

Quiz 11

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Find the eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors for

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Extra credit: Find a diagonal matrix D and an invertible matrix P such that

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

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A - \lambda I) &= \det \begin{bmatrix} 8-\lambda & 2 \\ 3 & 3-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = (8-\lambda)(3-\lambda) - 6 \\ &= 24 - 11\lambda + \lambda^2 - 6 \\ &= \lambda^2 - 11\lambda + 18 \\ &= (\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 9) \end{aligned}$$

The eigenvalues are therefore $\lambda = 2$ and $\lambda = 9$.

For $\lambda_1 = 2$: $A - 2I = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-2R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ Nulspace requires
 $3x_1 + x_2 = 0$ or $x_2 = -3x_1$ so $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ is an eigenvector.

For $\lambda_2 = 9$: $A - 9I = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 3 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{+3R_1} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ Nulspace requires that
 $-x_1 + 2x_2 = 0$ or $x_1 = 2x_2$ so $v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is an eigenvector.

EC: $\mathbb{R}^2 \xrightarrow{A} \mathbb{R}^2$
 $\begin{matrix} P^{-1} \downarrow & & \uparrow P \\ \mathbb{R}^2 & \xrightarrow{D} & \mathbb{R}^2 \end{matrix}$
 $D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_P \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix}}_D \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}}_{P^{-1}}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{ccc} v_1 \mapsto 2v_1 & & v_2 \mapsto 9v_2 \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \bar{e}_1 \mapsto 2\bar{e}_1 & & \bar{e}_2 \mapsto 9\bar{e}_2 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{shows that} \\ P \text{ must send} \\ e_i \text{ to } v_i. \end{array}$$