

Warm Up & Review

Let $V = \mathbb{R}^2$, $B_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ and $B_2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$.

Let $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be the linear map defined by $T \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x+3y \\ 3x+y \end{pmatrix}$.

- Find T with respect to B_1, B_1 .
- Find T with respect to B_2, B_2 .
- Find the COB matrix from B_2 to B_1 (Hint: this is the easy one). Call it P .
- Find P^{-1} (COB matrix from B_1 to B_2).
- Find $P[T]_{B_2, B_2} P^{-1}$. What do you get?

Solutions: a) $[T]_{B_1, B_1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

b) $[T]_{B_2, B_2} = \begin{pmatrix} T(1,1)_{B_2} & T(1,-1)_{B_2} \\ T(-1,-1)_{B_2} & T(-1,-1)_{B_2} \end{pmatrix}$ $T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = 4 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + 0 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$
 $T \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = -2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - 2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$
 $= \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$

c) $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

d) $P^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$

e) $P[T]_{B_2, B_2} P^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$
 $= \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} = [T]_{B_2, B_2}$

Def: Let A, B be two $n \times n$ matrices. A is similar to B if $A = PBP^{-1}$ for some invertible $n \times n$ matrix P .

→ Note from Ex: if $T: V \rightarrow V$ is a linear operator & B_1, B_2 are two bases for V , then $[T]_{B_1, B_1}$ is similar to $[T]_{B_2, B_2}$ via the COB matrix, P .

Facts

* A is similar to itself (How? → $A = I_n A I_n^{-1}$). reflexive property

* If A is similar to B , B is similar to A . (How? → $A = PBP^{-1}$ so $B = P^{-1}AP = (P^{-1})A(P^{-1})^{-1}$). symmetric property

* If A is similar to B and B is similar to C , then A is similar to C . (How? $A = PBP^{-1}$ $B = QCQ^{-1}$
 $A = P(QCQ^{-1})P^{-1} = (PQ)C(QP)^{-1}$). transitive property

∴ Similarity of matrices = equivalence relation → can be broken into equivalence classes

Facts about Eigenvalues & Eigenvectors $A \in M_{n \times n}$

- ① If A is triangular or diagonal, the eigenvalues are the diagonal entries.
- ② $\det(A) =$ product of eigenvalues of A with multiplicity
- ③ $\text{trace}(A) =$ sum of eigenvalues of A with multiplicity
↳ sum of diagonal entries of A
- ④ If A has n distinct eigenvalues, then the eigenvectors are linearly independent
- ⑤ Suppose A is invertible. Then
 - a) 0 is not an eigenvalue.
→ Because by ②, $\det(A) =$ product of eigenvalues and if A is invertible then $\det(A) \neq 0$.
 - b) If λ is an eigenvalue for A , then $\frac{1}{\lambda}$ is an eigenvalue of A^{-1}
→ Because $Av = \lambda v$ for some $v \neq 0$
So $A^{-1}(Av) = A^{-1}(\lambda v) \Rightarrow v = \lambda A^{-1}v \Rightarrow A^{-1}v = \frac{1}{\lambda}v$.
- ⑥ If λ is an eigenvalue of A , then λ^k is an eigenvalue of A^k .
→ Because $Av = \lambda v$ So $A^k v = A^{k-1}(Av)$
 $= A^{k-1}(\lambda v) = \lambda(A^{k-2}(Av))$
 $= \lambda^2(A^{k-2}v) \dots = \lambda^{k-1}(Av)$
 $= \lambda^k v$.
- ⑦ If A is similar to B ($A = PBP^{-1}$) and λ is an eigenvalue for A with eigenvector v , then λ is an eigenvalue for B with eigenvector $P^{-1}v$
→ Because $Av = \lambda v \Rightarrow (PBP^{-1})v = \lambda v$
 $\Rightarrow B(P^{-1}v) = P^{-1}(\lambda v) = \lambda(P^{-1}v)$

Prop: Similar matrices have equal characteristic polynomials.

Proof: Suppose A and B are similar matrices $\Rightarrow A = PBP^{-1}$. for some inv. P

Then the characteristic polynomial of A is

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \det(PBP^{-1} - \lambda I)$$

$$= \det(PBP^{-1} - \lambda PIP^{-1}) \quad (\text{Why?})$$

$$= \det(P(B - \lambda I)P^{-1})$$

$$= \det(P) \det(B - \lambda I) \det(P^{-1}) \quad \rightarrow = \frac{1}{\det(P)} \cdot \det(P) \quad \begin{matrix} \#s \text{ so mult.} \\ \text{is commut.} \end{matrix}$$

$$= \det(B - \lambda I) \quad \text{which is the char. poly. of } B \quad \square$$

Def: An $n \times n$ matrix is diagonalizable if it is similar to a diagonal matrix. $\begin{pmatrix} \lambda & & 0 \\ & \lambda & \\ 0 & & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$