} 1-2 & 0 & | & 0 \\ -1 & 2-2 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ x_2 free
 $x_1 = 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} x_2 \quad \boxed{\vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}$$

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P^{-1} = \frac{1}{1-0} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Ex continued

$$A = PDP^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^{10} = PD^{10}P^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1^{10} & 0 \\ 0 & 2^{10} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1024 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1024 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1024 & 1024 \end{pmatrix} = \boxed{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1023 & 1024 \end{pmatrix}}$$

Another way to find eigenvalues:

characteristic polynomial of $A, 2 \times 2$ is given by $p(\lambda) = \lambda^2 - \text{tr}(A)\lambda + \det A$

set equal to 0 and solve for λ .

Complex Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

Same steps as before, just note that complex eigenvalues and eigenvectors come in "pairs."
(what we call "complex conjugates")

Ex Find eigenvalues and eigenvectors of $A = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -1 \\ 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$

eigenvalues: $\det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 6-\lambda & -1 \\ 5 & 4-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (6-\lambda)(4-\lambda) + 5 = 24 - 10\lambda + \lambda^2 + 5$

$$= \lambda^2 - 10\lambda + 29 \quad \text{cannot factor } \therefore \text{ use quadratic formula}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{10 \pm \sqrt{100 - 4(1)(29)}}{2} = \frac{10 \pm \sqrt{-16}}{2} = \frac{10 \pm 4i}{2} = 5 \pm 2i$$

$$\boxed{\lambda_1 = 5 + 2i \quad \lambda_2 = 5 - 2i} \leftarrow \text{they are complex conjugates of each other!}$$

eigenvectors: $\left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 6 - (5 + 2i) & -1 & 0 \\ 5 & 4 - (5 + 2i) & 0 \end{array} \right) \sim \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 - 2i & -1 & 0 \\ 5 & -1 - 2i & 0 \end{array} \right)$

multiply the first row by $-(1 + 2i)$ and add to second row
i.e. $-(1 + 2i)R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2$

