

EIGENVALUES AND EIGENVECTORS: DEFINITIONS AND NOTATION (4.1-4.2):

$L: V \rightarrow V$ LINEAR OPERATOR.

DEF: A SCALAR λ IS AN EIGENVALUE OF L IF THERE IS SOME NONZERO $\underline{x} \in V$ S.T. $L(\underline{x}) = \lambda \underline{x}$.
THEN, \underline{x} IS CALLED AN EIGENVECTOR CORRESPONDING TO λ .

• SET OF ALL EIGENVALUES OF L IS CALLED THE SPECTRUM OF L , AND IS DENOTED $\sigma(L)$.

• EIGENSPACE CORRESPONDING TO λ IS $E_\lambda = \text{Ker}(L - \lambda I)$.

MOTIVATION: LET V VECTOR SPACE, WITH BASIS \mathcal{B} . ↑ IDENTITY OPERATOR

DISCRETE-TIME LINEAR EVOLUTION

$$\begin{cases} \underline{x}(k) = L \underline{x}(k-1), k=1,2,\dots \\ \underline{x}(0) \text{ GIVEN} \end{cases}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \underline{x}(k) &= L(L(\dots L(\underline{x}(0)))) \\ &= \underbrace{(L \circ L \circ \dots \circ L)}_{k \text{ times}} \underline{x}(0) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} [\underline{x}(k)]_{\mathcal{B}} &= [L \circ \dots \circ L]_{\mathcal{B}} [\underline{x}(0)]_{\mathcal{B}} \\ &= ([L]_{\mathcal{B}})^k [\underline{x}(0)]_{\mathcal{B}} \end{aligned}$$

CONTINUOUS-TIME EVOLUTION

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d\underline{x}}{dt} = L \underline{x}(t) \\ \underline{x}(0) \text{ GIVEN} \end{cases}$$

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$$\underline{x}(t) = e^{tL} \underline{x}(0)$$

↑
WE'LL EXPLAIN WHAT THIS MEANS LATER.

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IF $[L]_{\mathcal{B}}$ IS DIAGONAL,

$$[\underline{x}(t)]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & e^{\lambda_n t} \end{pmatrix} [\underline{x}(0)]_{\mathcal{B}}$$

$$[L]_{\mathcal{B}} = \left([L(\underline{b}_1)]_{\mathcal{B}} \quad \dots \quad [L(\underline{b}_n)]_{\mathcal{B}} \right) \quad \text{SOURCE MATRIX.}$$

NOTE: IF $A \in M_{n \times n}$, WHAT IS A^k ? IF k LARGE?

SIMPLEST WHEN $A = (d_1 \underline{e}_1 \quad \dots \quad d_n \underline{e}_n) = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & d_n \end{pmatrix}$

SINCE THEN, $A^k = (d_1^k \underline{e}_1 \quad \dots \quad d_n^k \underline{e}_n) = \begin{pmatrix} d_1^k & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & d_n^k \end{pmatrix}$.

IDEA: IF $L(\underline{b}_i) = \lambda_i \underline{b}_i$ (I.E., λ_i EIGENVALUE w/ EIGENVECTOR \underline{b}_i)

THEN $[L(\underline{b}_i)]_{\mathcal{B}} = [\lambda_i \underline{b}_i]_{\mathcal{B}} = \lambda_i \underline{e}_i$, AND

$$[L]_{\mathcal{B}} = (\lambda_1 \underline{e}_1 \quad \dots \quad \lambda_n \underline{e}_n) = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow [\underline{x}(k)]_{\mathcal{B}} = ([L]_{\mathcal{B}})^k [\underline{x}(0)]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1^k & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n^k \end{pmatrix} [\underline{x}(0)]_{\mathcal{B}}$$

I.E., $x_1(k) = \lambda_1^k x_1(0)$
 \vdots
 $x_n(k) = \lambda_n^k x_n(0)$

WHERE $[\underline{x}(k)]_{\mathcal{B}} = (x_1(k), \dots, x_n(k))^T$.

