

Lec 19

T/F: There exists $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ with

$(n+1)$ eigenvalues (counting multiplicity).

False.

$$0 = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} - \lambda & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} - \lambda & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ a_{n1} & & & a_{nn} - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (a_{11} - \lambda) \cdot \underbrace{\begin{vmatrix} a_{22} - \lambda & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \\ a_{n2} & & a_{nn} - \lambda \end{vmatrix}}_{\in \mathbb{P}_n} + \cdots + (-1)^{n+1} a_{1n} \cdot \underbrace{\begin{vmatrix} a_{22} - \lambda & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \\ a_{n2} & & a_{nn} - \lambda \end{vmatrix}}_{\in \mathbb{P}_{n-1}}$$

Characteristic polynomial.

of deg n .

$0 = c_0 + c_1\lambda + \dots + c_n\lambda^n$ has exactly n roots
in \mathbb{C} (counting multiplicity)

Diagonalizability .

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2} . \quad A \vec{v}_1 = \lambda_1 \vec{v}_1$$

$$A \vec{v}_2 = \lambda_2 \vec{v}_2$$

$$\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2 .$$

↪ distinct
eigenvalue.

Claim $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$ lin. indep.

Pf: Assume the statement is not true .

then $c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 = \vec{0}$ wlog.

i.e. $\vec{v}_1 = c \vec{v}_2$ for some c .

$$\Rightarrow (A - \lambda_1 I) \vec{v}_1 = (A - \lambda_1 I) c \vec{v}_2$$
$$\begin{array}{ccc} \parallel & & \parallel \\ \text{0} & & (\lambda_2 - \lambda_1) \cdot c \vec{v}_2 \\ & & \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}} \\ & & \neq 0. \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow c = 0. \Rightarrow \vec{v}_1 = \vec{0}.$$

This is a contradiction to the fact that \vec{v}_1 is an eigen vector. \square .

Fact $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ has n distinct eigenvalues

then A is diagonalizable.

$$\text{Ex. } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & * & * \\ & a_{22} & \vdots \\ & & \ddots \\ 0 & & & * \\ & & & & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

a_{11}, \dots, a_{nn} are n distinct numbers.

\Rightarrow they are n distinct eigenvalues of A

$\Rightarrow A$ is diagonalizable.

T/F: All upper triangular matrices
are diagonalizable.

False. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is not diagonalizable.

2x2:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & 1 \\ 0 & a \end{bmatrix} \text{ for any } a. \text{ NOT diag.}$$

3x3:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & a \end{bmatrix} \text{ has 2 lin. ind. eigenvectors.}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & a & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & a \end{bmatrix} \text{ has 1 lin. ind. eig. vec.}$$

$\lambda = a$ (w. multiplicity 3) is the eigenvalues.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

↑
free

sol set is
 $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot c \mid c \in \mathbb{C} \right\}.$

4x4.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & a & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & a \end{bmatrix}$$

3

eig. vec.

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & a & 0 \\ 0 & b & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & b \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a \end{bmatrix}$$

2 eig. vec.

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a \end{bmatrix}$$

1

eig. vec.

Fact. there exists arbitrarily large non-diagonalizable matrices.

Fact $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$. λ is an eigenvalue.

$$1 \leq \underbrace{\dim \text{Null}(A - \lambda I)}_{\substack{\text{geometric multiplicity} \\ \text{of } \lambda}} \leq \underbrace{\text{multiplicity of } \lambda}_{\substack{\text{algebraic multiplicity} \\ \text{of } \lambda}}$$

$$1 \leq \text{Geo. multi} \leq \text{Alg. multi}$$

Def. $\text{Null}(A - \lambda I)$ is called the
eigenspace of A w. eigenvalue λ .

eigenspace = span of all eigenvectors.

Ex. $A \in \mathbb{R}^{6 \times 6}$.

$$|A - \lambda I| = (1 - \lambda)^3 (2 - \lambda) \lambda^2.$$

possible total dimension of eigenspace.

$\lambda =$ 0, 1, 2 .

algebraic
multiplicity

2 3 1

$$1 \leq \dim \text{Null}(A) \leq 2.$$

$$1 \leq \dim \text{Null}(A - I) \leq 3.$$

$$\dim \text{Null}(A - 2I) = 1.$$

Possible numbers are

3, 4, 5, 6

