

# Eigenvectors and Diagonalization

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## Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues (1.3)

$\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  is an eigenvalue of  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  if

$$\chi(\lambda) = \det(\lambda I - A) = 0.$$

eigenvalues are points when the RESOLVENT is undefined

$v \in \mathbb{C}^n$  such that  $(\lambda I - A)v = 0$ .

$$\lambda v = Av$$

any such  $v$  is called a RIGHT EIGENVECTOR of  $A$   
corresponding to eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .



## Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues (2.3)

$w \in \mathbb{C}^n$  such that  $w^T(\lambda I - A) = 0$

$$w^T A = \lambda w^T$$

such a  $w$  is a LEFT EIGENVECTOR of  $A$  corresponding to frequency  $\lambda$ .

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

$$v \in \mathbb{C}^n \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$\bar{v} \in \mathbb{C}^n \quad \bar{\lambda} \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$\lambda, v, w \in \mathbb{C}^{(n)}$$

$$[\lambda v = Av]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\lambda} \bar{v} &= \bar{\lambda} \bar{v} \\ A \bar{v} &= \bar{\lambda} \bar{v} \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{v}, v^*, v^{**}$$

MATHS ↗



## Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues (3.3)

$$Av = \lambda v \quad \dot{x} = Ax \quad x_0 = v$$

$$\dot{x} = Ax = Av = \lambda v$$

$$\dot{x} = \lambda v$$

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## Scaling Interpretation (1.2)

$\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$   $\lambda > 0$   $v, \lambda v$  point in same direction

$\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$   $\lambda < 0$   $v, \lambda v$  point in opposite directions

$\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$   $|\lambda| < 1$   $\lambda v < v$  → shrinking down

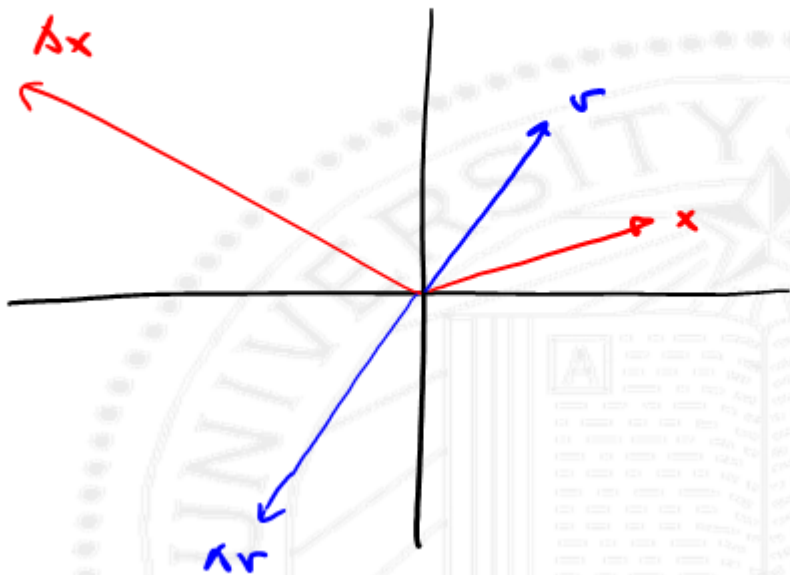
$\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$   $|\lambda| > 1$   $\lambda v > v$  → stretching up

$\lambda v$  growing with  $t$ .

$\lambda v$  going towards 0.



## Scaling Interpretation (2.2)



## Dynamic Interpretation (1.2)

$x(t) = e^{\lambda t} v$  "mode" of the system

$$Av = \lambda v \quad v \neq 0.$$

$$\dot{x} = Ax \quad x(0) = v \quad \boxed{x(t) = e^{\lambda t} v}$$

$$x(t) = e^{At} v = \left[ I + At + \frac{A^2 t^2}{2!} + \dots \right] v$$

$$= v + Av t + A(Av) \frac{t^2}{2} + \dots$$

$$= v + \lambda v t + \frac{\lambda^2 t^2}{2!} v + \dots = e^{\lambda t} v.$$





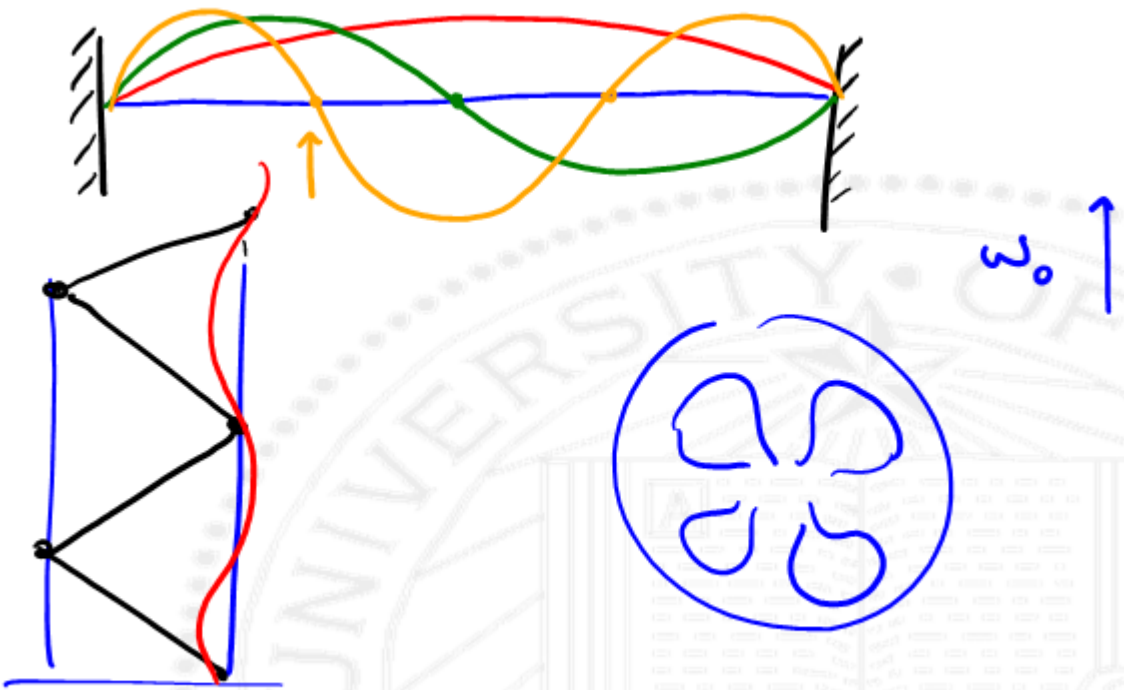
## Dynamic Interpretation (2.2)

