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MATH2022 LINEAR AND ABSTRACT ALGEBRA

Semester 1

Week 10 Longer Solutions

1. (a) Since  $A$  is diagonal, we have immediately that  $e^{tA} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{2t} \end{bmatrix}$ .  
(b) The characteristic polynomial of  $A$  is

$$(\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 1) - 1 = \lambda^2 - 2\lambda = \lambda(\lambda - 2),$$

so that the eigenvalues are 0 and 2. Observe that

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad 2I - A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

from which it follows that  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  are eigenvectors for  $A$  corresponding to 0 and 2 respectively. Thus  $A = PDP^{-1}$  where

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} e^{tA} &= Pe^{tD}P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & e^{2t} \\ 1 & e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 + e^{2t} & -1 + e^{2t} \\ -1 + e^{2t} & 1 + e^{2t} \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

- (c) The characteristic polynomial of  $A$  is

$$(\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 2) - 6 = \lambda^2 - 3\lambda - 4 = (\lambda - 4)(\lambda + 1),$$

so that the eigenvalues are 4 and  $-1$ . Observe that

$$4I - A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 \\ -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad -I - A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -3 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

from which it follows that  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  are eigenvectors for  $A$  corresponding to 4 and  $-1$  respectively. Thus  $A = PDP^{-1}$  where

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} e^{tA} &= Pe^{tD}P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{4t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-t} \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} e^{4t} & -3e^{-t} \\ e^{4t} & 2e^{-t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{4t} + 3e^{-t} & 3e^{4t} - 3e^{-t} \\ 2e^{4t} - 2e^{-t} & 3e^{4t} + 2e^{-t} \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

(d) The characteristic polynomial of  $A$  is

$$(\lambda - 5)(\lambda + 4) + 18 = \lambda^2 - \lambda - 2 = (\lambda - 2)(\lambda + 1),$$

so that the eigenvalues are 2 and  $-1$ . Observe that

$$2I - A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 6 \\ -3 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad -I - A = \begin{bmatrix} -6 & 6 \\ -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

from which it follows that  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  are eigenvectors for  $A$  corresponding to 2 and  $-1$  respectively. Thus  $A = PDP^{-1}$  where

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} e^{tA} &= Pe^{tD}P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{2t} & e^{-t} \\ e^{2t} & e^{-t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{2t} - e^{-t} & -2e^{2t} + 2e^{-t} \\ e^{2t} - e^{-t} & -e^{2t} + 2e^{-t} \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

2. (a) We have, using the answer to part (a) of the previous exercise,

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = e^{tA} \begin{bmatrix} x(0) \\ y(0) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t} \\ 2e^{2t} \end{bmatrix},$$

so that  $x = e^{-t}$  and  $y = 2e^{2t}$ .

(b) We have, using the answer to part (b) of the previous exercise,

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = e^{tA} \begin{bmatrix} x(0) \\ y(0) \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 + e^{2t} & -1 + e^{2t} \\ -1 + e^{2t} & 1 + e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 + 3e^{2t} \\ 1 + 3e^{2t} \end{bmatrix},$$

so that  $x = \frac{3e^{2t} - 1}{2}$  and  $y = \frac{3e^{2t} + 1}{2}$ .

(c) We have, using the answer to part (c) of the previous exercise,

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = e^{tA} \begin{bmatrix} x(0) \\ y(0) \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{4t} + 3e^{-t} & 3e^{4t} - 3e^{-t} \\ 2e^{4t} - 2e^{-t} & 3e^{4t} + 2e^{-t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 8e^{4t} - 3e^{-t} \\ 8e^{4t} + 2e^{-t} \end{bmatrix},$$

so that  $x = \frac{8e^{4t} - 3e^{-t}}{5}$  and  $y = \frac{8e^{4t} + 2e^{-t}}{5}$ .

