vv256: Week 3. Singular Solutions. Linear Spaces. Eigenvalues and Eighenvectors.

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What happens if $y = \psi(y')$?

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What is the type of this equation? Linear \Rightarrow Find its solution $t = \Phi(p, C)$ and obtain the general solution of the Lagrange equation in the form

$$\begin{cases} t = \Phi(p, C) \\ y = \Phi(p, C)\varphi(p) + \psi(p) \end{cases}$$

Attention! The Lagrange equation may also have special solutions of the form $y = \varphi(c)t + \psi(c)$, where c is the root of the equation $\varphi(c) = 0$. We will consider the question of special solutions later.

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Therefore, plugging C instead of y' in Clairaut's equation we immediately obtain the general solution. How we can get a singular solution from the general one? Differentiate w.r.t C.

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We need to complement it with the obvious solution y = 0.

Exercises

Solve the following ODEs:

$$1.(y')^{2} - 2ty' - 8t^{2} = 0.$$

$$2.t^{2}(y')^{2} + 3tyy' + 2y^{2} = 0.$$

$$3.(y')^{3} - y(y')^{2} - t^{2}y' + t^{2}y = 0.$$

$$4.t = \ln y' + \sin y'.$$

$$5.y = \sin^{-1} y' + \ln(1 + (y')^{2}).$$

$$6.y = ty' + y' + \sqrt{y'}.$$

$$7.y = y' \ln y'.$$

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- another non-singular solution is different form the singular one in any arbitrary small neighborhood of the point (t_0, y_0) .

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$$\psi_{p}(t,y)=0$$

which is called *p*-discriminant of the equation (3), and the integral curve corresponding *p*-discriminant is called the *p*-discriminant integral curve.

Is a *p*-discriminant curve unique? Does it define a singular solution? In general, no. \Rightarrow Double-check.

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To make sure that a branch of a *C*-discriminant curve is an envelope, we check the following conditions.

there exist bounded partial derivatives

$$\left| \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} \right| \le M, \left| \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial y} \right| \le N, M, N = const,$$

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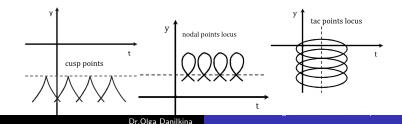
Are these condition are necessary or sufficient? Sufficient. \Rightarrow if they are not satisfied on a branch of the *C*-discriminant curve, it can still be an envelope.

The equations of p-discriminant and C-discriminant have a certain structure

$$\psi_p(t, y) = E \cdot C \cdot T^2 = 0,$$

$$\psi_C(t, y) = E \cdot N^2 \cdot C^3 = 0,$$

where E=0 is the equation of the envelope, C=0 is the equation of the cusp locus, N=0 is the equation of nodal locus, T=0 is the equation of the tac locus. Attention! Over all locus points only the envelope is a singular solution.



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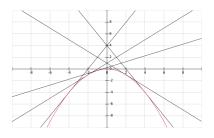
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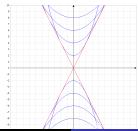
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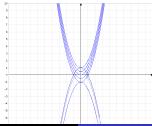
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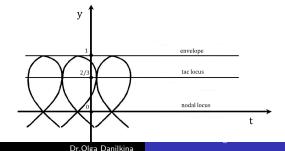
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Singular Solutions: Exercises

For the following equations, find singular solutions if they exist.

$$1.(1+(y')^2)y^2-4yy'-4t=0,$$

$$2.(y')^2 - 4y = 0,$$

$$3.(y')^3 - 4tyy' + 8y^2 = 0,$$

$$4.(y')^2 - y^2 = 0,$$

$$5.(ty'+y)^2+3t^5(ty'-2y)=0.$$

Use *C*-discriminant to find singular solutions for the following equations $1.y = (y')^2 - ty' + t^2/2$, $y = Ct + C^2 + t^2/2$,

$$2.(tv' + v)^2 = v^2v', v(C - t) = C^2.$$

$$3.v^2(v')^2 + v^2 = 1.(x - C)^2 + v^2 = 1.$$

$$4.(y')^2 - yy' + e^t = 0, y = Ce^t + 1/C.$$

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Definition

Let \mathbb{K} denote a scalar field (either \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C}).

