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MATH 430 (Fall 2006) Exam II, November 1st

Show all work and give **complete explanations** for all your answers.

This is a 75 minute exam. It is worth a total of 100 points.

(1) [24 pts]

(a) State the three properties that characterize the determinant as a function from the space of $n \times n$ matrices to the scalars.

① The determinant is linear in the first row, i.e. ~~if~~
 $\det\left(\begin{bmatrix} \alpha \vec{v} + \vec{w} \\ \vec{B} \end{bmatrix}\right) = \alpha \det\left(\begin{bmatrix} \vec{v} \\ \vec{B} \end{bmatrix}\right) + \det\left(\begin{bmatrix} \vec{w} \\ \vec{B} \end{bmatrix}\right)$

② The determinant changes sign if two rows are interchanged

③ $\det(I_n) = 1$

(b) Using (a) show that if an $n \times n$ matrix B is obtained from A by the row operation

$$\text{Row 1} = \text{Row 1} - \alpha \text{Row 2},$$

then $\det(B) = \det(A)$.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1 \\ \vec{v}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{v}_n \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1 - \alpha \vec{v}_2 \\ \vec{v}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{v}_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(B) = \det\left(\begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1 \\ \vec{v}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{v}_n \end{bmatrix}\right) - \alpha \det\left(\begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_2 \\ \vec{v}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{v}_n \end{bmatrix}\right) = \det(A) \quad \text{by ①}$$

$$\text{as } \det\left(\begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_2 \\ \vec{v}_2 \\ * \end{bmatrix}\right) \stackrel{\text{②}}{=} - \det\left(\begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_2 \\ \vec{v}_2 \\ * \end{bmatrix}\right) \quad (\text{Swap Rows 1+2}) \implies \det\left(\begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_2 \\ \vec{v}_2 \\ * \end{bmatrix}\right) = 0$$

(a) ~~(a)~~ Prove that similar matrices have the same spectrum.

Suppose $B = PCP^{-1}$

$$\sigma(B) = \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid \det(B - \lambda I) = 0 \}$$

Let $\lambda \in \sigma(B)$. ~~\Rightarrow~~ $\det(B - \lambda I) = 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow \det(PCP^{-1} - \lambda I) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \det(PCP^{-1} - \lambda P P^{-1}) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \det[P(C - \lambda I)P^{-1}] = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \det(P) \det(C - \lambda I) \det(P^{-1}) = 0$$

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

(as $\det P \neq 0$
as P is invertible)

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda \in \sigma(C)$$

(b) ~~(a)~~ Use the result of (c) to define the spectrum of a linear transformation $T: V \rightarrow V$ and prove that it is well defined. (Here V is a finite dimensional vector space.)

Def Let B be any basis for V and let $[T]_B$ be the matrix of T in this basis. Define

$$\sigma(T) = \sigma([T]_B)$$

To show well defined ~~show~~ ^{we know} that if B' is another basis for V then $[T]_{B'} = P[T]_B P^{-1}$ for some invertible P . So ~~by (a)~~ $[T]_{B'}$ and $[T]_B$ are similar.

Therefore by (a) $\sigma([T]_{B'}) = \sigma([T]_B)$

So $\sigma(T)$ is well defined independent of choice of basis B .

2 (b) Let $V = \mathbb{R}^2$,

$$B = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

and

$$B' = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

Calculate the matrix $[T]_{BB}$ of the change of basis linear transformation T .

$$[T]_{BB} = ([\vec{x}_1]_{B'}, [\vec{x}_2]_{B'}) = \left[\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} c \\ d \end{pmatrix} \right] \text{ where}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} &= a \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} &= c \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + d \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } \begin{pmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -1/2 & -1/2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

(c) Suppose that $v \in V$ has coordinate vector $[v]_B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$. What is $[v]_{B'}$?

$$[\vec{v}]_{B'} = [T]_{BB} [\vec{v}]_B = \begin{pmatrix} -1/2 & -1/2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -9/2 \\ 16 \end{pmatrix}$$

