

$L: V \rightarrow V$ ENDOMORPHISM; $V: n$ -DIMENSIONAL VECTOR SPACE.

1. GIVEN AN ENDOMORPHISM $L: V \rightarrow V$, A NONZERO VECTOR $\vec{v} \in V$ IS AN EIGENVECTOR OF L WITH EIGENVALUE λ IF $L\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$.
 (\vec{v} AND λ COME AS A PAIR) \hookrightarrow SCALAR

... So: • A NONZERO VECTOR $\vec{v} \in V$ IS AN EIGENVECTOR OF L IF \exists SOME SCALAR λ SUCH THAT $L\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$.

• A SCALAR λ IS AN EIGENVALUE OF L IF \exists SOME NONZERO VECTOR $\vec{v} \in V$ SUCH THAT $L\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$.

2. AS WE OBSERVED IN THE PREVIOUS PROBLEM SET,

IF $[L]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$ FOR SOME BASIS $\mathcal{B} = (\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n)$ OF V ,

THEN EACH \vec{v}_i IS AN EIGENVECTOR OF L WITH EIGENVALUE λ_i .
 CONVERSELY, IF $\mathcal{B} = (\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n)$ IS A BASIS OF V CONSISTING OF EIGENVECTORS OF L , WITH CORRESPONDING EIGENVALUES

$\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$, THEN $[L]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$ (DIRECT COMPUTATION).

* IN SUM: $L: V \rightarrow V$ IS DIAGONALIZABLE $\Leftrightarrow V$ HAS AN EIGENBASIS.
 (I.E., A BASIS CONSISTING OF EIGENVECTORS OF L)

3. CLAIM: IF $\mathcal{C} = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$ CONSISTS OF EIGENVECTORS OF L WITH DISTINCT EIGENVALUES $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k$, THEN \mathcal{C} IS LINEARLY INDEPENDENT.

PROOF: SUPPOSE THAT $\mathcal{C} = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$, WHERE EACH \vec{v}_i IS AN EIGENVECTOR OF L WITH EIGENVALUE λ_i , AND THAT THE EIGENVALUES $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k$ ARE DISTINCT.

[GOAL: SHOW THAT \mathcal{C} IS LINEARLY INDEPENDENT, I.E., \nexists NONTRIVIAL LINEAR RELATION ON \mathcal{C}

* (THIS IS AN EQUIVALENT FORMULATION OF LINEAR INDEPENDENCE, WHICH WILL BE THE EASIEST ONE TO USE HERE, WITH A LITTLE TRICK... WE'LL PROVE THIS BY CONTRADICTION, SUPPOSING THAT \exists A NONTRIVIAL RELATION ON \mathcal{C} AND SHOWING THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE)

SUPPOSE THAT $\alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + \alpha_k \vec{v}_k = \vec{0}$ IS A NONTRIVIAL LINEAR RELATION ON \mathcal{C} WITH AS FEW NONZERO COEFFICIENTS AS POSSIBLE.

\hookrightarrow THIS IS THE TRICK!

BECAUSE IT IS A NONTRIVIAL LINEAR RELATION, AT LEAST ONE COEFFICIENT IS NONZERO — W.L.O.G., $\alpha_1 \neq 0$.

NOW, $\alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + \alpha_k \vec{v}_k = \vec{0}$, SO APPLYING L ,

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{0} &= L(\alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + \alpha_k \vec{v}_k) \\ &= \alpha_1 L\vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 L\vec{v}_2 + \dots + \alpha_k L\vec{v}_k \quad \text{BY LINEARITY OF } L \\ &= \alpha_1 \lambda_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \lambda_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + \alpha_k \lambda_k \vec{v}_k \quad (\vec{v}_i: \text{EIGENVECTORS}) \end{aligned}$$

