

# 1 Part I: True/False

Each problem is points for a total of 80 points. (10 problems worth 8 points each.)

**Problem 1.1.** For the exam, you need only indicate True or False. No justification is required. If you want to earn back some points, you can supply full justifications for **all** of the problems. You may earn back 50% of lost points.

- a) True There is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix with eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 1/2$  and  $\lambda_2 = -1/3$  with

$$E_{\lambda_1} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ and } E_{\lambda_2} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

This is true, and we can write down the matrix quite easily

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

- b) False There is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix with eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 1/2$  and  $\lambda_2 = -1/3$  with

$$E_{\lambda_1} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ and } E_{\lambda_2} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

If this were true, then  $E_{\lambda_1} \cap E_{\lambda_2} = \{\mathbf{0}\}$  and as

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

we see that this is false.

- c) False If a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  has eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 1/2$  and  $\lambda_2 = -1/3$ , and no others, and

$$E_{\lambda_1} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ and } E_{\lambda_2} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Then  $A$  is diagonalizable.

In this case one of the eigenvalues has algebraic multiplicity 2, but geometric multiplicity 1, so  $A$  is deficient and hence not diagonalizable.

d) True If a  $3 \times 3$  matrix has eigenvalues 1,  $1/2$ , and  $-1/4$ , then  $A$  is diagonalizable.

If an  $n \times n$  matrix has  $n$  distinct eigenvalues, then it is diagonalizable.

e) False There is a  $3 \times 3$  symmetric matrix with eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 1/2$  and  $\lambda_2 = -1/3$  with

$$E_{\lambda_1} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ and } E_{\lambda_2} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

This is false since  $E_{\lambda_1} \perp E_{\lambda_2}$  if  $A$  is symmetric. But this is false in the present case.

f) True There is a  $3 \times 3$  symmetric matrix with eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 1/2$  and  $\lambda_2 = -1/3$  with

$$E_{\lambda_1} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ and } E_{\lambda_2} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

This is true. To start with, notice  $E_{\lambda_1} \perp E_{\lambda_2}$  and so we can find an orthonormal basis and produce the needed matrix as  $A = U\Lambda U^T$ . (This is fine for an explanation.)

Details follow:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and so

$$E_{\lambda_1} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ -1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$E_{\lambda_2} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2/\sqrt{6} \\ 1/\sqrt{6} \\ 1/\sqrt{6} \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

So we have an orthonormal basis of eigenvectors for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , and we have

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{3} & 0 & -2/\sqrt{6} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{6} \\ 1/\sqrt{3} & -1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{6} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1/3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{3} \\ 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ -2/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{6} \end{bmatrix}$$

This turns out to be:

$$A = \frac{1}{36} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 10 & 10 \\ 10 & 13 & -5 \\ 10 & -5 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

g) True For any  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  with real entries,  $A^T A$  is diagonalizable with all eigenvalues being real and non-negative.

This is true and is the basis of the first step of the SVD decomposition.

- h) False If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  real matrix, then there is an orthogonal (unitary and real)  $n \times n$  real matrix  $U$  and real  $n \times n$  diagonal  $\Lambda$  so that  $A = U\Lambda U^T$ .

This is, in general, false. This sort of looks like the Spectral Theorem, but that only applies to symmetric  $A$ , and this sort of looks like SVD, but that gives  $A = U\Lambda V^T$  where  $U \neq V$ , is often true. As a counter-example, consider the rotation by  $45^\circ$  counter-clockwise matrix

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

This has complex eigenvalues  $\lambda = \pm i$  since  $p_A(t) = t^2 + 1 = (t - i)(t + i)$ . So  $A$  cannot have the form stated.

- i) True If  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  real matrix, then there are orthogonal (unitary and real)  $n \times n$  real matrices  $U$  and  $V$  and real  $n \times n$  diagonal  $\Lambda$  so that  $A = U\Lambda V^T$ .

This is the statement of the SVD Theorem.

- j) True For any symmetric matrix  $A$  with non-negative eigenvalues, we can find a symmetric matrix  $B$ , also with non-negative eigenvalues, so that  $A = B^2$ .

By the Spectral Theorem,  $A = U\Lambda U^T$  and we can let  $B = U\Lambda^{1/2}U^T$  so that

$$\begin{aligned} B^2 &= (U\Lambda^{1/2}U^T)(U\Lambda^{1/2}U^T) = U\Lambda^{1/2}(U^T U)\Lambda^{1/2}U^T \\ &= U\Lambda^{1/2}I\Lambda^{1/2}U^T = U\Lambda^{1/2}\Lambda^{1/2}U^T = U\Lambda U^T = A \end{aligned}$$

## 2 Part II: Computational (120 points; 5 problems, each worth 25 points.)

Show all computations so that you make clear what your thought processes are.

**Problem 2.1** (20 pts). Diagonalize  $A$  if possible. If not diagonalizable, explain why.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 3 & -3 \\ -16 & -7 & 7 \\ -4 & -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

The eigenvalues are  $\lambda_1 = 2$  and  $\lambda_2 = 0$ .

$$E_2 = \text{NS} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 3 & -3 \\ -16 & -9 & 7 \\ -4 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \text{NS} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} == \text{NS} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

and

$$E_0 = \text{NS} \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 3 & -3 \\ -16 & -7 & 7 \\ -4 & -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \text{NS} \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -3/2 & 3/2 \end{bmatrix} = \text{NS} \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

The matrix  $A$  is deficient.

