

Part I. Linear Algebra (50%)

1. Let B be an ordered basis $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 100 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ for R^2 and $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$.

In a series of alternations between a change of basis and a linear transformation in R^2 , all the changes of basis are based on the same transition matrix P and all the linear transformations share the same operation L . The series begins with a change of basis represented by the transition matrix P from the basis B to a new basis B_1 , and subsequently a linear transformation $[L(v)]_{B_1} = P[v]_{B_1}$ is applied to R^2 with respect to the ordered basis B_1 . Next, the bases are changed from B_1 to B_2 using the same transition matrix P , followed by the linear transformation $[L(L(v))]_{B_2} = P[L(v)]_{B_1}$ with respect to the ordered basis B_2 . Repeating the above step for n times ($n > 0$) gives $[L^n(v)]_{B_n} = P[L^{n-1}(v)]_{B_{n-1}}$ with respect to a new basis B_n . (Note: $L^n(v) = L(\cdots L(L(v)))$ denotes n operations on v .)

- (a) What is the ordered basis B_2 ? (10%)
- (b) What is the minimum value of n that satisfies $[L^n(v)]_{B_n} = [v]_B$? (10%)
2. Let A be an $n \times n$ real symmetric matrix and E be a matrix whose columns are the eigenvectors of A corresponding to the eigenvalue 1 of multiplicity n . If L is a linear transformation $L(v) = E^T v$ for any v in R^n , show that $\|L(v)\|^2 = \text{trace}(A^{-1}vv^T)$. (15%)
3. Find elementary matrices E_1, \dots, E_K such that $A = BE_1 \dots E_K$, where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (15\%)$$

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1. *Divide-and-conquer* algorithm is used to solve a problem by the following two steps.
 - Step 1: Breaking the given problem of size n into a smaller problems of the same type and the same size, either $\lceil n/b \rceil$ or $\lfloor n/b \rfloor$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.
 - Step 2: Solving the a smaller problems and use their solutions to construct a solution for the original problem of size n .
 - (a) [5%] Find the recurrence relation of the time complexity function $f(n)$ of the *divide-and-conquer* algorithm. If the time to solve the initial problem of size $n = 1$ is a constant $c \geq 0$, and the time to break the given problem into smaller problems, together with the time to combine the solutions of these smaller problems to get a solution for the given problem, is $h(n)$.
 - (1) $f(n) = c(\log_b n + 1)$, when $a = 1$, and
 - (2) $f(n) = \frac{c(an^{\log_b a} - 1)}{a - 1}$, when $a \geq 2$.
 - (b) [20%] For $n = b^k$, prove that
- (1) $f(n) = c(\log_b n + 1)$, when $a = 1$, and (2) $f(n) = \frac{c(an^{\log_b a} - 1)}{a - 1}$, when $a \geq 2$.
- (c) [5%] Apply the above results to determining the worst-case time complexity for the *binary-search* algorithm.
2. [10%] Find a generating function for the number of ways to partition a positive integer n into positive-integer summands, where each summand appears an odd number of times or not at all.
 3. [10%]
 - (a) Construct a state diagram for a finite state machine that recognizes any input string with an even number of 1s.
 - (b) Construct a state diagram for a finite state machine that recognizes any input string that contains at least one 1 and at least one 0.