MATH2022 Linear and Abstract Algebra

Semester 1

Week 5 Longer Solutions

1. (a) Since A is lower triangular, the eigenvalues are 2 and 1. To find the eigenspace corresponding to 2:

$$2I - A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
, yielding $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} t \\ t \end{bmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$.

To find the eigenspace corresponding to 1:

$$I - A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ yielding } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ t \end{bmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

(b) Observe that

$$\det(\lambda I - B) = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 1 & -1 \\ 2 & \lambda - 4 \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 4) + 2 = \lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 6 = (\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 3) ,$$

yielding eigenvalues 2 and 3. To find the eigenspace corresponding to 2:

$$2I - B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
, yielding $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} t \\ t \end{bmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$.

To find the eigenspace corresponding to 3:

$$3I - B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ yielding } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{t}{2} \\ t \end{bmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

(c) Observe that

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

yielding eigenvalue 2 only. To find the eigenspace corresponding to 2:

$$2I - C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
, yielding $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} t \\ t \end{bmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$.

2. (a) Since A is upper triangular, the eigenvalues are 1, 2 and 3. To find the eigenspace corresponding to 1:

$$I - A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{yielding} \quad \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} t \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \middle| t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

To find the eigenspace corresponding to 2:

$$2I - A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{yielding} \quad \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} t \\ t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \middle| t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

To find the eigenspace corresponding to 3:

$$3I - A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ yielding } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -t \\ t \end{bmatrix} \middle| t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

(b) Observe that

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

yielding eigenvalues 2 and 1. To find the eigenspace corresponding to 2:

$$2I - B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{yielding} \quad \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{t}{2} \\ t \\ s \end{bmatrix} \middle| s, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

To find the eigenspace corresponding to 1:

$$I - B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{yielding} \quad \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} t \\ t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \, \middle| \, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

(c) Observe that

$$\det(\lambda I - C) = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda + 7 & 2 & -6 \\ 2 & \lambda - 1 & -2 \\ 10 & 2 & \lambda - 9 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda + 7 & 2 & \lambda + 1 \\ 2 & \lambda - 1 & 0 \\ 10 & 2 & \lambda + 1 \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & \lambda - 1 & 0 \\ 10 & 2 & \lambda + 1 \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda - 3)(\lambda - 1)(\lambda + 1),$$

yielding eigenvalues 3, 1 and -1. To find the eigenspace corresponding to 3:

$$3I - C = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 2 & -6 \\ 2 & 2 & -2 \\ 10 & 2 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -8 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

yielding $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{t}{2} \\ \frac{t}{2} \\ t \end{bmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$. To find the eigenspace corresponding to 1:

$$I - C = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 2 & -6 \\ 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 10 & 2 & -8 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

yielding
$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} t \\ -t \\ t \end{bmatrix} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$
. To find the eigenspace corresponding to -1 :

$$-I - C = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 2 & -6 \\ 2 & -2 & -2 \\ 10 & 2 & -10 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 12 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

yielding
$$\left\{ \left[\begin{array}{c} t \\ 0 \\ t \end{array} \right] \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$
.

- **3.** We have $A\mathbf{v} = \lambda \mathbf{v}$ for some nonzero vector \mathbf{v} .
 - (a) If $A^2 = 0$, the zero matrix, then, denoting the zero column vector by $\mathbf{0}$, we have

$$\mathbf{0} = A^2 \mathbf{v} = A(A \mathbf{v}) = A(\lambda \mathbf{v}) = \lambda(A \mathbf{v}) = \lambda^2 \mathbf{v} ,$$

so that $\lambda^2 = 0$, since **v** is nonzero, so that $\lambda = 0$.

(b) Suppose that $A^2 = A$. Then

$$\lambda \mathbf{v} = A \mathbf{v} = A^2 \mathbf{v} = A(A \mathbf{v}) = A(\lambda \mathbf{v}) = \lambda(A \mathbf{v}) = \lambda^2 \mathbf{v}$$
.

Hence $\mathbf{0} = \lambda^2 \mathbf{v} - \lambda \mathbf{v} = (\lambda^2 - \lambda) \mathbf{v} = \lambda(\lambda - 1) \mathbf{v}$, so that $\lambda(\lambda - 1) = 0$, since \mathbf{v} is nonzero. Thus $\lambda = 0$ or $\lambda = 1$.

