

# Homework 8

Math 416, Abstract linear algebra, Fall 2019  
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**Textbooks:** In the assignment, the two texts are abbreviated as follows:

- [FIS]: Freidberg, Insel, and Spence, *Linear Algebra*, 4th edition, 2002.
- [Bee]: Beezer, *A First Course in Linear Algebra*, Version 3.5, 2015.

1. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 & -3 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ .
  - (a) Find the characteristic polynomial of  $A$ .
  - (b) Determine all the eigenvalues of  $A$ .
  - (c) For each eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , find  $E_\lambda$ .
  - (d) If possible, find an invertible matrix  $Q$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $Q^{-1}AQ = D$ .
2. Let  $A, D \in \mathcal{M}_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $D$  be a diagonal matrix.
  - (a) Let  $D = \text{diag}(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$  for some  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show that  $D^k = \text{diag}(d_1^k, d_2^k, \dots, d_n^k)$  for all integers  $k \geq 1$ .
  - (b) Let  $D = \text{diag}(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$  for some  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ . Show that  $D$  is invertible and  $D^{-1} = \text{diag}(d_1^{-1}, d_2^{-1}, \dots, d_n^{-1})$ .
  - (c) Suppose there exists an invertible matrix  $Q$  and  $A = QDQ^{-1}$ . Show that  $A^k = QD^kQ^{-1}$  for all integers  $k \geq 1$ .
  - (d) Suppose  $A$  is invertible and there exists an invertible matrix  $Q$  and  $A = QDQ^{-1}$ . Show that  $A^{-1} = QD^{-1}Q^{-1}$ .
3. Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  be two distinct eigenvalues for  $A$ . Let  $E_{\lambda_1}, E_{\lambda_2}$  be the eigenspaces of  $A$  corresponding to  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  respectively. Prove that  $E_{\lambda_1} \cap E_{\lambda_2} = \{0\}$ .
4. Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $T : V \rightarrow V$  linear. Let  $\beta$  be a basis for  $V$ . Prove that  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $T$  if and only if  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $[T]_\beta$ .
5. Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $v$  be an eigenvector of  $A$  corresponding to an eigenvalue  $\lambda$ . Show that  $v$  is an eigenvector of  $A^k$  corresponding to an eigenvalue  $\lambda^k$  for all integers  $k \geq 1$ .
6. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find an expression for  $A^k$  for all integers  $k \geq 1$ .