

Solving systems, eigenstuff

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Here are some key ideas from sections 8.6 and 8.7.

- We can write systems of equations in matrix notation as $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$. A is a _____, while \vec{x} and \vec{b} are both _____. If \vec{b} is not the 0 vector, we say the system is _____. For the system of equations given by

$$3x_1 - 2x_2 = -4$$
$$7x_1 + x_2 = 19,$$

the corresponding matrix equation is

- Fill out the following table with the number of solutions to the matrix equation.

	A is invertible	A is not invertible
Homogeneous ($\vec{b} = \vec{0}$)		
Inhomogeneous ($\vec{b} \neq \vec{0}$)		

- An _____ is a nonzero vector \vec{v} satisfying the equation below.

$$A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}.$$

The corresponding _____ is λ .

- We can rewrite to get

which tells us that there are nonzero eigenvectors if and only if _____.

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Problem 1: (Stewart & Day 8.6) Solve the discussed system of equations using matrices. *Hint: multiply by A^{-1} .*

$$3x_1 - 2x_2 = -4$$
$$7x_1 + x_2 = 19,$$

My Attempt:

Solution:

Problem 2: (Stewart & Day 8.7) Which of the following scalars k are eigenvalues of their corresponding matrices?

a) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $k = 3$;

b) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $k = 0$;

c) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $k = 2$.

My Attempt:

Solution:

Problem 3: (Stewart & Day 8.7) Consider the following system of equations:

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 = b_1$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 = b_2.$$

Suppose that the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$ is nonsingular. Derive expressions for x_1 and x_2 .

My Attempt:

Solution:

Problem 4: (Stewart & Day 8.7) Find the eigenvalues of each matrix.

a) $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix};$

b) $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & -4 \\ 6 & -5 \end{bmatrix};$

c) $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$

My Attempt:

Solution:

Problem 5: (Stewart & Day 8.7) Find an eigenvector associated with the given eigenvalue of A .

a) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \lambda = 9;$

b) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}, \lambda = 4 + \sqrt{19};$

c) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \lambda = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}.$

My Attempt:

Solution:

Challenge Problem: (Stewart & Day 8.7) Derive a general formula for the eigenvalues of $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}.$