

Homework 10 Solutions

① (a) $A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

(i) $\det(A - \lambda I) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 4-\lambda & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 1-\lambda & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1-\lambda \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{expand on 1st row}} (4-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix}$

$- 0 \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ -2 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} + 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 1-\lambda \\ -2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = (4-\lambda)(1-\lambda)^2 + 1 \cdot (-1-\lambda)(-2)$
 $= (1-\lambda)[(4-\lambda)(1-\lambda)+2] = -(\lambda^3 - 6\lambda^2 + 11\lambda - 6) = -(\lambda-1)(\lambda-2)(\lambda-3)$

The eigenvalues are $\lambda = 1, 2, 3$

λ	algebraic multiplicity
1	1
2	1
3	1

(ii)

$\lambda = 1$: We need to solve $A\vec{x} = 1 \cdot \vec{x}$ or $(A - I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$.

$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{3}R_1 \rightarrow R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & | & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} 2R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ 2R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \end{matrix}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{3} & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{3} & | & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{A-I} \xrightarrow{-R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{3} & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$\left. \begin{matrix} x_1 + \frac{1}{3}x_3 = 0 \\ \frac{2}{3}x_3 = 0 \\ 0 = 0 \end{matrix} \right\} \begin{matrix} x_1 = -\frac{1}{3}x_3 = 0 \\ x_2 = t \\ x_3 = 0 \quad t \in \mathbb{R} \end{matrix}$

$$\text{So, } E_1(A) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ t \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \left\{ t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

A basis for $E_1(A)$ is $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$.

Thus, $\lambda=1$ has geometric multiplicity 1.

$\lambda=2$: We need to solve $A\vec{x} = 2\vec{x}$ or $(A-2I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$.

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\substack{R_1+R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ R_1+R_3 \rightarrow R_3}} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{(-1)R_2 \rightarrow R_2} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 2x_1 + x_3 = 0 \\ x_2 - x_3 = 0 \\ 0 = 0 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} x_1 = -\frac{1}{2}x_3 \\ x_2 = x_3 \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} 2x_1 + x_3 = 0 \\ x_2 - x_3 = 0 \\ 0 = 0 \end{array}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} x_1 = -\frac{1}{2}t \\ x_2 = t \\ x_3 = t \end{array} \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{So, } E_2(A) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2}t \\ t \\ t \end{pmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \left\{ t \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

A basis for $E_2(A)$ is $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$.

So, $\lambda=2$ has geometric multiplicity 1.

$\lambda=3$: We need to solve $A\vec{x} = 3\vec{x}$ or $(A-3I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$.

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\substack{2R_1+R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ 2R_1+R_3 \rightarrow R_3}} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{2}R_2 \rightarrow R_2} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x_1 + x_3 = 0 \\ x_2 - x_3 = 0 \\ 0 = 0 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} x_1 = -x_3 = -t \\ x_2 = x_3 = t \\ x_3 = t \end{array} \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$E_3(A) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -t \\ t \\ t \end{pmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \left\{ t \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

So, a basis for $E_3(A)$ is $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$.

Thus, $\lambda=3$ has geometric multiplicity 1.

(iii)

λ	algebraic multiplicity	geometric multiplicity
1	1	1
2	1	1
3	1	1

(iv) Since the algebraic and geometric multiplicities above are all equal for all λ , A is diagonalizable. The bases of each eigenspace give the columns of P .

Let $P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1/2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

$\begin{matrix} \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \lambda=1 & \lambda=2 & \lambda=3 \\ \text{eigenvectors} \end{matrix}$

