



# MA 106 Endsem\*

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If nothing is mentioned, assume that similarity and eigenvalues/eigenvectors are being considered over  $\mathbb{C}$ . The characteristic polynomial of a square matrix  $A$  is defined as  $p_A(t) = \det(A - tI)$ .

1. Let  $A$  be a  $2 \times 2$  real matrix with  $\det(A) < 0$ . Then,

- (a)  $A$  is diagonalisable over  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- (b)  $A$  is not diagonalisable over  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- (c) The given information is not sufficient to conclude.

complex in conjugate pairs  $\times$   
real repeated  $\Rightarrow$  always  $\times$   
 $A$  has 2 real distinct eigen.

2. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $2 \times 2$  matrices with same eigenvalue(s) with the same geometric and algebraic multiplicities.

True/False:  $A$  and  $B$  are similar.

3. Let  $A$  be a nonzero square matrix such that  $A^k = 0$  for some  $k \geq 2$ . Show that  $A$  is not diagonalisable.

4. Let  $A$  be a  $9 \times 7$  matrix and  $B$  be a  $4 \times 3$  matrix.

Show that there exists a nonzero  $7 \times 4$  matrix  $X$  such that  $AXB = I$ .

5. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $n \times n$  matrices. Consider the following statements.

- (S1)  $A$  is similar to  $B$ .
- (S2)  $A$  and  $B$  have the same characteristic polynomial.
- (S3)  $\det(A) = \det(B)$ .

Pick the correct options.

- (a) (S1)  $\Rightarrow$  (S2)
- (b) (S2)  $\Rightarrow$  (S3)
- (c) (S3)  $\Rightarrow$  (S1)
- (d) (S1)  $\Rightarrow$  (S2)
- (e) (S2)  $\Rightarrow$  (S3)
- (f) (S3)  $\Rightarrow$  (S1)

\*Of course, this is not the actual endsem paper.

$$A \sim B \Rightarrow \text{tr}(A) = \text{tr}(B) \Rightarrow \det(A) = \det(B)$$

$$1. A - \lambda I \sim B - \lambda I \Rightarrow \text{char poly same.}$$

$$A \sim B \Rightarrow \text{Similar. } P \text{ s.t. } A = P^{-1}BP$$

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is an evec with ev 45.

6. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be square matrices with the same characteristic polynomial. Suppose that for each eigenvalue, the geometric and algebraic multiplicities are the same for  $A$  and  $B$ . True/False:  $A$  and  $B$  are similar.

7. Let  $A$  be a  $3 \times 3$  matrix with eigenvectors  $u, v, w$  corresponding to eigenvalues  $0, 1, 2$  respectively. Show that  $Ax = u$  has no solution.

$\{u, v, w\} \rightarrow$  basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$

8. Let  $A$  be a solved Sudoku interpreted as a  $9 \times 9$  real matrix. Let  $p(t)$  be the characteristic polynomial of  $A$ . Show that  $p(45) = 0$ .

9. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with characteristic polynomial  $(-1)^n(t-1)(t-2)\dots(t-n)$ . Show that

$0$  is not an eigenval  $\Rightarrow A$  is invert.

$$Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ \vdots \\ n^3 \end{bmatrix}$$

has a solution.

Thus,  $Ax = b$  always has a sol.

10. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $3 \times 3$  polynomials with characteristic polynomial  $-t^3 + 6t^2 - 11t + 6$ . Are  $A$  and  $B$  necessarily similar? Both  $A$  &  $B$  are diag.

11. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $3 \times 3$  matrices with characteristic polynomial  $-t(t-1)^2$ . Are  $A$  and  $B$  necessarily similar? No.

12. Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  real matrix. Show that  $N(A^T A) = N(A)$ .

13. Given  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 6.5 & -2.5 & 2.5 \\ -2.5 & 6.5 & -2.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ , find a matrix  $B$  such that  $B^2 = A$ .

14. Let  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{C}$ . Prove that

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 & \dots & \lambda_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \lambda_1^{n-1} & \lambda_2^{n-1} & \dots & \lambda_n^{n-1} \end{bmatrix} = \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (\lambda_j - \lambda_i)$$

15. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix satisfying  $A^2 = A$ . Suppose that  $A$  is neither the zero matrix nor the identity matrix.

Choose the correct option(s).

- (a)  $A$  must be invertible.  $\times$
- (b)  $A$  cannot be invertible.
- (c) The only possible eigenvalues of  $A$  are  $0$  and  $1$ .

Suppose  $v \in N(A) \cap N(A)$ .  
 $Av = 0$   
 $v = Aw$   
 $0 = Av = A(Aw) = A^2 w = Aw = v$   
 $0 = v = Aw = 0$   
Contradiction.

