

1. Let  $A$  be an invertible matrix with eigenvalue  $\lambda$  and corresponding eigenvector  $\vec{v}$ . Prove that  $A^{-1}$  must have the eigenvalue  $1/\lambda$  together with the same corresponding eigenvector  $\vec{v}$ .

$$A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}.$$

$$A^{-1}A\vec{v} = \lambda A^{-1}\vec{v}$$

$$\therefore \vec{v} = \lambda A^{-1}\vec{v}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{\lambda}\vec{v} = A^{-1}\vec{v}$$

Therefore  $A^{-1}$  have eigenvalue  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$  with vector  $\vec{v}$ .

2. Let  $H_n = 1 + 1/2 + 1/3 + \dots + 1/n$ . Show that  $H_n \leq 1 + \ln n$ . Hence show that  $H_{1\,000\,000\,000} < 22$ .

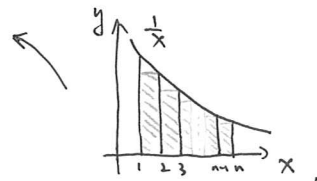
$$\bullet \text{ } L_n \text{ for } \int_1^n \frac{1}{x} dx \text{ is } \frac{n-1}{n-1} \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} \right).$$

$$\bullet L_n = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} \leq [\ln x]_1^n = \ln n - \ln 1 = \ln n.$$

$$\bullet H_n = 1 + L_n \leq 1 + \ln n.$$

$$\therefore H_{10^9} \leq 1 + \ln 10^9 = 1 + 9 \ln 10 \approx 21.7 \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

$$\therefore H_{1\,000\,000\,000} < 22.$$



3. Prove that similarity is an equivalence relation on the set of  $n \times n$  matrices.

$$\bullet A = I A I^{-1}, \text{ } A \text{ is similar to itself. } \underline{\text{reflexive}}$$

$$\bullet \text{ Suppose } A = P B P^{-1}, \text{ } P \text{ is non-singular. Then } P^{-1} A P = B.$$

$$\text{Let } P^{-1} = Q, \text{ so } B = Q A Q^{-1}. \text{ } B \text{ and } A \text{ are similar. } \underline{\text{symmetric}}$$

$$\bullet \text{ Suppose } A \text{ and } B \text{ are similar, } B \text{ and } C \text{ are similar. Then there are non-singular matrices } P_1, P_2 \text{ that: } A = P_1 B P_1^{-1}, B = P_2 C P_2^{-1}.$$

$$\text{So } A = P_1 (P_2 C P_2^{-1}) P_1^{-1} = (P_1 P_2) C (P_2^{-1} P_1^{-1}) = (P_1 P_2) C (P_1 P_2)^{-1}.$$

$$A \text{ and } C \text{ are similar. } \underline{\text{transitive}}$$

Therefore, similarity is an equivalence relation.

4. Factorize the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  in the form  $PDP^{-1}$  where  $D$  is a diagonal matrix. Hence find  $A^8$ .

$$\lambda^2 - 3\lambda + 2 = 0, \quad \lambda = 1, \quad \vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \lambda = 2, \quad \vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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

$$\therefore A^8 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2^8 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 766 & -765 \\ 510 & -509 \end{pmatrix}.$$

5. Use matrix methods to solve the recurrence relation  $u_n = 5u_{n-1} - 6u_{n-2}$  given  $u_1 = 1$  and  $u_2 = 2$ .

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -6 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 6 = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_2 \\ u_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_3 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = R \begin{pmatrix} u_2 \\ u_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_4 \\ u_3 \end{pmatrix} = R^2 \begin{pmatrix} u_2 \\ u_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\underline{\begin{pmatrix} u_{n+1} \\ u_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -6 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^{n-1} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}.$$

$$\lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 6 = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 3)(\lambda - 2) = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 = 3, \quad \vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_2 = 2, \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_{n+1} \\ u_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3^{n-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 2^{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2^n \\ 2^{n-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\therefore u_{n+1} = 2^n. \quad \underline{\underline{u_n = 2^{n-1}}}.$$

True, but not considered a full solution to the problem as  $u_n$  is still difficult to calculate. We find that  $u_n = 2^{n-1}$  is the explicit solution.

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