

Exercises on eigenvalues and eigenvectors

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21.1

(a) There are two nonzero eigenvalues, so the rank of A is greater or equal than 2. Also, since A has 0 as an eigenvalue, A is singular so the rank has to be smaller than three. Therefore, the rank of A is two.

(b) $\det(B) = 0 \times 1 \times 2 = 0$

(c) Not sure if we have sufficient information, let's look at the next one.

(d) When $Bv = \lambda v$, $B^{-1}v = \frac{1}{\lambda}v$ and $B^2v = \lambda^2v$. It leads to $(B^2 + I)^{-1}v = \frac{1}{\lambda^2+1}v$

21.2

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 - \lambda & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (1 - \lambda)(4 - \lambda)(6 - \lambda) \rightarrow \lambda = 1, 4, 6$$

$$\det(B - \lambda I) = 0 = \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 - \lambda & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = -\lambda(-\lambda)(2 - \lambda) + (-3)(2 - \lambda) = \lambda^2(2 - \lambda) - 3(2 - \lambda) =$$

$$(2 - \lambda)(\lambda + \sqrt{3})(\lambda - \sqrt{3}) \rightarrow \lambda = 2, \sqrt{3}, -\sqrt{3}$$

$$\det(C - \lambda I) = 0 =$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 - \lambda & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 - \lambda & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (2 - \lambda)((2 - \lambda)^2 - 4) - 2 \cdot (2(2 - \lambda) - 4) + 2(4 - 2(2 - \lambda)) = (2 - \lambda)(4 + \lambda^2 - 4\lambda - 4) - 2(4 - 2\lambda - 4) + 8 - 4(2 - \lambda) = 8 + 2\lambda^2 - 8\lambda - 8 - 4\lambda - \lambda^3 + 4\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 4\lambda + 8 - 8 + 4\lambda = -\lambda^3 + 6\lambda^2 = \lambda^2(6 - \lambda)$$