

**Review for TEST # 4**

Solve the following exercises. **Show your work.** (No credit will be given for an answer with no supporting work shown.)

**Ex. 1.**

- (a) State the Cofactor Formula for finding the inverse  $A^{-1} = [x_{ij}]$  of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]$ .

(?? pts) *Solution:*  $x_{ij} = \frac{C_{ji}}{\det(A)}$ , where  $C_{ji} = (-1)^{j+i} \det(M_{ji})$  and  $M_{ji}$  is obtained from  $A$  by removing its  $j$ th row and  $i$ th column.

- (b) Use the Cofactor Formula you cited in (a) to find  $x_{21}$ , if  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(?? pts) *Solution:*  $\det(A) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = -3r_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = -2 \cdot 35.$

$C_{12} = (-1)^{1+2} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = -3 \cdot 35.$  So,  $x_{21} = \frac{C_{12}}{\det(A)} = \frac{-3 \cdot 35}{-2 \cdot 35} = 1.5$

**Ex. 2.** Find all eigenvalues and associated eigenvectors of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Is matrix  $A$  diagonalizable?

(?? pts) *Solution:*  $\det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & -\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (1 - \lambda)(-\lambda)(-\lambda) = (1 - \lambda)\lambda^2$ .

We have two eigenvalues,  $\lambda = 1$  and  $\lambda = 0$ , the second having (algebraic) multiplicity 2.

To find eigenvector associated with  $\lambda = 1$  we need to solve  $(A - \lambda I)\vec{x} = 0$ . As  $A - I =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\vec{r}_3} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{+r_1 + 7r_2}$$

indicates one free variable,  $x_1$ , and  $x_2 = x_3 = 0$ , we get a null space  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Thus, eigenvalue  $\lambda = 1$  is associated with eigenvector  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

To find eigenvector(s) associated with  $\lambda = 0$  we need to solve  $(A - \lambda I)\vec{x} = 0$ . As

$$A - \lambda I = A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-4\vec{r}_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ indicates only one free variable, } x_2,$$

and  $x_1 = -3x_2$ ,  $x_3 = 0$ , we get a null space  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Thus, eigenvalue  $\lambda = 0$

(of algebraic multiplicity 2) is associated with a single eigenvector  $\begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

This means, in particular, that  $A$  has only two eigenvectors, so  $A$  is not diagonalizable.

Math 441 Exam 4

1. (12 pts) Given  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -6 \\ 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$

a) Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $A$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -6 \\ 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda^2 - \lambda - 2 = 0, \lambda = -1, 2$$

$\lambda = -1$  :

$$A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -6 \\ 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix}, \bar{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\lambda = 2$  :

$$A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -6 \\ 3 & -6 \end{bmatrix}, \bar{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

b) Write  $A$  in diagonalized form,  $A = SDS^{-1}$  where  $D$  is a diagonal matrix. Then find a formula for  $A^k$ . As  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , every column of  $\frac{1}{2^k}A^k$  is a multiple of what vector - what is the significance of this vector?

$$A = V\Lambda V^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^k = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (-1)^k & 0 \\ 0 & 2^k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2^{k+1} + (-1)^{k+1} & -2^{k+1} + 2(-1)^k \\ 2^k + 2(-1)^{k+1} & -2^k + 4(-1)^k \end{bmatrix}$$

$\frac{1}{2^k}A^k = \begin{bmatrix} 2 + 2^{-k}(-1)^{k+1} & -2 + 2^{1-k}(-1)^k \\ 1 + 2^{1-k}(-1)^{k+1} & -1 + 2^{2-k}(-1)^k \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ , each column is a multiple of the eigenvector with the largest eigenvalue,  $\lambda = 2$ .

You can also calculate:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2^k}A^k &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (-1)^k 2^{-k} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

2. (12 pts) If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & -1 \\ 6 & 4 & -2 \\ -3 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

The rank of  $A$  is 1 so one eigenvalue is  $\lambda = \underline{0}$ . (the null space of  $A - 0I$  is not just  $\vec{0}$ )

There must be 1 / 2 / 3 eigenvectors corresponding to this value of  $\lambda$  because  $\dim N(A) = 3 - 1 = \underline{2}$ .

Those corresponding eigenvectors are:  $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  (any two independent vectors in the null space will do)

The characteristic polynomial must have a factor of  $\lambda^2$  because  $\lambda = 0$  has multiplicity at least two due to two independent eigenvectors for  $\lambda = 0$ .

The characteristic polynomial of  $A$  is  $p(\lambda) = \lambda^2(8 - \lambda)$  (calculate below).

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 3 - \lambda & 2 & -1 \\ 6 & 4 - \lambda & -2 \\ -3 & -2 & 1 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} = 8\lambda^2 - \lambda^3$$

The remaining eigenvalue is  $\lambda = \underline{8}$  and the corresponding eigenvector is

$\vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . (Show your work below)

Add the second row to the first below to aid in calculations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -5 & 2 & -1 \\ 6 & -4 & -2 \\ -3 & -2 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -3 \\ 6 & -4 & -2 \\ -3 & -2 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 8 & 16 \\ 0 & -8 & -16 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

3. (6 pts)

If I tell you that the eigenvectors of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  are  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , how can you easily check? What eigenvalues correspond to these eigenvectors?

Take each proposed eigenvector and multiply by  $A$  :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ so } \lambda_1 = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ so } \lambda_2 = 1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ so } \lambda_3 = 2$$

What eigenvalues correspond to these eigenvectors? Given that  $A$  is symmetric, it should have a complete set of orthonormal eigenvectors? What vectors (explicitly) are those? Write  $A$  in the form  $A = Q\Lambda Q^T$  where  $Q$  is an orthogonal matrix.

Divide each eigenvector by its length and create an orthogonal matrix  $Q$  out of them:

$$A = Q\Lambda Q^T = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}^T$$

4. (4 pts) Explain the following: If  $A = SDS^{-1}$  where  $D$  is diagonal and  $S$  is some nonsingular matrix, then the eigenvectors of  $A$  are the columns of  $S$  and the eigenvalues of  $A$  are the diagonal entries of  $D$ .

In this problem you don't know anything about  $S, D$ , except that  $A = SDS^{-1}$ . Next  $AS = SD$  follows by multiplying both sides on the right by  $S$ . If we express  $S$  in terms of its columns as  $S = [\bar{v}_1 \ \bar{v}_2 \ \dots \ \bar{v}_n]$  and the diagonal entries of  $D$  as  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n$  then by matrix multiplication we can write:

$$AS = [A\bar{v}_1 \ A\bar{v}_2 \ \dots \ A\bar{v}_n] = [d_1\bar{v}_1 \ d_2\bar{v}_2 \ \dots \ d_n\bar{v}_n]$$

and matching up the columns, we have  $A\bar{v}_1 = d_1\bar{v}_1, \dots, A\bar{v}_n = d_n\bar{v}_n$  so that the columns of  $S$  contain eigenvectors of  $A$  and the diagonal entries of  $D$  are the corresponding eigenvalues.