

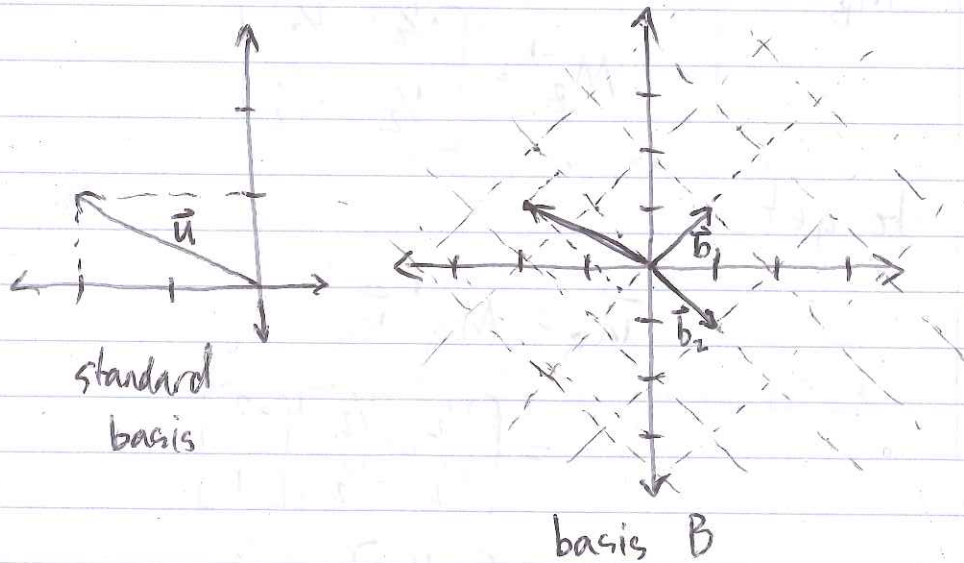
$$\vec{v}_B = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_n \end{bmatrix}_B$$

Ex: Let  $\vec{u}_s = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_s$ , relative to the standard basis, i.e.:

$$\vec{u}_s = -2 \cdot \vec{e}_1 + 1 \cdot \vec{e}_2$$

Consider the basis

$$B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$



so in the basis B:

$$\vec{u}_B = \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ -3/2 \end{bmatrix}_B$$

~~the other way as~~ we got  $\begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ -3/2 \end{bmatrix}$  by solving

$$\beta_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \beta_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

which is the same as

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}}_{M_B} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{u}_B} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{u}_S}$$

To solve this, multiply both sides by  $M_B^{-1}$ :

$$M_B^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} +1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

to get

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{u}_B &= M_B^{-1} \vec{u}_S \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ -3/2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

• This gives the general method for converting from one basis to another:

Let  $\vec{u}$  be a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and let  $\vec{u}_B$  be the coordinate vector relative to  $B = \{\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2, \dots, \vec{b}_n\}$ , and let  $\vec{u}_S$  be the coordinate vector relative to  $S = \{\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \dots, \vec{e}_n\}$

- To change coordinates from B  
to S:

$$\vec{u}_S = M_B \vec{u}_B, \text{ where}$$

$$M_B = \left[ \vec{b}_1 \mid \vec{b}_2 \mid \dots \mid \vec{b}_n \right]$$

- To change coordinates from S to B:

$$\vec{u}_B = M_B^{-1} \vec{u}_S$$

-  $M_B$  is called the change of coordinate matrix from B to S

Ex: Consider the basis

$$B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$



Express  $\vec{u}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  in terms of the basis  $B$ .

We want to solve

$$\beta_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \beta_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \beta_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{M_B} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \beta_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Inverting  $M_B$ :

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$

So:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{u}_B = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \beta_3 \end{bmatrix} &= M_B^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

• Recall from the previous section that eigenvectors of a  $n \times n$  matrix are linearly independent.

