

Math 54

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Math 54: Diagonalization

Review: Eigenspace and Bases

1. If a matrix A , a non-zero vector x , and a constant λ , satisfy the equation $Ax = \lambda x$, then λ is the _____ and x is the _____.
2. Write the vector $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ in its B – coordinates of basis $B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$:

Guided Introduction

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

3. Consider this matrix A
 - a. Find its eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors
 - b. Create a matrix from the bases of the eigenspaces
 - c. Find the change of bases matrix from the standard basis to the eigenspace
 - d. If $T(x)$ is a transformation $= Ax$ for an x in \mathbb{R}^2 , then what would $[T]_B$ for the basis previously found?
 - i. What do you notice about $[T]_B$?

Definitions

Diagonalization is a way of factoring a matrix A from its eigenvalues and eigenvectors into the form $A = PDP^{-1}$. P is the matrix of the basis of all eigenvectors, while D is a diagonal matrix of the corresponding eigenvalues.

Two matrices A and B are **similar** if A can be written as PBP^{-1} .

An $n \times n$ matrix is only diagonalizable if it has n **distinct eigenvalues** (including multiplicities), in other words, if its eigenvectors span \mathbb{R}^n .

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Steps for Diagonalization

1. Find Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors of matrix, here, you should find out whether the matrix is diagonalizable.
2. Construct a matrix P from the eigenspaces for each eigenvector.
3. Find P^{-1}
4. Construct a diagonal matrix D from the eigenvalues, make sure each eigenvalue matches to its specific eigenvector in P.

Practice Diagonalization

1. Find the diagonalized representation of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
2. How would you find A^{100} with diagonalization if $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$.
3. Book Problem: Find the diagonalized representation of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 \\ -3 & -5 & -3 \\ 3 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Foreshadowing

1. Spectral Theorem:
Find the eigenvectors of the symmetric matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Then find the dot product of the eigenvectors.
 - a. What do you notice about the eigenvectors?
 - b. How can you write the matrix in the form $A = PDP^T$?
2. Singular Value Decomposition:
It turns out you can “diagonalize” matrices that are not square?
 - a. How do you think this can be done?
 - b. What would be the “eigenvalues”?