A set X is called a **linear (or vector) space over the scalar field** $\mathbb K$ if there are two binary operations of addition and scalar multiplication defined on X

a)
$$\forall x, y \in X \Rightarrow x + y \in X$$

b)
$$\forall x \in X, \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{K} \Rightarrow \alpha x \in X$$

satisfying the following properties:

$$1. \ x + y = y + x \quad \forall x, y \in X \quad \text{commutativity}$$

$$2. \ x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z \quad \forall x, y, z \in X \quad \text{associativity}$$

$$3. \ \exists \ 0 \in X : \ 0 + x = x + 0 = x \quad \forall x \in X$$

$$4. \ \forall x \in X \ \exists \ (-x) \in X : \ x + (-x) = 0$$

$$5. \ 1 \cdot x = x \quad \forall x \in X \quad 6. \ (\alpha \beta) x = \alpha (\beta x) \quad \forall x \in X \ \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{K}$$

7. $\alpha(x+y) = \alpha x + \alpha y$ 8. $(\alpha+\beta)x = \alpha x + \beta x$ $\forall x, y \in X \ \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{K}$

Examples of Linear Spaces

- \bullet \mathbb{R} , \mathbb{C}
- $\mathbb{R}^n = \{x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) : x_i \in \mathbb{R}, i = 1, \dots, n\}, \mathbb{C}^n$
- $I_{\infty} = \{x = (x_1, x_2, \ldots) : x_i \in \mathbb{K}, i = \overline{1, \infty}, \sup_{i = \overline{1, \infty}} |x_i| < \infty\}$

•
$$I_1 = \{x = (x_1, x_2, \ldots) : x_i \in \mathbb{K}, i = \overline{1, \infty}, \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |x_i| < \infty \}$$

•
$$I_p = \{x = (x_1, x_2, ...) : x_i \in \mathbb{K}, i = \overline{1, \infty}, \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |x_i|^p < \infty \}$$

• C[a, b] = the set of all continuous functions defined on [a, b]

You need to prove that for any two elements of a set their sum and a scalar product are also elements of the same set and all axioms hold.

Linear Independence

We say that elements x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n of a linear space X over \mathbb{K} are **linearly independent** if the equality

$$\alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \ldots + \alpha_n x_n = 0, \quad \alpha_i \in \mathbb{K}, i = \overline{1, n}$$

implies that $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \ldots = \alpha_n = 0$. If there is at least one $\alpha_1 \neq 0$ then the elements x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n are called **linearly dependent**.

For example, consider two system of elements in $C[0, \pi/2]$:

$$x_1(t) = 1$$
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Are they linearly dependent or independent? Consider $\alpha_1 x_1(t) + \alpha_2 x_2(t) + \alpha_3 x_3(t) = 0$ for all $t \in [0, \pi/2]$ and determine

the values of α_i , i = 1, 2, 3 for the each case. What can you say about the elements of the linearly dependent system?

Exercises

Exercise 1: Prove that the system of elements of a linear space is linearly dependent if and only if one of those elements can be expressed as a linear combination of others.

Exercise 2: Prove that following systems are linearly independent

$$1, t, t^2, \dots, t^n;$$

$$e^{at}, te^{at}, t^2e^{at}, \dots, t^ne^{an}, \ a \neq 0;$$

$$\cos at, \sin at, t \cos at, t \sin at, \dots, t^n \cos at, t^n \sin at, \ a \neq 0;$$

$$e^{at} \cos bt, e^{at} \sin bt, te^{at} \cos bt, te^{at} \sin bt, \dots,$$

$$t^ne^{at} \cos bt, t^ne^{at} \sin bt, \ a, b \neq 0.$$

Dimension

Dimension of a linear space X is the greatest number of linearly independent elements in X.

