

1. (10 points)

$$0 = \gamma_1(1) + \gamma_2(1 - t) + \gamma_3(2 - 4t + t^2) + \gamma_4(6 - 18t + 9t^2 + t^3)$$

$$0 = (-\gamma_4)t^3 + (9\gamma_4 + \gamma_3)t^2 + (-18\gamma_4 - 4\gamma_3 - \gamma_2)t + (\gamma_4 - 2\gamma_3 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_1)$$

Since we know  $b \neq 0$  then we must show that  $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = \gamma_3 = \gamma_4 = 0$ . When we solve the system composed of the above coefficients set to 0 we can clearly see below that the matrix has 4 pivoting columns so the system must only have one solution, the trivial solution.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & -1 & -4 & -18 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since we have shown that  $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = \gamma_3 = \gamma_4 = 0$  we conclude that the set is also a basis.

The change of basis matrix from  $\mathbb{C}$  to  $\mathbb{B}$  is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & -1 & -4 & -18 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[u]_{\mathbb{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & -1 & -4 & -18 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 9 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ -15 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. (5 points)

$$\text{rank } A = 5$$

$$\dim \text{Nul } A = n - \text{rank } A = 1$$

$$\text{Basis Col } A = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ -13 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{Basis for row space} = \{(1, 1, -2, 0, 1, 0), (0, 1, -1, 0, -3, 0), (0, 0, 1, 1, -13, 0), (0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1)\}$$

3. To find the characteristic polynomial we simply set the determinant of  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 - \lambda & 4 \\ 1 & 4 - \lambda \end{bmatrix}$  equal to 0 and solve. We find that it is  $(4 - \lambda)^2 - 4 = (\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 6) = 0$ . We plug each of the solutions into the matrix  $A - \lambda I$  and solve for 0 to get  $\text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  when  $\lambda = 2$  and  $\text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  when  $\lambda = 6$ . So two linearly independent eigenvectors are  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$4. A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 - \lambda & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} \text{ so } \det A = (1 - \lambda)^3, \text{ and the matrix is singular when } \lambda = 1.$$

We substitute this eigenvalue back into  $A - \lambda I$  to get  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . We set this matrix to 0 and get

the solution  $Span \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  and this is the only eigenvector.

**5.** Since this is a triangular matrix we can immediately see that the determinant is the product is the product of the diagonal entries. So the characteristic polynomial is  $(4 - \lambda)(3 - \lambda)(2 - \lambda) = 0$ .

When we substitute each of these into the matrix  $A - \lambda I$  we get the solutions  $Span \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ ,

$Span \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ , and  $Span \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -8 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  so three linearly indepenedent eigenvectors are  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

and  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -8 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**6.**  $A - 4I_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & h & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 14 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ . After row reduction, we have  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & h+3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & h & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and we see

that the null space of  $A - 4I_4$  has nullity 2 when  $h = -3$ .

**7.** We know that  $(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T$  and  $\det A = \det A^T$ . So  $\det(A - \lambda I) = \det(A - \lambda I)^T = \det(A^T - (\lambda I)^T) = \det(A^T - \lambda I)$ .