$$x(t) = e^{\lambda t} v \quad \leftarrow \text{system mode}$$

if the initial state  $x(0) = v$  resulting motion is always on a line spanned by  $v$

$x(t) = e^{\lambda t} v$  is mode associated w/  $\lambda_i$



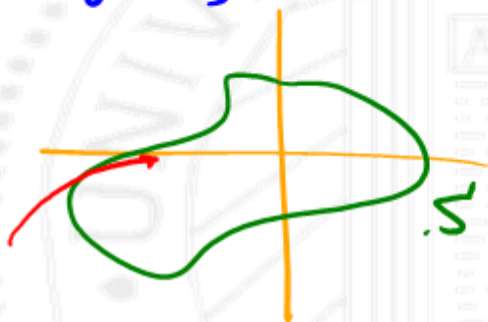


## Invariant Sets (1.3)

a set  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  invariant under  $\dot{x} = Ax$

if whenever  $x(0) \in S \Rightarrow x(t) \in S \forall t > 0$ .

Once a trajectory enters  $S$  it remains in  $S$ .



## Invariant Sets (2.3)

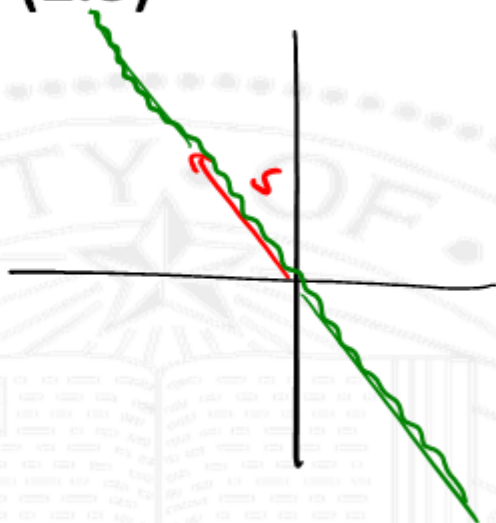
Vector Field Interpretation

$$Av = \nu \lambda \quad \nu \neq 0 \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

line  $\{t\nu \mid t \in \mathbb{R}\}$  is INVARIANT

$\lambda < 0$  line segment

$\{t\nu \mid 0 \leq t < a\}$  invariant

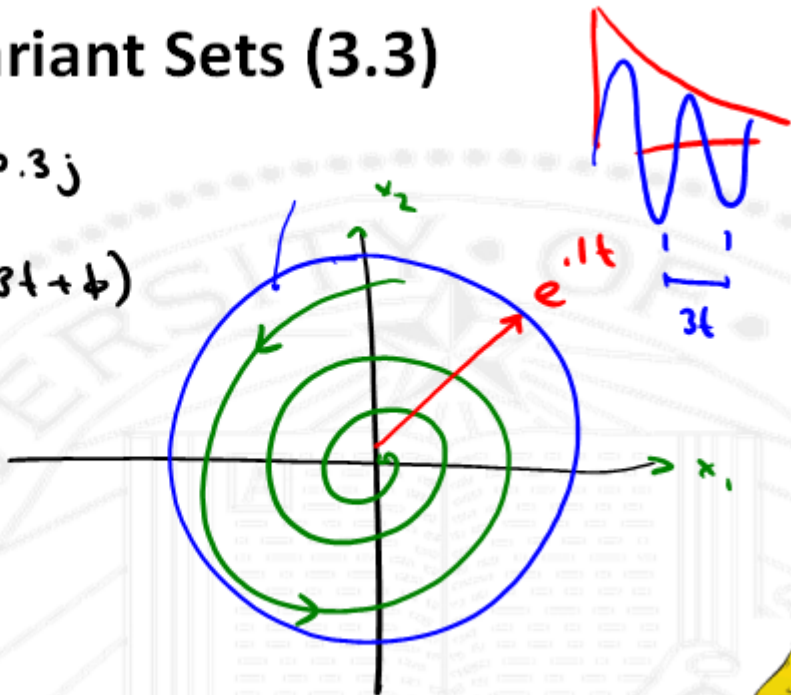


# Invariant Sets (3.3)

$$\dot{x} = Ax$$

$$\lambda = -0.1 \pm 0.3j$$

$$e^{0.1t} \cos(3t + \phi)$$



# Complex Eigenvectors (1.2)

$$Av = \lambda v \quad v \neq 0 \quad \lambda \text{ complex}$$

for  $a \in \mathbb{C}$  (complex trajectory)  $\frac{ae^{\lambda t}}{v}$  satisfies  $\dot{x} = Ax$   
 complex, oscillatory behavior

$$x(t) = \operatorname{Re}(ae^{\lambda t} v)$$

$$e^{\lambda t} = e^{\sigma t} [\cos \omega t + j \sin \omega t]$$

$$x(t) = e^{\sigma t} \begin{bmatrix} v_{\text{real}} & v_{\text{imag}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \omega t & \sin \omega t \\ -\sin \omega t & \cos \omega t \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}$$

describes a plane  
in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

rotation  
matrix

constants



## Complex Eigenvectors (2.2)

$$v = v_{\text{real}} + jv_{\text{imag}}$$

$$\lambda = \sigma + j\omega$$

$$a = \alpha - j\beta$$

trajectory stays in an invariant plane span  $\{v_{\text{real}}, v_{\text{imag}}\}$

$\sigma$  gives logarithmic growth/decay

$\omega$  gives the angular velocity of rotation in the plane.



