

## Solution guide for LA Homework 4@csie.ntnu.edu.tw-2025

1. (20 %) Let  $T_w$  be the reflection of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  about the plane  $W$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  .... (a) Find  $T_w(\mathbf{v})$  ... (b) Show that  $\mathcal{B}$  ... (c) Find  $[T_w]_{\mathcal{B}}$  ... (d) Find .... (e) Determine an explicit ...

ANS:

$$(a) T_w \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad T_w \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } T_w \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = -\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ (or } T_w(\mathbf{b}_1)=\mathbf{b}_1,$$

$$T_w(\mathbf{b}_2)=\mathbf{b}_2 \text{ and } T_w(\mathbf{b}_3)=-\mathbf{b}_3 \text{ where } \mathbf{b}_1=\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{b}_2=\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{b}_3=\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(b)  $\mathcal{B}$  is a linearly independent set of 3 vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

$$(c) [T_w]_{\mathcal{B}}=[[T_w(\mathbf{b}_1)]_{\mathcal{B}} \quad [T_w(\mathbf{b}_2)]_{\mathcal{B}} \quad [T_w(\mathbf{b}_3)]_{\mathcal{B}}]=\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(d) Let  $A$  be the standard matrix of  $T_w$ . Then,

$$A=B[T_w]_{\mathcal{B}}B^{-1}=\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}=\frac{1}{7}\begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 3 \\ -2 & 3 & 6 \\ 3 & 6 & -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$(e) T_w \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = A \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 3 \\ -2 & 3 & 6 \\ 3 & 6 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 6x_1 - 2x_2 + 3x_3 \\ -2x_1 + 3x_2 + 6x_3 \\ 3x_1 + 6x_2 - 2x_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

2. (12 %) ... Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a linear transformation ... Prove the following: (a) If  $A$  is the standard matrix ... (b)  $[T(\mathbf{v})]_{\mathcal{C}} = [T]_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathcal{C}}[\mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{B}}$  ... (c) Let  $U: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$  be linear, and ...

ANS:

(a) Let  $A$  be the standard matrix of  $T$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } [T]_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathcal{C}} &= [[T(\mathbf{b}_1)]_{\mathcal{C}} \quad [T(\mathbf{b}_2)]_{\mathcal{C}} \quad \dots \quad [T(\mathbf{b}_n)]_{\mathcal{C}}] \\ &= [C^{-1}T(\mathbf{b}_1) \quad C^{-1}T(\mathbf{b}_2) \quad \dots \quad C^{-1}T(\mathbf{b}_n)] = C^{-1}[T(\mathbf{b}_1) \quad T(\mathbf{b}_2) \quad \dots \quad T(\mathbf{b}_n)] \\ &= C^{-1}[A\mathbf{b}_1 \quad A\mathbf{b}_2 \quad \dots \quad A\mathbf{b}_n] = C^{-1}A[\mathbf{b}_1 \quad \mathbf{b}_2 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{b}_n] = C^{-1}AB. \end{aligned}$$

(b) For any  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$[T(\mathbf{v})]_{\mathcal{C}} = C^{-1}T(\mathbf{v}) = C^{-1}Av = C^{-1}ABB^{-1}\mathbf{v} = C^{-1}AB(B^{-1}\mathbf{v}) = C^{-1}AB[\mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{B}} = [T]_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathcal{C}}[\mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{B}}.$$

(c) Let  $D$  be the matrix whose columns are the vectors in  $\mathcal{D}$  and let  $P$  be the standard matrix of  $U$ .

The standard matrix of the composition  $UT$  is  $PA$  (by theorem 2.12).

By (a), we have  $[UT]_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathcal{D}} = D^{-1}PAB = D^{-1}P(CC^{-1})AB = (D^{-1}PC)(C^{-1}AB) = [U]_{\mathcal{C}}^{\mathcal{D}}[T]_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathcal{C}}$ .

3. (12 %) Find the eigenvalues of linear operator  $T$  and determine a basis ...