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

$$\textcircled{1} (b) A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 6 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -8 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

expand on 1st column

$$(\bar{i}) \det(A - \lambda I) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 5-\lambda & 6 & 2 \\ 0 & -1-\lambda & -8 \\ 1 & 0 & -2-\lambda \end{pmatrix} = (5-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} -1-\lambda & -8 \\ 0 & -2-\lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$-0 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ 0 & -2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} + 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ -1-\lambda & -8 \end{vmatrix} = (5-\lambda)(-1-\lambda)(-2-\lambda) + 0 + [(6)(-8) - (2)(-1-\lambda)]$$

$$= -\lambda^3 + 2\lambda^2 + 15\lambda - 36$$

The possible integer/whole number roots of $-\lambda^3 + 2\lambda^2 + 15\lambda - 36$ are the divisors of 36 which are $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 4, \pm 6, \pm 9, \pm 12, \pm 18, \pm 36$. Note that 3 is a root since $-(3^3) + 2(3^2) + 15(3) - 36 = 0$. So we can factor $\lambda - 3$ out of $-\lambda^3 + 2\lambda^2 + 15\lambda - 36$.

$$\begin{array}{r} -\lambda^2 - \lambda + 12 \\ \lambda - 3 \overline{) -\lambda^3 + 2\lambda^2 + 15\lambda - 36} \\ \underline{-(\lambda^3 + 3\lambda^2)} \\ -\lambda^2 + 15\lambda - 36 \\ \underline{-(\lambda^2 + 3\lambda)} \\ 12\lambda - 36 \\ \underline{-(12\lambda - 36)} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} &-\lambda^3 + 2\lambda^2 + 15\lambda - 36 \\ &= (\lambda - 3)(-\lambda^2 - \lambda + 12) \\ &= -(\lambda - 3)(\lambda^2 + \lambda - 12) \\ &= -(\lambda - 3)(\lambda - 3)(\lambda + 4) \\ &= (\lambda - 3)^2(\lambda + 4) \end{aligned}$$

So, $\lambda = 3, -4$ are the eigenvalues.

λ	algebraic multiplicity
3	2
-4	1

(iii)

• $\lambda=3$: Solve $A\vec{x}=3\vec{x}$ or $(A-3I)\vec{x}=\vec{0}$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 6 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & -8 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -5 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & -8 & 0 \\ 2 & 6 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$A-3I$

$$\xrightarrow{-2R_1+R_3 \rightarrow R_3} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & -8 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 12 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} -\frac{1}{4}R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ \frac{1}{6}R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \end{array}} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\xrightarrow{-R_2+R_3 \rightarrow R_3} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} x_1 - 5x_3 = 0 \\ x_2 + 2x_3 = 0 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} x_1 = 5x_3 = 5t \\ x_2 = -2x_3 = -2t \\ x_3 = t \end{array}$$

• $E_3(A) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 5t \\ -2t \\ t \end{pmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \left\{ t \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

So, a basis for $E_3(A)$ is $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$.

Thus, $\lambda=3$ has geometric multiplicity 1.

$\lambda=-4$: Solve $A\vec{x}=-4\vec{x}$ or $(A+4I)\vec{x}=\vec{0}$.

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 9 & 6 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -8 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -8 & 0 \\ 9 & 6 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$A+4I$

$$\xrightarrow{-9R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -8 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & -16 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{-2R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\frac{1}{3}R_2 \rightarrow R_2} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{8}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \quad \begin{array}{l} x_1 + 2x_3 = 0 \\ x_2 - \frac{8}{3}x_3 = 0 \\ 0 = 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 2x_3 &= -2t \\ x_2 - \frac{8}{3}x_3 &= \frac{8}{3}t \\ x_3 &= t \end{aligned}$$

$$E_{-4}(A) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -2t \\ \frac{8}{3}t \\ t \end{pmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \left\{ t \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ \frac{8}{3} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

So, a basis for $E_{-4}(A)$ is $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ \frac{8}{3} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$.

Thus $\lambda = -4$ has geometric multiplicity 1.

