

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

1. (20 %) Let T_w be the reflection of \mathcal{R}^3 about the plane W in \mathcal{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:

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

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

(b) \mathcal{B} is a linearly independent set of 3 vectors in \mathcal{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,

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

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

2. (12 %) ... Let $T: \mathcal{R}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^m$ 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 $U: \mathcal{R}^m \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^p$ 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 \mathcal{R}^n ,

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

(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).

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

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

ANS:

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

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

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:

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

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

ANS:

- Let λ 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 $f(D) = a_n D^n + a_{n-1} D^{n-1} + \dots +$

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

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

6. (10%) A linear operator T on \mathcal{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 \mathcal{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 \mathcal{R}^3 consisting of eigenvectors of T . Thus, T is diagonalizable.