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Question 1 (a)

Solution. The column space of A is $R(A) = \text{span}\left(\left\{\begin{bmatrix}3\\1\\4\end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix}0\\-2\\-2\end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix}-2\\3\\1\end{bmatrix}\right\}\right)$

The set of vectors spanning the column space of A form a basis if it is linearly independent. We can check this by determining the determinante $\det(A)$ of A. If $\det(A) \neq 0$, then the columns of A are linearly independent.
$\det(A) = (3)(-2)(1) + (0)(3)(4) + (-2)(1)(-2) - (4)(-2)(-2) - (-2)(3)(3) - (1)(1)(0) = 0$
Hence, the columns of A are linear dependent. Indeed, we see that the third column can be expressed as $v_3 = (-2/3)v_1 + (-11/6)v_2$, while the set of the first two column vectors of A is linearly independent.
Therefore the basis of the column space of matrix A is $\left\{\begin{bmatrix}3\\1\\4\end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix}0\\-2\\-2\end{bmatrix}\right\}$.

Question 2 (a)

Solution. The matrix is NOT invertible if its determinant is equal to 0. Expanding along the first row we obtain
$0 = \det(A) = (1)\begin{bmatrix}1 & 0\\-2 & h\end{bmatrix} + (-0)\begin{bmatrix}1 & 0\\0 & h\end{bmatrix} + (-2)\begin{bmatrix}1 & 1\\0 & -2\end{bmatrix} = h - 2(-2) = h + 4$
Therefore $h = -4$ makes the matrix A NOT invertible.

Question 3 (a)

Solution. Recall two key properties of the determinant of a matrix:

1. The determinant is unchanged if a multiple of one row is added to another.
2. Multiplying a row by a number c changes the determinant by a factor of c.

Start by performing two elementary row operations on A:

- Subtract the first row from the second row.
- Subtract the first row from the third row.

The effect of these operations is to transform A to the matrix
$B = \begin{pmatrix}1 & x & x^2\\0 & y-x & y^2-x^2\\0 & z-x & z^2-x^2\end{pmatrix}$.
By the above determinant property *1*, $\det(A) = \det(B)$.
The advantage gained in calculating $\det(B)$ is that its first column only contains a single non-zero entry, which is on the diagonal. Hence, when we calculate the determinant of B we can reduce it to calculating the determinant of a *2 x 2* submatrix,
$\det(B) = (1)\det\begin{pmatrix}y-x & y^2-x^2\\z-x & z^2-x^2\end{pmatrix} = \det\begin{pmatrix}y-x & (y-x)(y+x)\\z-x & (z-x)(z+x)\end{pmatrix}$
We can now use determinant property *2* to help us compute this *2 x 2* determinant,
$\det\begin{pmatrix}y-x & (y-x)(y+x)\\z-x & (z-x)(z+x)\end{pmatrix} = (z-x)(y-x)\det\begin{pmatrix}1 & (y+x)\\1 & (z+x)\end{pmatrix} = (z-x)(y-x)((z+x)-(y+x)) = (z-x)(y-x)(z-y)$.
Therefore, $\det(A) = (z-x)(y-x)(z-y)$.

Question 5 (a)

Solution. To calculate the eigenvalues of A we need to find values of λ such that $A - \lambda I$ has a non-trivial kernel. A good way to check this is to look for zeros of the determinant of the matrix above:

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

Luckily for us, the polynomial is already factorized, so that we can simply read off the eigenvalue $\lambda_1 = 1$ and $\lambda_2 = 5$.

To find the eigenvector $v = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$ corresponding to the eigenvalue $\lambda_1 = 1$, we solve $(A - I)v = 0$. This equation is

$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$

and thus $v = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is an eigenvector associated to $\lambda_1 = 1$.

Repeating the same steps for $\lambda_2 = 5$ gives us the eigenvector equation

$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$

and thus $v = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is an eigenvector corresponding to $\lambda_2 = 5$.

To summarize, 1 is an eigenvalue of A with corresponding eigenvector $v = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, and 5 is an eigenvalue of A with corresponding eigenvector $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Question 5 (b)

Solution. From part (a), we know that the eigenvalues for A are $\lambda_1 = 1$ and $\lambda_2 = 5$, with corresponding eigenvectors $v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, respectively.

Let $D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ denote the matrix of eigenvalues, and $P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ the matrix whose columns are the corresponding eigenvectors. Then A is diagonalized via $D = P^{-1}AP$, or, $A = PDP^{-1}$.