(d) We have, using the answer to part (d) of the previous exercise,

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = e^{tA} \begin{bmatrix} x(0) \\ y(0) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{2t} - e^{-t} & -2e^{2t} + 2e^{-t} \\ e^{2t} - e^{-t} & -e^{2t} + 2e^{-t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2e^{2t} + 3e^{-t} \\ -e^{2t} + 3e^{-t} \end{bmatrix},$$

so that  $x = 3e^{-t} - 2e^{2t}$  and  $y = 3e^{-t} - e^{2t}$ .

3. Since  $D$  consists of two vectors and neither is a scalar multiple of the other, they are linearly independent. But  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is two-dimensional, so  $D$  is a basis. Clearly  $A = C = I$ , the identity matrix. Observe that  $[(1, 1)]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $[(-1, 0)]_B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , so we have

$$E = [\text{id}]_B^D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Using the formula for the inverse of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix, we have

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

Observe that

$$0(1, 1) + (-1)(-1, 0) = (1, 0) \quad \text{and} \quad 1(1, 1) + 1(-1, 0) = (0, 1),$$

recovering the elements of  $B$ , in order, so that  $[(1, 0)]_D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $[(0, 1)]_D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

verifying indeed that  $E^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} [(1, 0)]_D & [(0, 1)]_D \end{bmatrix} = [\text{id}]_D^B$ .

4. (a) Observe, taking images of elements of  $B$ , in order, that

$$f(1, 0) = (1, 3), \quad f(0, 1) = (2, -4), \quad g(1, 0) = (3, 0), \quad g(0, 1) = (-1, 2),$$

so we have, immediately, that

$$[f]_B^B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad [g]_B^B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Observe, taking images of elements of  $D$ , in order, and then finding coefficients of linear combinations, by inspection, that

$$f(1, 1) = (3, -1) = (-1)(1, 1) + (-4)(-1, 0), \quad \text{so that} \quad [f(1, 1)]_D = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$f(-1, 0) = (-1, -3) = (-3)(1, 1) + (-2)(-1, 0), \quad \text{so that} \quad [f(-1, 0)]_D = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$g(1, 1) = (2, 2) = 2(1, 1) + (0)(-1, 0), \quad \text{so that} \quad [g(1, 1)]_D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$g(-1, 0) = (-3, 0) = (0)(1, 1) + 3(-1, 0), \quad \text{so that} \quad [g(-1, 0)]_D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus, we have

$$[f]_D^D = \begin{bmatrix} [f(1, 1)]_D & [f(-1, 0)]_D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -3 \\ -4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$[g]_D^D = \begin{bmatrix} [g(1, 1)]_D & [g(-1, 0)]_D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(b) Using the change of basis matrices calculated in the previous exercise, we have

$$\begin{aligned} [\text{id}]_D^B [f]_B^B [\text{id}]_B^D &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 2 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -3 \\ -4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = [f]_D^D, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} [\text{id}]_D^B [g]_B^B [\text{id}]_B^D &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = [g]_D^D, \end{aligned}$$

as expected.

(c) We have

$$[h]_B^B = [f]_B^D = [f]_B^B [\text{id}]_B^D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix},$$

from which it follows that the rule for  $h$  is

$$h(x, y) = (3x - y, -x - 3y).$$

Alternatively, and as a check, one may calculate

$$[h]_B^B = [f]_B^D = [\text{id}]_B^D [f]_D^D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -3 \\ -4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix},$$

confirming the above rule for  $h$ . We have

$$[k]_B^B = [f]_D^B = [\text{id}]_D^B [f]_B^B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 2 & -6 \end{bmatrix},$$

from which it follows that the rule for  $k$  is

$$k(x, y) = (3x - 4y, 2x - 6y).$$

Alternatively, and as a check, one may calculate

$$[k]_B^B = [f]_D^B = [f]_D^D [\text{id}]_D^B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -3 \\ -4 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 2 & -6 \end{bmatrix},$$

confirming the above rule for  $k$ .

