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Problem 1) (20 points) True or False? No justifications are needed.

- 1) ☐ T ☒ F Whenever a matrix A has orthonormal columns, then $A^T A$ is the projection matrix onto the image of A .

Solution:

It is AA^T not $A^T A$.

- 2) ☒ T ☐ F If $\vec{v}$ is an eigenvector of a 2×2 matrix A , then $\vec{v}$ is an eigenvector of $A + A^{10}$.

Solution:

$Av = \lambda v$ implies $(A + A^{10})\vec{v} = (\lambda + \lambda^{10})\vec{v}$.

- 3) ☒ T ☐ F If A is similar to B and A is diagonalizable, then B is diagonalizable.

Solution:

If A is diagonalizable, it is similar to a diagonal matrix C . Because it is similar to B , all three matrices A, B, C are pairwise similar.

- 4) ☐ T ☒ F If a 2×2 matrix A is symmetric and orthogonal, then it is a reflection at a line.

Solution:

$A = -I_2$ is symmetric and orthogonal, but it is not a reflection at a line.

- 5) ☐ T ☒ F The zero vector $\vec{0}$ is an eigenvector to any eigenvalue λ because $A\vec{0} = \lambda\vec{0}$.

Solution:

The zero vector is by definition not an eigenvector.

- 6) ☒ T ☐ F The determinant of a 2×2 rotation matrix is always equal to 1.

Solution:

We have $\cos(\alpha)$ in the diagonal and $\pm \sin(\alpha)$ in the side diagonal. The determinant is $\cos^2(\alpha) + \sin^2(\alpha) = 1$.

- 7)

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 If A, B are similar 3×3 matrices, then A and B have the same rank.

Solution:

The dimension of the kernel is the same. Use the dimension formula.

- 8)

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F

 For any diagonal 2×2 matrix, we have $A^2 - \text{tr}(A)A + \det(A)I_2 = 0$.

Solution:

By the way, this is Sylvester's theorem in a special case.

- 9)

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 There is rotation with an eigenvalue $i = \sqrt{-1}$.

Solution:

It is a rotation by 90 degrees.

- 10)

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F

 If a matrix A has the QR decomposition $A = QR$, then A is similar to R .

Solution:

Take $R = I$ and $Q = -I$. Then $A = -I$ is not similar to R .

- 11)

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 Every matrix is similar to a diagonal matrix.

Solution:

The shear is a counter example.

- 12)

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F

 The formula $\det(I_n \det(A)) = \det(A)$ is always true.

Solution:

The correct formula would be $\det(I_n \det(A)) = \det(A)^n$.

- 13)

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F

 If A, B are similar, then $A + A$ is similar to $B + A$.

Solution:

Here is a counter example: take $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

- 14)

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 If the kernel of a matrix A is the same as the kernel of A^T , then the matrix A is diagonalizable.

Solution:

Take a shear A . Both A and A^T have a trivial kernel but the matrix A is not diagonalizable.

- 15)

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 $p_{A^2}(\lambda) = p_A(\lambda)^2$ for any square matrix A , where $p_A(\lambda)$ is the characteristic polynomial of A .

Solution:

Already the degree of the polynomials does not agree.

- 16)

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 If a diagonalizable matrix satisfies $\det(A) = \det(A^2)$, then the matrix has eigenvalues 1, 0 or -1 .

Solution:

Take a rotation which is not diagonal. It has eigenvalues different from 1, -1 or 0.

- 17)

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 If $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ is an eigenbasis for a $n \times n$ matrix A , then $\det(A) = \det(B)$, where B has the v_i as column vectors.

Solution:

Multiply one of the eigenbasis vectors by 2. This multiplies the determinant of B but not the determinant of A .

- 18)

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 The sum of the algebraic multiplicities of a $n \times n$ matrix A is equal to n .

Solution:

Yes, this is true by the fundamental theorem of algebra.

- 19)

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 The rotation matrix $\begin{bmatrix} \cos(\pi/6) & -\sin(\pi/6) \\ \sin(\pi/6) & \cos(\pi/6) \end{bmatrix}$ of a rotation by 30 degrees similar to the rotation matrix of the rotation by -30 degrees.

Solution:

Yes, they are both diagonalizable. An explicit conjugation is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$.

- 20)

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 The least square solution x^* of $Ax = b$ has the property that Ax^* is the projection of b onto the image of A .

Solution:

That is how we derived the formula of the orthogonal projection.

Problem 2) (10 points)

a) (4 points) Which of the following matrices have only **real** eigenvalues:

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

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

b) (6 points) No justifications are necessary. Check the boxes, for which the given matrix has an eigenvalue 1.