This decomposition allows for easy computations of powers of A, as for any integer k, we have $A^k = (PDP^{-1})^k = PD^kP^{-1}$, and $D^k = \begin{pmatrix} 1^k & 0 \\ 0 & 5^k \end{pmatrix}$. Therefore, we compute $P^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, and multiply the three matrices to obtain

$A^k = PD^kP^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 5^k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5^k & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}(5^k - 1) & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$

Then for $k = 1000$, we have $A^{1000} = \begin{pmatrix} 5^{1000} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}(5^{1000} - 1) & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$

Question 1 (b)

Solution 1. To determine if b is in the column space of A, we have to make sure that b is a linear combination of the column space of A $A\vec{x} = b$

If there is a solution for $\vec{x}$, then we can write b as a linear combination of the columns of A We can do this by row reduce the matrix [A|b] $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 4 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[R2 \to R1 - 3R2]{R3 \to R3 - 4R2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 6 & -2 \\ 0 & 6 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[R3 \to R2 - R3]{R2 \to R2/6} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{-1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

The last row of the reduced row form shows that there is no solution for this augmented matrix. Therefore, vector b = $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is not in the column space of matrix A = $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 4 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Solution 2. The fastest way is to check if the matrix, whose first two columns are the basis of the column space of A and the third column is the vector b, has determinante 0. Thereby we check if these three vectors are linear dependent. If yes, then b lies in the column space of A.

$\det\left(\begin{pmatrix}3 & 0 & 1\\ 1 & -2 & 1\\ 4 & -2 & 1\end{pmatrix}\right) = 3*(-2)*1+0*1*4+1*1*(-2)-4*(-2)*1-(-2)*1*3+1*1*0 = 6 \neq 0$
Hence, the vectors are linear independent and b does not lies in the column space of A.

Question 2 (b)

SOLUTION. This is **true**. A is not invertible when $\det(A) = 0$. We know that the characteristic polynomial is $p(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I)$. If $\lambda = 0$, then $p(\lambda) = \det(A)$. Therefore, $\det(A) \neq 0$ only if $p(\lambda) \neq 0$. However, we know that $p(0) = 0$ because the eigenvalue, λ is the root of the polynomial equation. $p(\lambda) = (\lambda - \lambda_1)(\lambda - \lambda_2)\ldots(\lambda - \lambda_n)$. Therefore, if $\lambda = 0$, $p(\lambda) = \det(A) = 0$ and this shows that if $\lambda = 0$, then A is not invertible

Question 3 (b)

SOLUTION. We want to make use of the result of 3a. The given matrix A is not in the right form to use the formula of 3a. However by multiplying the first row by *1/3*, and multiplying the third row by *1/10* will give us the desired form with $x = 1$, $y = 5$, and $z = 7$. More precisely,
$$\begin{pmatrix}1 & 1 & 1\\ 1 & 5 & 25\\ 1 & 7 & 49\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}1/3 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 1 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1/10\end{pmatrix} A.$$
Recall that multiplying a row of a matrix by a number c changes the determinant by a factor of c. For this question, this means that
$$\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(\frac{1}{10}\right)\det(A) = \det\begin{pmatrix}1 & 1 & 1\\ 1 & 5 & 25\\ 1 & 7 & 49\end{pmatrix}.$$
By 3a, $\det\begin{pmatrix}1 & 1 & 1\\ 1 & 5 & 25\\ 1 & 7 & 49\end{pmatrix} = (7-1)(5-1)(7-5) = 48.$
So $\det(A) = 30(48) = 1440$.

Question 4 (a)

SOLUTION. The vector u can be written as $u = v - \frac{1}{2}w$, so indeed $u \in \text{span}\{v, w\} = W$.
To show that u and w form an orthogonal basis for W, we first check (or see by observation) that their inner-product is zero, $\langle u, w\rangle = 2(0) + 1(0) + 2(0) + 1(0) = 0$, so they are orthogonal.
Now recall that in an inner-product space, orthogonal vectors are linearly independent, so u and w are linearly independent vectors in W.
Moreover, u and w span W, precisely because $v = u + \frac{1}{2}w$, so every vector in W is an element in $\text{span}\{u, w\}$.
Therefore u and w form a basis for W.