5. We place the coefficients of the polynomials in  $D$  as rows of a matrix and row reduce:

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

We see that the matrix has rank 3, so the polynomials in  $D$  are linearly independent. Since the size of  $D$  coincides with the dimension of  $\mathbb{P}$ , which is 3, we know that  $D$  is a basis. We have

$$[1 + x^2]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad [x + 2x^2]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad [1 + 2x + 3x^2]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix},$$

so that

$$E = [\text{id}]_B^D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Finding  $E^{-1}$  in the usual way:

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] &\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -1 & -2 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ &\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & -1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right], \end{aligned}$$

so that  $E^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ . Observe that the following linear combinations simplify:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}(1 + x^2) + (-1)(x + 2x^2) + \frac{1}{2}(1 + 2x + 3x^2) &= 1, \\ (-1)(1 + x^2) + (-1)(x + 2x^2) + (1)(1 + 2x + 3x^2) &= x, \\ \frac{1}{2}(1 + x^2) + (1)(x + 2x^2) + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)(1 + 2x + 3x^2) &= x^2, \end{aligned}$$

recovering the elements of  $B$ , in order, so that  $[1]_D = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ -1 \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $[x]_D = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and

$$[x^2]_D = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}, \text{ verifying indeed that}$$

$$E^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} [1]_D & [x]_D & [x^2]_D \end{bmatrix} = [\text{id}]_D^B.$$

**6.** By writing the elements of  $D$  as rows of a matrix and row reducing,

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

we get a matrix of full rank, so the elements of  $D$  are linearly independent. Thus  $D$  forms a basis, as its size coincides with the dimension of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , which is 3. Observe that

$$[(1, 0, 1)]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, [(1, 1, 0)]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } [(1, 1, 1)]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ so we have}$$

$$E = [\text{id}]_B^D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Finding  $E^{-1}$  in the usual way, we have

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right],$$

$$\text{so that } E^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Observe that}$$

$$1(1, 0, 1) + 1(1, 1, 0) + (-1)(1, 1, 1) = (1, 0, 0),$$

$$(-1)(1, 0, 1) + 0(1, 1, 0) + 1(1, 1, 1) = (0, 1, 0),$$

$$0(1, 0, 1) + (-1)(1, 1, 0) + 1(1, 1, 1) = (0, 0, 1),$$

$$\text{recovering the elements of } B, \text{ giving } [(1, 0, 0)]_D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, [(0, 1, 0)]_D = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and}$$

$$[(0, 0, 1)]_D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ verifying that}$$

$$E^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = [ [(1, 0, 0)]_D \quad [(0, 1, 0)]_D \quad [(0, 0, 1)]_D ] = [\text{id}]_D^B.$$

7. (a) Since  $A$  is diagonal, we have immediately that  $e^{tA} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{2t} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{3t} \end{bmatrix}.$

(b) The characteristic polynomial of  $A$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & \lambda & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & \lambda \end{vmatrix} &= \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & \lambda - 1 & -1 \\ -1 & \lambda - 1 & \lambda \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & \lambda - 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda + 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (\lambda + 1) \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ -1 & \lambda - 1 \end{vmatrix} = \lambda(\lambda + 1)(\lambda - 1), \end{aligned}$$

so that the eigenvalues are 0, 1 and  $-1$ . Observe that

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad I - A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

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

from which it follows that  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  are eigenvectors for  $A$  corresponding to 0, 1 and  $-1$  respectively. Thus  $A = PDP^{-1}$  where

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Observe that

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} -1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

so that  $P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and we have

$$\begin{aligned} e^{tA} &= Pe^{tD}P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{-t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & -e^{-t} \\ 1 & e^t & e^{-t} \\ 1 & e^t & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 - e^{-t} & -1 + e^{-t} \\ -1 + e^t & -1 + e^t + e^{-t} & 1 - e^{-t} \\ -1 + e^t & -1 + e^t & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