## Dynamic Interpretation: Left Eigenvectors (1.2)

$$\omega^T A = \lambda \omega^T \quad \omega \neq 0 \quad \omega^T x(t) \leftarrow \text{scalar function of time.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}(\omega^T x) &= \omega^T \dot{x} = \omega^T A x & \dot{x} &= \lambda x \\ &= \lambda \omega^T x = \underline{\lambda (\omega^T x)}. \end{aligned}$$

$\omega^T x$  satisfies a D.E.  $\frac{d}{dt}(\omega^T x) = \lambda(\omega^T x)$

$$\omega^T x(t) = e^{\lambda t} \omega^T x(0)$$

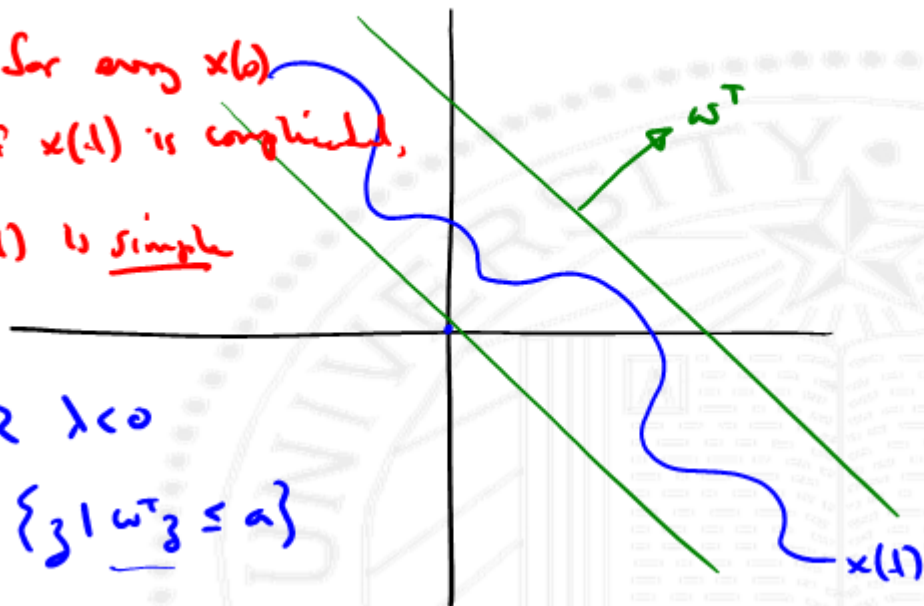
$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = \lambda x \\ x(0) = x_0 \end{cases}$$





## Dynamic Interpretation: Left Eigenvectors (2.2)

holds for every  $x(t)$   
even if  $x(t)$  is complicated,  
 $w^T x(t)$  is simple



$$\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \quad \lambda < 0$$

$$\{z \mid \underline{w^T z} = a\}$$



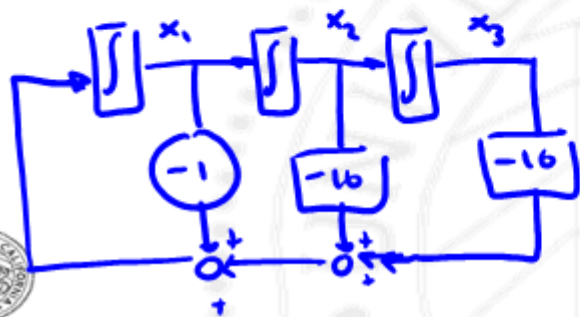
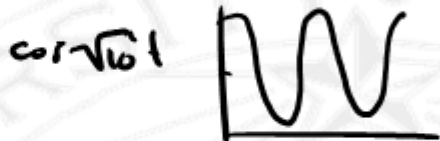
# Eigenvector Summary

- Right eigenvectors are initial conditions such that the resulting motion of  $\dot{x} = Ax$  is very simple.
- Left eigenvectors give linear functions of the state that are simple for all  $x(0)$ .



# Eigenvalue/vector example (1.4)

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -10 & -10 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x$$



$$\lambda = -1, \pm j\sqrt{10}$$



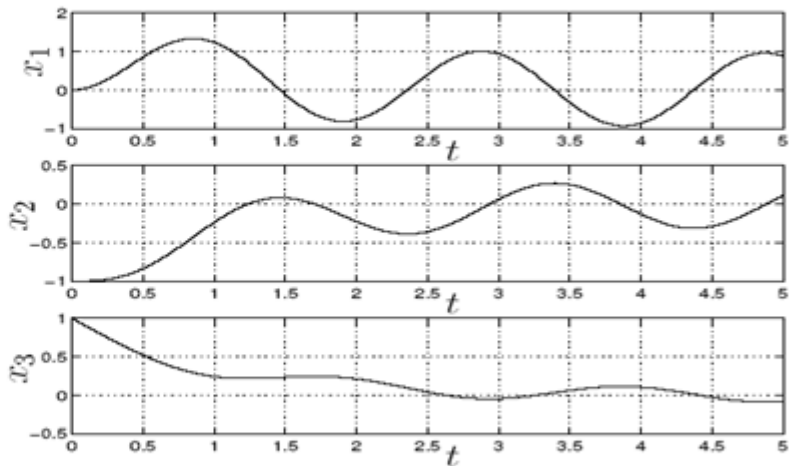
# Eigenvalue/vector example (2.4)

