

1. (10 points) We can represent the polynomial as a set of vectors:

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -18 \\ 9 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

In this form it is clear that the set is linearly independent, therefore the set is linearly independent and is a basis for \mathbb{P}_3 .

The change of basis matrix from \mathbb{C} to \mathbb{B} is composed of the vectors above:

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

$$[u]_{\mathbb{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & -1 & -4 & -18 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 9 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 22 \\ -51 \\ 18 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. (5 points)

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

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

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

$$\text{Basis for row space} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ -3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -13 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

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. $A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1-\lambda & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1-\lambda \end{bmatrix}$ so $\det A = (1-\lambda)^3$, 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 $Span \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ so three linearly independent eigenvectors are $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$,

and $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

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 $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & h+3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 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 $\det(A - \lambda I) = \det(A - \lambda I)^T = \det(A^T - (\lambda I)^T) = \det(A^T - \lambda I)$.