Question 4 (b)

SOLUTION. The vector in W which is closest to b will be the"orthogonal projection of b onto W". From part (a), we know that the vectors $u = \begin{pmatrix}0\\1\\0\\1\end{pmatrix}$ and $w = \begin{pmatrix}2\\0\\2\\0\end{pmatrix}$ form an orthogonal basis for W. Let us make an *orthonormal* basis by normalizing u and w to

$$e_1 = \frac{u}{\|u\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\begin{pmatrix}1\\0\\1\\0\end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad e_2 = \frac{w}{\|w\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\begin{pmatrix}0\\1\\0\\1\end{pmatrix}.$$

Then the orthogonal projection of b onto W is

$$P_W(b) = \langle b, e_1\rangle e_1 + \langle b, e_2\rangle e_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1\cdot 1 + 3\cdot 1)e_1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(2\cdot 1 + 4\cdot 1)e_2 = 2\sqrt{2}e_1 + 3\sqrt{2}e_2 = \begin{pmatrix}2\\3\\2\\3\end{pmatrix}.$$

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Thus $\begin{pmatrix}2\\3\\2\\3\end{pmatrix}$ is the vector in W closest to the vector $b = \begin{pmatrix}1\\2\\3\\4\end{pmatrix}$.

Question 6 (a)

Solution. To begin with, we assume that people live in either Alberta or BC. Thus, each year 10 We represent a transition matrix as follows: T=$[T_{ij}]$, where T_{ij} is the We let i = Alberta =1 and j = BC = 2, i.e. T_{11} =T_{12}= T_{21} = and finally T_{22} Thus, we have $T = \begin{bmatrix}0.90 & 0.10\\0.15 & 0.85\end{bmatrix}$.

Question 6 (b)

Solution. The population distribution after n number of years from the initial year is $P(n) = P_o * T^n$, where $P = \begin{bmatrix}P_{Alberta} & P_{BC}\end{bmatrix}$ and $P_o = \begin{bmatrix}InitialP_{Alberta} & initialP_{BC}\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}100,000 & 100,000\end{bmatrix}$

At n, $P(n) = P_o * T^n = \begin{bmatrix}100,000 & 100,00\end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix}(0.90) & (0.10)\\(0.15) & (0.85)\end{bmatrix}^n$

We take the limit as n->infinity.

We evaluate lim n->infinity T^n by first finding matrices D and Q such that $T = Q * D * Q^{-1}$. So, $T^n = Q*D^n*Q^{-1}$, where D is a diagonal matrix, whose diagonal entries are eigenvalues of T, and their corresponding eigenvectors are the columns of the matrix Q.

Finding Eigenvalues

$$(A - I\lambda) = \begin{bmatrix}0.90-\lambda & 0.10\\0.15 & 0.85-\lambda\end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (0.9-\lambda)(0.85-\lambda) - (0.1 * 0.15) =$$

$\lambda^2 - 1.7\lambda - 0.735 = (\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 0.75)) \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 0.75$

Finding Eigenvectors

$$A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v} \Rightarrow (A - I\lambda)\vec{v} = \vec{0}$$

$(A - I\lambda_1)\vec{v_1} = \begin{bmatrix}-0.1 & 0.1\\0.15 & -0.15\end{bmatrix}\vec{v_1} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow v_{11} = v_{21} \Rightarrow \vec{v_1} = \begin{bmatrix}1\\1\end{bmatrix}$

$(A - I\lambda_2)\vec{v_2} = \begin{bmatrix}0.15 & 0.1\\0.15 & 0.1\end{bmatrix}\vec{v_2} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow -1.5v_{12} = v_{22} \Rightarrow \vec{v_2} = \begin{bmatrix}1\\-1.5\end{bmatrix}$

So we have $D = \begin{bmatrix}\lambda_1 & 0\\0 & \lambda_2\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}1 & 0\\0 & 0.75\end{bmatrix}$ and $Q = \begin{bmatrix}\vec{v_1} & \vec{v_2}\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}1 & 1\\1 & -1.5\end{bmatrix}$.

Since $Q * Q^{-1} = I, T^n = (Q * D * Q^{-1})^n = (Q * D * Q^{-1}) * (Q * D * Q^{-1}) * ... * (Q * D * Q^{-1}) * (Q * D * Q^{-1})$ $= Q * D * (Q^{-1} * Q) * D * (Q^{-1} * Q) * D * ... * (Q^{-1} * Q) * D * Q^{-1} = Q * D^n * Q^{-1}$.