$$x(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$e^{-t}$$

$$\cos(\sqrt{0.1}t)$$

$$\lambda = -1 \quad w = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

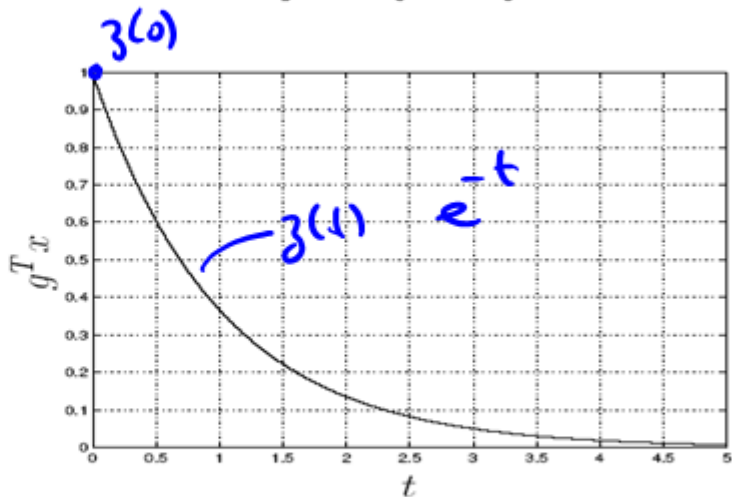


# Eigenvalue/vector example (3.4)

$$z(t) = [0.1 \ 0 \ 1] x(t)$$

$$z(0) = 0.1 x_{1,0} + 0 x_{2,0} + 1 x_{3,0}$$

$z(t)$

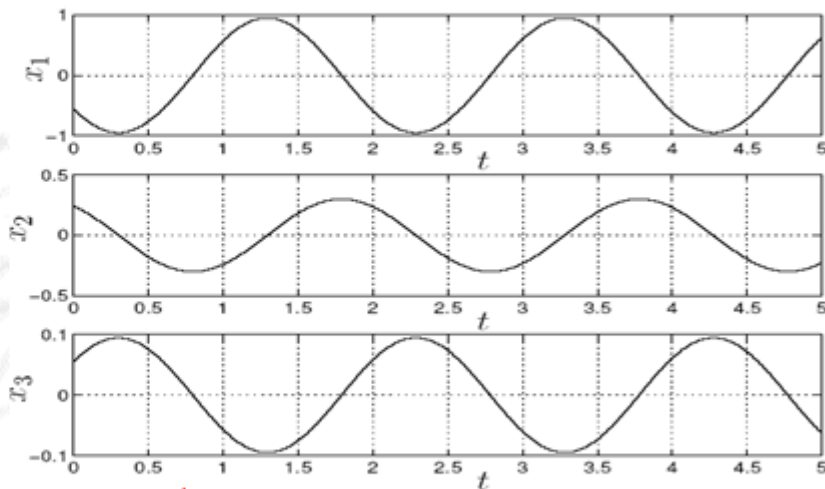


# Eigenvalue/vector example (4.4)

$$\lambda = j\sqrt{6}$$

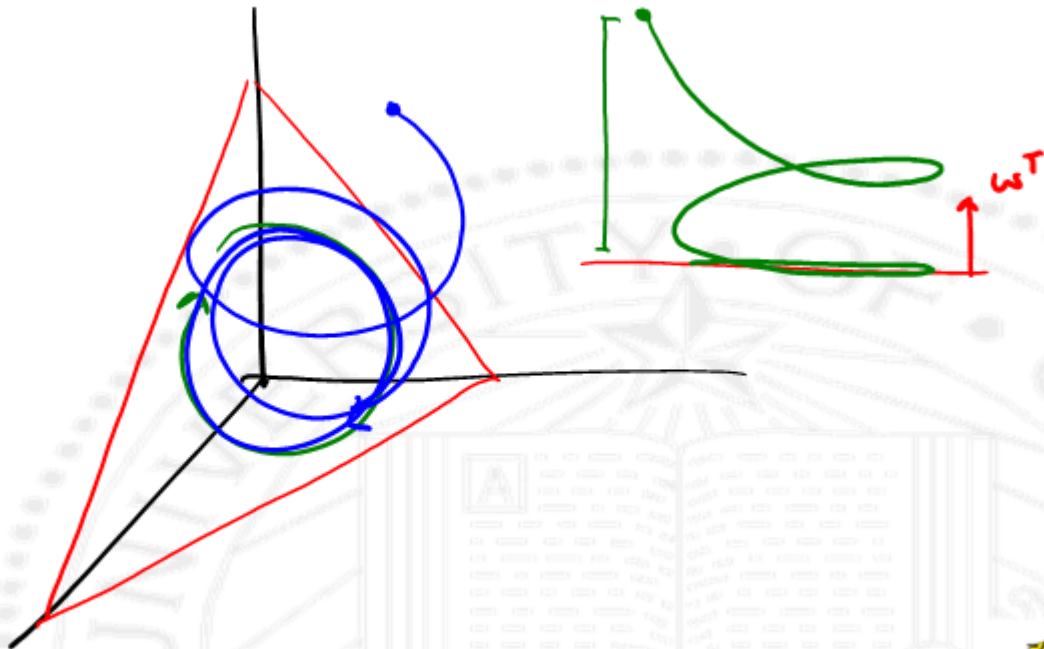
$$v = \begin{bmatrix} 0.559 + j0.771 \\ 0.244 + j0.175 \\ 0.055 - j0.077 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v_{\text{real}} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.559 \\ 0.244 \\ 0.055 \end{bmatrix} \quad v_{\text{imag}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.771 \\ 0.175 \\ 0.077 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$x(t) = v_{\text{real}} \cos(\omega t) + v_{\text{imag}} \sin(\omega t)$$





## Example: Markov Chain (1.3)

$$p(t+1) = P p(t)$$

$$P_i(t) = \text{prob}(z(t) = i) \quad \text{so:} \quad \sum_{i=1}^n P_i(t) = 1.$$

$$P_{ij} \triangleq \text{prob}(z(t+1) = i \mid z(t) = j) \quad \text{so:} \quad \sum_{i=1}^n P_{ij} = 1.$$

$$\underbrace{[1 \ 1 \ \dots \ 1]}_{w^T = \mathbf{1}^T} P = [1 \ 1 \ \dots \ 1] \quad \text{det}(\lambda I - P) = 0.$$

