

## 2.7 Eigen-stuff

**MATH 294 FALL 1985 FINAL # 3**

**2.7.1** Find an angle  $\theta$ , expressed as a function of  $a, b$ , and  $c$  so that the matrix product

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

is a diagonal matrix. In particular, what is  $\theta$  if  $a = c$ , and what is the resulting diagonal matrix? (Hint:  $\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta = \cos 2\theta$ ;  $\sin \theta \cos \theta = \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta$ )

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**2.7.2** Find all of the eigenvalues of the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 & 4 \\ -2 & -3 & -4 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Show why your answers are correct.

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**2.7.3** In general, the eigenvalues of  $A$  are ( $A$  is a real  $2 \times 2$  matrix)

- Always real.
- Always imaginary.
- Complex conjugates.
- Either purely real or purely imaginary.

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**2.7.4** If  $A$  has purely real eigenvalues, then ( $A$  is a real  $2 \times 2$  matrix)

- The eigenvalues must be distinct.
- The eigenvalues must be repeated.
- The eigenvalues may be distinct or repeated.
- The eigenvalues must both be zero.

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**2.7.5** If  $A$  has purely imaginary eigenvalues, then ( $A$  is a real  $2 \times 2$  matrix)

- The eigenvalues must have the same magnitude but opposite sign.
- The eigenvalues must be repeated.
- The eigenvalues may or may not be repeated.
- The eigenvalues must both be zero.

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**2.7.6** a) Find all eigenvalues of the matrix

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

b) For any square matrix  $A$ , show that if  $\det(A) \neq 0$ , then zero cannot be an eigenvalue of  $A$ .

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**2.7.7**  $A$  is the matrix given below,  $\vec{v}$  is an eigenvector of  $A$ . Find any eigenvalue of  $A$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 4 & 2 \\ 8 & 5 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 0 & 9 & 8 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \text{ with } \vec{v} = [\text{an eigenvector of } A] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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**2.7.8** Let  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  be distinct eigenvalues of a matrix  $A$  and let  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  be the associated eigenvectors. Show that  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are linearly independent.

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**2.7.9** Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix

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

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**2.7.10** Does the matrix with the zero row vector deleted have  $\lambda = 0$  as an eigenvalue?

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**2.7.11** a) Find an orthogonal matrix  $R$  such that  $R^T A R$  is diagonal, where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

b) Write the matrix  $D = R^T A R$ .  
c) What are the eigenvectors and associated eigenvalues of  $A$ .

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**2.7.12** Problems (a) and (b) below concern the matrix  $A$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & -8 \end{bmatrix}$$

- a) One of the eigenvalues of  $A$  is 1, what are the other(s)?  
 b) Find an eigenvector of  $A$ .

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**2.7.13** Find *one* eigenvalue of the matrix  $A$  below. Three eigenvectors of the matrix are given.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 & 5 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The following three vectors are eigenvectors of  $A$ :

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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**2.7.14** Given  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  find  $R$  so that  $RAR^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**MATH 294 FALL 1987 PRELIM 2 # 1**

**2.7.15** Find the eigenvalue and eigenvectors of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

**MATH 294 FALL 1987 PRELIM 2 # 2**

**2.7.16** Find the eigenvalues, eigenvectors and/or generalized eigenvectors of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**MATH 294 FALL 1989 PRELIM 2 # 1**

**2.7.17** Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Show that  $\lambda = 0$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ .
- Find a corresponding eigenvector.
- Determine whether the system of equations

$$A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

has a solution or not.

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**2.7.18** Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Show that  $\lambda = 0$  is a double eigenvalue, and that  $\lambda = 1$  is a simple eigenvalue. For b) and c) below, you may use the result of a) even if you did not show it.]
- Find all linearly independent eigenvectors corresponding to the eigenvalues  $\lambda = 0$  and  $\lambda = 1$  respectively.
- Find two linearly independent generalized eigenvectors corresponding to the double eigenvalue  $\lambda = 0$ .

