Midterm 3

Piazza Questions

Finding Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

Suppose that A is a 2×2 matrix and the associated linear transformation $T_A : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$ is orthogonal projection onto the y-axis. List the eigenvalues of A (if there are any) and give a basis for each corresponding eigenspace.

Suppose that A is a 2×2 matrix and that the associated linear transformation $T_A : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$ is rotation about the origin by $\pi/4$. List the eigenvalues of A (if there are any) and give a basis for each corresponding eigenspace.

Find the eigenvectors/eigenvalues for A without doing any matrix calculations.

- $T_A =$ identity transformation of $\mathbb{R}^3$
- $T_A =$ orthogonal projection to xz-plane in $\mathbb{R}^3$
- $T_A =$ counterclockwise rotation by $\pi/4$ in $\mathbb{R}^2$
- $T_A =$ reflection about $y = 2x$

Find eigenvalues and eigenvectors:

$$A = \left(\begin{array}{cc} 5 & -5 \\ 1 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

Complex eigenvalues

Find a rotation-plus-scaling matrix B that A is similar to, and find a C so that $A = CBC^{-1}$.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -5 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Markov matrices

Suppose that A is a matrix where the entries in each column add up to 1 (for example, the matrices in the Google Pagerank algorithm). Show that A has an eigenvalue equal to 1. *Hint: find an eigenvector for A^T.*

Markov matrices

A rental car agency has two locations. One fourth of the cars from the first location get returned to the first location and three-fourths to the second. Two-thirds of the cars from the second location get returned to the first location and one-third to the second. How should the agency distribute their cars in order to minimize the number of cars that need to be shuttled?

Similar matrices

Explain why similar matrices have the same eigenvalues.