SIMPLE EXPRESSION FOR COORDINATES OF $\underline{x}(k)$ IN \mathcal{B} !

Q: WHAT IF $L(\underline{d}_i) = \lambda_i \underline{d}_i$ ONLY IN SOME OTHER BASIS $\mathcal{D} = (\underline{d}_1, \dots, \underline{d}_n)$?

$$[\underline{x}(k)]_{\mathcal{B}} = ([L]_{\mathcal{B}})^k [\underline{x}(0)]_{\mathcal{B}} = (P_{\mathcal{D}\mathcal{B}} [L]_{\mathcal{D}} P_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{D}})^k [\underline{x}(0)]_{\mathcal{B}}$$

CHANGE OF BASIS.

EX. $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$.

check: $A \underline{x} = \lambda \underline{x}$.

EIGENVALUES: 3, 1
 \uparrow \uparrow
 $(1, 1)^T$ $(1, -1)^T$

$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ✓
 $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ ✓

EX. (∞ -dim) $V = \mathbb{R}[t]$, $L(p) = t \frac{dp}{dt}$.

EIGENVALUES: $\{k\}_{k=0}^{\infty}$
 \uparrow
 $\{tk\}_{k=0}^{\infty}$

check:

$L(tk) = t \frac{d}{dt} (tk) = tk t^{k-1} = ktk$ ✓

EX. (∞ -dim) $V = C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R})$, $L(f) = \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2}$.

EIGENVALUES: $\{-k^2\}_{k=0}^{\infty}$, $\{+k^2\}_{k=0}^{\infty}$

\uparrow \uparrow
 $\{\sin(kx)\}_{k=0}^{\infty}$, $\{\cos(kx)\}_{k=0}^{\infty}$ $\{e^{-kx}\}_{k=0}^{\infty}$, $\{e^{+kx}\}_{k=0}^{\infty}$

check: $L(\sin(kx)) = \frac{d^2}{dx^2} (\sin(kx)) = -k^2 \sin(kx)$ ✓

$L(\cos(kx)) = \frac{d^2}{dx^2} (\cos(kx)) = -k^2 \cos(kx)$ ✓

$L(e^{-kx}) = \frac{d^2}{dx^2} (e^{-kx}) = +k^2 e^{-kx}$ ✓

$L(e^{+kx}) = \frac{d^2}{dx^2} (e^{+kx}) = +k^2 e^{+kx}$ ✓

CHARACTERISTIC POLYNOMIAL (4.3):

Q: How to find eigenvalues of matrix $A \in M_{n \times n}$?

A: $A \underline{x} = \lambda \underline{x} \Leftrightarrow (A - \lambda I) \underline{x} = 0$
 $\Leftrightarrow \text{Ker}(A - \lambda I) \neq \{0\}$
 $\Leftrightarrow \det(A - \lambda I) = 0$

Def. $p_A(\lambda) \equiv \det(A - \lambda I)$ polynomial of degree n . (why?)

- Eigenvalues of $A \Leftrightarrow$ roots of p_A .
 $(A \underline{x} = \lambda \underline{x}) \quad (p_A(\lambda) = 0)$.

Ex. Find eigenvalues and eigenvectors of $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$.

A: $A - \lambda I = \begin{pmatrix} 3-\lambda & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & -\lambda & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 3-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$

① $p_A(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I) = (3-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 2 \\ 2 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} + 4 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -\lambda \\ 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$
 $= (3-\lambda)(\lambda^2 - 3\lambda - 4) + 2(2\lambda + 2) + 4(4\lambda + 4)$
 $= -\lambda^3 + 6\lambda^2 + 15\lambda + 8$
 $= (\lambda - 8)(\lambda + 1)^2 = (\lambda - 8)(\lambda + 1)(\lambda + 1)$.

\Rightarrow Eigenvalues are -1 and 8 .