(c) Suppose that $A^2 = I$. Then

$$\mathbf{v} = I\mathbf{v} = A^2\mathbf{v} = A(A\mathbf{v}) = A(\lambda\mathbf{v}) = \lambda(A\mathbf{v}) = \lambda^2\mathbf{v}$$
.

Hence $\mathbf{0} = \lambda^2 \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v} = (\lambda^2 - 1)\mathbf{v} = (\lambda - 1)(\lambda + 1)\mathbf{v}$, so that $(\lambda - 1)(\lambda + 1) = 0$, since \mathbf{v} is nonzero. Thus $\lambda = 1$ or $\lambda = -1$.

4. (a) We have $\alpha^6 = \beta^2 = 1$ and $\beta \alpha = \alpha^{-1} \beta = \alpha^5 \beta$, from which it follows quickly, by moving all α 's to the left and β 's to the right and collapsing, that

$$G = \{1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \alpha^3, \alpha^4, \alpha^5, \beta, \alpha\beta, \alpha^2\beta, \alpha^3\beta, \alpha^4\beta, \alpha^5\beta\}.$$

If the order in which the generators are written is reversed then powers of α stay the same (including the identity element 1 vacuously), and β stays the same. However, rewriting $\alpha^i\beta$ backwards, for $1 \le i \le 5$ produces

$$\beta \alpha^i = \alpha^{-i} \beta = \alpha^{6-i} \beta$$

so that the list of reflections $\alpha\beta$, $\alpha^2\beta$, $\alpha^3\beta$, $\alpha^4\beta$, $\alpha^5\beta$ is duplicated but in reverse order.

(b) Using the facts that $\alpha^6 = \beta^2 = 1$ and $\beta \alpha^i \beta = \alpha^{-i}$ for all i, we have

$$\beta \alpha^5 \beta^5 \alpha^{-3} \beta^{-3} \alpha^8 \beta = \beta \alpha^5 \beta \alpha^3 \beta \alpha^2 \beta = \beta \alpha^5 \alpha^{-3} \alpha^2 \beta = \beta \alpha^4 \beta = \alpha^{-4} = \alpha^2.$$

(c) Put

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \pi/3 & -\sin \pi/3 \\ \sin \pi/3 & \cos \pi/3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & -\sqrt{3}/2 \\ \sqrt{3}/2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix},$$

the rotation matrix that rotates 60 degrees anticlockwise, and

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} \cos 0 & \sin 0 \\ \sin 0 & -\cos 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix},$$

the reflection matrix that reflects through the horizontal axis (but in fact any reflection matrix will work). Then $A^6 = B^2 = I$ and

$$BAB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & -\sqrt{3}/2 \\ \sqrt{3}/2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & \sqrt{3}/2 \\ -\sqrt{3}/2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} = A^{-1},$$

so that, as in (a), it follows that

$$H = \{I, A, A^2, A^3, A^4, A^5, B, AB, A^2B, A^3B, A^4B, A^5B\}.$$

Because all of these powers of A are distinct (corresponding to multiples of one sixth rotation), it follows that all elements of H are distinct. The mapping $\alpha \mapsto A$ and $\beta \mapsto B$ induces a bijection from G to H that respects the group multiplication since, on the one hand, for $0 \le i, j \le 5$ and $0 \le k, \ell \le 1$,

$$(\alpha^{i}\beta^{k})(\alpha^{j}\beta^{\ell}) = \begin{cases} \alpha^{i+j}\beta^{\ell} & \text{if } k = 0, \\ \alpha^{i-j}\beta^{1+\ell} & \text{if } k = 1, \end{cases}$$

whilst, on the other hand,

$$(A^{i}B^{k})(A^{j}B^{\ell}) = \begin{cases} A^{i+j}B^{\ell} & \text{if } k = 0, \\ A^{i-j}B^{1+\ell} & \text{if } k = 1, \end{cases}$$

where addition or subtraction of exponents is taken mod 6 and mod 2.