$\lambda = 1$

$$Pv = v \quad v \neq 0.$$





## Example: Markov Chain (2.3)

choose to normalize  $v$ :  $\sum_{i=1}^n v_i = 1$

what is  $v$ ?  $\lambda = 1$ .

$$P(0) = v$$

$$P_r = v$$

$$P(t+1) = v$$

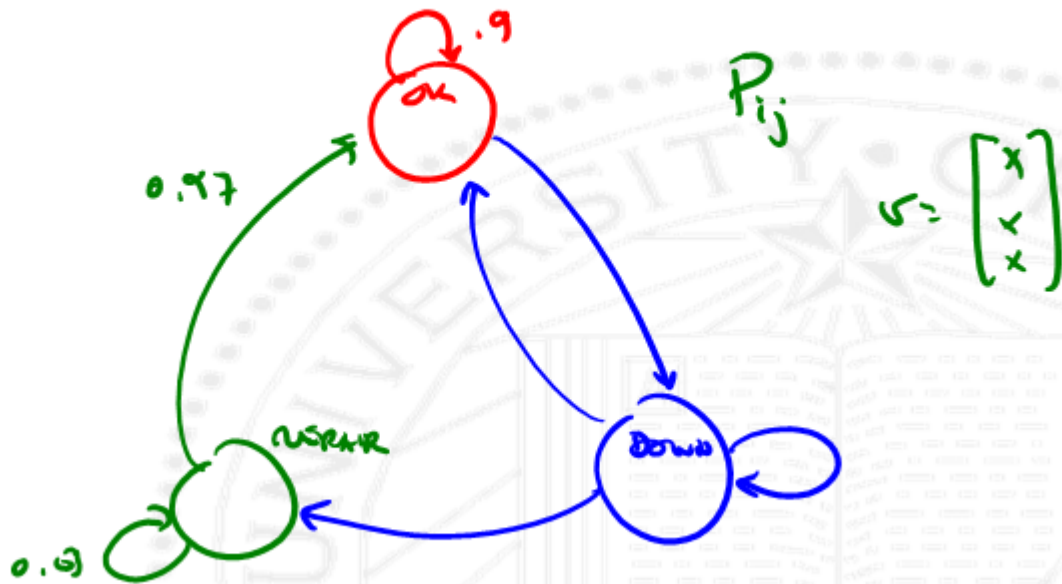
if  $v$  is unique

STeady STATE DISTRIBUTION  
of the MARKOV CHAIN

$v$  - equilibrium distribution



# Example: Markov Chain (3.3)



## Diagonalization (1.3)

$v_1 \dots v_n$  linearly independent (right) eigenvectors of  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

$$Av_i = \lambda_i v_i \quad i = 1 \dots n$$

$$A \underbrace{[v_1 \dots v_n]}_T = \underbrace{[v_1 \dots v_n]}_T \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}}_\Lambda$$

$$T^{-1}AT = T^{-1}T\Lambda$$

$$\boxed{T^{-1}AT = \Lambda}$$



## ~~Example: Markov Chain (1.4)~~

$$\bar{T}' T = \sum_{i=1}^j \omega_i^T v_j = I$$

$$T = [v_1 \dots v_n]$$

$$\bar{T}' = \begin{bmatrix} \omega_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \omega_n^T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T \bar{T}' = \sum_{i=1}^j v_i \omega_i^T = I$$

diad, rank 1 matrix



## Diagonalization (2.3)

Call  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  "diagonalizable"

- There exists a  $T$  such that  $T^{-1}AT = \Lambda$   
is diagonal
- $A$  has a set of linearly independent eigenvectors  
 $T \triangleq [v_1 \dots v_n]$

$A \neq \Lambda$  "K" defective



## Diagonalization (3.3)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\chi(s) = s^2 \quad \lambda = (0, 0)$$

$$Av = 0v$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

all eigenvectors when  $v = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$   $v \neq 0$ .

$A$  is defective or not diagonalizable cannot make

$v_1, v_2$  independent



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

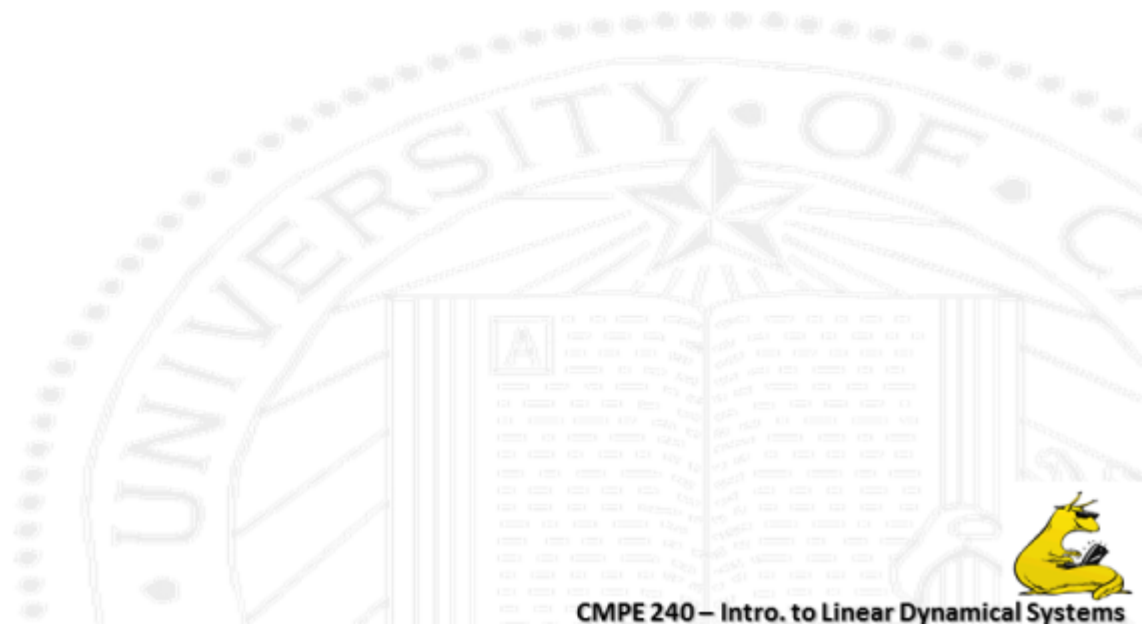
$$X(s) = \frac{1}{(s-1)^3} \quad \lambda = (1, 1, 1)$$

$$Av = \lambda v \rightarrow Iv = \lambda v \rightarrow \boxed{v = v}$$

all  $v$  are valid eigenvectors.