(3) [12 pts] Let A be the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

Calculate $\det(A)$ using

(a) Row operations

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 8 \end{vmatrix} &= - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 5 & 8 \end{vmatrix} & R2 \leftrightarrow R1 \text{ (II)} \\ &= - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & -4 \end{vmatrix} & R3 \rightarrow R3 - 4R1 \\ &= - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} & R3 \rightarrow R3 + 3R2 \\ &= -2 \end{aligned}$$

(b) A cofactor expansion *Along Row 1*

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 8 \end{vmatrix} &= 0 \cdot - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 8 \end{vmatrix} + 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 5 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -1(8-12) + 2(5-8) \\ &= 4 - 6 = -2 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

(4) [16 pts] Use eigenvalues and eigenvectors to solve the initial value problem

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = Ax$$
$$x(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix},$$

where $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

Eigenvalues

$$0 = |A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} -1-\lambda & -2 \\ -2 & -1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (1+\lambda)^2 - 4 = (1+\lambda-2)(1+\lambda+2)$$
$$= (\lambda-1)(\lambda+3)$$

$\boxed{\lambda_1 = 1}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & -2 \\ -2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\boxed{\lambda_2 = -3}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

So $\vec{x}(t) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 e^{-\lambda_2 t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{x}(t) = \frac{3}{2} e^{\lambda_1 t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} e^{-\lambda_2 t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}$$

(5) [16 pts]

(a) Use the formula for the determinant of a block matrix to prove that if B is $m \times n$ and C is $n \times m$ then

$$\lambda^m \det(\lambda I_n - CB) = \lambda^n \det(\lambda I_m - BC)$$

for all scalars λ .

If $\lambda = 0$, both sides are 0 and the equation is true.

If $\lambda \neq 0$,

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} \lambda I_m & B \\ C & I_n \end{pmatrix} = \det(\lambda I_m) \det(I_n - C(\lambda I_m)^{-1} B) \quad \text{as } \lambda \neq 0$$

$$= \lambda^m \det(I_n - C \frac{1}{\lambda} I_m^{-1} B)$$

$$= \lambda^m \det\left(\left(\frac{1}{\lambda} I_n\right) (\lambda I_n - CB)\right)$$

$$= \lambda^m \det\left(\frac{1}{\lambda} I_n\right) \det(\lambda I_n - CB)$$

$$= \lambda^{m-n} \det(\lambda I_n - CB) \quad (1)$$

and

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} \lambda I_m & B \\ C & I_n \end{pmatrix} = \det(I_n) \det(\lambda I_m - B I_n^{-1} C)$$

$$= \det(\lambda I_m - BC) \quad (2)$$

So by (1) and (2)

$$\lambda^n \det(\lambda I_m - BC) = \lambda^m \det(\lambda I_n - CB)$$

(b) Use the result of (a) to show that if $n = m$ then BC and CB have the same spectrum, $\sigma(BC) = \sigma(CB)$.

① Suppose $\lambda \in \sigma(BC)$ and $\lambda \neq 0$

$$\text{Then } \det(BC - \lambda I) = 0$$

$$\text{So by (a) } \det(CB - \lambda I) = 0$$

$$\text{So } \lambda \in \sigma(CB)$$

② Suppose $0 \in \sigma(BC)$

Then BC is singular. So

$$0 = \det(BC) = \det(B) \det(C) = \det(C) \det(B) = \det(CB)$$

So CB is singular so $0 \in \sigma(CB)$

Together ① + ② show $\sigma(BC) \subseteq \sigma(CB)$.

(c) Construct a counterexample to show that $\sigma(BC) \neq \sigma(CB)$ when $n \neq m$.

