

**Problem 1.** (10 pts.) Let  $A$  be the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 3 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find a basis  $B = \{v_1, v_2\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  where  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  are eigenvectors of  $A$ .

$$A - \lambda I = \begin{pmatrix} 7-\lambda & 3 \\ 3 & -1-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \lambda^2 - 6\lambda - 16 = (\lambda - 8)(\lambda + 2)$$

so eigenvalues are  $\lambda_1 = 8, \lambda_2 = -2$

$$\lambda_1 = 8: A - 8I = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 3 & -9 \end{pmatrix} \text{ has nullspace spanned by } v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2 = -2, A + 2I = \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ has nullspace spanned by } v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

So:  $B = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$

$$\text{and } A \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 8 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

**Problem 2.** (15 pts.) Let  $A$  be the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

a) Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $A$ .

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \lambda^2 - 3\lambda - 10 = (\lambda - 5)(\lambda + 2)$$

$$\lambda_1 = 5, \quad (A - 5I) = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 4 \\ 3 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ has nullspace spanned by } v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Av_1 = 5v_1$$

$$\lambda_2 = -2, \quad (A + 2I) = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \text{ has nullspace spanned by } v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Av_2 = -2v_2$$

b) Find a diagonal matrix  $D$  and a matrix  $C$  such that

$$A = CDC^{-1}.$$

$C$  is the change of basis matrix

$$C = (v_1 \mid v_2) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C^{-1} = -\frac{1}{7} \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -4 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3/7 & 4/7 \\ 1/7 & -1/7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3/7 & 4/7 \\ 1/7 & -1/7 \end{pmatrix}$$

c) Use part b) to compute  $A^{-2}$ , which is the inverse of  $A^2$ .

$$A^2 = CDC^{-1} \cdot CDC^{-1} = CD^2C^{-1}$$

$$A^{-2} = CD^{-2}C^{-1}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1/25 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/4 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \frac{1}{7} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{7} \begin{pmatrix} 1/25 & 1 \\ 1/25 & -3/4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{7} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{28}{25} & \frac{-21}{25} \\ -\frac{63}{100} & \frac{91}{100} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{28}{175} & \frac{-21}{175} \\ -\frac{63}{700} & \frac{91}{700} \end{pmatrix}$$

**Problem 3.** (10 pts.)

The position of a particle at time  $t$  is given by

$$f(t) = \begin{bmatrix} t^2 \\ \sin t \\ e^t \end{bmatrix}.$$

- a) Find  $f'(t)$ , also known as the velocity of the particle at time  $t$ .

$$f'(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 2t \\ \cos t \\ e^t \end{pmatrix}$$

- b) Find  $f''(t)$ , also known as the acceleration of the particle at time  $t$ .

$$f''(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -\sin t \\ e^t \end{pmatrix}$$

- c) Find an equation for the tangent line to the path of the particle at the point  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$f(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{i.e. compute at } t=0)$$

Line passes through  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  with tangent  $f'(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\text{so } \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, s \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

**Problem 4.** (10 pts.)

Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be given by  $f(x, y, z) = \begin{bmatrix} x^2 \sin yz \\ y^2 + e^{z-x} \end{bmatrix}$ .

- a) Compute the total derivative  $Df(1, 2, 3)$  at the point  $(1, 2, 3)$ .

$$Df(x, y, z) = \begin{pmatrix} 2x \sin(yz) & x^2 z \cos(yz) & x^2 y \cos(yz) \\ -e^{z-x} & 2y & e^{z-x} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Df(1, 2, 3) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \sin(6) & 3 \cos(6) & 2 \cos(6) \\ -e^2 & 4 & e^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- b) Compute the total derivative  $Df(x, y, z)$  at a general point  $(x, y, z)$ .

See above.

**Problem 5.** (15 pts.) For each of the following questions, circle either “Always **TRUE**” or “Sometimes **FALSE**”. You do not need to supply reasons for your answer.

a) “Always **TRUE**” / “Sometimes **FALSE**”.

Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x,y)$  exists if both  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x,0)$  and  $\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} f(0,y)$  exist.

b) “Always **TRUE**” / “Sometimes **FALSE**”.

Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  and write  $f(x,y) = (f_1(x,y), f_2(x,y))$ . Then  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,1)} f(x,y)$  exists if and only if both  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,1)} f_1(x,y)$  and  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (1,1)} f_2(x,y)$  exist.

c) “Always **TRUE**” / “Sometimes **FALSE**”.

If  $v$  and  $w$  are two different eigenvectors of a matrix  $A$  corresponding to two different eigenvalues, then  $v$  and  $w$  are linearly independent.

d) “Always **TRUE**” / “Sometimes **FALSE**”.

