

1 Consider

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Eigenvalues of \mathbf{A} ? their algebraic multiplicities? their geometric multiplicities? Is one a semi-simple eigenvalue?

Solution: The eigenvalues of \mathbf{A} are 1, and 2. The algebraic multiplicity of 1 is 2. To get the geometric multiplicity of the eigenvalue $\lambda = 1$ we need to eigenvectors. For this we need to solve:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}.$$

There is only one solution vector (up to a product by a scalar) namely:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

So the geometric multiplicity is one. \square

↩2 Same questions if a_{33} is replaced by one.

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and now we have one eigenvalue algebraic multiplicity 3.

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we still get a geometric mult. of 1. \square

Ex 3 Same questions if in addition \mathbf{a}_{12} is replaced by zero.

Solution: Solution: The matrix become

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and we also have one eigenvalue with algebraic multiplicity 3. The geometric multiplicity increases to 2. \square

Ex 4 Show that there is at least one eigenvalue and eigenvector of \mathbf{A} : $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$, with $\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = 1$

Solution: This comes from the fact that the equation $P_{\mathbf{A}}(\lambda) = \det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I}) = 0$ is a

polynomial equation and as such it must have at least one root - a well-known result. \square

$\square 5$ There is a unitary transformation P such that $Px = e_1$. How do you define P ?

Solution: This is just the Householder transform.. See Lecture notes number 10. \square

$\square 6$ Show that $PAP^H = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \lambda & ** \\ \hline 0 & A_2 \end{array} \right)$.

Solution: This is equivalent to showing that $PAP^H e_1 = \lambda e_1$. We have

$$PAP^H e_1 = PAPE_1 = P(Ax) = P(\lambda x) = \lambda Px = \lambda e_1$$

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$\square 9$ Another proof altogether: use Jordan form of A and QR factorization **Solution:** Jordan form:

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

Let $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{R}_0$ then:

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{R}_0\mathbf{J}\mathbf{R}_0^{-1}\mathbf{Q}^H \equiv \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{R}\mathbf{Q}^H \quad \text{with} \quad \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R}_0\mathbf{J}\mathbf{R}_0^{-1}$$

