

Example 21 $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ -i & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\det(A-t) = \begin{vmatrix} 1-t & i \\ -i & 1-t \end{vmatrix} = (1-t)^2 - (i)(-i) = 1 - 2t + t^2 - 1$$

$$= t^2 - 2t = t(t-2)$$

So $\det(A-t) = 0$ when $t = 0$ or $t = 2$.

$$\ker(A-0) = \ker \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ -i & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \ker \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \text{ since } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\ker(A-2) = \ker \begin{pmatrix} -1 & i \\ -i & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \ker \begin{pmatrix} -1 & i \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Then

$$\| \langle -i, 1 \rangle \|^2 = (-i)(-i) + 1 \cdot 1 = (-i)(i) + 1 = 1 + 1 = 2$$

So $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is a unit vector

$$\text{Then } \| \langle i, 1 \rangle \|^2 = i \bar{i} + 1 \cdot 1 = i(-i) + 1 = 1 + 1 = 2$$

So $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is a unit vector.

Let $P = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} -i & i \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $D = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

Example 14 $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Then $AA^t = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

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

$A^t A$ has eigenvectors

$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ of eigenvalue 0 and

$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ of eigenvalue 1.

Example 17 $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ (symmetric)

$\det(A-t) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 1-t & -1 \\ -1 & 1-t \end{pmatrix} = (1-t)^2 - 1 = -2t + t^2$
 $= t(t-2)$

So $\det(A-t) = 0$ when $t=0$ or $t=2$

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

and

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

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Then $\| (1, 1) \|^2 = 1^2 + 1^2 = 2$ and

$$\| (1, -1) \|^2 = 1^2 + (-1)^2 = 2$$

So

$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ are unit vectors

that are eigenvectors of A .