5. We have $\alpha^6 = \beta^2 = 1$, since α is a single 6-cycle and β is a product of disjoint transpositions (2-cycles). Further $\beta^{-1} = \beta$ and

$$\beta^{-1}\alpha\beta = \beta\alpha\beta = (1\ 6)(2\ 5)(3\ 4)(1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5\ 6)(1\ 6)(2\ 5)(3\ 4) = (1\ 6\ 5\ 4\ 3\ 2) = \alpha^{-1}\ .$$

Thus

$$\beta \alpha = \beta \alpha \beta \beta = \alpha^{-1} \beta = \alpha^5 \beta .$$

Collecting all the α 's to the left and β 's to the right, and simplifying, it follows that

$$\begin{split} \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle &= \{1\,,\, \alpha\,,\, \alpha^2\,,\, \alpha^3\,,\, \alpha^4\,,\, \alpha^5\,,\, \beta\,,\, \alpha\beta\,,\, \alpha^2\beta\,,\, \alpha^3\beta\,,\, \alpha^4\beta\,,\, \alpha^5\beta \} \\ &= \{1, (1\;2\;3\;4\;5\;6), (1\;3\;5)(2\;4\;6), (1\;4)(2\;5)(3\;6), (1\;5\;3)(2\;6\;4), (1\;6\;5\;4\;3\;2),\\ &\quad (1\;6)(2\;5)(3\;4), (1\;5)(2\;4), (1\;4)(2\;3)(5\;6), (1\;3)(4\;6), (1\;2)(3\;6)(4\;5), (2\;6)(3\;5) \}. \end{split}$$

We want $\gamma \in \text{Sym}(6)$ such that $\gamma^{-1}\alpha\gamma = \alpha^{-1}$, so we look exhaustively for permutations that rewrite the cycle (1 2 3 4 5 6) as all possible cycles that represent α^{-1} , namely,

$$(165432), (654321), (543216), (432165), (321654), (216543),$$

producing the following possibilities, in the same order:

$$\gamma = (2 \ 6)(3 \ 5) = \alpha^5 \beta \ , \quad \gamma = (1 \ 6)(2 \ 5)(3 \ 4) = \beta \ , \quad \gamma = (1 \ 5)(2 \ 4) = \alpha \beta \ ,$$

$$\gamma = (1 \ 4)(2 \ 3)(5 \ 6) = \alpha^2 \beta \ , \quad \gamma = (1 \ 3)(4 \ 6) = \alpha^3 \beta \ , \quad \gamma = (1 \ 2)(3 \ 6)(4 \ 5) = \alpha^4 \beta \ .$$

These possibilities exhaust precisely all of the reflections of the form $\alpha^i\beta$ for $0 \le i \le 5$.

6. (a) We have that

$$M^{2} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \\ -1 & -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \\ -1 & -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 & 12 \\ 6 & 13 & 24 \\ -3 & -6 & -11 \end{bmatrix},$$

and

$$3M - 2I = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 6 & 12 \\ 6 & 15 & 24 \\ -3 & -6 & -9 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 & 12 \\ 6 & 13 & 24 \\ -3 & -6 & -11 \end{bmatrix},$$

which verifies that $M^2 = 3M - 2I$. Further

$$\chi(\lambda) = \det(\lambda I - M) = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 2 & -2 & -4 \\ -2 & \lambda - 5 & -8 \\ 1 & 2 & \lambda + 3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 2 & -2 & -4 \\ -2 & \lambda - 5 & -8 \\ \lambda - 1 & 0 & \lambda - 1 \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{vmatrix} \lambda + 2 & -2 & -4 \\ 6 & \lambda - 5 & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda - 1 \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda - 1) \begin{vmatrix} \lambda + 2 & -2 \\ 6 & \lambda - 5 \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= (\lambda - 1)((\lambda + 2)(\lambda - 5) + 12) = (\lambda - 1)(\lambda^2 - 3\lambda + 2) = (\lambda - 1)^2(\lambda - 2).$$

(b) By the Cayley-Hamilton Theorem,

$$\chi(M) = (M-I)^2(M-2I) = 0.$$

This is consistent with the first part of (a), since $M^2 = 3M - 2I$ implies that

$$(M-I)(M-2I) = M^2 - 3M + 2I = 0,$$

which in turn implies $\chi(M) = 0$, since $(\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 2)$ divides $\chi(\lambda)$.

