

# Simple Eigenvalues

**Definition:** An eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of  $A$  is called **simple** if its **algebraic multiplicity**  $m_A(\lambda) = 1$ .

**Remark.** Clearly, each **simple** eigenvalue is **regular**.

**Theorem 10:** If  $A$  is **power convergent** and **1** is a **simple** eigenvalue of  $A$ , then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A^n = E_{10} = \frac{1}{\underbrace{\vec{u}^t \vec{v}}_{\text{scalar}}} \underbrace{\vec{u} \vec{v}^t}_{\text{matrix}},$$

where:

$\vec{u} \in E_A(1)$  is any non-zero **1**-eigenvector of  $A$ ,  
 $\vec{v} \in E_{A^t}(1)$  is any non-zero **1**-eigenvector of  $A^t$ .

**Remark.** Since  $\det(C^t) = \det(C)$  for any matrix  $C$ , it follows that

$$\text{ch}_{A^t}(t) = \text{ch}_A(t).$$

**Thus:**  $A$  and  $A^t$  have the same eigenvalues with the same algebraic multiplicities. (In fact,  $A$  and  $A^t$  are **similar**, so they even have the same **Jordan canonical form**.)