**MATH 293 SPRING 1990 PRELIM 3 # 1**

**2.7.19** a) Find the eigenvalues, eigenvectors and dimension of the subspace of eigenvectors corresponding to each eigenvalue of

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & -7 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- For what value of  $c$  (if any) is  $\lambda = 2$  an eigenvalue of

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & c & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}?$$

In that case find a basis for the subspace of eigenvectors corresponding to  $\lambda = 2$ .

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**2.7.20** a) There is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $R$  such that  $R^t A R$  is a diagonal matrix, where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find  $R^t A R$ . (Hint: You needn't find  $R$ ; there are two correct answers)

b) Describe the conic  $v^t A v = 1$  for  $v$  in  $V_2$  and  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Explain why your answer is correct.

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**2.7.21** Diagonalize the one of the following matrices which can be diagonalized:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, C = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -10 & 6 \\ 2 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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**2.7.22** Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix  $A$  where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & 2 \\ -2 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Hint:  $\lambda = 1$  is one eigenvalue of  $A$ .

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**2.7.23** An  $n \times n$  matrix always has  $n$  eigenvalues (some possibly complex), but these are not always distinct. (T/F)

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**2.7.24** Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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**2.7.25** Find the eigenvalues and three linearly independent eigenvectors for the matrix

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

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**2.7.26** Consider the eigenvalue problem: Find all real numbers  $\lambda$  (eigenvalues) such that the differential equation  $-\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} = \lambda w, 0 < x < L$  with the boundary conditions  $\frac{\partial w}{\partial x}(0) = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x}(L) = 0$  has nontrivial solutions (eigenfunctions). Given that there are no eigenvalues  $\lambda < 0$ , find all possible eigenvalues  $\lambda \geq 0$  and corresponding eigenfunctions. You must derive your result. No credit will be given for simply writing down the answer.

**MATH 294 SPRING 1992 FINAL # 3**

**2.7.27** A vector space  $V$  has two bases

$$B_1 : \{e^t, e^{2t}, e^{3t}\} \text{ and } B_2 : e^t + e^{2t}, e^{3t}, e^{2t}$$

A linear operator  $T : V \rightarrow V$  is  $T = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$

- Find the matrix  $T_{B_1}$  which represents  $T$  in the basis  $B_1$ .
- For the vectors  $v = e^{2t}, w = \frac{\partial v}{\partial t}$ , find  $\beta_1(v)$  and  $\beta_1(w)$  which represent these vectors in the basis  $B_1$ .
- Noting that  $T(v) = 2v$ , i.e.  $v$  is an eigenvector of  $T$  with eigenvalue equal to 2, interpret the equation

$$\beta_1(w) = T_{B_1} \beta_1(v)$$

as an eigenvalue-eigenvector equation for  $T_{B_1}$ . What are the eigenvalue and eigenvector in this equation?

- Now consider the basis  $B_2$ . Find the matrices  $(B_2 : B_1)$  and  $(B_1 : B_2)$ .
- Find  $\beta_2 v, T_{B_2}$  and  $\beta_2(w)$ .
- Is the equation  $\beta_2(w) = T_{B_2} \beta_2(v)$  also an eigenvalue-eigenvector equation? If so, what are the eigenvalue and eigenvector in this case?

**MATH 293 FALL 1992 FINAL # 4**

**2.7.28** a) Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find a nonsingular matrix  $C$  such that  $C^{-1}AC = D$  where  $D$  is a diagonal matrix. Find  $C^{-1}$  and  $D$ .