ANS:

The standard matrix of  $T$  is  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ -5 & 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . The characteristic polynomial of  $A$  is

$$\det(A - \lambda I_3) = \det \begin{bmatrix} -4 - \lambda & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 - \lambda & 0 \\ -5 & 5 & 1 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} = (-4 - \lambda)(2 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda).$$

The reduced row echelon form of  $A - 1 \times I_3$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Then a basis for the eigenspace corresponding to eigenvalue  $\lambda = 1$  is  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ . ....

Therefore, three eigenvalues and a basis consisting of one eigenvector for each eigenspace are :

$$-4, \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}; \quad 1, \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}; \quad 2, \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad (\text{Some multiple of each eigenvector is also OK})$$

4. (12%) Given a matrix  $A = \dots$  and its characteristic polynomial ..., find ...

ANS:

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, D = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{The solution for } P \text{ is not unique.})$$

5. (10 %) Let  $A$  be a diagonalizable  $n \times n$  matrix. Prove that ...

ANS:

- Let  $\lambda$  be an eigenvalue of  $A$ , then  $f(\lambda) = 0$ .

- Let  $A = PDP^{-1}$  where  $D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & 0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $f(D) = a_n D^n + a_{n-1} D^{n-1} + \dots +$

$$a_1 D + a_0 I = \begin{bmatrix} f(\lambda_1) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & f(\lambda_2) & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & 0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & f(\lambda_n) \end{bmatrix} = O.$$

Hence  $f(A) = f(PDP^{-1}) = a_n (PDP^{-1})^n + a_{n-1} (PDP^{-1})^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 PDP^{-1} + a_0 PI_n P^{-1} = \dots = P f(D) P^{-1} = P O P^{-1} = O$ .

6. (10%) A linear operator  $T$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is given in the following. Find ...

ANS:

The standard matrix of  $T$  is  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and its characteristic polynomial is

$$-(\lambda + 1)^2(\lambda - 4).$$

Bases for the eigenspaces of  $T$  corresponding to eigenvalues  $-1$  and  $4$  are  $\mathcal{B}_1 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

and  $\mathcal{B}_2 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ , respectively.

So, combining these two sets produces a basis  $\mathcal{B}$  for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , where  $\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

7. (12%) Given a linear operator  $T$  and its characteristic polynomial  $f(t)$ , determine ....

ANS:  $c=3$  or  $4$

The standard matrix of  $T$  is  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & c & 0 \\ 6 & -1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- For eigenvalue value  $t = 3$ ,  $A - 3I_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & c-3 & 0 \\ 6 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & c-3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

If  $c = 3$ , the nullity of  $A - 3I_3$  is “one”, not equal to the multiplicity of eigenvalue  $t = 3$ .

- For eigenvalue value  $t = 4$ ,  $A - 4I_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & c-4 & 0 \\ 6 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R} \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & c-4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

If  $c = 4$ , the nullity of  $A - 3I_3$  is “one”, not equal to the multiplicity of eigenvalue  $t = 4$ .

8. (12 %) Let  $\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}\}$  be a basis ... (a) Find the eigenvalues of  $T$  and .... (b) Is  $T$  diagonalizable?

ANS:

- (a) Let  $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}\}$ . Obviously,  $T(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{u}$ ,  $T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v}$  and  $T(\mathbf{w}) = -\mathbf{w}$ . Hence  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are eigenvectors of  $T$  with corresponding eigenvalue  $1$ , and  $\mathbf{w}$  is an eigenvector of  $T$  with corresponding eigenvalue  $-1$ .

\* Thus,  $\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\}$  is a basis for the eigenspace of  $T$  corresponding to eigenvalue  $1$ , and

\*\*  $\{\mathbf{w}\}$  is a basis for the eigenspace of  $T$  corresponding to eigenvalue  $-1$ .

- (b) By (a), there is a basis  $\mathcal{B}$  for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  consisting of eigenvectors of  $T$ . Thus,  $T$  is diagonalizable.