# Not all matrices are diagonalizable





# Distinct Eigenvalues

FACT: if  $A$  has distinct eigenvalues

$$\lambda_i \neq \lambda_j \quad \forall i \neq j$$

then  $A$  is ALWAYS diagonally  $sl$



## Diagonalization and Left Eigenvectors (1.2)

$$\bar{T}^{-1} A \bar{T}^{-1} = \Lambda \bar{T}^{-1}$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} w_1^T \\ \vdots \\ w_n^T \end{bmatrix} A = \Lambda \begin{bmatrix} w_1^T \\ \vdots \\ w_n^T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$1 \quad i=j$$

$$0 \quad i \neq j$$

$$w_i^T v_j = \delta_{ij}$$

$w_1^T \dots w_n^T$  are rows of  $\bar{T}^{-1}$

$$w_i^T A = \lambda_i w_i^T$$

rows of  $\bar{T}^{-1}$  are the linearly independent LEFT EIGENVECTORS of  $A$ .



## Diagonalization and Left Eigenvectors (2.2)

$\underbrace{[v_1 \dots v_n]}_T$   $\leftarrow$  right eigenvectors

$$\underline{w_i^T v_j = \delta_{ij}} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 \text{ if } i=j \\ 0 \text{ otherwise} \end{array} \right.$$

$\left[ \begin{array}{c} w_1^T \\ \vdots \\ w_n^T \end{array} \right]_T$   $\leftarrow$  left eigenvectors

BI-ORTHOGONALITY



$A = [a_1 \dots a_n] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  square, non-singular

$$\tilde{A}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1^T \\ \vdots \\ b_n^T \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow b_i^T a_j = \delta_{ij}$$

$$x = A \tilde{A}^{-1} x = [a_1 \dots a_n] \begin{bmatrix} b_1^T \\ \vdots \\ b_n^T \end{bmatrix} x = (b_1^T x) a_1 + \dots + (b_n^T x) a_n$$

$$x = \tilde{A}^{-1} b x = \begin{bmatrix} b_1^T \\ \vdots \\ b_n^T \end{bmatrix} [a_1 \dots a_n] x = \begin{bmatrix} (a_1 x) b_1^T \\ \vdots \\ (a_n x) b_n^T \end{bmatrix}$$



## Modal Form (1.3)

Suppose  $A$  is diagonalizable by  $T$

define a new set of coordinates  $x = T\tilde{x}$

$$\dot{x} = Ax \rightarrow (T\dot{\tilde{x}}) = AT\tilde{x} \rightarrow T^{-1}T\dot{\tilde{x}} = T^{-1}AT\tilde{x}$$

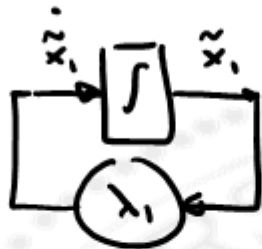
$$\dot{\tilde{x}} = T^{-1}AT\tilde{x}$$

$$\dot{\tilde{x}} = \Lambda\tilde{x}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{array} \right]$$



## Modal Form (2.3)



$n$  independent modes

$$\tilde{x}_i(t) = e^{\lambda_i t} \tilde{x}_i(0)$$



MODAL FORM



## Modal Form (3.3)

$$\dot{x} = Ax \quad T^{-1}AT = \Lambda$$

$$x(t) = e^{At} x(0)$$

$$e^{At} = T e^{\Lambda t} T^{-1}$$

$$= T e^{\Lambda t} T^{-1} x(0)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n e^{\lambda_i t} (w_i^T x(0)) v_i$$

reconstitute state from its modal responses.



$$x(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n e^{\lambda_i t} (\omega_i^T x(0)) v_i$$

$v_i$  ← "modes" or "mode shapes" of the system

$\omega_i^T$  ← left eigenvectors decompose  $x(0)$  into  
modal coordinates

$e^{\lambda_i t}$  propagates the  $i$ th mode.





## Real Modal Form (1.3)

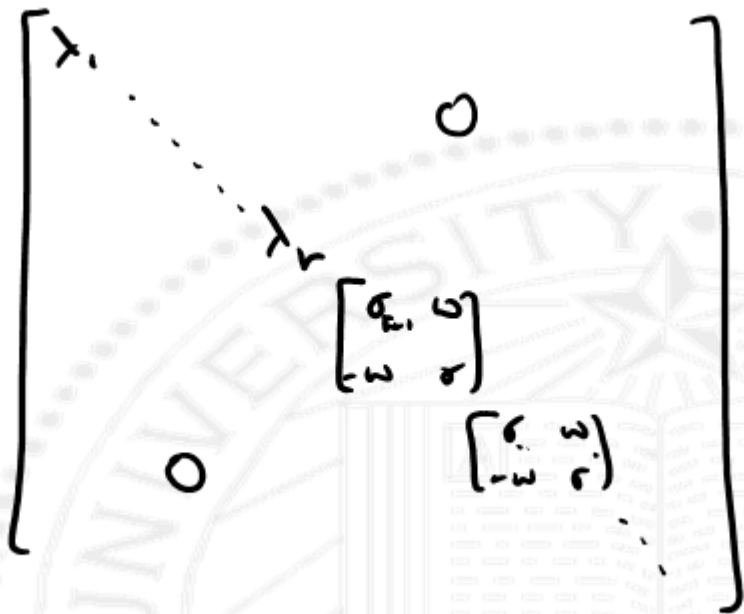
When eigenvalues of  $A$  are complex, then  $T$  is also complex.

