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Recall If A is a square matrix, an eigenvector of A is a vector $v \neq \vec{0}$ st $A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$ for some constant λ .

"special" or "characteristic" vectors for A

Warm-up:

a) let $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ rotation by 20° around $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$.
Find all the eigenvectors of T . What are their eigenvalues?

b) Find a transformation $F: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ st. F has no eigenvectors



anything in $\text{span} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ gets sent to itself by T .

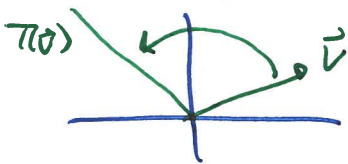
Any nonzero $\vec{w} \in \text{span} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ is an eigenvector with eigenvalue 1 ($T(\vec{w}) = 1 \cdot \vec{w}$)

No other eigenvectors.

b) • Scale \mathbb{R}^2 by 2 in every dir: $T(\vec{v}) = \underline{2\vec{v}} \neq \vec{v}$
 $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

\vec{v} is an eigenvector but with eigenvalue 2.

• Rotate by $\theta \neq \pi, 2\pi,$



every vector ends on a different line than the one it started on.

$\Rightarrow T(\vec{v}) \neq \lambda\vec{v}$ for all nonzero $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2$

Recall: If A is an $n \times n$ matrix, then

λ is an eigenvalue of $A \iff A - \lambda I_n$ has a nonzero kernel

$\iff \det(A - \lambda I_n) = 0$

exs prove the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ has no ^(real) eigenvectors.
 ↗ 90° ccw rotation

Ans: if $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ has an eigenvector, then it has some eigenvalue λ . This λ would be a solution to $\det(A - \lambda I_2) = 0$

$\det(A - \lambda I_2) = \det\left(\begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & -1 \\ 1 & -\lambda \end{bmatrix}\right) = 0$

$\implies \det = (-\lambda)(-\lambda) - (-1)(1) = \lambda^2 + 1 = 0$

no real solutions!

ex find all the eigenvalues of the matrix

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

if you do row ops here, you risk changing eigenvals.

(eg $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{REF}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$)
 no eigenvals does have eigenvals

$\det(A - \lambda I_n) = 0$
 Solve for λ

$\det(A - \lambda I_5) = 0$

$\det \begin{bmatrix} 2-\lambda & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2-\lambda & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3-\lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 3-\lambda \end{bmatrix}$

← now you're free to do row ops which simplify the det

$(2-\lambda) \det \begin{pmatrix} 2-\lambda & & & & \\ & 3-\lambda & & & \\ & & -\lambda & 1 & \\ & & -2 & 3-\lambda & \end{pmatrix} = (2-\lambda)(2-\lambda) \det \begin{pmatrix} 3-\lambda & & & \\ & -\lambda & 1 & \\ & & -2 & 3-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$

$$\det(A - \lambda I_5) = (2-\lambda)(2-\lambda)(3-\lambda) \det \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ -2 & 3-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= (2-\lambda)(2-\lambda)(3-\lambda) (-\lambda(3-\lambda) + 2) = 0$$

$$= (2-\lambda)(2-\lambda)(3-\lambda)(2-\lambda)(1-\lambda) = 0$$

answers: $\lambda = 1, 2, 3$

"characteristic polynomial" of A.

compare: "geometric multiplicity"

We say the eigenvalue 2 has "algebraic multiplicity 3" because it is a triple root of the char. poly.

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

trace(A) = sum of diagonal entries

$$= 2 + 2 + 3 + 0 + 3 = 10$$

$$\det(A) = \det(A - 0 \cdot I_5) = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 24$$

expand the char poly of A:

$$(2-\lambda)(2-\lambda)(3-\lambda)(2-\lambda)(1-\lambda) = -\lambda^5 + 10\lambda^4 - 39\lambda^3 + 74\lambda^2 - 68\lambda + 24$$

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 trace of A det A

Finding eigenvectors:

Find the eigenvectors of $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$:

- First step is to find the eigenvalues:

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & -2 \\ -4 & 3-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad \leadsto \quad \lambda = -1, 5$$

- Second step: Recall: if \vec{v} is an eigenvector of A w/ eigenvalue λ then $A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$

$$\leadsto (A - \lambda I_n)\vec{v} = 0$$

$$\leadsto \ker(A - \lambda I_n) \ni \vec{v}$$

This kernel is the set of eigenvectors with this eigenvalue.

This is called the eigenspace of λ

Notation: E_λ