

(5.2)

Lecture

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Recall (from 5.1)  $0$  is an eigenvalue of  $A \iff A$  is not invertible.

THM: (INVERTIBLE MX. THM) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  mx.

TRUE:

- (1)  $A$  is invertible
- (2)  $0$  is NOT an eigenvalue of  $A$
- (3)  $\det A \neq 0$ .

Reasoning:  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of an  $n \times n$  mx.  $A \iff$  there is a nonzero  $x$  st.  $(A - \lambda I)x = 0 \iff \text{Nul}(A - \lambda I) \neq \{0\} \iff A - \lambda I$  is NOT invertible  $\iff \det(A - \lambda I) = 0$

FACT:  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  IF AND ONLY IF

$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$ .

DEF:  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$  is called the characteristic equation of  $A$ .

DEF:  $\det(A - \lambda I)$  is called the characteristic polynomial of  $A$ .

EX: 10/37  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ;  $A - \lambda I_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & -\lambda & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -\lambda \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} =$

$= \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & -\lambda & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -\lambda \end{pmatrix}$ ;  $\det(A - \lambda I_3) = -\lambda \det \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda & 2 \\ 2 & -\lambda \end{pmatrix} + 3(-1)$ .

$-\det \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & -\lambda \end{pmatrix} + 1 \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -\lambda \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = -\lambda(\lambda^2 - 4) + (-3)(-\lambda - 2)$   
 $+ (6 + \lambda) = -\lambda^3 + 14\lambda + 12$

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8/317  $A - \lambda I_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7-\lambda & -2 \\ 2 & 3-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$

•  $\det \begin{pmatrix} 7-\lambda & -2 \\ 2 & 3-\lambda \end{pmatrix} = (7-\lambda)(3-\lambda) + 4 =$   
 $= \lambda^2 - 10\lambda + 25 \Rightarrow \lambda_{1,2} = \left\langle \frac{10 - \sqrt{100-100}}{2}, \frac{10 + \sqrt{100-100}}{2} \right\rangle$   
 $\Rightarrow \lambda_{1,2} = 5$

16/318  $A - \lambda I = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 8 & -4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -5 & 2 & 1-\lambda \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} =$

•  $\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 5-\lambda & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 8 & -4-\lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 & 1-\lambda & 0 \\ 1 & -5 & 2 & 1-\lambda \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \det(A - \lambda I) = 0$  has roots:  
 $\boxed{m_1}, \boxed{m_1}, \boxed{m_2}$

(why?! expansion across 1st Row!!)

EXC: if the characteristic eq. of a 6x6 mx. is values.  $\lambda^6 - 4\lambda^5 - 12\lambda^4 = 0$ , find all eigen values.  
SOL:  $\lambda^4 ( \lambda^2 - 4\lambda - 12 ) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda^4 ( \lambda - 6 ) ( \lambda + 2 ) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \begin{cases} 0, 0, 0, 0 \\ 6 \\ -2 \end{cases}$

• SIMILARITY  
DEF: 2 nxn matrices A, B are called SIMILAR if there is an invertible mx. P such that  $P^{-1}AP = B$ .

THM If A and B are similar, then they have the same characteristic polynomial.

● SOL:  $\det(A - \lambda I) = \det(PBP^{-1} - \lambda I) =$   
 $= \det(PBP^{-1} - \lambda PP^{-1}) = \det(P(B - \lambda I)P^{-1}) =$   
 $= (\det P) \det(B - \lambda I) \det P^{-1} = \det(B - \lambda I)$  Done

### (5.3) DIAGONALIZATION

Def: A square  $m \times m$  D is called diagonal if its off main diagonal entries are zero!!

Exp:  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  or  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

FACTS POWERS of such D are easy to compute.

SAY  $D = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow D^2 = D \cdot D = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2^2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

$D^3 = D^2 D = \begin{pmatrix} 5^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5^3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2^3 \end{pmatrix}, \dots$

$D^n = \begin{pmatrix} 5^n & 0 \\ 0 & 2^n \end{pmatrix}$  QED

● Def: A square  $m \times m$  A is diagonalizable if A is similar to a diagonal  $m \times m$ , i.e.

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there is a  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{diagonal } m \times n \\ \text{invertible } m \times p \end{array} \right.$  such that

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

FACTS POWERS of such  $A$  are easy to compute

$$A^2 = PDP^{-1} \cdot PDP^{-1} = PD^2P^{-1}, \quad A^3 = \underbrace{PD^2P^{-1}}_{A^2} \underbrace{PDP^{-1}}_A = PD^3P^{-1}, \dots$$
$$\dots, \quad A^n = P \cdot D^n \cdot P^{-1}; \quad \dots$$

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