

# LECTURE 20: B-MATRICES

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**Today:** Let's start with a topic that has nothing to do with eigenvectors!

## I- RECAP: MATRIX OF A LINEAR TRANSFORMATION

**Example:** Find the ( $\mathcal{B}$ -) matrix of  $T \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}}_A \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$

where  $\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  (Basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ )

$$A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{matrix} \swarrow \mathcal{B} & \searrow \mathcal{B} \\ \underline{1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \underline{3} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} & \dashrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$A \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \underline{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \underline{4} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \dashrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Answer:  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  " $\mathcal{B}$ -matrix of  $A$ "

**General Strategy:** To find the  $\mathcal{B}$ -matrix of  $A$

1. For every  $b$  in  $\mathcal{B}$ , calculate  $Ab$
2. Write the result in terms of  $\mathcal{B}$

## II- B-MATRIX

**Example:** Find the  $B$ -matrix of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  where

$$B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad (\text{given})$$

$$A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \underline{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \underline{0} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

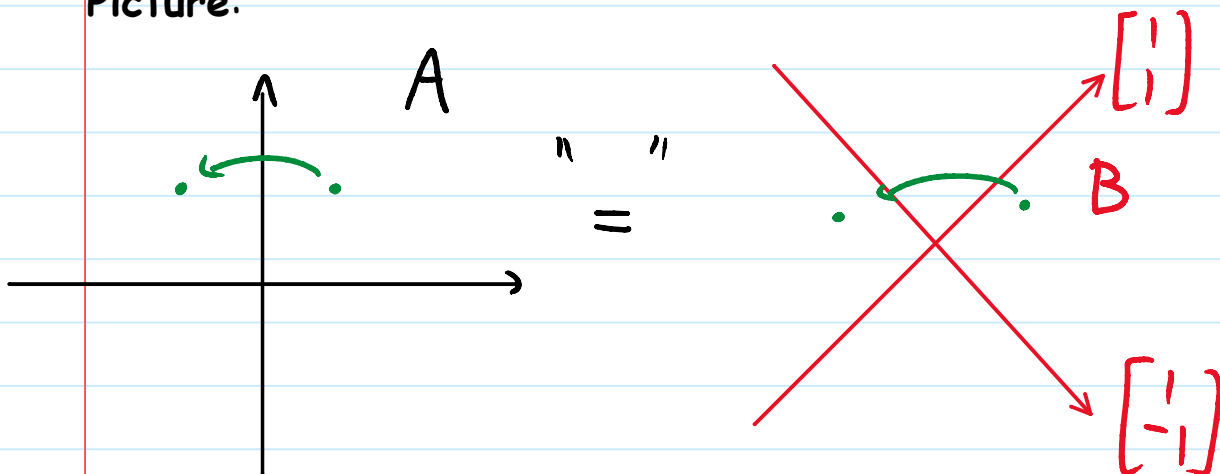
$$A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \underline{1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \underline{1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Interpretation:**

$B$  "="  $A$ , but in the new coordinates  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

**Picture:**



**Example:** Find the  $\mathcal{B}$ -matrix of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$A \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solve: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & -1 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow a = 1, b = -2$$

Says:

$$A \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \underline{1} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + \underline{(-2)} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & -1 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 & 5 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**SAME MATRIX!** (call it P)

**Answer:**  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

**Faster Way:** Since you're doing the same row-reduction anyway,

$$[P \mid AP] = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 3 & -1 & 5 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 5 \end{array} \right] \longrightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 \end{array} \right] = [I \mid B]$$

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

**Example:**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$AP = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 9 \\ 2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[P \mid AP] = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 5 & 2 & 9 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 & 7 \end{array} \right] \longrightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \end{array} \right] = [I \mid B]$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Notice:** To construct B, you first calculate AP and then do  $P^{-1}$  of that, so in fact:

$$B = P^{-1} AP \Rightarrow A = PBP^{-1}$$

$\Rightarrow$  **Fact:** A is always similar to its B-matrix!

Which leads me to the next topic...

### III- B-MATRIX AND EIGENVECTORS

What does that have to do with eigenvectors?

**Example:**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 2 \\ -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

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

$$A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 2 \\ -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} = \underline{5} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + \underline{0} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 2 \\ -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix} = \underline{0} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + \underline{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

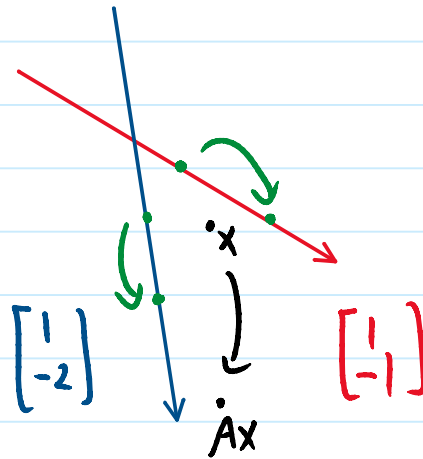
$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ DIAGONAL!!!}$$

Coincidence??? I think not!

Notice:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$  are eigenvectors of  $A$  !!!

=> **FACT:** If  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis of eigenvectors of  $A$ , then  $B$  is diagonal!

Interpretation:



If your new axes are  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$  then  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

That is,  $A$  stretches vectors on the  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  axis by 5

And stretches vectors on the  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$  axis by 3

And for any other vector,  $A$  does a mix of the two

(This gives us a **complete** characterization of what  $A$  does geometrically! WOW!)

**Example:** Find a basis  $\mathcal{B}$  for which  $B$  is diagonal, where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

### Eigenvalues:

$$|\lambda I - A| = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda-5 & -4 \\ -4 & \lambda-5 \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda-5)^2 - 4^2 = (\lambda-5-4)(\lambda-5+4) = (1-9)(1-1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 1, 9$$

### Eigenvectors:

$$\underline{\lambda = 1} \text{ ----} \rightarrow \text{Nul} \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -4 \\ -4 & -4 \end{bmatrix} = \text{Nul} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\underline{\lambda = 9} \text{ ----} \rightarrow \text{Nul} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -4 \\ -4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \text{Nul} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

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

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

### III- APPLICATION 1: $\sqrt{A}$

This ends all the dry theory from Chapter 5, and for the next couple of lectures, we'll just do fun applications, so you can really see **WHY** diagonalization is so useful!

**Note:** All the applications are just based on the following observation:

If  $A = PDP^{-1}$ , then

$A^2 = AA = PDP^{-1}PDP^{-1} = PD^2P^{-1}$ , and generally

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

Moreover, if, say,  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  then  $D^n = \begin{bmatrix} 2^n & 0 \\ 0 & 3^n \end{bmatrix}$

**Point:** D is easy to calculate, and hence A is easy to calculate!

**Example:** Find  $\sqrt{\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}}$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find D and P:

$$\lambda = 1 \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \lambda = 9 \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = PDP^{-1}$$

$$\sqrt{A} = P \sqrt{D} P^{-1}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{1} & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{9} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

And in fact:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = A !!! \text{ (WOW)}$$

Note: In the same way, can define  $e^A$ ,  $\sin(A)$ , and even  $A^B$  (see YouTube)

More applications next time!