

MATH-1564-K1,K2,K3 –Linear Algebra with Abstract Vector Spaces  
Homework 12

1. Compute the determinants of the following matrices:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 6 & 16 \\ -3 & -6 & 18 \\ 5 & 12 & 35 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 5 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 4 & -3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -4 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

2. i. Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ . Prove that

$$\left| \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 1 & b & b^2 \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{pmatrix} \right| = (c-a)(c-b)(b-a)$$

- ii. Find the values of  $a$  for which the following set is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a-1 \\ -3 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ a+5 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -3 \\ a-4 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

- iii. Assume that,

$$\left| \begin{pmatrix} a & x & l \\ b & y & m \\ c & z & n \end{pmatrix} \right| = 2$$

Find:

$$\left| \begin{pmatrix} 2a+3x & 2b+3y & 2c+3z \\ l+x & m+y & n+z \\ 7l & 7m & 7n \end{pmatrix} \right|$$

3. Let  $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ . Prove or disprove the following claims:

- $|A+B| = |A| + |B|$
- $|\lambda A| = \lambda|A|$
- $|\lambda A| = \lambda^n|A|$
- If  $A$  is anti-symmetric (that is,  $A^t = -A$ ) and  $n$  is odd then  $A$  is not invertible.
- If  $A$  is anti-symmetric (that is,  $A^t = -A$ ) and  $n$  is even then  $A$  is not invertible.
- If  $AB = 0$  then  $|A^2| + |B^2| = 0$ .
- If  $|A+B| = |A|$  then  $B$  is the zero matrix.

4. i. Compute the determinant of the following  $n \times n$  matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 & \dots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

- ii. For the matrix,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Prove that  $|A| = 1 + (-1)^{(n+1)}$ . (Note the 1 on the left lowest corner).

6. Consider the following matrices.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 3 & -3 \\ -6 & -1 & 3 \\ 12 & 6 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad c = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$E = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad F = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad G = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

For each of these matrices solve the following:

- i. Find all of the eigenvalues of the matrix, determine the geometric multiplicity and the algebraic multiplicity of each eigenvalue.
  - ii. Determine if the matrix is diagonalizable. If it is then find a diagonal matrix  $D$  and an invertible matrix  $P$  so that the matrix is equal to  $P^{-1}DP$ .
7. Consider the matrix  $E$  from Q1
- i. Find the eigenvalues of  $E^2$ . Is  $E^2$  diagonalizable?
  - ii. Find the eigenvalues of  $E^{10}$ . Is  $E^{10}$  diagonalizable?
  - ii. Find the eigenvalues of  $E^3 - 5E^2 + 2E + 3I$ . Is  $E^3 - 5E^2 + 2E + 3I$  diagonalizable?
  - iii. Is  $E$  invertible? If so, find the eigenvalues of  $E^{-1}$ . Is  $E^{-1}$  diagonalizable?
  - iv. Compute  $E^5$ .
8. In each of the following you are given a linear transformation. Determine whether it is diagonalizable.

- i.  $T : M_2(\mathbb{R}) \mapsto M_2(\mathbb{R})$  given by

$$TA = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} A$$

- ii.  $T : \mathbb{R}_2[x] \mapsto \mathbb{R}_2[x]$  given by  $Tp(x) = x(p(x+1) - p(x))$

- iii. Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $B = (v_1, v_2, v_3)$  a basis for  $V$ . Here we consider the linear transformation  $T : V \mapsto V$  which satisfies  $Tv_1 = 5v_1$ ,  $Tv_2 = v_2 + 2v_3$  and  $Tv_3 = 2v_2 + v_3$ .

9. Prove or disprove the following claims.

- a. If  $A \in M_3(\mathbb{R})$  has rows equal to  $v$   $2v$   $3v$  for some  $v \in \mathbb{R}^3$  and  $A$  has a nonzero eigenvalue then  $A$  is diagonalizable.
- b. If  $A \in M_4(\mathbb{R})$  has characteristic polynomial  $q_A(x) = x^2(x+5)(x+6)$  and

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 5 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \in \text{null}(A)$$

then  $A$  is diagonalizable.

- c. Let  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ . Then 0 is an eigenvalue of  $A$  iff  $|A| = 0$ .
- d. Let  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ . If 0 is an eigenvalue of  $A$  then its geometric multiplicity is equal to  $n - \text{rank} A$ .
- e. There exists  $A \in M_5(\mathbb{R})$  which is diagonalizable and satisfies  $\text{rank} A = 1$  and  $\text{tr} A = 0$ .
- f. If  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  is diagonalizable and 2 is the only eigenvalue of  $A$  then  $A = 2I$ .
- g. If  $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  have the same eigenvalues and  $A$  is diagonalizable then so is  $B$ .
- h. Let  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  and let  $q_A(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + x^n$  be the characteristic polynomial of  $A$ . Then  $A$  is invertible iff  $a_0 \neq 0$ .
- i. If  $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  are similar then they have the same characteristic polynomials.
- j. If  $A, B, C \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  are such that  $A$  and  $B$  are similar, and such that  $A$  and  $C$  are similar, then  $B$  and  $C$  are similar.
- k. If  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\text{rank} A \leq n - 1$  then  $A$  is similar to a matrix whose left most column is a zero column.
- l. If  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  is diagonalizable and  $B \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  is similar to  $A$  then  $B$  is also diagonalizable.
- m. If  $A \in M_3(\mathbb{R})$  satisfies:  $\text{rank}(A - I) = 2$ ,  $|A + I| = 0$  and there exists  $v$  such that  $Av = 3v$  then  $A$  is diagonalizable.

- n. If  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  has eigenvalue  $\lambda$  and corresponding eigenvector  $v$  then for every positive integer  $k$  the matrix  $A^k$  has eigenvalue  $\lambda^k$  and corresponding eigenvector  $v$ . What about negative integers?
  - o. If  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  is diagonalizable then  $A^2$  is diagonalizable.
10. Let  $V$  be a vector space of dimension 5. Does there exist a transformation  $T : V \mapsto V$  such that  $\dim \text{Im} T = 3$  and:
- i.  $T$  has 5 distinct eigenvalues?
  - ii.  $T$  has 4 distinct eigenvalues?
  - iii.  $T$  has 4 distinct eigenvalues and  $T$  is not diagonalizable?