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If we write the number of youths, juveniles and adults as acolumn vector, next year we'll have

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\# j u v e n i l e s \\
\sharp \text { adults }
\end{array}\right)=\underbrace{\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
0 & 4 & 3 \\
0.5 & 0 & 0 \\
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\end{array}\right)}_{A}\left(\begin{array}{l}
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Thus, next year the population will bw $A \mathrm{x}$ and in $k$ years $A^{k} \mathrm{x}$.

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## Examples

1. Consider $f(x, y)=(x, 2 y)$. Then, the standard matrix of $f$ is

$$
M_{e}(f)=\left(\begin{array}{ll}
1 & 0 \\
0 & 2
\end{array}\right)
$$

- $e_{1}=(1,0)$ is an eigenvector of $f$ with eigenvalue 1 , and
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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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- The spectrum of $f$ is the set of all its eigenvalues; it is denoted by $\sigma(f)$.


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- $P_{f}(x)$ can be computed from the matrix of $f$ on any basis $\mathbf{u}$ of $\mathbb{R}^{n}: P_{f}(x)=\operatorname{det}\left(M_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}}(f)-x / d\right)$.


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$P_{f}(x)=\left|\begin{array}{cc}2-x & 4 \\ 1 & 5-x\end{array}\right|=(2-x)(5-x)-4 \times 1=x^{2}-7 x+6$.

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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## Diagonalization for matrices

## Definition

A matrix $A \in M_{n}(\mathbb{R})$ is diagonalizable if there is an invertible matrix $P \in M_{n}(\mathbb{R})$ such that $P^{-1} A P$ 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 $\mathbf{u}$ to the standard basis $\mathbf{e}$, $P=A_{\mathbf{u} \rightarrow \mathbf{e}}$.

$$
\begin{gathered}
A=A_{\mathbf{u} \rightarrow \mathbf{e}} D A_{\mathbf{u} \rightarrow \mathbf{e}}^{-1}=P D P^{-1} \\
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## Diagonalizing endomorphisms

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

$$
A_{e \rightarrow \mathbf{u}} M(f) A_{\mathbf{u} \rightarrow e}=D
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(Equivalently, $A_{\mathbf{u} \rightarrow e} D A_{e \rightarrow \mathbf{u}}=M(f)$ ).

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This might help in getting the eigenvalues of $2 \times 2$ or $3 \times 3$ matrices.


## Outline

## Motivation

## Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

## Diagonalization theorem

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## Python

>>> import numpy as np
>>> from numpy.linalg import *
>>> A $=$ np.array $\left(\left[\left[a_{11}, \ldots, a_{1 n}\right], \ldots,\left[a_{n 1}, \ldots, a_{n n}\right]\right]\right)$
To get eigenvalues and eigenvectors of $A$ we do:
>>> eigenval, eigenvec $=\operatorname{eig}(\mathrm{A})$
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...

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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 $P D P^{-1}$ 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)