(c) The characteristic polynomial of  $A$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & \lambda + 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & \lambda - 1 \end{vmatrix} &= (\lambda + 1) \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 1 & -2 \\ -2 & \lambda - 1 \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda + 1)((\lambda - 1)^2 - 4) \\ &= (\lambda + 1)(\lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 3) = (\lambda + 1)^2(\lambda - 3), \end{aligned}$$

so that the eigenvalues are  $-1$  and  $3$ . Observe that

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

so the corresponding eigenspace is spanned by, for example,  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

and

$$3I - A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

so the corresponding eigenspace is spanned by, for example,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Thus we have

$A = PDP^{-1}$  where

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Observe that

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right]$$

so that  $P^{-1} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and we have

$$\begin{aligned} e^{tA} &= P e^{tD} P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-t} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{3t} \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} -e^{-t} & -e^{-t} & e^{3t} \\ 2e^{-t} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-t} & e^{3t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{-t} + 2e^{3t} & -e^{-t} + e^{3t} & -2e^{-t} + 2e^{3t} \\ 0 & 4e^{-t} & 0 \\ -2e^{-t} + 2e^{3t} & -e^{-t} + e^{3t} & 2e^{-t} + 2e^{3t} \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

8. (a) We have, using the answer to part (a) of the previous exercise,

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = e^{tA} \begin{bmatrix} x(0) \\ y(0) \\ z(0) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{2t} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{3t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -e^{-t} \\ -4e^{2t} \\ 2e^{3t} \end{bmatrix},$$

so that  $x = -e^{-t}$ ,  $y = -4e^{2t}$  and  $z = 2e^{3t}$ .

(b) We have, using the answer to part (b) of the previous exercise,

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} &= e^{tA} \begin{bmatrix} x(0) \\ y(0) \\ z(0) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 - e^{-t} & -1 + e^{-t} \\ -1 + e^t & -1 + e^t + e^{-t} & 1 - e^{-t} \\ -1 + e^t & -1 + e^t & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -7 + 6e^{-t} \\ 7 - 5e^t - 6e^{-t} \\ 7 - 5e^t \end{bmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

so that  $x = -7 + 6e^{-t}$ ,  $y = 7 - 5e^t - 6e^{-t}$  and  $z = 7 - 5e^t$ .

(c) We have, using the answer to part (c) of the previous exercise,

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} &= e^{tA} \begin{bmatrix} x(0) \\ y(0) \\ z(0) \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{-t} + 2e^{3t} & -e^{-t} + e^{3t} & -2e^{-t} + 2e^{3t} \\ 0 & 4e^{-t} & 0 \\ -2e^{-t} + 2e^{3t} & -e^{-t} + e^{3t} & 2e^{-t} + 2e^{3t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} -2e^{-t} - 2e^{3t} \\ -16e^{-t} \\ 10e^{-t} - 2e^{3t} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -e^{-t} - e^{3t} \\ -8e^{-t} \\ 5e^{-t} - e^{3t} \end{bmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$



so that  $x = \frac{-e^{-t} - e^{3t}}{2}$ ,  $y = -4e^{-t}$  and  $z = \frac{5e^{-t} - e^{3t}}{2}$ .

9. (a) The rule for  $f$  is

$$f(x, y, z) = (2x + 5y - 3z, x - 4y + 7z) .$$

(b) Since  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is two-dimensional, and neither vector in  $D$  is a scalar multiple of the other, so that  $D$  is linearly independent, it follows that  $D$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . By writing the elements of  $B$  as rows of a matrix and row reducing,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} ,$$

we get a matrix of full rank, so the elements of  $B$  are linearly independent. Thus  $B$  forms a basis, as its size coincides with the dimension of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , which is 3.