If  $A$  is a symmetric  $n$ -by- $n$  matrix, then it has  $n$  distinct eigenvalues.

e) “Always **TRUE**” / “Sometimes **FALSE**”.

If a differentiable function  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfies  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x,y) = 0$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x,y) = 0$  for all  $(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , then  $f$  is a constant function.

**Problem 6.** (10 pts.)

Let  $A$  be the matrix

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

a) Compute the determinant  $\det(A)$ .

$$\det(A) = 1 \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - 0 \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \det \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= 1 \cdot (-5) + 0 + 2 \cdot 7$$

$$= -5 + 14 = 9$$

b) Compute the inverse  $A^{-1}$ .

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & -5 & -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 & 7 & -3 & -2 \end{array} \right)$$

(add row 3 to row 2)

$$\rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 7/9 & -3/9 & -2/9 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -5/9 & 6/9 & 4/9 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -4/9 & 3/9 & 5/9 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 7/9 & -3/9 & -2/9 \end{array} \right)$$

So  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{9} \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 6 & 4 \\ -4 & 3 & 5 \\ 7 & -3 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$



**Problem 7.** (10 pts.)

Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be the function given by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} x^2 + xy \\ x - y \end{bmatrix}.$$

Assume that  $g: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is a function satisfying

$$g(0, 0, 0) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad Dg(0, 0, 0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

If  $h: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is the composition  $h = f \circ g$ , compute  $Dh(0, 0, 0)$ .

$$D(f \circ g)(0, 0, 0) = Df(g(0, 0, 0)) \cdot Dg(0, 0, 0)$$

$$= Df\left(\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Df = \begin{pmatrix} 2x+y & x \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Df\left(\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow Dh(0, 0, 0) &= \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 6 & 10 \\ 2 & -3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 8.** (10 pts.) Let  $Q: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the quadratic form

$$Q(x, y, z) = 3x^2 + 3y^2 + 3z^2 + 2xy + 2xz + 2yz.$$

Determine whether the quadratic form  $Q$  is positive definite, negative definite, or indefinite. If none of these hold, determine whether  $Q$  is positive semidefinite or negative semidefinite.

$$Q(x, y, z) = \begin{pmatrix} x & y & z \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}, \text{ so } A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A - \lambda I) &= \det \begin{pmatrix} 3-\lambda & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3-\lambda \end{pmatrix} = (3-\lambda)((3-\lambda)^2 - 1) \\ &\quad - 1(3-\lambda-1) + 1(1-(3-\lambda)) \\ &= (3-\lambda)^3 - (3-\lambda) - 2(2-\lambda) \end{aligned}$$

(This has one root  $\lambda_1 = 2$ .)

$$(3-\lambda)^3 - (3-\lambda) = (3-\lambda)(9-6\lambda+\lambda^2-1) = (3-\lambda)(\lambda-2)(\lambda-4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so } (3-\lambda)^3 - (3-\lambda) - 2(2-\lambda) &= (\lambda-2)[- (\lambda-4)(\lambda-3) + 2] \\ &= (\lambda-2)(-\lambda^2 + 7\lambda + 10) = -(\lambda-2)(\lambda^2 - 7\lambda + 10) \\ &= -(\lambda-2)^2(\lambda-5) \end{aligned}$$

So eigenvalues are  $2, 2, 5$

$\Rightarrow$  positive definite

**Problem 9.** (10 pts.)

Let  $A$  be a  $2 \times 3$  matrix. Consider the function  $f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = \|Ax\|^2$ .

- a) Show that  $f$  is a quadratic form. What is the matrix  $B$  associated to  $f$ ? (The answer should be in terms of  $A$ .)

$$f(x) = \|Ax\|^2 = Ax \cdot Ax = A^T(Ax) \cdot x = (A^T A)x \cdot x$$

$$\Rightarrow B = A^T A, \quad f(x) = Bx \cdot x$$

- b) Prove that all the eigenvalues of this matrix  $B$  are  $\geq 0$ .

$$B \text{ is symmetric, } B^T = (A^T A)^T = (A^T)(A^T)^T = A^T A = B$$

$$\text{If } Bv = \lambda v, \text{ then } A^T A v = \lambda v.$$

Take dot product with  $v$ :

$$Bv \cdot v = \lambda v \cdot v = \lambda \|v\|^2$$

$$A^T A v \cdot v = \|Av\|^2 = f(v) \geq 0 \Rightarrow \lambda \geq 0$$

c) Show that the matrix  $B$  always has nullity greater than 0.

Since  $B = A^T A$  and  $A$  is  $2 \times 3$   
we know that  $N(A)$  is always  
bigger than just  $\{0\}$

(there are always free variables)

$$\exists v \neq 0, Av = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$Bv = A^T Av = A^T(0) = 0.$$