If  $A$  is inv.  
 $A^2 = A \Rightarrow A = I$   
A contradiction.

Wrt. mult.  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Sum of eigen (in } \mathbb{C}) = \text{trace} \\ \text{Product} = \det. \end{array} \right.$

All eigenvalues of  $A$  are  $0$ .  
 $\Rightarrow A$  were diag.  $\therefore$  then  
 $P^{-1}AP = 0$   
But then  $A = POP^{-1} = 0$ .  
Contradiction.

Suppose  $\lambda$  is an eigen. of  $A$ .  
 $Av = \lambda v$  for some  $v \neq 0$ .  
 $AK^k v = \lambda^k v$   
 $\Rightarrow \lambda^k v = 0$  but  $v \neq 0$   
Then,  $\lambda^k = 0$ .  
Then,  $\lambda = 0$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow (x - \lambda)^2$$

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

$$\text{rank}(A - \lambda I) = \text{rank} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 1$$

$$g_\lambda = \text{nullity}(A - \lambda I) = 1.$$

$$m_\lambda = 2. \quad A \text{ is NOT diagonalizable.}$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Check that  $A$  is diagonal.  
Find  $P$  s.t.

$$P^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Take } B = P \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \lambda_2 & \\ & & \lambda_3 \end{bmatrix} P^{-1}$$

Choose the correct option(s).

- ☒ (a)  $A$  must be invertible.  $\times$
- ☒ (b)  $A$  cannot be invertible.
- ☒ (c) The only possible eigenvalues of  $A$  are 0 and 1.
- ☒ (d) The null space and column space of  $A$  have a nonzero vector in common.  $\times$

Let  $\lambda$  — evel  
 $v$  — evec.

$\text{S.T. } v \in N(A) \implies Av = 0 \implies v = Aw$   
 $0 = Av = A(Aw) = A^2 w$   
 $A^2 w = 0 \implies A(Aw) = 0 \implies Aw = 0 \implies v = 0$   
 $\implies \lambda = 0$   
 $\implies \lambda \in \{0, 1\}$

$\text{Take } B = P \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & & \\ & \mu & \\ & & \epsilon \end{bmatrix} P^{-1}$   
 $B^2 = P \begin{bmatrix} \lambda^2 & & \\ & \mu^2 & \\ & & \epsilon^2 \end{bmatrix} P^{-1} = A$

$x = (x - Ax) + Ax$   
 $\hookrightarrow 0$ -eigenspace  $\hookrightarrow 1$ -eigenspace  
 $A(x - Ax) = 0$   
 $A(Ax) = Ax$

16. Show that if  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix satisfying  $A^2 = A$ , then  $A$  is diagonalizable.  $\checkmark$   
 Conclude that if  $A^2 = cA$  for some  $c \neq 0$ , then too  $A$  is diagonalizable.  $\checkmark$   
 17. Let  $A$  be a matrix such that  $A^k = 0$  for some  $k \geq 1$ . Show that  $I - A$  is invertible.  $\checkmark$   
 18. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $4 \times 4$  matrices defined by

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

Mark the correct option(s).

- ☒ (a) Both  $A$  and  $B$  have the same characteristic polynomial.  $\rightarrow (x-2)^4$
- ☒ (b) Both  $A$  and  $B$  have the same eigenvalues and their geometric multiplicities are also the same.  $A - 2I = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{REF rank}=2, \text{ nullity}=2$
- ☒ (c) Both  $A$  and  $B$  have the same eigenvalues and their algebraic multiplicities are also the same.  $\sim A/C$  is diagonal.  $A$  is...
- ☒ (d)  $A$  and  $B$  are similar.

19. Consider

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, u = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } v = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Choose the correct option(s).

- ☒ (a)  $Ax = u$  has a solution.
- ☒ (b)  $v$  is in the column space of  $A$ .  $\hookrightarrow Ax = v$  has a sol.
- ☒ (c) None of the above.

20. Find the value(s) of  $k$  for which the system

$y + 3kz = 0$   
 $x + 2y + 6z = 2$   
 $kx + 2ky + 12z = -4$

has no solution.

$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3k & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 6 & 2 \\ k & 2k & 12 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{REF check.}$

21. Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. Let  $N(A)$ ,  $R(A)$ , and  $C(A)$  denote the null space, row space, and column space of  $A$ , respectively. Pick the correct option(s).

- ☒ (a)  $\dim(N(A)) = \dim(R(A))$ .
- ☒ (b)  $\dim(N(A)) + \dim(R(A)) = n$ .
- ☒ (c)  $\dim(N(A)) + \dim(C(A)) = n$ .

$N(A) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$   
 $C(A) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$   
 $R(A) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$

$\dim(R(A)) = \dim(C(A)) = \text{rank}(A)$

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$\begin{bmatrix} -a_1 & \dots & -a_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & \dots & a_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = 0$

- ☒ (a)  $N(A)$  and  $R(A)$  are orthogonal.
- ☒ (b)  $N(A)$  and  $C(A)$  are orthogonal.