- If there are  $n$  eigenvectors, then the set of eigenvectors form a basis

Ex: Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

the eigenstuff is

$$\lambda_1 = 3, \vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}; \lambda_2 = -1, \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let's call the matrix  $P$

$$P = [\vec{v}_1 | \vec{v}_2] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

What is  $A \cdot P$ ?

$$A \cdot P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 6 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= [3\vec{v}_1 | -1\vec{v}_2]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Interesting... continuing:

$$\begin{aligned} A \cdot P &= \left[ 3\vec{v}_1 \mid -\vec{v}_2 \right] \\ &= \left[ \vec{v}_1 \mid \vec{v}_2 \right] \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= P \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

If we multiply on the left by  $P^{-1}$ :

$$P^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

• So in a sense, the matrix  $P$  turns  $A$  into a diagonal matrix. This is true in general. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix, with  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$  and corresponding eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ . Then

$$P^{-1}AP = D,$$

where

$$P = \left[ \vec{v}_1 \mid \vec{v}_2 \mid \dots \mid \vec{v}_n \right], \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2 & \\ 0 & \dots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}.$$



• Diagonalization Theorem: An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is diagonalizable if and only if it has  $n$  linearly independent e-vectors.

• Steps for diagonalizing a matrix  $A$ :

① Find the eigenstuff for  $A$ :  
e-values  $\lambda_i$ , and e-vectors  $\vec{v}_i$ .

② Construct  $D$ , where  $D$  is the diagonal matrix with the e-values along the main diagonal

③ Construct  $P$ , whose columns are the e-vectors, listed in the same order as the e-values in  $D$ .

- Once diagonalized, the following eqns all hold:

$$AP = PD, \quad A = PDP^{-1}, \quad P^{-1}AP = D$$

- the first eqn is usually used to check your work.

• Why do we care about diagonalizing matrices? It makes solving systems of DE's much simpler:

- Suppose we have ~~the~~ ~~the~~ a system of  $n$  DE's:

$$\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$$

- ~~Diagonalize~~ Diagonalize  $A$  to get matrices  $P$  and  $D$  such that  $P^{-1}AP = D$

- Now make the substitution  $\vec{x} = P\vec{u}$ :

$$\vec{x}' = A\vec{x} \Rightarrow (P\vec{u})' = A(P\vec{u})$$

$$\Rightarrow P\vec{u}' = (AP)\vec{u}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{u}' = (P^{-1}AP)\vec{u}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{u}' = D\vec{u}$$

- Recall the form of  $D$ :

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2 & \\ 0 & & \ddots \\ & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

because  $D$  has this form,  $\vec{u}' = D\vec{u}$  simplifies to



$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1' \\ u_2' \\ \vdots \\ u_n' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 u_1 \\ \lambda_2 u_2 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_n u_n \end{bmatrix}$$

- Now each ~~equation~~ equation in the system doesn't depend on any others: the system is decoupled.
- Moral of the story: diagonalizing a system of DE's produces a decoupled system, which is much easier to solve.

Ex: solve

$$\begin{aligned} x_1' &= x_1 + x_2 \\ x_2' &= 4x_1 + x_2 \end{aligned}$$

- ~~the~~ In matrix form, this is

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}' = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_A \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- The eigenstuff for  $A$  is

$$\lambda_1 = 3, \vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}; \lambda_2 = -1, \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

- Making the substitution  $\vec{x} = P\vec{u}$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} u_1' &= 3u_1 \\ u_2' &= -u_2 \end{aligned}$$

- These equations have ~~the~~ solutions

$$u_1(t) = k_1 e^{3t}$$

$$u_2(t) = k_2 e^{-t}$$

- To get back to  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , we recall our substitution:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} k_1 e^{3t} \\ k_2 e^{-t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} k_1 e^{3t} + k_2 e^{-t} \\ 2k_1 e^{3t} - 2k_2 e^{-t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= k_1 \begin{bmatrix} e^{3t} \\ 2e^{3t} \end{bmatrix} + k_2 \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t} \\ -e^{-t} \end{bmatrix}$$

• To sum up, diagonalizing is good for:

- Factoring matrices. Let's you express  
 $A = P D P^{-1}$

where  $P$  is a list of e-vectors, and  $D$  contains info on e-values

- "Natural" coordinates:  $P$  is a change of basis to a coordinate system w/ the e-vectors as the new axes

- Decoupling: substituting  $\vec{x} = P \vec{u}$  makes the system decoupled, which is much easier to solve

- Computing powers of matrices: If  $A$  is diagonalizable, then

$$A^k = P D^k P^{-1}$$