

1. Let  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(a) Show that  $\mathbf{A}$  is a nilpotent matrix.

(b) Compute  $e^{\mathbf{A}}$  exactly.

2. Compute  $e^{\mathbf{A}t}$  when  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

3. Consider the upper triangular matrix  $\mathbf{U} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a) Decompose  $\mathbf{U}$  into a diagonal matrix  $D$  and a nilpotent matrix  $N$ .

(b) Use the previous problem to compute  $e^{\mathbf{U}}$ .

(c) Will this technique work for all upper triangular matrices? Justify your answer.

4. Prove that if matrices  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are similar matrices, then  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  have the same set of eigenvalues.

5. Compute  $e^{\mathbf{A}t}$  where

A.  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 6 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$       B.  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$       C.  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

6. Find the solution of  $\vec{x}' = \mathbf{A}\vec{x}$ ,  $\vec{x}(0) = \langle 1, -1, 1 \rangle$  for each  $\mathbf{A}$  in Exercise 5.

7. Verify the Cayley-Hamilton theorem for Exercise 5B.

8. We are going to revisit 5A and do it the traditional engineering ODE way.

- (a) Order and label your eigenvalues as you did in Problem 5. For each eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$ , find an associated eigenvector  $\mathbf{v}_i$ .
- (b) Construct a fundamental matrix  $\Phi(t) = [e^{\lambda_1 t} \mathbf{v}_1, e^{\lambda_2 t} \mathbf{v}_2, e^{\lambda_3 t} \mathbf{v}_3]$  and prove that  $\Phi(t)$  is not  $e^{t\mathbf{A}}$ . Note:  $\Phi(t)\vec{c}$  is the form of the solution in lower-level courses.
- (c) Diagonalize  $A$ . That is, use the eigenvalues to construct a diagonal matrix  $\mathbf{D}$  and the eigenvectors to construct a change of basis matrix  $\mathbf{S}$  such that  $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{S}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{S}$ . (Show this these matrices do the job intended.)
- (d) Using your diagonalization, compute  $e^{t\mathbf{A}}$  using  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{S}^{-1}$ . That is, construct  $\mathbf{S}e^{t\mathbf{D}}\mathbf{S}^{-1}$  and show that this matrix is  $\mathbf{I}$  when  $t = 0$ .
9. Show that if the real part of each eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$  is negative, then every solution of  $\vec{x}' = \mathbf{A}\vec{x}$  satisfies  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \vec{x}(t) = 0$ .
10. Find the solution of the initial value problem.

$$\vec{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ t \\ t^2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$