(iii)

λ	algebraic multiplicity	geometric multiplicity
3	2	1
-4	1	1

(iv) A is not diagonalizable. We need a basis of 3 eigenvectors. $\lambda = -4$ gives us enough eigenvectors, but $\lambda = 3$ only gives us 1 eigenvector when it should give us 2 if we want to diagonalize A . (Because A has algebraic mult. 2, but geometric mult. 1)

① (c) $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

(i) $\det(A - \lambda I) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 1-\lambda & 2 \\ 0 & 3-\lambda \end{pmatrix} = (1-\lambda)(3-\lambda) - (2)(0)$
 $= (\lambda-1)(\lambda-3)$

So, the eigenvalues of A are $\lambda = 1, 3$

λ	algebraic multiplicity
1	1
3	1

(ii)

$\lambda = 1$: Solve $A\vec{x} = 1 \cdot \vec{x}$ or $(A - I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{-R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2} \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$A - I$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 2x_2 = 0 \\ 0 = 0 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} x_1 = t \\ x_2 = 0 \end{array}$$

$$E_1(A) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} t \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \left\{ t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$\lambda = 1$ has geometric multiplicity 1

A basis for $E_1(A)$ is $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$.

$\lambda = 3$; Need to solve $A\vec{x} = 3\vec{x}$ or $(A - 3I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$.

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} -2 & 2 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{A-3I} \xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{2}R_1 \rightarrow R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} x_1 - x_2 = 0 \\ 0 = 0 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} x_1 = x_2 = t \\ x_2 = t \end{array}$$

$$E_3(A) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} t \\ t \end{pmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \left\{ t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

So, a basis for $E_3(A)$ is $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

$\lambda = 3$ has geometric multiplicity 1.

(iii)

λ	algebraic multiplicity	geometric multiplicity
1	1	1
3	1	1

(iv) We have that the algebraic and geometric multiplicities of each eigenvalue are equal. So we have a basis of 2 eigenvectors. That gives us the columns of P to diagonalize A .

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

\uparrow \uparrow
 $\lambda=1$ $\lambda=3$
 eigenvectors

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

\uparrow \uparrow
 $\lambda=1$ $\lambda=3$

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

① (d) $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

② (i) $\det(A - \lambda I) = \det \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -\lambda \end{pmatrix} = -\lambda \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 2 \\ 0 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} - 0 + 0$
 $= -\lambda [(-\lambda)(-\lambda) - (2)(0)]$
 $= -\lambda^3$

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 expand on 1st column

So, $\lambda = 0$ is the only eigenvalue of A and has algebraic multiplicity 3.

(ii) $\lambda = 0$: We need to solve $A\vec{x} = 0\vec{x}$ or $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$.

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} x_2 = 0 \\ 2x_3 = 0 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} x_1 = t \\ x_2 = 0 \\ x_3 = 0 \end{array}$$

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So, $E_0(A) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} t \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \left\{ t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$.

So, $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for $E_0(A)$. Thus,

$\lambda = 0$ has geometric multiplicity 1.

(iii)

λ	algebraic multiplicity	geometric multiplicity
0	3	1

(iv) Since $\lambda = 0$ has unequal algebraic and geometric multiplicity, A is not diagonalizable.

$$\textcircled{1} \text{ (e) } A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \text{ (i) } \det(A - \lambda I) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 4-\lambda & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 3-\lambda & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 4-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

expand on 1st row

$$\Downarrow = (4-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & 2 \\ 0 & 4-\lambda \end{vmatrix} - 0 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 4-\lambda \end{vmatrix} + 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3-\lambda \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (4-\lambda)(3-\lambda)(4-\lambda) - (3-\lambda) = (3-\lambda)[(4-\lambda)(4-\lambda) - 1]$$

$$= (3-\lambda)(\lambda^2 - 8\lambda + 15) = (3-\lambda)(\lambda-5)(\lambda-3) = -(\lambda-3)^2(\lambda-5)$$

So, the eigenvalues are $\lambda = 3, 5$.

λ	algebraic multiplicity
3	2
5	1

$\textcircled{3} \text{ (ii) } \lambda = 3$: Need to solve $A\vec{x} = 3\vec{x}$ or $(A - 3I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$.

