# Diagonalization

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Thus, next year the population will be Ax and in k years  $A^{k}x$ .

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The aim of this topic is to study the endomorphisms for which we can obtain a basis so that the matrix is diagonal.

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**Example.** Consider f(x, y) = (2x + 4y, x + 5y). It has standard matrix

$$A = \left(\begin{array}{rrr} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 \end{array}\right)$$

Its characteristic polynomial is

$$P_f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} 2-x & 4 \\ 1 & 5-x \end{vmatrix} = (2-x)(5-x) - 4 \times 1 = x^2 - 7x + 6.$$

The roots of this polynomial are  $\frac{7\pm\sqrt{(-7)^2-4\cdot 6}}{2}$ , so 6 and 1. We have  $P_f(x) = (x-6)(x-1)$ .

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A matrix  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  is diagonalizable if there is an invertible matrix  $P \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $P^{-1}AP$  is diagonal.

That is, A is diagonalizable if it is the standard matrix of a diagonalizable endomorphism f, A = M(f); in this case P is the change of basis matrix from a basis **u** to the standard basis **e**,  $P = A_{\mathbf{u} \to \mathbf{e}}$ .

$$A = A_{\mathbf{u} \to \mathbf{e}} D A_{\mathbf{u} \to \mathbf{e}}^{-1} = P D P^{-1},$$
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## Diagonalizing endomorphisms

Recall that  $D = M_u(f)$  can be computed by doing a change of basis: if e is the standard basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & A_{e \to \mathbf{u}} \ M(f) \ A_{\mathbf{u} \to e} = D. \end{aligned}$$
(Equivalently,  $A_{\mathbf{u} \to e} \ D \ A_{e \to \mathbf{u}} = M(f)$ ).

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>>> import numpy as np
>>> from numpy.linalg import \*
>>> A = np.array([[a<sub>11</sub>,...,a<sub>1n</sub>],...,[a<sub>n1</sub>,...,a<sub>nn</sub>]])
To get eigenvalues and eigenvectors of A we do:

>>> eigenval, eigenvec = eig(A)

Then we call both outputs to see the list of eigenvalues >>> eigenval

gives the collection of eigenvalues of A; we can call each: eigenval[0] is the first eigenvalue, eigenval[1] the second... >>> eigenvec

gives a matrix *P* whose columns are eigenvectors of *A*; we can call each: eigenvec[:,0] gives the first eigenvector (column) (corresponding to eigenval[0]), eigenvec[:,1] gives the second...

#### Python

If we want to create the diagonal matrix with eigenvalues: >>> D = np.zeros((n,n),dtype='complex128') >>> for i in range(n): D[i,i] = eigenval[i] (where it says n we need to put the size of the matrix). Then we can check if PDP<sup>-1</sup> is indeed A:

>>> eigenvec@ D @inv(eigenvec)

Note: In Python the complex number *i* is denoted as *j*.

To compute the powers of a matrix,  $A^k$ : >>> matrix\_power(A, k)