

Quiz 8

CAUTION. YOU SHOULD NOT DO ROW REDUCTIONS FOR FINDING EIGENVALUES.

1. Is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ an eigenvector of $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 & 7 \\ 0 & 7 & 2 \\ 6 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$?

If so, what is the eigenvalue associated with the eigenvector?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 & 7 \\ 0 & 7 & 2 \\ 6 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -10 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} = 5 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Hence, $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ is an eigenvector of $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 & 7 \\ 0 & 7 & 2 \\ 6 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ with the eigenvalue 5.

2. Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

- 1) Find all eigenvalues. 2) Find a basis for each eigenspaces.

- 1) The characteristic equation of A is $\det \begin{bmatrix} 3-\lambda & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1-\lambda & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 5-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = 0$. Let's take the second row to use cofactor expansion. Then, the characteristic equation becomes

$$0 = (1-\lambda)((3-\lambda)(5-\lambda) - 8) = (1-\lambda)(1-\lambda)(7-\lambda).$$

So, eigenvalues are 1 and 7.

- 2) The eigenspaces are $\text{Nul}(A - I)$ and $\text{Nul}(A - 7I)$.

$$A - I = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \& \quad A - 7I = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & -6 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence, $E_1 = \text{Nul}(A - I) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1.5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ and $E_7 = \text{Nul}(A - 7I) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

Now, the sets come after the word Span are bases for each eigenspaces.

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1. Is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ an eigenvector of $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & 7 \\ 3 & -1 & -3 \\ 4 & 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$?

If so, what is the eigenvalue associated with the eigenvector?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & 7 \\ 3 & -1 & -3 \\ 4 & 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 0 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} \neq \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

for any $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. Hence, $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is not an eigenvector of $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & 7 \\ 3 & -1 & -3 \\ 4 & 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$.

2. Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- 1) Find all eigenvalues. 2) Find a basis for each eigenspaces.¹

- 1) The characteristic equation of A is $\det \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & -1-\lambda & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & 2-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = 0$. Let's take the second column to use cofactor expansion. Then, the characteristic equation becomes

$$0 = (-1 - \lambda)((1 - \lambda)(2 - \lambda) - 6) = (-1 - \lambda)(4 - \lambda)(-1 - \lambda).$$

So, eigenvalues are -1 and 4 .

- 2) The eigenspaces are $\text{Nul}(A - (-1)I)$ and $\text{Nul}(A - 4I)$.

$$A + I = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \& \quad A - 4I = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & -5 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence, $E_{-1} = \text{Nul}(A + I) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ and $E_4 = \text{Nul}(A - 4I) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ -1 \\ 15 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

Now, the sets come after the word Span are bases for each eigenspaces.

¹This gives an example of a matrix and its eigenvalue which has different algebraic multiplicity (2) from geometric multiplicity (1).