

1. From the textbook: 23.2, 23.4, 23.8, 25.7, 25.1 (Hint: Use Proposition 18.1), 25.10, 26.2, 26.4, 26.12, 26.19.
2. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix, and suppose that  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k$  are all eigenvectors of  $A$  with the *same* eigenvalue  $\lambda$ . Show that any vector  $\mathbf{v}$  in the linear subspace  $V = \text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k)$  is also an eigenvector of  $A$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .
3. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix.
  - (a) Suppose  $\mathbf{v}_1$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda_1$ . Show that  $\mathbf{v}_1$  is also an eigenvector of the matrix  $A^2 = AA$ , and find its eigenvalue.
  - (b) For  $p$  a positive integer, let  $A^p$  denote  $A$  multiplied by itself  $p$  times. Show that  $\mathbf{v}_1$  is an eigenvector of  $A^p$ , and find its associated eigenvalue.
  - (c) Let  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k$  be eigenvectors of  $A$  corresponding to eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k$ , respectively. Suppose that

$$\mathbf{v} = c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_k\mathbf{v}_k.$$

Find  $A\mathbf{v}$  (as a linear combination of the eigenvectors  $\mathbf{v}_i$ ).

- (d) Find  $A^p\mathbf{v}$ .

Side remark: The mathematical field of *dynamics* is concerned with describing how points in a space  $X$  behave as we repeatedly apply some function  $f : X \rightarrow X$ . This question shows that if  $X$  is a vector space and  $f$  is a linear map, then when  $f$  is diagonalizable, knowing the eigenvectors and eigenvalues of  $f$  allows us to understand its dynamics very well (and without having to compute any large matrix powers).

4. Suppose  $A$  is a matrix that has eigenvector  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda_1 = 2$ , and eigenvector  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda_2 = 1$ .
  - (a) If  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ , find the coordinates  $[\mathbf{x}]_\beta$  of  $\mathbf{x}$  with respect to the basis  $\beta = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$ .
  - (b) Find  $A^8\mathbf{x}$ . (Hint: Use part (a), and Question 3.)
5. Let  $Q(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T I_n \mathbf{x}$  be the quadratic form associated to the identity matrix  $I_n$ .
  - (a) Describe the definiteness of  $Q$ .
  - (b) We have another name for the number  $Q(\mathbf{x})$ . What is it? (Hint: Page 22).