

PRACTICE PROBLEMS 1st MIDTERM.

-1) Let $A = (a_{jk})_{j,k=1,\dots,n}$ be an $n \times n$ matrix

Let $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ be its eigenvalues, i.e. the roots of the polynomial

$$P(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I_{n \times n}) = 0$$

Prove:

$$\textcircled{a} \det A = \prod_{j=1}^n \lambda_j$$

$$\textcircled{b} \text{Trace}(A) = a_{11} + \dots + a_{nn} = \lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_n$$

-2) Given $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ find V invertible

and D diagonal such that

$$A = V D V^{-1} \quad (\text{diagonalize } A).$$

-3) Given $A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 5 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

Ⓐ Find its eigenvalues

Ⓑ Is A diagonalizable? If yes, find V such that

$$A = V D V^{-1}$$

- 4) Let E be a vector space $\dim E = n$.
Let $T: E \rightarrow E$ be a linear map.

Prove that if $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k$ ($k \leq n$) are eigenvectors of T corresponding to distinct eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$, then $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k$ are linearly independent.

- 5) Given $A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$.

(a) Compute $B = (A - 5I)(A + 2I)$.

(b) Explain your answer.

- 6) For A as in problem 3

(a) Compute $B = (A - 3I)^2(A - 5I)$

(b) Explain your answer.

- 7) Find 2×2 matrices B_1, B_2 such that

$$B_1^2 = B_2^2 = A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{see problem 2})$$

- 8) Find a 2×2 matrix A whose eigenvalues are $\lambda_1 = 1$, $\lambda_2 = 4$ and the corresponding eigenvectors are $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

-9) Let $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be defined by

$$T \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2x + y - 2z \\ 2x + 3y - 4z \\ x + y - z \end{pmatrix}$$

Is T diagonalizable?

-10) Is the matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ diagonalizable?

-11) Let $B = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 12 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$. Find a real matrix A

such that $B = A^3$.

-12) Given $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. Find B^{10^6} .

-13) Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix such that

$A^2 = A$. Find all the possible eigenvalues.
Find all possible diagonal forms of A .

-14) Find A a 3×3 real matrix such that
 $\lambda_1 = 1$ $\lambda_2 = 2$ $\lambda_3 = 9$ are its eigenvalues and

$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $\vec{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ the corresponding eigenvectors.

- 15) Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix for which $A^k \equiv 0$ for some $k > n$. Show that $A^n \equiv 0$.

- 16) Let $T: E \rightarrow E$ be a linear operator (E vector space). Assume that $T(\vec{v}) = \lambda \vec{v}$ for some $\begin{cases} \vec{v} \in E \\ \vec{v} \neq 0 \\ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \end{cases}$

Prove: (a) $\forall n > 0$ \vec{v} eigenvector of T^n with eigenvalue λ^n

(b) for all polynomial $p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n$ \vec{v} is an eigenvector for $p(T)$ with eigenvalue $p(\lambda)$.

- 17) Let A, B be $n \times n$ matrices. Suppose that $\lambda \neq 0$ is an eigenvalue of $A \circ B$. Prove that λ is also an eigenvalue of $B \circ A$.

- 18) Is $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 7 & -5 & 1 \\ 6 & -6 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ diagonalizable?

-19) Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix. A is SAID TO BE HERMITIAN or (self-adjoint) if

$$A^* = \bar{A}^t = A \quad \text{i.e. } A = (a_{jk}); \quad \bar{a}_{kj} = a_{jk}$$

Prove (a) If A is HERMITIAN then all its eigenvalues are real.

(b) If A is HERMITIAN then eigenvectors corresponding to different eigenvalues are perpendicular.

-20) Let B be an $n \times n$ matrix. B IS SAID TO BE SKEW-HERMITIAN if

$$B^* = \bar{B}^t = -B. \quad \text{i.e. } B = (b_{jk}); \quad \bar{b}_{kj} = -b_{jk}$$

Prove that if B is skew hermitian then all its eigenvalues are pure imaginaries.

-21) Prove that any $n \times n$ matrix C can be written as the sum of A hermitian and B skew hermitian

$$C = A + B.$$

Is this representation unique?