**Problem 2.2** (20 pts). Let  $P$  be the plane through the origin and the points  $(1, 1, 0)$  and  $(1, -1, 0)$ . Let  $p : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow P$  be the orthogonal projection onto  $P$ . That is,  $p(x, y, z)$  is the point  $(a, b, c)$  in the plane  $P$  so that

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} \perp P$$

$p$  is a linear map and hence given by a matrix  $A$ .

- What are the eigenvalues of  $A$ ?
- For each eigenvalue what is the associated eigenspace?
- Given the answer to the first two questions, write  $A = SDS^{-1}$ .

**Note:** There is really nothing that you need to calculate here, this is just checking that you understand what eigenvalues and eigenvectors are, at least geometrically.

If a point, vector,  $\mathbf{v}$ , is in the plane  $P$ , then  $p(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v}$ , i.e., the point does not move. That is  $p(\mathbf{v}) = 1 \cdot \mathbf{v}$ , and we see that 1 is an eigenvalue with eigenspace  $E_1 = P$ .

If a point,  $\mathbf{v}$ , is on the line,  $L$ , through the origin perpendicular to the plane, then  $P(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0}$ , and so  $\ker(P) = E_0 = L$  is the line  $L$  to the plane through the origin.

By inspection,  $(0, 0, 1)$  is a point on the normal line and

$$E_0 = L = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Similarly,

$$E_1 = P = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

and letting

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

then we have

$$P(\mathbf{v}) = SDS^{-1}\mathbf{v}$$

**Problem 2.3** (20 pts). Suppose

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

Describe the "long-term" behavior of  $A^n \mathbf{v}$  for an arbitrary point  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ . More specifically, in the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  what happens to  $A^n \mathbf{v}$ .

**Note:** Depending on where  $\mathbf{v}$  is in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , there might be different long-term behavior.

For any  $\mathbf{v}$ , we may write  $\mathbf{v} = a\mathbf{v}_1 + b\mathbf{v}_2 + c\mathbf{v}_3$  where

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

and we see that

$$A^n \mathbf{v} = (1/2)^n a \mathbf{v}_1 + (-1/3)^n b \mathbf{v}_2 + (1)^n c \mathbf{v}_3$$

and since both  $(1/2)^n$  and  $(-1/3)^n$  approach 0 as  $n$  gets large,  $A^n \mathbf{v}$  approaches  $c\mathbf{v}$ . All points are "attracted" to the line  $L$ .

More specifically,

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

So  $c = \frac{1}{2}(x + y - z)$  and so

$$A^n \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(x + y - z) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

For the next two problems, let

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

**Problem 2.4** (20 pts). Unitarily diagonalize the  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A^T A$ . That is, find  $V$  a unitary (real) matrix and diagonal  $\Lambda$  so that  $A = V\Lambda V^T$ . Make sure that  $\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$  where  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2$ .

**Check your answer!** Make sure that your  $V$  is unitary and check that  $A^T A = V\Lambda V^T$ . You need these in the next step so you want to double-check here to make sure that they are correct.

$$A^T A = \begin{bmatrix} 13/2 & 5/2 \\ 5/2 & 13/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

So  $p_A(t) = (13/2 - t)^2 - (5/2)^2$  and

$$\begin{aligned} p_A(t) = 0 &\iff (13 - 2t)^2 - 5^2 = 0 \\ &\iff 4t^2 - 52t + (13^2 - 5^2) = 0 \\ &\iff 4t^2 - 52t + 12^2 = 0 \\ &\iff t^2 - 13t + 36 = (t - 9)(t - 4) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

So the eigenvalues are 9 and 4. So

$$\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now find the basis for the eigenspaces

$$E_9 = \text{NS}(A - 9I) = \text{NS} \begin{bmatrix} -5/2 & 5/2 \\ -5/2 & 5/2 \end{bmatrix} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

and

$$E_4 = \text{NS}(A - 4I) = \text{NS} \begin{bmatrix} 5/2 & 5/2 \\ 5/2 & 5/2 \end{bmatrix} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

So

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Problem 2.5** (20 pts). Find the SVD for  $A$  (same  $A$  as in the previous problem.) Explain how you get the singular values and the left singular vectors.

**Check!** When done, you should have unitary  $4 \times 4$  matrix  $U$ , a diagonal  $4 \times 2$  matrix  $\Sigma$ , and the unitary  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $V$  (from above) so that  $A = U\Sigma V^T$ .

The singular values are just  $\sigma_1 = \sqrt{9}$  and  $\sigma_2 = \sqrt{4} = 2$  and so we know from the previous problem that

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } V = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

We have

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \frac{A\mathbf{v}_1}{\sigma_1} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 3/\sqrt{2} \\ 3/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = \frac{A\mathbf{v}_2}{\sigma_2} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2/\sqrt{2} \\ 2/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

For  $\mathbf{u}_3$  and  $\mathbf{u}_4$  we need an orthonormal basis for  $\text{NS}(A)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{NS}(A^T) &= \text{NS} \begin{bmatrix} 3/2 & 3/2 & -1 & -1 \\ 3/2 & 3/2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \text{NS} \begin{bmatrix} 3/2 & 3/2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \text{NS} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\mathbf{u}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{u}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ -1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

and so

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 & -1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 & -1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 & -1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 & -1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ -1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 \\ -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ Correct!}
 \end{aligned}$$