**MATH 294 FALL 1992 FINAL # 6**

**2.7.29** Find the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions (nontrivial solutions) of the two-point boundary-value problem

$$y'' + \lambda y = 0, 0 < x < 1, (\text{assume } \lambda \geq 0)$$

$$y'(0) = y(1) = 0.$$

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**2.7.30** It is known that a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  has: 1) A twice-repeated eigenvalue  $\lambda_1 = 1$

with corresponding eigenvectors  $v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , and 2) another

eigenvalue  $\lambda_2 = 0$  with corresponding eigenvectors  $v_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

- Find a basis for the null space  $Nul(B)$  of  $B$ , where  $B$  is the matrix  $B = (A - I_3)$ , and  $I_3$  is the  $3 \times 3$  identity matrix.
- Find a basis for the null space  $Nul(A)$  of  $A$ .
- For part a) above,  $Null(B)$  is a plane in 3-dimensional space. The equation of this plane can be written in the form  $Ax + By + Cz = 0$ . Find  $A, B$ , and  $C$ .
- For part b) above, is  $Null(A)$  a line, a plane, or something else? Please explain your answer carefully.

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**2.7.31** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ -4 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- Find the eigenvalues of  $A$ .
- Find a basis for the eigenspace associated with each eigenvalue. The eigenspace corresponding to an eigenvalue is the set of all eigenvectors associated with the eigenvalue, plus the zero vector.
- Find an orthogonal matrix  $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  so that  $P^{-1}AP = D$ . What is  $D$ ?

**MATH 293    FALL 1994    FINAL    # 7**

**2.7.32** If an  $n \times n$   $A$  has  $n$  distinct eigenvalues, then

- $\det(A)$  not zero,
- $\det(A)$  is zero,
- $A$  is similar to  $I_n$ ,
- $A$  has  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors,
- $A = A^T$

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**2.7.33** Which of the following is an eigenvector of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ?

- a.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ , b.  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , c.  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , d.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , e.  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

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**2.7.34** Let

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

- Find all eigenvalues of  $A$ , and for each an eigenvector.
- Find a matrix  $P$  such that  $D = P^{-1}AP$  is diagonal.
- Find  $D$ .

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**2.7.35** a) Find all eigenvalues of the matrix

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

- For each eigenvalue find a corresponding eigenvector.
- Are the eigenvectors orthogonal?

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**2.7.36** a) One eigenvalue of  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 5 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$  is 2. Find a corresponding eigenvector.

b) Find the characteristic polynomial  $\det(A - \lambda I)$  if  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \pi \end{pmatrix}$ . Also

find all the eigenvalues of  $A$ .

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**2.7.37** For  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

a) Show that the characteristic polynomial of  $A$  is

$$-\lambda(\lambda^2 - \lambda - 6)$$

- Find all eigenvalues of  $A$  of 3 linearly independent eigenvectors.
- Check your solution of part (b).

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**2.7.38** For  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

- Find the eigenvalues and 2 linearly independent eigenvectors. Show that these 2 eigenvectors are orthogonal.
- Find a matrix  $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  so that  $P^{-1}AP = D$
- If your matrix  $P$  in part (b) is not orthogonal, how can it be modified to make it orthogonal? (so that  $P^{-1}AP = D$  still holds).

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**2.7.39** Let

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- Find the characteristic polynomial of  $B$ .
- Find the eigenvalues of  $B$ . Hint: one eigenvalue is 2.
- Find eigenvectors corresponding to the eigenvalues other than 2.

**MATH 293      SPRING 1996      PRELIM 3      # 6**

**2.7.40** Let  $C$  be a 2-by-2 matrix. Suppose

$$\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

are eigenvectors for  $C$  with eigenvalues 1 and 0, respectively. Let

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find  $C^{100}\vec{x}$ .

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**2.7.41** Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $a, b \in \mathfrak{R}$ . A complex eigenvector of  $A$  is:

- $\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ i \end{bmatrix}$
- $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -i \end{bmatrix}$
- $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix}$
- $\begin{bmatrix} -i \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$
- none of the above

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**2.7.42**

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**2.7.43** Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then

- $A$  has three linearly independent eigenvectors with eigenvalue 2.
- The eigenspace corresponding to the eigenvalue 2 has a basis consisting of exactly one eigenvector.
- The eigenspace corresponding to the eigenvalue 2 has dimension 2.
- $A$  is not diagonalizable.
- None of the above.