BUT SCALING OUR ORIGINAL LINEAR RELATION BY λ_1 GIVES US:

$$\alpha_1 \lambda_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \lambda_1 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + \alpha_k \lambda_1 \vec{v}_k = \vec{0}$$

SO SUBTRACTING THESE LAST TWO RELATIONS,

$$\alpha_1 \underbrace{(\lambda_1 - \lambda_1)}_0 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 (\lambda_2 - \lambda_1) \vec{v}_2 + \dots + \alpha_k (\lambda_k - \lambda_1) \vec{v}_k = \vec{0}$$

THIS GIVES US A NEW LINEAR RELATION ON \mathcal{E} ; IF ANY OF THE ORIGINAL COEFFICIENTS q_2, \dots, q_k WERE NONZERO, WE'D HAVE A LINEAR RELATION ON \mathcal{E} WITH ONE FEWER NONZERO COEFFICIENT — SO SINCE OUR ORIGINAL L.R. HAD AS FEW AS POSSIBLE, IT MUST BE THE CASE THAT $q_2, \dots, q_k = 0$. BUT THEN OUR ORIGINAL RELATION BECOMES $q_1 \vec{v}_1 = \vec{0}$, SO SINCE $q_1 \neq 0$, $\frac{1}{q_1} q_1 \vec{v}_1 = \frac{1}{q_1} \vec{0}$, I.E., $\vec{v}_1 = \vec{0}$, WHICH IS IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE BY HYPOTHESIS, \vec{v}_1 IS AN EIGENVECTOR OF L .

IN CONCLUSION, NO NONTRIVIAL L.R. ON \mathcal{E} EXISTS, SO BY DEFINITION, \mathcal{E} IS LINEARLY INDEPENDENT. ■

* COROLLARY: IF L HAS n DISTINCT EIGENVALUES $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$, THEN FOR EACH λ_i \exists SOME EIGENVECTOR \vec{v}_i . BY THE PREVIOUS RESULT, $\mathcal{V} = (\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n)$ IS LINEARLY INDEPENDENT IN THE n -DIMENSIONAL VECTOR SPACE V , AND THUS IS A BASIS FOR V , I.E., \mathcal{V} IS AN EIGENBASIS FOR V , SO L IS DIAGONALIZABLE!

4. SUPPOSE THAT A IS A SQUARE MATRIX.

(a) CLAIM: $\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}$ IS AN EIGENVECTOR OF A WITH EIGENVALUE λ
 $\Leftrightarrow \vec{x} \in \text{KER}(A - \lambda I)$.

PROOF: $\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}$ IS AN EIGENVECTOR OF A WITH EIGENVALUE λ

$$\begin{aligned} \Leftrightarrow A\vec{x} &= \lambda\vec{x} \\ \Leftrightarrow A\vec{x} - \lambda\vec{x} &= \vec{0} \\ \Leftrightarrow A\vec{x} - \lambda I\vec{x} &= \vec{0} \\ \Leftrightarrow (A - \lambda I)\vec{x} &= \vec{0} \\ \Leftrightarrow \vec{x} &\in \text{KER}(A - \lambda I) \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

(b) WE CAN THUS DETERMINE THE EIGENVECTORS OF A FOR ANY GIVEN EIGENVALUE λ BY FINDING $\text{KER}(A - \lambda I)$, I.E., BY SOLVING THE HOMOGENEOUS SYSTEM $(A - \lambda I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$.

COMPUTATIONALLY: SET UP AND SOLVE $[A - \lambda I]$

5. AN UPPER-TRIANGULAR MATRIX IS A SQUARE MATRIX WHOSE ONLY NONZERO ENTRIES LIE ON OR ABOVE THE DIAGONAL. (SAID ANOTHER WAY, ALL ENTRIES BELOW THE DIAGONAL ARE ZERO.)