(c) The formula holds trivially for k = 1, and also for k = 2 by part (a), which starts an induction. Suppose k > 2 and, as inductive hypothesis, that

$$M^{k-1} = (2^{k-1} - 1)M + (2 - 2^{k-1})I.$$

Then

$$\begin{split} M^k &= M M^{k-1} = M \left((2^{k-1} - 1) M + (2 - 2^{k-1}) I \right) = (2^{k-1} - 1) M^2 + (2 - 2^{k-1}) M \\ &= (2^{k-1} - 1) (3M - 2I) + (2 - 2^{k-1}) M = (3(2^{k-1} - 1) + 2 - 2^{k-1}) M + (2 - 2^k) I \\ &= (2^k - 1) M + (2 - 2^k) I \;, \end{split}$$

which verifies the inductive step, completing the proof for all positive k. The formula also holds trivially for k = 0. One can prove the formula for negative k also by induction. A direct verification is to calculate as follows, for positive k:

$$\begin{split} M^k \bigg((2^{-k} - 1)M + (2 - 2^{-k})I \bigg) \\ &= \bigg((2^k - 1)M + (2 - 2^k)I \bigg) \bigg((2^{-k} - 1)M + (2 - 2^{-k})I \bigg) \\ &= \bigg((2^k - 1)(2^{-k} - 1) M^2 + \bigg((2^k - 1)(2 - 2^{-k}) + (2 - 2^k)(2^{-k} - 1) \bigg) M \\ &\quad + (2 - 2^k)(2 - 2^{-k})I \\ &= (2 - 2^k - 2^{-k})M^2 + (2^{k+1} - 3 + 2^{-k} + 2^{-k+1} - 3 + 2^k)M \\ &\quad + (5 - 2^{k+1} - 2^{-k+1})I \\ &= (2 - 2^k - 2^{-k}) (3M - 2I) + (3(2^k) - 6 + 3(2^{-k}))M + (5 - 2^{k+1} - 2^{-k+1})I \\ &= \bigg(6 - 3(2^k) - 3(2^{-k}) + 3(2^k) - 6 + 3(2^{-k}) \bigg) M \\ &\quad + \bigg(- 4 + 2^{k+1} + 2^{-k+1} + 5 - 2^{k+1} - 2^{-k+1} \bigg) I \\ &= I \,, \end{split}$$

which verifies that

$$M^{-k} = (M^k)^{-1} = (2^{-k} - 1)M + (2 - 2^{-k})I$$

so that the formula holds for all integers k.

(d) The formula gives

$$M^{5} = (2^{5} - 1)M + (2 - 2^{5})I = 31 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \\ -1 & -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 30 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 30 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 30 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 32 & 62 & 124 \\ 62 & 125 & 248 \\ -31 & -62 & -123 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$M^{-1} = (2^{-1} - 1)M + (2 - 2^{-1})I = -\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \\ -1 & -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & -1 & -4 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix},$$

and

$$M^{-5} = (2^{-5} - 1)M + (2 - 2^{-5})I = -\frac{31}{32} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \\ -1 & -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{63}{32} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{63}{32} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{63}{32} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \frac{1}{32} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -62 & -124 \\ -62 & -92 & -248 \\ 31 & 62 & 156 \end{bmatrix}.$$

7. (a) We have

$$A^{2} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos 2\theta & -\sin 2\theta \\ \sin 2\theta & \cos 2\theta \end{bmatrix},$$

after simplifying, which corresponds to a rotation of the plane 2θ radians.

(b) We have

$$B^{2} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos 2\phi & \sin 2\phi \\ \sin 2\phi & -\cos 2\phi \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos 2\phi & \sin 2\phi \\ \sin 2\phi & -\cos 2\phi \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I,$$

after simplifying, which corresponds to a rotation of the plane 0 radians (the identity mapping).

(c) From general facts about rotation matrices (see Q4(a)(b) of Week 2 Exercises),

$$A^{-3} = (A^{-1})^3 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}^3 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos 3\theta & \sin 3\theta \\ -\sin 3\theta & \cos 3\theta \end{bmatrix},$$

which corresponds to a rotation of the plane -3θ radians.

(d) We have

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos 2\phi & \sin 2\phi \\ \sin 2\phi & -\cos 2\phi \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta + 2\phi) & \sin(\theta + 2\phi) \\ \sin(\theta + 2\phi) & -\cos(\theta + 2\phi) \end{bmatrix},$$

after simplifying, which corresponds to a reflection of the plane through the line through the origin making an angle of $\frac{\theta+2\phi}{2}$ with the positive x-axis.

(e) As a special case of the previous calculation, taking $\phi = \theta$, we have that

$$AC = \begin{bmatrix} \cos 3\theta & \sin 3\theta \\ \sin 3\theta & -\cos 3\theta \end{bmatrix},$$

which corresponds to a reflection of the plane through the line through the origin making an angle of $\frac{3\theta}{2}$ with the positive x-axis.