Notice that $D^n = \begin{bmatrix} 1^n & 0 \\ 0 & (0.75)^n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ as n goes to infinity

Hence, $P(n) = P_o * Q * D^n * Q^{-1}$ as n goes to infinity $= \begin{bmatrix} 100,000 & 100,000 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1.5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.6 & 0.4 \\ 0.4 & -0.4 \end{bmatrix}$
$= \begin{bmatrix} 120,000 & 80,000 \end{bmatrix}$

Hence, the limiting distribution distribution is $P^{limit}_{Alberta}$=120,000people and P^{limit}_{BC}=80,000 people.

Question 7 (a)

SOLUTION. To find the characteristic polyomial, we need to compute $\det(A - xI)$. We have
$(A - xI) = \begin{bmatrix} 1-x & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 3-x & -1 \\ 0 & 6 & -x \end{bmatrix}$
and so the characteristic polynomial is

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A - xI) &= (1-x)[(3-x)(-x) - (6)(-1)] - 0 + (-1)[(2)(6) - 0(3-x)] \\ &= (1-x)[-3x + x^2 + 6] + (-1)(12 - 0) \\ &= (1-x)[x^2 - 3x + 6] - 12 \\ &= -x^3 + 4x^2 - 9x - 6. \end{aligned}$$

Question 7 (b)

SOLUTION. The statement is true: If A and B are similar, then there is an invertible matrix P for which $A = P^{-1}BP$. Then we can write

$$\begin{aligned} xI - A &= xI - P^{-1}BP \\ &= P^{-1}(xI - B)P. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we compute that
$\det(xI - A) = \det(P^{-1}(xI - B)P) = \det(P)^{-1} \det(xI - B) \det(P) = \det(xI - B)$.
This equality means precisely that the characteristic polynomials for A and B are identical. Since the eigenvalues of a matrix are the zeros of its characteristic polynomial, and the characteristic polynomials for A and B are identical, we conclude that the eigenvalues of A and B are the same.

Question 8 (a)

SOLUTION. We know that $Av = \lambda v$, thus $A(Bv) = ABv = BAv = B(Av) = B(\lambda v) = \lambda(Bv)$.
This shows that Bv is the eigenvector of A with the eigenvalue λ, such that $A(Bv) = \lambda(Bv)$.
Since B is invertible and v is not the zero vector, we know that Bv is not a zero vector. We can conclude that Bv is an eigenvector of A with the same eigenvalue.

Question 8 (b)

SOLUTION. The statement is true. In order to prove T is a linear transformation, we need to show that for any $c \in \mathbb{R}$ and vectors $v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$, the properties

- $T(cv_1) = cT(v_1)$, and
- $T(v_1 + v_2) = T(v_1) + T(v_2)$

are satisfied .
Let us check these properties:

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T(c\begin{pmatrix} x_1\\ y_1 \end{pmatrix})=T\begin{pmatrix} cx_1\\ cy_1 \end{pmatrix}=\begin{pmatrix} cx_1+cy_1\\ cx_1-cy_1 \end{pmatrix}=\begin{pmatrix} c(x_1+y_1)\\ c(x_1-y_1) \end{pmatrix}=c\begin{pmatrix} x_1+y_1\\ x_1-y_1 \end{pmatrix}=cT\begin{pmatrix} x_1\\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} ,

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\begin{align} T(\begin{pmatrix} x_1\\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}+\begin{pmatrix} x_2\\ y_2 \end{pmatrix})&= T\begin{pmatrix} x_1+x_2\\ y_1+y_2 \end{pmatrix}\\ &=\begin{pmatrix} x_1+x_2+y_1+y_2\\ x_1+x_2-y_1-y_2 \end{pmatrix}\\ &= \begin{pmatrix} x_1+y_1\\ x_1-y_1 \end{pmatrix}+\begin{pmatrix} x_2+y_2\\ x_2-y_2 \end{pmatrix}\\ &= T\begin{pmatrix} x_1\\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}+T\begin{pmatrix} x_2\\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}. \end{align}
Therefore, T is a linear transformation.