② solve $(A - \lambda I) \underline{x} = \underline{0}$ to get eigenvector(s) corresponding to λ .

• For $\lambda = -1$, $A - (-1)I = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{ref}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow \underline{x}_1 = -\frac{1}{2} \underline{x}_2 - \underline{x}_3 \Rightarrow \underline{x} = \underline{x}_2 \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \underline{x}_3 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$
 $\underline{x}_2 = \text{free}$
 $\underline{x}_3 = \text{free}$

Therefore, the two eigenvectors corresponding to eigenvalue -1 are $(-\frac{1}{2}, 1, 0)^T$ and $(-1, 0, 1)^T$. The eigenspace E_{-1} consists of all linear combinations of these vectors.

• For $\lambda = 8$, $A - 8I = \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & -8 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{ref}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = x_3 \\ x_2 = \frac{1}{2}x_3 \\ x_3 = \text{free} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \underline{x} = x_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

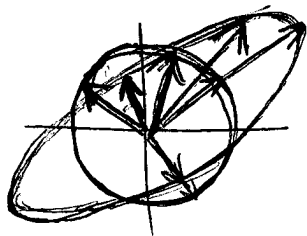
Therefore, eigenvector associated to eigenvalue 8 is $(1, \frac{1}{2}, 1)^T$.

E_8 consists of the span of this vector.

NOTE: In this example, eigenvalue -1 had two linearly indep. eigenvectors.

Q: What is geometric meaning of eigenvalues / eigenvectors?

A: For ex, consider $A \in \mathbb{M}_{2,2}$ s.t. eigenvalues are in \mathbb{R} .
(then)



- Eigenvectors correspond to directions of stretching/compression,
- Eigenvalues measure degree of stretching (+) or compression (-).

• Later, we will see what imaginary eigenvalues mean.

LECTURE 10
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Q: HOW TO FIND EIGENVALUES / EIGENVECTORS OF $L: V \rightarrow V$?

A: USE MATRIX REPRESENTATION. IF V HAS BASIS \mathcal{D} ,

$$\lambda \text{ EIGENVALUE OF } L \text{ w/ CORRESPONDING EIGENVECTOR } \underline{v} \iff \lambda \text{ EIGENVALUE OF } [L]_{\mathcal{D}} \text{ w/ CORRESPONDING EIGENVECTOR } [\underline{v}]_{\mathcal{D}}.$$

PF:

$$L\underline{v} = \lambda \underline{v} \iff [L\underline{v}]_{\mathcal{D}} = [\lambda \underline{v}]_{\mathcal{D}} \iff [L]_{\mathcal{D}} [\underline{v}]_{\mathcal{D}} = \lambda [\underline{v}]_{\mathcal{D}}.$$

• THEREFORE, SPECTRUM $\sigma(L)$ OF L IS INDEPENDENT OF CHOICE OF BASIS ON V . THAT IS, IF \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{D} Bases ON V ,

$$[L]_{\mathcal{B}} = P_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{D}} [L]_{\mathcal{D}} P_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{D}}^{-1}$$

HAVE SAME EIGENVALUES
(BUT DIFFERENT EIGENVECTORS).

THIS MOTIVATES THE FOLLOWING RESULT:

DEF. WE SAY A IS CONJUGATE (OR SIMILAR) TO B

IF $A = PBP^{-1}$ FOR SOME P .