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

$$BC = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma(BC) = \{0, 1\}$$

$$CB = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = (1) \quad \sigma(CB) = \{1\}$$

$$\text{So } \sigma(BC) \neq \sigma(CB)$$

Since argument is symmetric in B & C ,
 $\sigma(BC) = \sigma(CB)$
must hold

(6) [16 pts] Suppose that $T: V \rightarrow V$ is a linear transformation such that $T^2 = T$.
 Let $\{x_1, \dots, x_r\}$ be a basis for $\mathcal{R}(T)$ and $\{y_1, \dots, y_{n-r}\}$ be a basis for $\mathcal{N}(T)$, where $n = \dim V$.

(a) Show that $\{x_1, \dots, x_r, y_1, \dots, y_{n-r}\}$ are linearly independent and hence form a basis \mathcal{B} for V .
 [Hint: Show $Tx = x$ for all $x \in \mathcal{R}(T)$.]

• If $\vec{x} \in \mathcal{R}(T)$, $\vec{x} = T\vec{u}$ for some $\vec{u} \in V$

$$\text{So } T\vec{x} = T(T\vec{u}) = T^2\vec{u} = T\vec{u} = \vec{x}.$$

• Suppose

$$\alpha_1 \vec{x}_1 + \dots + \alpha_r \vec{x}_r + \beta_1 \vec{y}_1 + \dots + \beta_{n-r} \vec{y}_{n-r} = \vec{0} \quad (*)$$

Then taking T of both sides ~~and using linearity~~!

$$\boxed{\alpha_1 T(\vec{x}_1) + \dots + \alpha_r T(\vec{x}_r) + \beta_1 T(\vec{y}_1) + \dots + \beta_{n-r} T(\vec{y}_{n-r}) = T(\vec{0}) = \vec{0}}$$

and using linearity

$$T(\alpha_1 \vec{x}_1 + \dots + \alpha_r \vec{x}_r) + T(\beta_1 \vec{y}_1 + \dots + \beta_{n-r} \vec{y}_{n-r}) = T(\vec{0}) = \vec{0}$$

$$\alpha_1 \vec{x}_1 + \dots + \alpha_r \vec{x}_r + \vec{0} = \vec{0}$$

so $\vec{y}_1, \dots, \vec{y}_{n-r}$ span $\mathcal{N}(T)$ and by Hint

$$\text{applied to } \vec{x} = \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i \vec{x}_i$$

~~then~~ Now since $\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_r$ are a basis for $\mathcal{R}(T)$

they are LI so $\alpha_1 = \dots = \alpha_r = 0$ is forced.

$$\text{So by } (*) \quad \beta_1 \vec{y}_1 + \dots + \beta_{n-r} \vec{y}_{n-r} = \vec{0}.$$

Finally as $\vec{y}_1, \dots, \vec{y}_{n-r}$ is a basis for $\mathcal{N}(T)$

$$\beta_1 = \dots = \beta_{n-r} = 0, \quad \text{as req'd.}$$

(b) Show that $[T]_B = \begin{pmatrix} I_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 [T]_B &= ([T(\vec{b}_1)]_B \dots [T(\vec{b}_r)]_B \quad [T(\vec{b}_{r+1})]_B \dots [T(\vec{b}_{n-r})]_B) \\
 &= ([\vec{b}_1]_B \dots [\vec{b}_r]_B, \quad [\vec{0}]_B \dots [\vec{0}]_B) \\
 &= \left(\begin{array}{c|c} I_r & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

(c) Use (1d) to calculate the spectrum of the linear transformation T .

$$\sigma(T) = \sigma([T]_B) \text{ by (1d).}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{And } \det\left(\begin{pmatrix} I_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \lambda I_n\right) &= \det\left(\begin{array}{c|c} I_r(1-\lambda) & 0 \\ \hline 0 & -\lambda I_{n-r} \end{array}\right) \\
 &= \det((1-\lambda)I_r) \det(-\lambda I_{n-r}) \\
 &= (1-\lambda)^r (-\lambda)^{n-r}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } \sigma(T) = \{0, 1\}$$

Pledge: I have neither given nor received aid on this exam

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