MATH2040C Homework 4

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1 Section 5.1, Q2(e)

Given that $\beta = \{1 - x + x^3, 1 + x^2, 1, x + x^2\}$.

And note that $T(1 - x + x^3) = -1 + x - x^3$. $T(1 + x^2) = -x - x^2 + x^3$. $T(1) = x^2$. $T(x + x^2) = -x - x^2$.

Hence $T(\beta) = \{-1 + x - x^3, -x - x^2 + x^3, x^2, -x - x^2\}$.

$$[T]_\beta = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Suppose β is containing T's eigenvectors, then $\exists \lambda \in F$ such that

$$T(1 + x^2) = \lambda(1 + x^2).$$

Then $\lambda + \lambda x^2 = -x - x^2 + x^3$. Note that the degree of them do not equal in any sense. Hence β is not a basis consisting of eigenvectors of T.

2 Section 5.1, Q2(f)

Given that $\beta = \{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}\}$.

Note that $T \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = -3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$,

$T \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$,

$T \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, and

$T \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$.

Hence we deduce that β is a basis consisting of eigenvectors of T.

3 Section 5.1, Q3(d)

3.1 (i)

Given that $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 4 & 1 & -4 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$, then its characteristic polynomial is

$$f_A(t) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 2-t & 0 & -1 \\ 4 & 1-t & -4 \\ 2 & 0 & -1-t \end{pmatrix} = -t(t-1)^2.$$

Observe the $f_A(t)$'s zeros, we have A should have 2 eigenvalues: 1 and 0.

3.2 (ii)

For eigenvalue 1, the corresponding eigenvectors should be in the span of set

$$\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \}.$$

For eigenvalue 0, the corresponding eigenvectors should be in the span of set

$$\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \}.$$

3.3 (iii)

In this case, the $n = 3, F = \mathbb{R}$. So $F^3 = \mathbb{R}^3$.

Note that $\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \}$ is a 3-linear-indenpendent set. Hence it is a basis of $\mathbb{R}^3$.

And by our conclusion above, these 3 vectors are eigenvectors of A.

3.4 (iv)

Let $Q = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$. Note that Q is invertible and $Q^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 4 & 1 & -4 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

Note that

$$Q^{-1}AQ = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

4 Section 5.1, Q4(e)