(f) We have

$$BA = \begin{bmatrix} \cos 2\phi & \sin 2\phi \\ \sin 2\phi & -\cos 2\phi \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(2\phi - \theta) & \sin(2\phi - \theta) \\ \sin(2\phi - \theta) & -\cos(2\phi - \theta) \end{bmatrix},$$

after simplifying, which corresponds to a reflection of the plane through the line through the origin making an angle of $\frac{2\phi-\theta}{2}$ with the positive x-axis.

(g) We have

$$BC = \begin{bmatrix} \cos 2\phi & \sin 2\phi \\ \sin 2\phi & -\cos 2\phi \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos 2\theta & \sin 2\theta \\ \sin 2\theta & -\cos 2\theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos 2(\phi - \theta) & -\sin 2(\phi - \theta) \\ \sin 2(\phi - \theta) & \cos 2(\phi - \theta) \end{bmatrix},$$

after simplifying, which corresponds to a rotation of the plane $2(\phi - \theta)$ radians.

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(h) We have, by (d) and (f),

$$\begin{split} ABA &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos2\phi & \sin2\phi \\ \sin2\phi & -\cos2\phi \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta+2\phi) & \sin(\theta+2\phi) \\ \sin(\theta+2\phi) & -\cos(\theta+2\phi) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta+2\phi-\theta) & \sin(\theta+2\phi-\theta) \\ \sin(\theta+2\phi-\theta) & -\cos(\theta+2\phi-\theta) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos2\phi & \sin2\phi \\ \sin2\phi & -\cos2\phi \end{bmatrix} = B. \end{split}$$

Alternatively, by Q4(a)(d) of Week 2 Exercises,

$$ABA = ABAI = ABABB = A(BAB)B = AA^{-1}B = IB = B$$
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(i) By Q4(a)(d) of Week 2 Exercises,

$$BA^2B = (A^2)^{-1} = A^{-2}$$

which corresponds to a rotation of the plane -2θ radians.

(j) We have, by (f) and (g),

$$BAC = \begin{bmatrix} \cos 2\phi & \sin 2\phi \\ \sin 2\phi & -\cos 2\phi \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos 2\theta & \sin 2\theta \\ \sin 2\theta & -\cos 2\theta \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos(2\phi - \theta) & \sin(2\phi - \theta) \\ \sin(2\phi - \theta) & -\cos(2\phi - \theta) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos 2\theta & \sin 2\theta \\ \sin 2\theta & -\cos 2\theta \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos(2\phi - 3\theta) & -\sin(2\phi - 3\theta) \\ \sin(2\phi - 3\theta) & \cos(2\phi - 3\theta) \end{bmatrix},$$

which corresponds to a rotation of the plane $2\phi - 3\theta$ radians.

8. We have

$$\chi(\lambda) = \det(\lambda I - M) = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda - a & -b \\ -c & \lambda - d \end{bmatrix} = (\lambda - a)(\lambda - d) - bc = \lambda^2 - (a + d)\lambda + ad - bc ,$$

and

$$\begin{split} \chi(M) &= M^2 - (a+d)M + (ad-bc)I \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} - (a+d) \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} ad-bc & 0 \\ 0 & ad-bc \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} a^2 + bc & ab + bd \\ ca + dc & cb + d^2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} a^2 + ad & ab + db \\ ac + dc & ad + d^2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} ad-bc & 0 \\ 0 & ad-bc \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} a^2 + bc - a^2 - ad + ad - bc & ab + bd - ab - db \\ ca + dc - ac - dc & cb + d^2 - ad - d^2 + ad - bc \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \;, \end{split}$$

the zero matrix, verifying of the Cayley-Hamilton Theorem for 2×2 matrices.

9. (a) We have that $M\mathbf{v} = \lambda \mathbf{v}$ for some nonzero column vector \mathbf{v} . We claim that $M^k \mathbf{v} = \lambda^k \mathbf{v}$ for all positive integers k, and verify this by induction. This is

clearly true if k=1. Suppose that $k\geq 1$ and assume as inductive hypothesis that $M^k\mathbf{v}=\lambda^k\mathbf{v}$. Then

$$M^{k+1}\mathbf{v} = (MM^k)\mathbf{v} = M(M^k\mathbf{v}) = M(\lambda^k\mathbf{v}) = \lambda^k(M\mathbf{v}) = \lambda^k(\lambda\mathbf{v}) = \lambda^{k+1}\mathbf{v} ,$$

which establishes the inductive step, and completes the proof of our claim. Thus, for all positive integers k, we have that λ^k is an eigenvalue of M^k (and further that \mathbf{v} is always a corresponding eigenvector).