(c) We first calculate the images of the elements of  $B$  under  $f$ :

$$f(1, 1, 1) = (4, 4) , \quad f(1, 1, 0) = (7, -3) , \quad f(1, 0, 0) = (2, 1) .$$

To express these images as linear combinations of elements of  $B$ , we can simply write everything as columns and row reduce the following augmented matrix:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 2 & 4 & 7 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 & 4 & -3 & 1 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 2 & 4 & 7 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -8 & -24 & -5 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & -12 & -41 & -8 \\ 0 & 1 & 8 & 24 & 5 \end{array} \right] .$$

Thus, we have

$$[(4, 4)]_D = \begin{bmatrix} -12 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} , \quad [(7, -3)]_D = \begin{bmatrix} -41 \\ 24 \end{bmatrix} , \quad [(2, 1)]_D = \begin{bmatrix} -8 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} ,$$

so that

$$[f]_D^B = \begin{bmatrix} -12 & -41 & -8 \\ 8 & 24 & 5 \end{bmatrix} .$$

10. Let  $V_i = \langle B_i \rangle$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . Consider first  $B_1$ , which consists of powers of  $x$ , so that  $V_1$  is the subspace of polynomials of degree at most 3. If  $B_1$  were linearly dependent then there would exist a nonzero polynomial that evaluates to zero for all real numbers substituted for  $x$ . This is impossible, as the number of roots of a real polynomial is bounded by its degree, so is finite. Hence  $B_1$  is linearly independent, so is a basis for  $V_1$ . Then  $D : V_1 \rightarrow V_1$  where

$$\begin{aligned} [D(1)]_{B_1} &= [0]_{B_1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} , & [D(x)]_{B_1} &= [1]_{B_1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} , \\ [D(x^2)]_{B_1} &= [2x]_{B_1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} , & [D(x^3)]_{B_1} &= [3x^2]_{B_1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} , \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$[D]_{B_1}^{B_1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Clearly this matrix, and hence  $D$  restricted to  $V_1$ , has rank 3 and nullity 1.

Consider now  $B_2$ . It is clearly linearly independent, since  $B_2$  comprises only two elements and neither is a scalar multiple of the other. Hence  $B_2$  is a basis for  $V_2$ . Then  $D : V_2 \rightarrow V_2$  where

$$[D(\sin x)]_{B_2} = [\cos x]_{B_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad [D(\cos x)]_{B_2} = [-\sin x]_{B_2} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

so that

$$[D]_{B_2}^{B_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Clearly this matrix, and hence  $D$  restricted to  $V_2$ , has rank 2 and nullity 0.

Consider now  $B_3$ , and suppose it is linearly dependent, so there are scalars  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  such that

$$\alpha e^x + \beta e^{2x} + \gamma x e^{2x} = 0$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . In particular, putting  $x = 0, 1, 2$ , we get the following system

$$\begin{array}{rrrr} \alpha & + & \beta & = & 0 \\ e\alpha & + & e^2\beta & + & e^2\gamma & = & 0 \\ e^2\alpha & + & e^4\beta & + & 2e^4\gamma & = & 0 \end{array}$$

with the following matrix of coefficients:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ e & e^2 & e^2 \\ e^2 & e^4 & 2e^4 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & e & e \\ 1 & e^2 & 2e^2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e-1 & e \\ 0 & e^2-1 & 2e^2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e-1 & e \\ 0 & 0 & e^2-e \end{bmatrix}$$

which has rank 3 (since  $e^2 - e \neq 0$ ), so that  $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 0$ . This proves  $B_3$  is linearly independent and therefore a basis for  $V_3$ . Then  $D : V_3 \rightarrow V_3$  where

$$[D(e^x)]_{B_2} = [e^x]_{B_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad [D(e^{2x})]_{B_2} = [2e^{2x}]_{B_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

and

$$[D(xe^{2x})]_{B_2} = [e^{2x} + 2xe^{2x}]_{B_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix},$$

so that

$$[D]_{B_2}^{B_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Clearly this matrix, and therefore  $D$  restricted to  $V_3$ , has rank 3 and nullity 0.