

Complete set of Eigenvectors.  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$  Eigenvalues.  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix.

$B_1, \dots, B_k$  bases  $N(A - \lambda_j I)$   $B = B_1 \cup \dots \cup B_k \subset R^n$   $\text{Sp } B \subset R^n$

If  $\text{Span } B = R^n$ , then we call  $B$  the full set of Eigenvectors.  $B$  had  $n$  vectors.

Example where we have a full set of Eigenvectors:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad C(A) = |A - \lambda I| \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2-\lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3-\lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

$\lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = 3, \lambda_3 = 3$  So  $\lambda = 2$  has a multiplicity of one and  $\lambda = 3$  has a multiplicity of 2.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x \\ 3y \\ 3z \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{diag}\{2,3,3\}$$

$$N(A - 2I) = \text{Sp} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = B_1 \quad \text{also} \quad N(A - 3I) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = B_2$$

$$\text{Sp}\{B_1 \cup B_2\} = R^n$$

### THEOREM

$A$  has a full set of eigenvectors If and Only If (IFF)  $A$  is similar to a diagonal matrix.

PROOF ( $\Rightarrow$ ) (the 1<sup>st</sup> direction)

$A$  has a full set of eigenvectors.  $V_1, \dots, V_n$

We have to find a non-singular matrix  $P$  such that  $P^{-1}AP$  is a diagonal matrix.

Define:  $P = [V_1, \dots, V_n]$  ( $P$  is non-singular)

$$I = P^{-1}P = P^{-1}[V_1, \dots, V_n] = [P^{-1}V_1, \dots, P^{-1}V_n] \quad \text{for } k = 1, \dots, n \quad P^{-1}V_k = e_k$$

$$P^{-1}AP = P^{-1}A[V_1, \dots, V_n] = P^{-1}[\lambda_1 V_1, \lambda_2 V_2, \dots, \lambda_n V_n] = [P^{-1}\lambda_1 V_1, P^{-1}\lambda_2 V_2, \dots, P^{-1}\lambda_n V_n] = [\lambda_1 P^{-1}V_1, \dots, \lambda_n P^{-1}V_n] = [\lambda_1 e_1, \dots, \lambda_n e_n] = \text{diag} \{ \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \}$$

**PROOF (←) (the other direction)**

$PAP^{-1} = \text{diag} \{ \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \} = B$  A and B have the same eigenvalues. Also, the geometric multiplicity is the same for each eigenvalue.  $\dim(N(A - \lambda I)) = \dim(N(B - \lambda I))$ . The complete set of eigenvalues has n elements. (A full set). Full set spans full space.

**EXAMPLE:**

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

$(3 - \lambda)(2 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda) = 0$  Eigenvalues are  $\lambda = 1, \lambda = 2, \lambda = 3$

when  $\lambda = 1$  then

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \vec{0} \quad \begin{cases} x + y = 0 \Rightarrow x = -y \\ -x - y + 2z = 0 \\ z = 0 \end{cases} \quad V_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

when  $\lambda = 2$  then

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \vec{0} \quad \begin{cases} y = 0 \\ -y = 0 \\ -x - y + z = 0 \end{cases} \quad V_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

when  $\lambda = 3$  then

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \vec{0} \quad \begin{cases} -x + y = 0 \\ -2y = 0 \\ -x - y = 0 \end{cases} \quad V_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore P equals these vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and thus  $P^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$