(b) Again, we have that $M\mathbf{v} = \lambda \mathbf{v}$ for some nonzero column vector \mathbf{v} . If $\lambda = 0$ then $M\mathbf{v} = 0\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$, so that

$$\mathbf{v} = I\mathbf{v} = (M^{-1}M)\mathbf{v} = M^{-1}(M\mathbf{v}) = M^{-1}\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$$

which contradicts that \mathbf{v} is a nonzero column vector. Hence λ is nonzero. Further,

$$\mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{\lambda}(\lambda \mathbf{v}) = \lambda^{-1} M \mathbf{v} ,$$

so that

$$M^{-1}\mathbf{v} = M^{-1}(\lambda^{-1}M\mathbf{v}) = \lambda^{-1}(M^{-1}M)\mathbf{v} = \lambda^{-1}I\mathbf{v} = \lambda^{-1}\mathbf{v}$$
.

This proves that that λ^{-1} is an eigenvalue of M^{-1} (and further that **v** is a corresponding eigenvector).

10. Let $M = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$ where $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ be a rotation matrix. Working over \mathbb{C} , we have

$$\chi(\lambda) = \det(\lambda I - M) = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \lambda - \cos \theta \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda - \cos \theta)^2 + \sin^2 \theta$$
$$= \lambda^2 - 2\lambda \cos \theta + \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = \lambda^2 - 2\lambda \cos \theta + 1,$$

with roots

$$\lambda = \frac{2\cos\theta \pm \sqrt{4\cos^2\theta - 4}}{2} = \cos\theta \pm i\sin\theta = e^{\pm i\theta}$$

where $i = \sqrt{-1}$. If θ is an even multiple of π then M = I and $\lambda = 1$ is the unique eigenvalue. If θ is an odd multiple of π then M = -I and $\lambda = -1$ is the unique eigenvalue. In both these cases, the eigenspace comprises all column vectors with entries from \mathbb{C} . Suppose then that θ is not a multiple of π , so that $\sin \theta \neq 0$. Finding the eigenspace corresponding to $\lambda = e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$:

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

yielding $\left\{\begin{bmatrix}iz\\z\end{bmatrix} \mid z \in \mathbb{C}\right\}$. Finding the eigenspace corresponding to $\lambda = e^{-i\theta} = \cos\theta - i\sin\theta$:

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

yielding
$$\left\{ \left[\begin{array}{c} -iz \\ z \end{array} \right] \mid z \in \mathbb{C} \right\}$$
.

11. The (i, ℓ) -entry of $A(\operatorname{adj} A)$ is

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n} (-1)^{\ell+j} a_{ij} \det A_{\ell j} .$$

If $i = \ell$ then this is the expansion along the ℓ th row of A, yielding det A. If $i \neq \ell$ then this is the expansion along the ℓ th row of the matrix obtained by replacing the ℓ th row of A by the ith row, yielding the determinant of a matrix with two identical rows, which is zero. This proves $A(\operatorname{adj} A) = (\det A)I$, and then the rest follows quickly.

12. Given $M\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c}$, we have

$$\mathbf{x} = M^{-1}\mathbf{c} = \frac{1}{\det M}(\mathrm{adj}M)\mathbf{c} ,$$

so that, for each i,

$$x_i = \frac{1}{\det M} \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{j+i} \det(M_{ji}) c_j = \frac{\det M_i}{\det M},$$

since det $M_i = \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{j+i} c_j \det M_{ji}$, expanding down the *i*th column. In the given system,

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{c} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ -3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix},$$

so that

$$\det M = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - 3 \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + 4 \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -8,$$

$$\det M_1 = \begin{vmatrix} -4 & 3 & 4 \\ -3 & 5 & 6 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -4 \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - 3 \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 6 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + 4 \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 5 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -8,$$

$$\det M_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -4 & 4 \\ 5 & -3 & 6 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 6 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + 4 \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + 4 \begin{vmatrix} 5 & -3 \\ 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = -16,$$

$$\det M_3 = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & -4 \\ 5 & 5 & -3 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 5 & -3 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} - 3 \begin{vmatrix} 5 & -3 \\ 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} - 4 \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 24,$$

yielding

$$x = \frac{-8}{-8} = 1$$
, $y = \frac{-16}{-8} = 2$, $z = \frac{24}{-8} = -3$.