Question 9 (a)

Solution. In general, if $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ is a basis for $\mathbb{R}^n$, and T is a linear transformation mapping $\mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$, we know that for each j, $T(e_j)$ is a linear combination of the basis vectors, i.e.
$T(e_j) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij} e_i, \quad a_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}$.
Recall T is completely determined by its action on the basis vectors. So the coordinates a_{ij} completely characterize the matrix T, in the sense that if we know all the a_{ij}, then we know exactly the linear transformation T. Therefore, the matrix whose entry in the ith row and jth column is a_{ij} is called"the matrix of T relative to the basis" $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$.
For this problem, we are given that $T(b_1) = 2 \cdot b_1 + 1 \cdot b_2$ and $T(b_2) = 0 \cdot b_1 + 1 \cdot b_2$. Therefore, writing
$T(b_j) = \sum_{i=1}^2 a_{ij} b_i \quad (j = 1, 2)$
we identify $a_{11} = 2, a_{21} = 1, a_{12} = 0, a_{22} = 1$. Hence the matrix of T relative to the given basis B is
$[T]_B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

Question 9 (b)

Solution. Let $B' = \{e_1, e_2\}$ denote the standard basis for $\mathbb{R}^2$. We determined in part (a) that the matrix of T relative to the basis $B = \{b_1, b_2\}$ was $[T]_B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, and we want to determine $[T]_{B'}$, the matrix of T relative to the basis B'. We can begin by writing
$\begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \end{pmatrix}$.
Let $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$.The above equality gives us a relation $[v]_{B'} = P[v]_B$ (check this!) for the coordinates of a vector $v \in \mathbb{R}^2$ with respect to each basis (recall that if $v = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2$, where $a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}$, then the coordinates of v with respect to the basis B is $[v]_B = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix}$).
Now, we have by definition, $[Tv]_B = [T]_B [v]_B$ and $[Tv]_{B'} = [T]_{B'} [v]_{B'}$.
Therefore, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} P^{-1}[T]_{B'}[v]_{B'} = P^{-1}[Tv]_{B'} &= [Tv]_B \\ &= [T]_B [v]_B = [T]_B P^{-1} [v]_{B'}, \end{aligned}$$

and so multiplying by P, we find $[T]_{B'}[v]_{B'} = P[T]_B P^{-1}[v]_{B'}$, from which we conclude that $[T]_{B'} = P[T]_B P^{-1}$. To determine $[T]_{B'}$, we just need compute

$P^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

and hence

$[T]_{B'} = P^{-1}[T]_B P = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ 6 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$.

Question 10 (a)

SOLUTION. The statement is true. To prove that $Av_1, \dots, Av_n$ is a basis for $\mathbb{R}^n$, we actually only need to verify that $Av_1, \dots, Av_n$ are linearly independent vectors. (Why? Recall that for a finite-dimensional vector space V, a linearly independent list of vectors with length equal to the dimension of V is a spanning list, and hence a basis. In our case $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\dim V = n$.)

To prove linear independence, assume

$c_1 Av_1 + \ldots + c_n Av_n = 0$,

where $c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{R}$. We want to show that $c_1 = \ldots = c_n = 0$. To begin, write the above equation as

$A(c_1 v_1 + \ldots + c_n v_n) = 0$.

We are given that A is invertible, so apply A^{-1} to the above equation to find

$c_1 v_1 + \ldots + c_n v_n = A^{-1}A(c_1 v_1 + \ldots + c_n v_n) = A^{-1}0 = 0$.

Now the vectors $v_1, \dots, v_n$ are linearly independent because they are a basis. This means that the only solution to $c_1 v_1 + \ldots + c_n v_n = 0$ is $c_1 = \ldots = c_n = 0$, which is exactly what we wanted to show.

Therefore $Av_1, \dots, Av_n$ is a linearly independent list of vectors with length $n = \dim\mathbb{R}^n$, and thus a basis.

Question 10 (b)

SOLUTION. The statement is **false**.

To construct a counterexample, we need to find a *2 x 2* matrix which has characteristic polynomial $(\lambda - 2)^2$ but has only **one** linearly independent eigenvector. The first matrix that comes to mind which has characteristic polynomial $(\lambda - 2)^2$ is the scalar multiple of the identity matrix,

$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$.

However this clearly isn't a counterexample because it is a diagonal matrix. Can we modify it so that it isn't a diagonal matrix, but still has the same characteristic polynomial? A first simple modification is to investigate the diagonalizability of

$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$.

Our requirement that A has only one linearly independent eigenvector means there can be only one linearly independent solution to

$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$,

which is clearly the case, as $\begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ is the only linearly independent eigenvector. Therefore,

$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

is a counterexample to the statement.

Good Luck for your exams!