Recall that subspaces  $V, W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  are said to be orthogonal if  $\langle v, w \rangle = 0$  for all  $v \in V$  and all  $w \in W$ .

22. Let  $A$  be a self-adjoint matrix. Show that if  $\langle Ax, x \rangle = 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{C}^n$ , then  $A = 0$ .  $\rightarrow$  let  $x$  be an evec of  $A$ .  
 23. Show that if  $\|Ax\| = \|A^*x\|$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{C}^n$ , then  $A$  is a normal matrix.  
 24. Show that if  $\|Ax\| = \|x\|$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{C}^n$ , then  $A$  is a unitary matrix.  
 25. Which of the following matrices are diagonalizable?

$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$

26. Find necessary and sufficient conditions on  $a, b, c$  for the following matrix to be diagonalizable:

$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$\rightarrow (t-2)^2(t-1)$   
 Only need to care about 2.

27. Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ . Show that  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  iff  $\bar{\lambda}$  is an eigenvalue of  $A^*$ .

28. Use Gram-Schmidt to orthonormalize the ordered subset

$\{[1 \ -1 \ 2 \ 0]^T, [1 \ 1 \ 2 \ 0]^T, [3 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1]^T\}$

and obtain an ordered orthonormal set  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ . Also, find  $v_4$  such that  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . Express  $[1 \ -1 \ 1 \ -1]^T$  as a linear combination of these four basis vectors.

29. Write down the symmetric matrix  $A$  such that the quadric

$7x^2 + 7y^2 - 2z^2 + 20yz - 20xz - 2xy = 36$

can be expressed as

$\begin{bmatrix} x & y & z \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = 36$

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -1 & -10 \\ -1 & 7 & 10 \\ -10 & 10 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

$\langle A^*v, v \rangle = 0$   
 $\lambda \|v\|^2 \Rightarrow \lambda = 0$

$A$  is diag... since  $A$  is Hermitian.  
 But all evals are 0.  
 $A \sim 0 \Rightarrow A = 0$

$A - 2I = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a & b \\ 0 & -1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & c \\ 0 & a & b \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

can be expressed as

$$\begin{bmatrix} x & y & z \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = 36.$$

Find an orthogonal matrix  $Q$  such that  $Q^T A Q$  is diagonal.

30. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  normal matrix and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ .

Show that  $A - \lambda I$  is a normal matrix.

Show that if  $Ax = \lambda x$ , then  $A^*x = \bar{\lambda}x$ .

(27 is a special case)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -1 & -10 \\ -1 & 7 & 10 \\ -10 & 10 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$p_A(t) \rightarrow \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$$

(possibly same)

$A - \lambda_i I$   $\rightarrow$  find a basis

Construct  $P$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{0} & \tilde{a} & \tilde{b} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & b+ac \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{rank} = 1 \Leftrightarrow \boxed{b+ac=0}$$

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

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

31. Give an example of a square matrix over  $\mathbb{C}$  that is not diagonalisable.

32. Suppose  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  satisfies  $A^3 - 2A^2 = A - 2I$  and has the property that  $\det(A) < 0$  and  $\text{tr}(A) = 2$ .

Find the characteristic polynomial  $p(t) = \det(A - tI)$ .

It is not  $-(t^3 - 2t^2 - t + 2)$ .

Possible evals of  $A$  are  $\{1, -1, 2\}$ .

$$\text{Write } p(t) = -(t - \lambda_1)(t - \lambda_2)(t - \lambda_3).$$

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \in \{1, -1, 2\}.$$

$$\det(A) < 0 \Rightarrow \text{odd \# of } \lambda_i \text{ are } -1.$$

$$\text{if all 3, the tr} = -3 \neq 2$$

Only one is  $-1$ .

$$\text{tr} = 2 \Rightarrow \text{other are } 2 \& 2.$$

$$\therefore p(t) = -(t+1)(t-2)^2. \quad \square$$

$\lambda$  is an eval of  $A$ .

$$v \mapsto \dots$$

$$Av = \lambda v$$

$$A^2 v = \lambda^2 v$$

$$A^3 v = \lambda^3 v$$

$$\begin{aligned} A^2 v &= A(Av) \\ &= A(\lambda v) \\ &= \lambda(Av) \\ &= \lambda(\lambda v) = \lambda^2 v. \end{aligned}$$

$$(A^3 - 2A^2)v = (A - 2I)v$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda^3 - 2\lambda^2)v = (\lambda - 2)v$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^3 - 2\lambda^2 = \lambda - 2 \quad v \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda \in \{1, -1, 2\}.$$