

Examples 2 and 6 and 9

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Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } A-t = \begin{pmatrix} 1-t & 4 \\ 1 & 1-t \end{pmatrix}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A-t) &= (1-t)^2 - 4 = 1 - 2t + t^2 - 4 \\ &= t^2 - 2t - 3 = (t-3)(t+1). \end{aligned}$$

↳  $\det(A-3) = 0$  and  $\det(A+1) = 0$

↳  $\ker(A-3) \neq \{0\}$  and  $\ker(A+1) \neq \{0\}$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \ker(A-3) &= \ker \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 4 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} = \ker \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \text{ since } \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \ker(A+1) &= \ker \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \ker \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \text{ since } \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

↳  $A \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  since  $(A-3) \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$A \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = -1 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  since  $(A+1) \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

So  $AP = PD$  where  $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $D = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

So  $P^{-1}AP = D$

Then  $\text{tr}(A) = \text{tr}(D) = 3 - 1 = 2$  and

$\det(A) = \det(D) = 3 \cdot (-1) = -3$ .

Example 5 and 8 and 12

Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $A - t = \begin{pmatrix} -t & 1 \\ -1 & -t \end{pmatrix}$ .

Then  $\det(A - t) = (-t)^2 - (-1) = t^2 + 1$ .

If  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  then  $\det(A - t)$  is never 0.

So  $A$  has no  $\mathbb{R}$ -eigenvalues and no  $\mathbb{R}$ -eigenvectors.

If  $t \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\det(A - t) = 0$  then

$0 = t^2 + 1 = (t + i)(t - i)$  and  $t = i$  or  $t = -i$ .

So  $A$  has 2  $\mathbb{C}$ -eigenvalues,  $i$  and  $-i$ .

$$\text{So } \det(A-i) = 0 \text{ and } \det(A+i) = 0$$

$$\text{So } \ker(A-i) \neq \{0\} \text{ and } \ker(A+i) \neq \{0\}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \ker(A-i) &= \ker \begin{pmatrix} -i & 1 \\ -1 & -i \end{pmatrix} = \ker \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -i \end{pmatrix} = \ker \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & i \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \mathbb{C}\text{-span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \text{ since } \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \ker(A+i) &= \ker \begin{pmatrix} i & 1 \\ -1 & i \end{pmatrix} = \ker \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -1 & i \end{pmatrix} = \ker \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -i \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \mathbb{C}\text{-span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \text{ since } \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } A \begin{pmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = i \begin{pmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ since } (A-i) \begin{pmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A \begin{pmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = -i \begin{pmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ since } (A+i) \begin{pmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

So  $\begin{pmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is a  $\mathbb{C}$ -eigenvector of  $A$   
with  $\mathbb{C}$ -eigenvalue  $i$

and  $\begin{pmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is a  $\mathbb{C}$ -eigenvector of  $A$   
with  $\mathbb{C}$ -eigenvalue  $-i$ .

Examples 13 and 14

If

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ then } D^{10} = \begin{pmatrix} (-4)^{10} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3^{10} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2^{10} \end{pmatrix}$$

If  $A = PDP^{-1}$  then

$$\begin{aligned} A^3 &= (PDP^{-1})(PDP^{-1})(PDP^{-1}) \\ &= PD \cancel{P^{-1}P} D \cancel{P^{-1}P} D \cancel{P^{-1}P} = PD^3P^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

and  $A^k = PD^kP^{-1}$  for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

Take

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad P = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

so that

$$P^{-1} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } P^{-1}AP = D$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} A^{10} &= (PDP^{-1})^{10} = PD^{10}P^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (-1)^{10} & 0 \\ 0 & 3^{10} \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} (-1)^{10}(-2) & 3^{10} \cdot 2 \\ (-1)^{10} & 3^{10} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 2((-1)^{10} + 3^{10}) & 4((-1)^{0+1} + 3^{10}) \\ (-1)^{0+1} + 3^{10} & 2((-1)^{10} + 3^{10}) \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$



Let  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{F})$ .

The matrix  $A$  is  $\mathbb{F}$ -diagonalisable if there exists  $P \in GL_n(\mathbb{F})$  such that

$$P^{-1}AP = D, \text{ with } D \text{ diagonal.}$$

The characteristic polynomial of  $A$  is  $\det(A - tI)$ .

An  $\mathbb{F}$ -eigenvalue of  $A$  is  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$  such that  $\ker(A - \lambda I) \neq \{0\}$ .

An  $\mathbb{F}$ -eigenvector of  $A$  of eigenvalue  $\lambda$  is a nonzero  $v \in \mathbb{F}^n$  such that  $v \in \ker(A - \lambda I)$ .

Notes  $P \in GL_n(\mathbb{F})$  satisfies

$P^{-1}AP = D$ , with  $D$  diagonal if and only if

the columns of  $P$  are linearly independent eigenvectors of  $A$