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| a) | ☐ | The 3×3 matrix of a projection from space onto a line. |
| b) | ☐ | The 3×3 matrix of a rotation around a line. |
| c) | ☐ | The 2×2 matrix of a vertical shear in the plane. |
| d) | ☐ | The 3×3 matrix of a reflection at a plane in space. |
| e) | ☐ | The 2×2 matrix of a rotation in the plane by 90 degrees. |
| f) | ☐ | The 3×3 matrix of the identity transformation in space. |
| g) | ☐ | The matrix $A^T A$, where A is a 3×2 matrix with orthonormal columns. |
| h) | ☐ | The matrix AA^T , where A is a 3×2 matrix with orthonormal columns. |

Solution:

a) The answer is $\boxed{1,3}$. Here are more details:

a1) The eigenvalues are 2, 1, 2

a2) The eigenvalues are 2, $2 + i$, $2 - i$.

a3) The eigenvalues are 0, 0, 3.

a4) The eigenvalues are 4, i , $-i$.

b) Only the rotation in the plane by 90 degrees has no eigenvalue 1. All the other transformations have an eigenvalue 1.

Problem 3) (10 points)

Each of the following 5 statements is either true or false. For every statement, you find 4 arguments, which either confirm or dispute the claim. In each of the 5 statements, there is **exactly one** of the 4 explanations which gives the correct reason for the statement to be true or false. Check the right box. No further explanations are required here.

a) (2pts) **Any 2×2 matrix A which is both orthogonal and symmetric must be I_2**

- ☐ True: The only matrix similar to the identity matrix is the identity.
- ☐ False: The matrix of a reflection is both orthogonal and symmetric.
- ☐ True: The condition implies $A^2 = I$, which means that $A = I$
- ☐ False: An orthogonal projection is both an orthogonal transformation and symmetric.

b) (2pts) **A 2×2 matrix of rank 1 is always diagonalizable.**

- ☐ True: The eigenspace to the eigenvalue 0 must be one dimensional.
- ☐ False: Such a matrix can have two eigenvalues 1. An example is the shear.
- ☐ True: There is no matrix of rank 1 for which all the eigenvalues are 0.
- ☐ False: If B is the horizontal shear, then $A = B - I_2$ is a counter example.

c) (2pts) **If all eigenvalues of a $n \times n$ matrix A are > 0 then $B = A + 100I_n$ is invertible.**

- ☐ True: The eigenvalues of B are greater than 100.
- ☐ False: It is possible that B has an eigenvalue 0.
- ☐ True: The eigenvectors of B are the same as the eigenvectors of A .
- ☐ False: A horizontal shear A has positive eigenvalues but $A + 100I_2$ is not invertible.

d) (2pts) **The determinant of a rotation in R^2 is 1.**

- ☐ True: The matrix of a rotation is an orthogonal matrix.
- ☐ False: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is a counter example .
- ☐ True: The matrix of a rotation in the plane is $\begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}$, where $a^2 + b^2 = 1$.
- ☐ False: Because the matrix of a rotation has complex eigenvalues in general.

e) (2pts) **The horizontal shear $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is similar to a reflection at a line.**

- ☐ True: Both the shear and the reflection have rank 2 and are therefore invertible.
- ☐ False: The determinant of a shear is 1 while the determinant of a reflection is -1 .
- ☐ True: Both the shear and a reflection are diagonalizable with eigenvalues 1 or -1 .
- ☐ False: Any reflection is a symmetric matrix while the shear is an orthogonal matrix.

Solution:

- a) 2)
b) 4)
c) 1)
d) 3)
e) 2)

Problem 4) (10 points)

Define $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 6 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 & 9 & 6 & 3 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 & 9 & 6 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 6 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

a) (6 points) Find the eigenvalues, eigenvectors and the geometric multiplicities of the eigenvalues of A .

b) (2 points) Is A diagonalizable? If yes, write down the diagonal matrix B such that

$$B = S^{-1}AS.$$

c) (2 points) Find the characteristic polynomial $f_A(\lambda)$ of A .