* THE EIGENVALUES OF AN UPPER-TRIANGULAR MATRIX ARE ITS DIAGONAL ENTRIES:

λ IS AN EIGENVALUE OF A

$\Leftrightarrow \text{KER}(A - \lambda I) \neq \{\vec{0}\}$ BY THE PREVIOUS PROBLEM

$\Leftrightarrow A - \lambda I$ DOESN'T GIVE A PIVOT IN EVERY COLUMN WHEN REDUCED

$$\text{BUT IF } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & & * \\ & a_2 & * \\ 0 & & \ddots \\ & & & a_n \end{bmatrix}, \text{ THEN } A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 - \lambda & & * \\ & a_2 - \lambda & * \\ 0 & & \ddots \\ & & & a_n - \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

IF λ MATCHES A DIAGONAL ENTRY OF A , THEN THAT ENTRY WILL BECOME ZERO IN $A - \lambda I$, AND WE'LL BE MISSING AT LEAST ONE PIVOT WHEN WE REDUCE, SO AS ABOVE, λ WILL BE AN EIGENVALUE OF A .

CONVERSELY, IF λ MATCHES NONE OF THE DIAGONAL ENTRIES OF A , THEN THE DIAGONAL ENTRIES OF $A - \lambda I$ WILL ALL BE NONZERO, SO WE CAN "KILL UPWARD" FROM THEM TO REDUCE $A - \lambda I$ TO A MATRIX WITH A PIVOT IN EVERY COLUMN — SO λ WILL NOT BE AN EIGENVALUE OF A .

6. THE ONLY EIGENVALUE OF A IS 1 , BECAUSE A IS AN UPPER-TRIANGULAR MATRIX WHOSE DIAGONAL ENTRIES ARE BOTH 1 's.

TO DETERMINE THE CORRESPONDING EIGENVECTORS, WE JUST FIND THE KERNEL OF $A - I$, I.E., WE SOLVE $(A - I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{FREE} \\ x_1: \text{FREE} \\ x_2 = 0 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\text{KER}(A - I)$ THUS HAS BASIS $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$, SO THE MOST EIGENVECTORS

$\hookrightarrow \vec{0}$ AND THE EIGENVECTORS WITH EIGENVALUE 1

WE CAN HAVE IN A BASIS FOR \mathbb{R}^2 IS ONE (OTHERWISE, WE'D HAVE TWO VECTORS FROM THIS ONE-DIMENSIONAL SUBSPACE, WHICH WOULD RESULT IN LINEAR DEPENDENCE).

\therefore THERE CAN BE NO EIGENBASIS FOR \mathbb{R}^2 , AND THIS A IS NOT DIAGONALIZABLE.

7. $L: V \rightarrow V$ ENDMORPHISM; $E_\lambda = \{ \vec{v} \in V : L\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v} \}$ FOR EACH $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$.

(a) E_λ IS A SUBSPACE OF V :

① $\vec{0} \in E_\lambda$ $\vec{0} \in V$ AND $L\vec{0} = \vec{0} = \lambda\vec{0}$,
SO BY DEFINITION OF E_λ , $\vec{0} \in E_\lambda$. ✓

② $\forall \vec{v}_1 \in E_\lambda$ AND SCALAR α , $\alpha\vec{v}_1 \in E_\lambda$

LET $\vec{v}_1 \in E_\lambda$ AND SCALAR α BE GIVEN;

BY DEFINITION OF E_λ , $L\vec{v}_1 = \lambda\vec{v}_1$. (*)

WELL, $\alpha\vec{v}_1 \in V$ AND $L(\alpha\vec{v}_1) = \alpha L\vec{v}_1$ BY LINEARITY
 $= \alpha(\lambda\vec{v}_1)$ FROM (*)
 $= \lambda(\alpha\vec{v}_1)$,

SO BY DEFINITION OF E_λ , $\alpha\vec{v}_1 \in E_\lambda$. ✓

③ $\forall \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \in E_\lambda$, $\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2 \in E_\lambda$

LET $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \in E_\lambda$ BE GIVEN.