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**2.7.44** The only matrix with 1 as an eigenvalue is the identity matrix. (T/F)

**MATH 293    SPRING 1996    FINAL    # 39**

**2.7.45** If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix for which  $A = PDP^{-1}$ ,  $D$  diagonal, then  $A$  cannot have  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors. (T/F)

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**2.7.46** If  $x$  is an eigenvector of a matrix  $A$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , then  $A^3x = \lambda^3x$ . (T/F)

**MATH 293    SPRING 1997    PRELIM 2    # 2**

**2.7.47** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$

- Find the characteristic polynomial  $\det(A - \lambda I)$  of  $A$ , and find all the eigenvalues. (*hint*:  $\lambda - 9$  is one factor of the polynomial.)
- Find an eigenvector for each eigenvalue.

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**2.7.48** Let

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

- Find the characteristic polynomial of  $A$ . Verify that the eigenvalues of  $A$  are: 0, 1, 2
- For each eigenvalue, find a basis for the corresponding eigenspace.
- Find a diagonal matrix  $D$  and an invertible matrix  $P$  such that  $A = PDP^{-1}$
- Show that the columns of  $P$  form an orthogonal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
- Find  $A^{10}\vec{x}$  where  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

**MATH 294    FALL 1997    PRELIM 2    # 4**

**2.7.49** The following information is known about a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$ . (Here  $e_1, e_2, e_3$  is the standard basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ).

i)  $Ae_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

ii)  $e_1 + e_2$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  with corresponding eigenvalue 1.

iii)  $(e_2 + e_3)$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  with corresponding eigenvalue 2.

Find the matrix  $A$ .

**MATH 294 FALL 1997 PRELIM 3 # 3**

**2.7.50** Given an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  with  $n$  linearly independent eigenvectors, it is possible to find a square root of  $A$  (that is, an  $n \times n$  matrix  $\sqrt{A}$  with  $(\sqrt{A})^2 = A$ ) by using the following method:

(1) Find  $D = P^{-1}AP$ , where  $D$  is a diagonal matrix (and  $P$  is some suitable matrix).

(2) Find  $\sqrt{D}$  by taking the square roots of the entries on the diagonal. (This might involve complex numbers).

(3) The square root of  $A$  is then  $\sqrt{A} = P\sqrt{D}P^{-1}$ .

Use this method to find  $\text{sqr}tA$  for the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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**2.7.51** Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $A$ . Is  $A$  diagonalizable?

**MATH 294 FALL 1997 PRELIM 3 # 4**

**2.7.52 a)** Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}.$$

For which values of  $\theta$  is this matrix diagonalizable?

**b)** Let  $A$  be  $2 \times 2$  matrix with characteristic polynomial  $(\lambda - 1)^2$ . Suppose that  $A$  is diagonalizable. Find a matrix  $A$  with these properties. Now, find *all* possible matrices  $A$  with these properties. Justify your answer!

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**2.7.53** Let

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

- Find the characteristic polynomial of  $A$ . Verify that the eigenvalues of  $A$  are: 0, 1, 2
- For each eigenvalue, find a basis for the corresponding eigenspace.
- Find a diagonal matrix  $D$  and an invertible matrix  $P$  such that  $A = PDP^{-1}$
- Show that the columns of  $P$  form an orthogonal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
- Find  $A^{10}\vec{x}$  where  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

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**2.7.54** Find the values of  $\lambda$  (eigenvalues) for which the problem below has a non-trivial solution. Also determine the corresponding non-trivial solutions (eigenfunctions.)

$$y'' + \lambda y = 0 \text{ for } 0 < x < 1$$

$$y(0) = 0, y'(1) = 0.$$

(Hint:  $\lambda$  must be positive for non-trivial solutions to exist. You may assume this.)

