

Quiz 6

Question 1 (15 points; 3 points each). Decide if each of the following are true or false and provide a justification or counterexample in each case. A justification could consist of a theorem from the text. All vector spaces are assumed to be finite-dimensional here. All vector spaces are now over \mathbb{C} unless otherwise stated.

- (a) _____ If the characteristic polynomial of a 4×4 matrix is $p(t) = (t - 1)^2 t^2$, then there is an invertible matrix S so that $A = SDS^{-1}$ where

$$D = \text{diag}(1, 1, 0, 0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) _____ If A and B are $n \times n$ matrices and λ_A and λ_B are eigenvalues for A and B respectively with respect to the same eigenvector \mathbf{v} , then $AB\mathbf{v} = BA\mathbf{v}$.

(c) _____ If A and B are $n \times n$ matrices and λ_A is an eigenvalue of A and λ_B is an eigenvalue of B , then $\lambda_A \lambda_B$ is an eigenvalue of AB .

(d) _____ If A and B are diagonalizable $n \times n$ matrices, then AB is diagonalizable.

- (e) _____ Suppose A is diagonalizable, then e^A is diagonalizable and e^λ is an eigenvalue of e^A iff λ is an eigenvalue of A .

Question 2 (10 points). Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, write $A = U\Lambda U^{-1}$ where U is unitary, columns are orthonormal basis for \mathbb{R}^3 and $\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{bmatrix}$ with $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > \lambda_3$.

Recall: $U^{-1} = U^T$ for unitary U .

Question 3 (10 points). Suppose the matrix $A = \frac{1}{12} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ is used to transform points in the plane iteratively. That is, given a point \mathbf{v} , consider the sequence $\mathbf{v}_n = A^n \mathbf{v}$. Letting $U = [\mathbf{u}_1 \quad \mathbf{u}_2]$ so that \mathbf{u}_i is an eigenvector associated to λ_i and letting $\mathbf{v} = c_1 \mathbf{u}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{u}_2$ what is a simple expressions for a_n and b_n so that $\mathbf{v}_n = A^n \mathbf{v} = a_n \mathbf{u}_1 + b_n \mathbf{u}_2$.