$$\tilde{S}^{-1}AS = \text{diag}(\lambda_r, \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{r+1} & \omega_{r+1} \\ -\omega_{r+1} & \sigma_{r+1} \end{bmatrix}, \dots, \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_n & \omega_n \\ -\omega_n & \sigma_n \end{bmatrix})$$

$$\det(sI - \begin{bmatrix} \sigma & \omega \\ -\omega & \sigma \end{bmatrix}) = 0 \rightarrow (\lambda - \sigma)^2 + \omega^2 \rightarrow \lambda_i = \sigma \pm j\omega$$

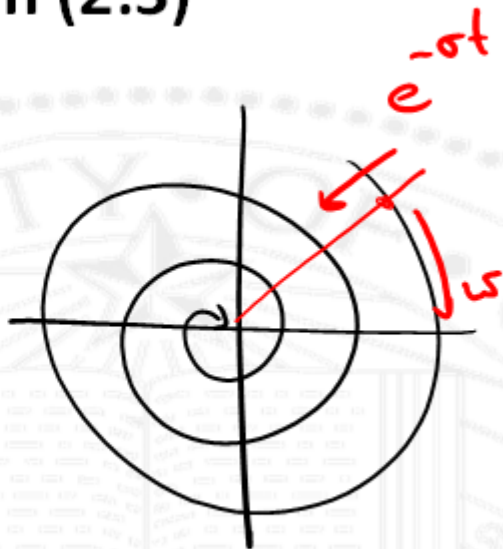
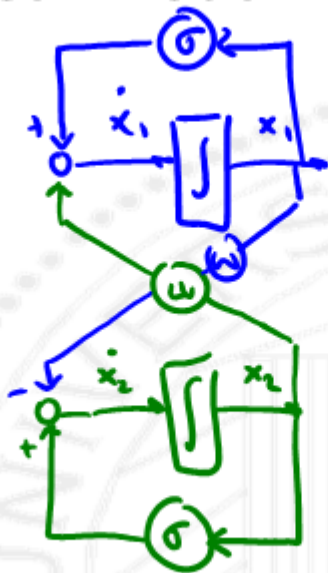


$$\tilde{S}^{-1}AS =$$



## Real Modal Form (2.3)

$$\dot{x} = Ax$$



# Real Modal Form (3.3) $(ABC) = \bar{c}' \bar{b}' \bar{a}'$

$$\bar{t}' \Lambda T = \Omega \quad \therefore \quad \Lambda = T \Omega \bar{t}'$$

$$\text{resolvent: } (sI - \Lambda)^{-1} = (sI - T \Omega \bar{t}')^{-1} = \left[ s \hat{T} \bar{t}' - T \Omega \bar{t}' \right]^{-1}$$

$$= \left[ T (sI - \Omega) \bar{t}' \right]^{-1}$$

$$= T [sI - \Omega]^{-1} \bar{t}'$$

$$= [s\bar{c} - \Lambda]^{-1}$$



$$[sI - \bar{A}]^{-1} = T (\Lambda I - \Lambda) T^{-1}$$

$$= T \begin{pmatrix} (s - \lambda_1) & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & (s - \lambda_n) \end{pmatrix}^{-1} T^{-1}$$

$$= T \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{s - \lambda_1} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \frac{1}{s - \lambda_n} \end{pmatrix} T^{-1}$$

$$= T \operatorname{diag} \left( \frac{1}{s - \lambda_1}, \dots, \frac{1}{s - \lambda_n} \right) T^{-1}$$



## Solution via Diagonalization (1.3)

$$A^k = (T\Lambda T^{-1})^k = (T\Lambda T^{-1})(T\Lambda T^{-1}) \dots (T\Lambda T^{-1}) \\ = T \underbrace{\Lambda T^{-1} T}_{\Lambda} \underbrace{T^{-1} T}_{\Lambda} \dots \Lambda T^{-1}$$

$$= T \Lambda^k T^{-1}$$

$$= T \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^k & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n^k \end{bmatrix} T^{-1}$$

if  $k < 0$ , this  
only works if  $A$  is  
invertible all  $\lambda_i \neq 0$ .



## Solution via Diagonalization (2.3)

$$e^A = I + A + \frac{A^2}{2!} + \frac{A^3}{3!} + \dots$$

$$A = T \Lambda T^{-1}$$

$$I = T T^{-1}$$

$$= T T^{-1} + T \Lambda T^{-1} + T \frac{\Lambda^2}{2!} T^{-1} + T \frac{\Lambda^3}{3!} T^{-1} + \dots$$

$$= T \left[ I + \Lambda + \frac{\Lambda^2}{2!} + \frac{\Lambda^3}{3!} + \dots \right] T^{-1} = T e^{\Lambda} T^{-1}$$

$$e^A = T \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & e^{\lambda_n} \end{bmatrix} T^{-1}$$



## Solution via Diagonalization (3.3)

Any function which is analytic (power series)

$$f(A) = T \begin{bmatrix} f(\lambda_1) & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & f(\lambda_n) \end{bmatrix} T^{-1}$$

Spectral  
mapping  
(Leibniz)

$$f(A) = \beta_0 I + \beta_1 A + \beta_2 A^2 + \dots + \beta_n A^n$$

$$f(a) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 a + \beta_2 a^2 + \dots + \beta_n a^n$$

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$





## Stability of Discrete-Time Systems (1.3)

for what  $x(0) \rightarrow x(t) = 0 \rightarrow t \rightarrow \infty$

$$\dot{x} = Ax \quad x(0) = \{0\} \rightarrow x(t) = 0 \quad \forall t.$$

$\text{Real}(\lambda_i) < 0 \dots \text{Real}(\lambda_s) < 0 \leftarrow$  STABLE EIGENVALUES