Solution:

a) The matrix has a 5 dimensional kernel as you can see if you rowreduce the matrix. The eigenvectors to the eigenvalue 0 can be read off after doing row reduction of A :

$$\text{rref}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

There are 5 eigenvalues 0. There is also an eigenvalue 28 as you can see by inspecting the trace, which is the sum of the eigenvalues. The eigenvectors to the eigenvalues 0 are

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

The eigenvector to the eigenvalue 28 can be computed by row reducing the matrix $A - 28I_6$

$$\text{rref}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

which has the kernel spanned by $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$. An other way to see the eigenvector is to note

that the eigenvector has to be the image of the transformation and because all column vectors are parallel to the vector $\vec{v}_6$, it must be one of these column vectors.

b) The matrix is diagonalizable and therefore similar to the diagonal matrix which contains the eigenvalues in the diagonal:

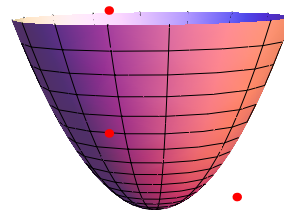
$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 28 \end{bmatrix}.$$

c) We know all the eigenvalues λ_i . The characteristic polynomial is $f_A(\lambda) = (\lambda_1 - \lambda) \cdots (\lambda_n - \lambda)$. Therefore, $f_A(\lambda) = \boxed{(-\lambda)^5(28 - \lambda)}$.

Problem 5) (10 points)

Which paraboloid $ax^2 + by^2 = z$ best fits the data

x	y	z
0	1	2
-1	0	4
1	-1	3



In other words, find the least square solution for the system of equations for the unknowns a, b which aims to have all data points on the paraboloid.

Solution:

We have to find the least square solution to the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} a0 + b1 &= 2 \\ a1 + b0 &= 4 \\ a1 + b1 &= 3. \end{aligned}$$

In matrix form this can be written as $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ with

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We have $A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $A^T b = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$. We get the least square solution with the formula

$$x = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The best fit is the function $f(x, y) = 3x^2 + y^2$ which produces an elliptic paraboloid.

Problem 6) (10 points)

a) (4 points) Find all the eigenvalues λ_1, λ_2 and eigenvectors v_1, v_2 of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 1 \\ 2 & 8 \end{bmatrix}.$$

b) (6 points) Find a closed form solution for the discrete dynamical system

$$x(n+1) = 9x(n) + y(n)$$

$$y(n+1) = 2x(n) + 8y(n)$$

for which $x(0) = 2$, $y(0) = -1$.

Solution:

a) Because the sum of the row entries are constant and equal to 10, the matrix has an eigenvalue $\boxed{10}$ with eigenvector $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Because the sum of the diagonal elements is 17, which is the sum $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2$ of eigenvalues, we know that the other eigenvector is $\boxed{7}$. To compute the second eigenvector, we find the kernel of $A - I_2$ which is the kernel of

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

It is spanned by $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

We have now to write the initial condition as a sum of the eigenvectors

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Solving this simple system of equations for the unknowns c_1, c_2 gives $c_1 = c_2 = 1$ and so the closed form solution

$$A^n \vec{v} = 1 \cdot 10^n \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \cdot 7^n \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We can write this as $\boxed{x(n) = 10^n - 7^n, y(n) = 10^n + 2 \cdot 7^n}$.

Problem 7) (10 points)

a) (3 points) Find the determinant of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 12 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 11 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 11 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 11 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

b) (3 points) Find the determinant of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 7 & 4 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 & 0 & 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

c) (4 points) Find the determinant of

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

Solution:

a) $A - 10I_5$ has eigenvalues 0, 0, 0, 0, 7 (use the trace to get the last one) so that A has eigenvalues 10, 10, 10, 10, 17. The determinant is the product of these eigenvalues, which is $\boxed{170'000}$.

b) This is a partitioned matrix. $\det(A) = \boxed{8 \cdot 4^3}$.

c) Also here, first partition the matrix. To get the determinant of the lower matrix, row reduce to get $\boxed{-480}$.

Problem 8) (10 points)

a) (7 points) Find all (possibly complex) eigenvalues of the matrix $A =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

b) (3 points) Find the QR decomposition of A .

Solution:

a) The characteristic polynomial is $\lambda^8 - 3^8$. The eigenvalues are therefore the 8'th roots of unity multiplied by 3: $\lambda_k = 3e^{2\pi i k/8} = 3\cos(2\pi k/8) + 3i\sin(2\pi k/8)$, where $k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7$.

b) The QR decomposition of A is $QR = (A/3)(3I_8)$ because $Q = A/3$ is an orthogonal matrix and $3I_8$ is an upper triangular matrix. The QR decomposition

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

is so simple here because the matrix A already had orthogonal columns. We just had to scale them to make them **orthonormal**. (You had seen in a homework that for a matrix with orthogonal columns the QR decomposition has the property that the R matrix is diagonal.

Problem 9) (10 points)

Project the vector $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 6 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ onto the linear space spanned by the two vectors

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

Solution:

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 16 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ With } b = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 6 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ we have } A^T b = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 30 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Now, } (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{and } A \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ An alternative method to solve this problem is first to apply}$$

Gram-Schmidt to the two vectors to get a 4×2 matrix Q with orthonormal columns and then form $QQ^T b$.