THM. IF A IS CONJUGATE TO B (I.E., $A = PBP^{-1}$),

$$\lambda \text{ EIGENVALUE OF } B \text{ w/ EIGENVECTOR } \underline{v} \iff \lambda \text{ EIGENVALUE OF } A \text{ w/ EIGENVECTOR } P\underline{v}.$$

PF. " \Rightarrow " $B\underline{v} = \lambda \underline{v} \Rightarrow A(P\underline{v}) = PBP^{-1}P\underline{v} = P\lambda \underline{v} = \lambda(P\underline{v}). \checkmark$

" \Leftarrow " $A(P\underline{v}) = \lambda(P\underline{v}) \Rightarrow B\underline{v} = P^{-1}AP\underline{v} = P^{-1}\lambda P\underline{v} = \lambda \underline{v}. \checkmark$

WE CAN USE THIS TO PROVE ONE OF THE MAIN RESULTS OF THE COURSE :

THM. (DIAGONALIZATION)

$A \in M_{n,n}$ HAS n LINEARLY INDEP. EIGENVECTORS

$\mathcal{B} = \{\underline{x}_1, \dots, \underline{x}_n\}$ CORRESPONDING TO EIGENVALUES $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$

$$\Leftrightarrow A = PDP^{-1} \text{ WITH } D = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \\ = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} \underline{x}_1 & \dots & \underline{x}_n \end{pmatrix}$$

i.e., i th COLUMN IS i th EIGENVECTOR

• MAIN CONSEQUENCE: $L: V \rightarrow V$ LINEAR OPERATOR IS
DIAGONALIZABLE (I.E., CAN BE REPRESENTED AS A DIAGONAL MATRIX
 FOR SOME BASIS) \Leftrightarrow EIGENVECTORS OF L FORM A BASIS
 OF V .

PF. OF THM.

" \Rightarrow " LET $\mathcal{B} = \{\underline{x}_1, \dots, \underline{x}_n\}$ BE THE STD. BASIS IN \mathbb{R}^n .

$$A = [A]_{\mathcal{B}} = P_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{B}} [A]_{\mathcal{B}} P_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{B}}^{-1} \text{ WHERE}$$

$$[A]_{\mathcal{B}} = \left([A\underline{x}_1]_{\mathcal{B}} \dots [A\underline{x}_n]_{\mathcal{B}} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix} = D$$

$\lambda_1 \underline{x}_1 \qquad \lambda_n \underline{x}_n$

$$P_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{B}} = \left([\underline{x}_1]_{\mathcal{B}} \dots [\underline{x}_n]_{\mathcal{B}} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} \underline{x}_1 & \dots & \underline{x}_n \end{pmatrix} = P.$$

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" \Leftarrow " $D = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$ HAS EIGENVALUES $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$

w/ CORRESPONDING EIGENVECTORS $\{\underline{e}_i\}_{i=1}^n$. THEN BY

PREVIOUS THM, $A = PDP^{-1}$ HAS SAME EIGENVALUES,

BUT WITH CORRESPONDING EIGENVECTORS $\{P\underline{e}_i\}_{i=1}^n$.

$P\underline{e}_i$ IS SIMPLY THE i -TH COLUMN OF P . SINCE

P IS INVERTIBLE BY HYPOTHESIS, $\{P\underline{e}_i\}_{i=1}^n$ ARE LINEARLY INDEPENDENT SINCE COLUMNS OF AN INVERTIBLE MATRIX MUST BE LINEARLY INDEP.

EX. $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$.

$$p_A(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (2-\lambda)^2 - 1 \\ = \lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 3 = (\lambda-3)(\lambda-1)$$

$$p_A(\lambda) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{EIGENVALUES } \lambda = 3, \lambda = 1.$$

FOR $\lambda = 3$: $A - \lambda I = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{ref}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{BASIS OF } \text{Ker}(A - 3I) \text{ IS } \underline{x} = x_2 (1, 1)^T.$$

FOR $\lambda = 1$: $A - \lambda I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{ref}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{BASIS OF } \text{Ker}(A - I) \text{ IS } \underline{x} = x_2 (1, -1)^T.$$

SINCE $(1, 1)^T$ AND $(1, -1)^T$ ARE LINEARLY INDEP., WE

MUST HAVE THAT

$$\underset{\text{"A"}}{\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}} = \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \underset{\text{"D"}^{-1}}{\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}} \underset{\text{"D"}}{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}}^{-1}.$$

LECTURE 11
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LAST TIME WE SAW THAT $A \in M_{n,n}$ IS DIAGONALIZABLE
(I.E., $A = PDP^{-1}$ FOR SOME DIAGONAL MATRIX D AND
INVERTIBLE MATRIX P) \Leftrightarrow A HAS n LINEARLY
INDEP. EIGENVECTORS.