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\substack{-2R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ -R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3}} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$A - 3I$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x_1 + x_3 = 0 \\ 0 = 0 \\ 0 = 0 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} x_1 = -x_3 = -t \\ x_2 = s \\ x_3 = t \end{array}$$

$$\textcircled{4} E_3(A) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -t \\ s \\ t \end{pmatrix} \mid s, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \left\{ s \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid s, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

So a basis for $E_3(A)$ is $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$.

Thus, $\lambda=3$ has geometric multiplicity 2.

$\lambda=5$: Need to solve $A\vec{x}=5\vec{x}$ or $(A-5I)\vec{x}=\vec{0}$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\substack{2R_1+R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ R_1+R_3 \rightarrow R_3}} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \longrightarrow$$

$$\xrightarrow{\substack{-R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \\ -\frac{1}{2}R_2 \rightarrow R_2}} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} x_1 - x_3 = 0 \\ x_2 - 2x_3 = 0 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} x_1 = x_3 = t \\ x_2 = 2x_3 = 2t \\ x_3 = t \end{array}$$

$$E_5(A) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} t \\ 2t \\ t \end{pmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \left\{ t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

So a basis for $E_5(A)$ is $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$.

Thus $\lambda=5$ has geometric multiplicity 1.

(iii)

λ	algebraic multiplicity	geometric multiplicity
3	2	2
5	1	1

- (iv) Since the algebraic and geometric multiplicities of each eigenvalue are equal we get a basis of eigenvectors to diagonalize A .

$$\text{Let } P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\lambda=3}$ $\uparrow_{\lambda=5}$ $\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\lambda=3}$ $\uparrow_{\lambda=5}$
 eigenvectors

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

(2) $E_\lambda(A) = \{ \vec{x} \mid A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x} \text{ and } \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \}$

• Note that $A\vec{0} = \vec{0} = \lambda \cdot \vec{0}$, thus, $\vec{0}$ is in $E_\lambda(A)$.

• Suppose that \vec{x}_1 and \vec{x}_2 are in $E_\lambda(A)$.
 Then by the definition of $E_\lambda(A)$ we know that $A\vec{x}_1 = \lambda\vec{x}_1$ and $A\vec{x}_2 = \lambda\vec{x}_2$.
 Since $A\vec{0} = \lambda\vec{0}$.

Thus, $A(\vec{x}_1 + \vec{x}_2) = A\vec{x}_1 + A\vec{x}_2 = \lambda\vec{x}_1 + \lambda\vec{x}_2 = \lambda(\vec{x}_1 + \vec{x}_2)$.

Since $A(\vec{x}_1 + \vec{x}_2) = \lambda(\vec{x}_1 + \vec{x}_2)$ we know that

• $\vec{x}_1 + \vec{x}_2$ is in $E_\lambda(A)$.

• Let \vec{x} be in $E_\lambda(A)$ and c be in \mathbb{R} .
 Then $A(c\vec{x}) = \lambda(c\vec{x})$ since \vec{x} is in $E_\lambda(A)$.

Multiplying by c gives $c(A\vec{x}) + c(\lambda\vec{x})$,

○ Thus, $A(c\vec{x}) = \lambda(c\vec{x})$,

So, $c\vec{x}$ is in $E_\lambda(A)$.

Thus, $E_\lambda(A)$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n .

③ Since λ is an eigenvalue of A with corresponding eigenvector \vec{x} we have that $A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x}$,

Multiplying both sides by A gives

○ $A^2\vec{x} = A(\lambda\vec{x})$
 $= \lambda(A\vec{x}) = \lambda(\lambda\vec{x}) = \lambda^2\vec{x}$.

So, $A^2\vec{x} = \lambda^2\vec{x}$

Multiplying this equation by A gives

$$A^3\vec{x} = A(\lambda^2\vec{x})$$
$$= \lambda^2(A\vec{x}) = \lambda^2(\lambda\vec{x}) = \lambda^3\vec{x}$$

So, $A^3\vec{x} = \lambda^3\vec{x}$

○ Carrying on in this fashion gives

$$A^n\vec{x} = \lambda^n\vec{x} \text{ for all } n=1,2,3,4,\dots$$