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Math 51

Homework 8 (version 2)

Spring 2021

(This version differs from the first only in Question 3.)

Readings

§3.5 Homogeneous Systems, Eigenvalues, Eigenvectors.

§3.6 Systems of Algebraic Equations, Row Reduction.

Upcoming Deadlines:

Sunday, March 21, 11:59 p.m.: Quiz 7 (§3.5, 3.6, Canvas)

Friday, March 26, 5 p.m.: HW 8 (§3.5, 3.6 Gradescope)

To give you some practice with the format of exams, this homework is formatted like an exam. Print the homework and write your solutions to all the questions on the printed homework. Instead of printing the exam, you may also download it to a tablet and do your work there. When you are ready to submit, scan your homework as a single pdf file of ten pages and upload it to Gradescope.

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1. Find the eigenvalues of A , and for each eigenvalue find a corresponding eigenvector.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(*Hints:* The diagonal method for calculating the determinant of a 3×3 matrix is often quicker than expansion along a row or column. To find the roots of a cubic (degree 3) polynomial, use the rational root test.)

(Continuation of Question 1)

2. Given a matrix A and an eigenvector of A , find

- (a) the eigenvalue λ to which \mathbf{v} corresponds.
- (b) the associated solution of $D\mathbf{x} = A\mathbf{x}$.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(Continuation of Question 2)

3. (a) Calculate the determinant of the **upper triangular matrix**

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 7 & 8 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (b) What can you say about the determinant of an upper triangular matrix?
(c) Find the eigenvalues of the matrix A in part (a).
(d) What can you say about the eigenvalues of an upper triangular matrix?

4. Reduce the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

5. Find all solutions of the given system of equations (if they exist). express your answer (1) as separate parametric equations for the variables and (2) as a linear combination of vectors.

(a)

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 - 2x_4 = 0$$

$$3x_1 - 7x_2 - 4x_3 + 7x_4 = 0$$

$$4x_1 - 3x_2 + x_3 + 3x_4 = 0$$

$$x_1 + 3x_2 + 4x_3 - 3x_4 = 0$$

(b)

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 - x_4 - x_5 = 2$$

$$2x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 - 3x_4 - 2x_5 = 1$$

$$-x_1 - x_3 + 2x_4 + x_5 = 0.$$

(Continuation of Question 5)

6. (a) Explain why a reduced matrix with fewer rows than columns ($n \times m, n < m$) must have some columns without corners (pivots).
- (b) Use part (a) to explain why a homogeneous system of linear equations with more unknowns than equations must have infinitely many solutions.

(End of Homework 8)