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Linear Algebra Final Examination

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1. Judge if the following statements are true or false. Give a concise proof to each true statement, and a counterexample to each false statement. (25%)

- (a) For u and v in \mathcal{R}^n , $\langle u, v \rangle = (Au) \cdot v$ defines an inner product on \mathcal{R}^n with a given $n \times n$ invertible matrix A .
 $(Au) \cdot v = u \cdot A^T v$ $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$
- (b) For any two subspaces \mathcal{V} and \mathcal{W} of \mathcal{R}^n , $\mathcal{V} \subset \mathcal{W}$ implies $\mathcal{W}^\perp \subset \mathcal{V}^\perp$. $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$
- (c) For any two subspaces \mathcal{V} and \mathcal{W} of \mathcal{R}^n , $P_{\mathcal{V}} + P_{\mathcal{W}}$ is an orthogonal projection matrix, where $P_{\mathcal{V}}$ and $P_{\mathcal{W}}$ are the orthogonal projection matrices for \mathcal{V} and \mathcal{W} , respectively.
- (d) If A is a symmetric matrix, then its largest singular value equals its largest eigenvalue.
- (e) For any $n \times n$ invertible matrix A , $A^\dagger = A^{-1}$.
 $A = A^T \quad A A^T = \lambda^2$

2. For $\mathcal{V} = \text{Span}\{e^t, te^t, t^2 e^t\}$ and the differential operator D , find all eigenvalues of D and an eigenvector for each eigenvalue. (15%)
 $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \chi = \lambda \chi$

3. For any $n \times n$ matrix A , the minimal polynomial of A is defined as the polynomial $p(t) = t^m + p_{m-1}t^{m-1} + \dots + p_1t + p_0$ with the lowest degree m such that $p(A) = A^m + p_{m-1}A^{m-1} + \dots + p_1A + p_0I_n = O$. Find the minimal polynomials of the following matrices and justify your answers. $t=1$

- (a) The elementary matrix E obtained from I_n by interchanging its i th and j th rows ($i \neq j$). (10%)
- (b) The $n \times n$ diagonalizable matrix M with k distinct eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k$, where $k \leq n$ and λ_i has the algebraic multiplicity n_i for $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$. (10%)
 $P = U \Lambda U^{-1} \quad P(D)P^{-1}$

4. Find all eigenvalues and their corresponding eigenspaces of the matrix E in Problem 3(a). (10%)
 $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

5. Given the SVD of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{6} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{30}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{5}{\sqrt{30}} & 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \end{bmatrix}^T$, plot the image of the

unit sphere $\{(x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3) \mid x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 = 1, x_i \in \mathcal{R} \text{ for } i=1,2,3\}$ in \mathcal{R}^3 under the mapping of T_A . (15%)

6. A linear operator T on a finite-dimensional inner product space \mathcal{V} is called an orthogonal operator if $[T]_{\mathcal{B}}$ is an orthogonal matrix for some orthonormal basis \mathcal{B} of \mathcal{V} . Prove that T is an orthogonal operator if and only if for any orthonormal basis $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ the set $\{T(v_1), T(v_2), \dots, T(v_n)\}$ is also an orthonormal basis for \mathcal{V} . (15%)