

The Invariance Property

Theorem 3: (Invariance Property) If $B = P^{-1}AP$, then

$$\text{ch}_A(t) = \text{ch}_B(t),$$

$$E_A(\lambda) = PE_B(\lambda) := \{P\vec{v} : \vec{v} \in E_B(\lambda)\}.$$

In particular, we have

$$m_A(\lambda) = m_B(\lambda),$$

$$\nu_A(\lambda) = \nu_B(\lambda).$$

Example. Let $B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$, $P = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$,

$$\text{and } A = PBP^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Then: } E_B(2) \stackrel{\text{Th.2}}{=} \{c_1(1, 0)^t\} \oplus \{c_2(1)\}$$

$$= \{c_1(1, 0, 0)^t + c_2(0, 0, 1)^t\}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_A(2) \stackrel{\text{Th.3}}{=} \left\{ c_1 \underbrace{P(1, 0, 0)^t}_{\substack{1^{\text{st}} \text{ column} \\ \text{of } P}} + c_2 \underbrace{P(0, 0, 1)^t}_{\substack{3^{\text{rd}} \text{ column} \\ \text{of } P}} \right\}$$

$$= \{c_1(2, 1, 2)^t + c_2(1, 1, 1)^t\}.$$