**MATH 293**    **SPRING 1998**    **PRELIM 2**    **# 5**

**2.7.55** Consider the matrix  $A$ :

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

Find *all* the eigenvalues of  $A$  and find a corresponding eigenvector for *each* eigenvalue. (Hint: 1 is an eigenvalue.)

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**2.7.56** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

- Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $A$ .
- Diagonalize  $A$ . That is, give  $P$  and  $D$  such  $A = PDP^{-1}$ .
- Let  $\vec{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\vec{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  be the standard basis vectors of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Map  $\vec{e}_1 \rightarrow P\vec{e}_1$  and  $\vec{e}_2 \rightarrow P\vec{e}_2$  and sketch  $P\vec{e}_1$  and  $P\vec{e}_2$ .
- Give a geometric interpretation of  $\vec{x} \rightarrow P\vec{x}$ .

**MATH 294    SPRING 1998    PRELIM 3    # 5****2.7.57** True or false? Justify each answer.

- In general, if a finite set  $S$  of nonzero vectors spans a vector space  $V$ , then some subset of  $S$  is a basis of  $V$ .
- A linearly independent set in a subspace  $H$  is a basis for  $H$ .
- An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is diagonalizable if and only if  $A$  has  $n$  eigenvalues, counting multiplicities.
- If an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is diagonalizable, it is invertible.

**MATH 294    FALL 1998    PRELIM 3    # 3****2.7.58** a)

b)  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  is an eigenvector of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & -4 & 6 & 5 \\ -4 & 8 & 4 & -6 \\ 6 & 4 & 10 & -1 \\ 5 & -6 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find an eigen-

value of  $A$ .

- Consider the  $20 \times 20$  matrix that is all zeros but for the main diagonal. The main diagonal has the numbers 1 to 20 in order. Precisely describe as many eigenvalues and eigenvectors of this matrix as you can.
- If possible, diagonalize the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 6 \\ 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ . Explicitly evaluate any relevant matrices (if any inverses are needed they can be left in the form  $[\ ]^{-1}$ ).

**MATH 294    FALL 1998    FINAL    # 6****2.7.59** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- Find orthonormal eigenvectors  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$  of  $A$ . [Hint: do not go on to parts d-e below until you have double checked that you have found two orthogonal unit vectors that are eigenvectors of  $A$ .]
- Use the eigenvectors above to diagonalize  $A$ .
- Make a clear sketch that shows the standard basis vectors  $\{\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and the eigenvectors  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$  of  $A$ .
- Give a geometric interpretation of the change of coordinates matrix,  $P$ , that maps coordinates of a vector with respect to the eigen basis to coordinates with respect to the standard basis.
- Let  $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ . Using orthogonal projection express  $\vec{b}$  in terms of  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$  the eigenvectors of  $A$ .

**MATH 293    SPRING 1993    FINAL    # 6****2.7.60** a) Write a matrix  $A = S^{-1}AS$  such that  $A$  is diagonal, if

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -10 & 6 \\ 2 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- What is matrix  $S$ ?

**MATH 293    SPRING 1993    FINAL    # 6**

**2.7.61** a) Write a matrix  $\Lambda = S^{-1}AS$  such that  $\Lambda$  is diagonal, if

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & -10 & 6 \\ 2 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

b) What is the matrix  $S$ ?

**MATH 293    SPRING 1998    PRELIM 2    # 5**

**2.7.62** Consider the matrix  $A$ :

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

Find all the eigenvalues of  $A$  and find a corresponding eigenvector for each eigenvalue. (Hint: 1 is an eigenvalue.)