- DOES THIS MEAN THAT ALL MATRICES ARE DIAGONALIZABLE,
AND WHAT ISSUES MUST WE DEAL WITH IF WE WANT
TO DIAGONALIZE A MATRIX?

A FEW EXAMPLES:

EX. $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$p_A(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 2 \\ -2 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (1-\lambda)^2 + 2^2$$

$\Rightarrow p_A(\lambda)$ HAS NO REAL ROOTS! $p_A(\lambda) = 0 \Rightarrow$

$$\lambda = 1 + 2i, \lambda = 1 - 2i \quad \text{WITH } i = \sqrt{-1} \in \mathbb{C}.$$

SO, NEED TO CONSIDER COMPLEX EIGENVALUES AND EIGENVECTORS
TO HAVE ANY HOPE OF FINDING ENOUGH LINEARLY
INDEP. EIGENVECTORS OF $A \Rightarrow$ COMPLEXIFICATION.

EX. $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$p_A(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 \Rightarrow \lambda = 0$$

ONLY EIGENVALUE.

$$A - 0I = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{BASIS OF } \text{Ker}(A - 0I) \text{ IS } (1, 0)^T,$$

SO WE ONLY HAVE ONE EIGENVECTOR FOR A AND

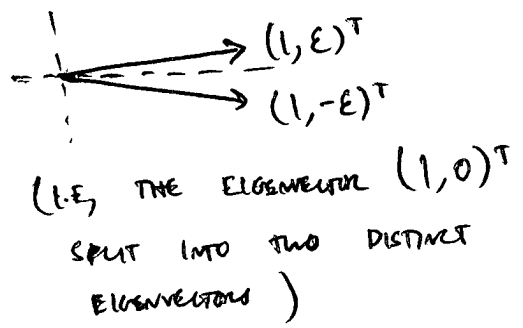
$A \neq P D P^{-1}$ FOR D DIAGONAL! HOWEVER,

NOTE THAT THIS PATHOLOGICAL CASE CAN BE RESOLVED IF WE SLIGHTLY PERTURB A:

$A_\epsilon = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \epsilon^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ WITH $\epsilon > 0$ SMALL AS DESIRED.

$P_{A_\epsilon}(\lambda) = \det(A_\epsilon - \lambda I) = \lambda^2 - \epsilon^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \epsilon, \lambda = -\epsilon$
(I.E., THE ZERO EIGENVALUE SPLIT INTO TWO DISTINCT EIGENVALUES)

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Ker}(A_\epsilon - \epsilon I) \text{ HAS BASIS } (1, -\epsilon)^T \\ \text{Ker}(A_\epsilon + \epsilon I) \text{ HAS BASIS } (1, \epsilon)^T \end{array} \right.$



THEREFORE, $A_\epsilon = P_\epsilon D_\epsilon P_\epsilon^{-1}$ WITH $D_\epsilon = \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon & 0 \\ 0 & -\epsilon \end{pmatrix}$
 $P_\epsilon = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -\epsilon & \epsilon \end{pmatrix}$

AND THE ORIGINAL MATRIX A IS ALMOST DIAGONALIZABLE.

TO RECAP, IN THIS EXAMPLE THE EIGENVALUE $\lambda = 0$ WAS A DOUBLE ROOT OF $P_A(\lambda)$, BUT ITS ASSOCIATED EIGENSPACE E_0 HAD ONLY ONE DIMENSION. THIS WILL LEAD US TO A DISCUSSION ON MULTIPLICITY OF EIGENVALUES AND JORDAN CANONICAL FORM.