$[v_1 \dots v_s] \leftarrow$  stable eigenvectors

$\text{Real}(\lambda_{s+1}) \geq 0 \dots \text{Real}(\lambda_n) \geq 0 \leftarrow$  UNSTABLE EIGENVALUES

$[v_{s+1} \dots v_n] \leftarrow$  unstable eigenvectors



$$x(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n e^{\lambda_i t} \underbrace{(\omega_i^T x(0))}_{\text{initial condition}} v_i$$

$x(0) \in \text{span} \{v_1, \dots, v_s\} \leftarrow \text{STABLE SUBSPACE}$

$$\underbrace{\omega_i^T x(0)}_{\text{initial condition}} = 0 \quad \forall i = s+1, \dots, n$$



## Stability of Discrete-Time Systems (2.3)

Suppose  $A$  is diagonalizable  $\rightarrow x_{k+1} = Ax_k$

$$A = T \Lambda T^{-1}$$

$$A^k = T \Lambda^k T^{-1}$$

$$\Lambda^k = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^k & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n^k \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_k = A^k x(0) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^k (w_i^T x(0)) v_i$$

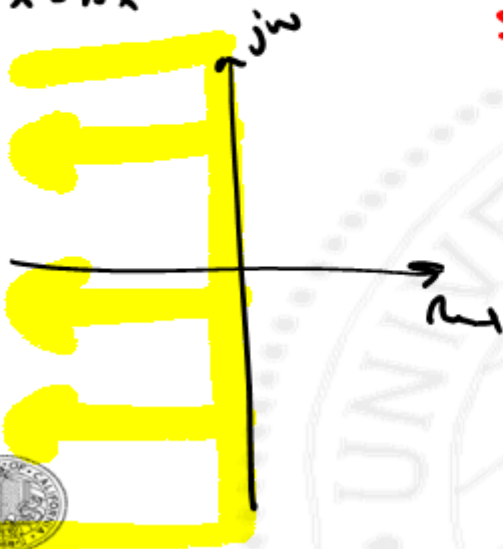
$$x_k \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as} \quad k \rightarrow \infty$$

$$|\lambda_i| < 1 \quad \forall i$$



# Stability of Discrete-Time Systems (3.3)

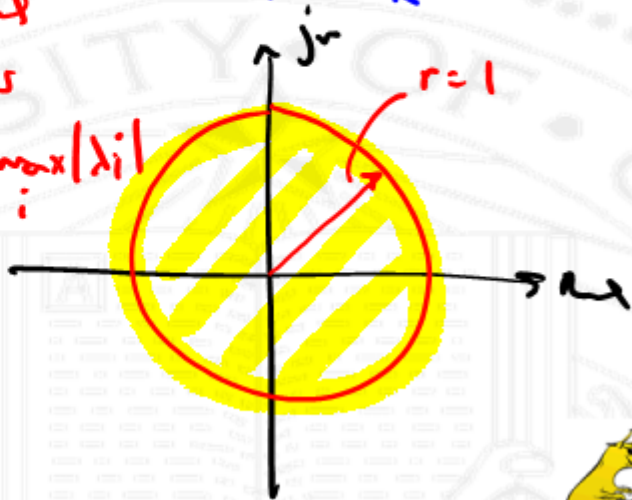
$$\dot{x} = Ax$$



Spectral  
radius

$$\rho(A) \triangleq \max_i |\lambda_i|$$

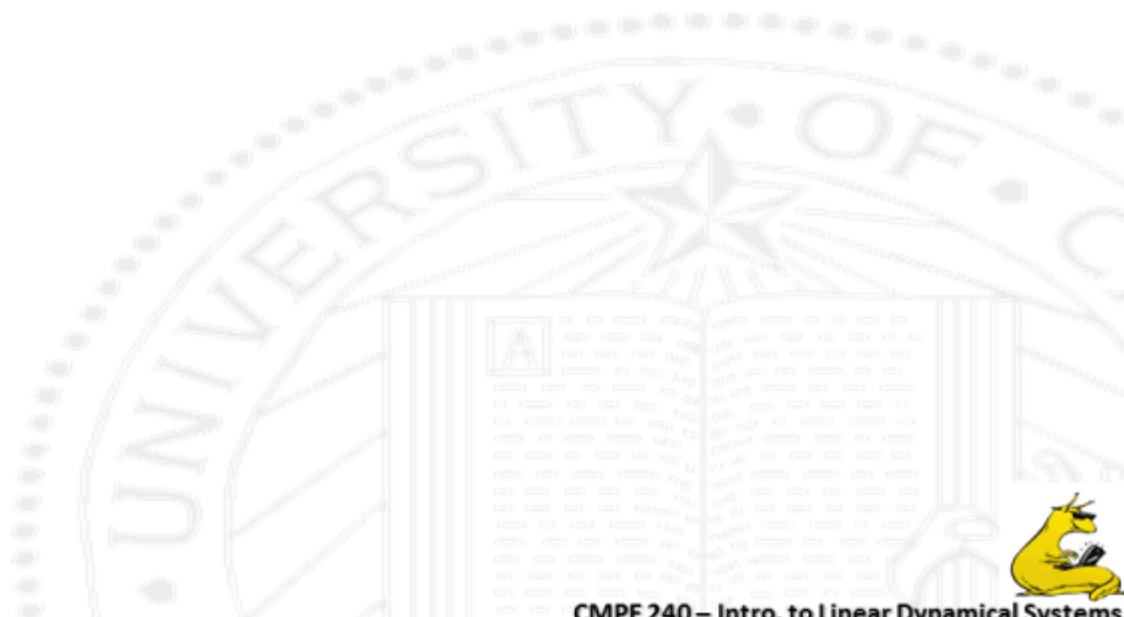
$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k$$





Questions?





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