**MATH 294    SPRING 1999    PRELIM 2    # 2b**

**2.7.63** The matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 & 2.718 \\ 3 & 5 & \pi & 8 \\ \sqrt{5} & 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$  has 4 distinct eigenvalues (no eigenvalue is equal to any of the others. The eigenvectors of  $A$  make up the 4 columns of a

matrix  $P$ . Does the equation  $P\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2.718 \\ \pi \\ \sqrt{5} \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$  have

- no solution (why?), or
- exactly one solution (why?), or
- exactly two solutions (why?), or
- an infinite number of solutions (why?), or
- it depends on information not given (what information?, how would that information tell you the answer)?

MATH 294      SPRING 1999      PRELIM 2      # 2c

2.7.64 The matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 66 & -52 & 8 & -4 \\ -52 & 83 & -26 & -24 \\ 8 & -26 & 54 & -52 \\ -4 & -24 & -52 & 22 \end{bmatrix}$  has four eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = -30, \lambda_2 =$

$30, \lambda_3 = 90, \lambda_4 = 135$ . Some four vectors  $\vec{v}_i$  satisfy  $A\vec{v}_i = \lambda_i\vec{v}_i$  (for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ). This is all you are told about the vectors  $\vec{v}_i$ . The vectors  $\vec{v}_i$  make up, in the order given, the columns of a matrix  $P$ . If this is sufficient to answer each of the questions below, then answer the questions, if not explain why you need more information. No credit for unjustified correct answers. [Hint: massive amounts of arithmetic are not needed for any of the three parts].

- What is the element in the third row and second column of  $P^T P$ ?
- What is the element in the third row and third column of  $P^{-1} A P$ ?
- What is the element in the second row and second column of  $P^T P$ ?

MATH 294      SPRING 1999      PRELIM 2      # 3

2.7.65 A couch potato spends *all* of his/her time either smoking a cigarette ('C') *or* eating a bag of fries ('F') *or* watching a TV show ('T'). Since there is no smoking inside and no food allowed in the living room, he/she only does one thing at a time.

- After a cigarette there is a 50% chance he/she will light up again, but right after smoking he/she never eats, (If you think this is ambiguous please reread the initial statement,)
- After eating a bag of fries he/she has a 50% chance of going out for a smoke, a 25% chance of eating another bag of fries, and a 25% chance of turning the TV on.
- After watching TV show he/she only wants to eat.

On average he/she watches 300 TV shows a month. **On average, how many cigarettes does he/she smoke in a month?**

MATH 293      UNKNOWN      FINAL      # 8

- 2.7.66 a) Let  $A$  be a nonsingular  $n \times n$  matrix,  $X, B, n \times n$  matrices. Solve the equation  $[A \times A^T]^T - B^T$  for  $X$  and show that  $X$  is symmetric.
- b) Let  $\vec{u} = [u_1, \dots, u_n]^T$  and  $C = I - \vec{u}\vec{u}^T$ . Express the entries  $c_{ij}$  of the matrix  $C$  in terms of the  $u_i$ . Show that  $C$  has zero as an eigenvalue provided that  $\|\vec{u}\| = 1$ . Determine the corresponding unit eigenvector. (Hint: Do not attempt to evaluate the characteristic polynomial of  $C$ . Use instead the definition of eigenvalue and eigenvector.)

MATH 293      SPRING ?      FINAL      # 4

- 2.7.67 a) Determine the real numbers a,b,c,d,e,f, given that  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ d & e & f \end{pmatrix}$  has eigenvectors

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- b) What are the corresponding eigenvalues?

**MATH 294 FALL 1987 PRELIM 3 # 1 PRELIM**

**2.7.68** a) Find the general solution of the system  $\vec{x}' = A\vec{x}$  if

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

b) How many independent eigenvectors can we find for the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}?$$

**MATH 293 SUMMER 1992 FINAL # 2**

**2.7.69** Given

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Find all the eigenvalues of  $A$ .
- Find all linearly independent eigenvectors of  $A$ .
- Can  $A$  be diagonalized by a change of basis? If so, let  $D = (B : S)^{-1}A(B : S)$  where  $D$  is diagonal. Find  $(B : S)$  and  $D$ .