BY DEFINITION OF E_λ , $L\vec{v}_1 = \lambda\vec{v}_1$ AND $L\vec{v}_2 = \lambda\vec{v}_2$. (*)

WELL, $\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2 \in V$ AND $L(\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2) = L\vec{v}_1 + L\vec{v}_2$ BY LINEARITY
 $= \lambda\vec{v}_1 + \lambda\vec{v}_2$ FROM (*)
 $= \lambda(\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2)$,

SO BY DEFINITION OF E_λ , $\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2 \in E_\lambda$. ✓ ■

(b) $\text{DIM } E_\lambda > 0 \Rightarrow E_\lambda \neq \{ \vec{0} \}$, SO \exists SOME NONZERO VECTOR $\vec{v} \in E_\lambda$.

BUT THEN THIS VECTOR HAS $L\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$,

SO λ IS AN EIGENVALUE OF L .

$\text{DIM } E_\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow E_\lambda = \{ \vec{0} \}$, SO \nexists ANY NONZERO VECTOR $\vec{v} \in E_\lambda$,

I.E., \nexists NONZERO $\vec{v} \in V$ WITH $L\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$,

SO λ IS NOT AN EIGENVALUE OF L .

8. SUPPOSE THAT $L: V \rightarrow V$ IS AN ENDMORPHISM AND 4 IS THE ONLY EIGENVALUE OF L^2 .

IF λ IS AN EIGENVALUE OF L ,

THEN \exists NONZERO $\vec{v} \in V$ WITH $L\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$.

BUT THEN $L^2\vec{v} = L(L\vec{v}) = L(\lambda\vec{v}) = \lambda L\vec{v} = \lambda(\lambda\vec{v}) = \lambda^2\vec{v}$,

THUS λ^2 IS AN EIGENVALUE FOR L^2 , SO BY HYPOTHESIS, $\lambda^2 = 4$.

$\therefore \lambda$ IS EITHER +2 OR -2.

9. IF A NONZERO VECTOR $\vec{v} \in V$ IS AN EIGENVECTOR OF V WITH EIGENVALUE 0, THEN BY DEFINITION, $L\vec{v} = 0\vec{v} = \vec{0}$, SO $\vec{v} \in \text{KER } L$.

IF L IS INJECTIVE, THEN $\text{KER } L = \{\vec{0}\}$, SO NO NONZERO

VECTOR $\vec{v} \in V$ IS AN EIGENVECTOR WITH EIGENVALUE 0. THUS, 0 CANNOT BE AN EIGENVALUE OF AN INJECTIVE ENDMORPHISM, I.E., AN INJECTIVE ENDMORPHISM MUST HAVE NONZERO EIGENVALUES.

10. TAKING $\mathcal{B} = (\sin x, \sin 2x, \sin 3x)$ AND $V = \text{SPAN } \mathcal{B}$, WE SAW IN PROBLEM SET 13, #4 THAT THE LINEAR TRANSFORMATION $T: V \rightarrow V$, $f(x) \mapsto 4f(x) + f'(x)$

HAS MATRIX $[T]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$. THIS IS DIAGONAL!

THUS $(\sin x, \sin 2x, \sin 3x)$ IS AN EIGENBASIS FOR V AND THE CORRESPONDING EIGENVALUES ARE 3, 0, AND -5, RESPECTIVELY.

DIAGONALIZATION OF MATRICES: (#11 + 12)

• THE EIGENVALUES OF AN UPPER-TRIANGULAR MATRIX A ARE JUST ITS DIAGONAL ENTRIES. (#5)

• TO FIND THE EIGENVECTORS FOR A GIVEN EIGENVALUE OF A , JUST SOLVE THE SYSTEM $[A - \lambda I]$. (#4)

• IF WE CAN FIND n LINEARLY INDEPENDENT EIGENVECTORS $(\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_n)$ WITH EIGENVALUES $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$

[E.G., IF A HAS n DISTINCT EIGENVALUES (#3)], THEN $\mathcal{B} = (\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_n)$ MUST BE AN EIGENBASIS FOR A ;

SETTING $\Sigma = [\vec{x}_1 \mid \vec{x}_2 \mid \dots \mid \vec{x}_n]$ AND $\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$

DIAGONALIZES A :

$$[A]_{\mathcal{B}} = \Lambda, \text{ SO } A = [\mathcal{B}] \Lambda [\mathcal{B}]^{-1} = \underline{\Sigma \Lambda \Sigma^{-1}}.$$

$$11. A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) BECAUSE A IS UPPER-TRIANGULAR, ITS EIGENVALUES ARE SIMPLY ITS DIAGONAL ENTRIES: $2, 1, 0, -1$.

WE HAVE FOUR DISTINCT EIGENVALUES, SO WE CAN FIND ONE EIGENVECTOR FOR EACH TO OBTAIN AN EIGENBASIS:

$$\text{FOR } \lambda=2: [A-\lambda I] \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \textcircled{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \alpha_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{FOR } \lambda=1: [A-\lambda I] \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \alpha_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{FOR } \lambda=0: [A-\lambda I] \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 0 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \alpha_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{FOR } \lambda=-1: [A-\lambda I] \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 0 & 0 & 2/3 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \alpha_4 \begin{bmatrix} -2/3 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2/3 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \text{ IS AN EIGENBASIS FOR } \mathbb{R}^4.$$

$$(b) \text{ SETTING } \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1/2 & -2/3 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ AND } \Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 0 & \\ & & & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

WE CAN COMPUTE Σ^{-1} :

$$[\Sigma | I] = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & -1 & -1/2 & -2/3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \left[\begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 5/2 & 13/6 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] = [I | \Sigma^{-1}]$$

AND CHECK THAT $\Sigma \Lambda \Sigma^{-1} = A: \dots \checkmark$

$$12. B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 5 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) BECAUSE A IS UPPER-TRIANGULAR, ITS EIGENVALUES ARE AGAIN JUST ITS DIAGONAL ENTRIES: $\underline{3, 1, 2}$.

WE ONLY HAVE THREE DISTINCT EIGENVALUES, SO THERE'S NO GUARANTEE OF AN EIGENBASIS — BUT WE CAN STILL TRY!

$$\text{FOR } \lambda=3: [B-\lambda I] \rightsquigarrow \begin{array}{c} a_1 \ a_2 \ a_3 \ a_4 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 5 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{array}{c} \text{FREE} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow a_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

$$\text{FOR } \lambda=1: [B-\lambda I] \rightsquigarrow \begin{array}{c} a_1 \ a_2 \ a_3 \ a_4 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 5 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{array}{c} \text{FREE FREE} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1/2 & 5/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow a_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + a_3 \begin{bmatrix} -5/2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

(TWO BASIS VECTORS!)

$$\text{FOR } \lambda=2: [B-\lambda I] \rightsquigarrow \begin{array}{c} a_1 \ a_2 \ a_3 \ a_4 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 5 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{array}{c} \text{FREE} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 25 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow a_4 \begin{bmatrix} -25 \\ 2 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

$$\therefore \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -5/2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -25 \\ 2 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \text{ IS AN EIGENBASIS FOR } \mathbb{R}^4.$$

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$$(b) \text{ SETTING } X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1/2 & -5/2 & -25 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ AND } \Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 2 \end{bmatrix},$$

WE CAN COMPUTE X^{-1} :

$$[X|I] \rightsquigarrow \left[\begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & -1/2 & -5/2 & -25 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \left[\begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/2 & 5/2 & 14 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] = [I|X^{-1}]$$

NOTE THAT THIS VERIFIES THAT WE DO, INDEED, HAVE A BASIS!

AND CHECK THAT $X \Lambda X^{-1} = B$: ... ✓