If dim X = n then a system e^1, e^2, \dots, e^n of n linearly independent elements is said to be a **basis** in X provided any element $x \in X$ can be expressed a linear combination of basis elements

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i e^i.$$

Then $x=(x_1,x_2,...,x_n)$ in the basis $\{e^i\}, i=\overline{1,n}$. What is dimension of \mathbb{R} ? $\dim \mathbb{R}=1$. Why? What about $\dim \mathbb{R}^2, \dim \mathbb{R}^n, \dim C[a,b], \dim I_\infty, \dim I_1, \dim I_p$?

Dimension

• dim $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbf{n}} = \mathbf{n}$

Proof.

Consider the elements $e^i = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, n), e^i_i = 1$ of \mathbb{R}^n for any $i = \overline{1,n}$ and prove that e^i are linearly independent. It will imply that $\dim \mathbb{R}^n \geq n$. Then, show that $\dim \mathbb{R}^n < n+1$. To this aim, consider an arbitrary system of n+1 elements in \mathbb{R}^n and prove that it is linearly dependent. Use the property that any system of n linear equations with n+1 independent variable has a non-trivial solution.

• dim $C[a, b] = \infty$ Proof.

Consider the functions $1, t, t^2, ..., t^n$ with $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and arbitrary scalars $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, ..., \alpha_{n+1}$. If $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 t + \alpha_3 t^2 + ... \alpha_{n+1} t^n = 0$ then $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = ... = \alpha_{n+1} = 0 \Rightarrow \{t^i\}$ is a basis but n is arbitrary \Rightarrow infinite dimension.

Distance in Linear Spaces

How can we measure distance between two elements in a linear space? We need to introduce the notion of distance first!

metric spaces

A space with a metric $d: X \times X \to \mathbb{R}$

1.
$$d(x, y) \ge 0$$
, $d(x, y) = 0$ iff $x = y$,

2.
$$d(x,y) = d(y,x)$$
, 3. $d(x,z) \le d(x,y) + d(y,z)$

normed linear spaces

A linear space with a norm $||\cdot||:X\to\mathbb{R}$

1.
$$||x|| \ge 0$$
, $||x|| = 0$ iff $x = 0$, 2. $||\alpha x|| = |\alpha|||x||$,

$$3. ||x + y|| \le ||x|| + ||y||$$

inner product spaces

A linear space with an inner product $(\cdot,\cdot):X\times X\to\mathbb{C}$

1.
$$(x,x) \ge 0$$
, $(x,x) = 0$, iff $x = 0$, 2. $(\alpha x, y) = \alpha(x,y)$, $(x+y,z) = (x,z) + (y,z)$ 3. $(y,x) = \overline{(x,y)}$

Distance in Linear Spaces

Questions:

- Introduce metrics, norms and distances in the linear spaces \mathbb{R}^n , I_{∞} , I_{D} and C[a,b].
- Is any metric space a linear space and vice versa? What about the connection between linear and inner product spaces?
- What do we need to know to prove that $||x|| = \sqrt{(x,x)}$?
- Are metrics, norms and inner products continuous functions?
 What is a continuous function?

The Wronskian

The **Wronskian** of *n* smooth enough functions is defined by

$$W[f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n](t) = \begin{vmatrix} f_1(t) & f_2(t) & \dots & f_n(t) \\ f'_1(t) & f'_2(t) & \dots & f'_n(t) \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ f_1^{(n-1)}(t) & f_2^{(n-1)}(t) & \dots & f_n^{(n-1)}(t) \end{vmatrix}$$

What is a smooth enough function? A continuously differentiable function.

For example, if $f_1(t) = 2t - 1$ and $f_2(t) = t^2$ then

$$W[f_1, f_2](t) = \begin{vmatrix} 2t-1 & t^2 \\ 2 & 2t \end{vmatrix} = 4t^2 - 2t - 2t^2 = 2t^2 - 2t.$$

Exercise: Prove that the Wronskian of linearly dependent functions vanishes.

What happens if $W[f_1, ..., f_n](t) \neq 0$? Functions are linearly independent!

The Wronskian

The **Wronskian** of *n* elements $x^1(t), x^2(t), \dots, x^n(t)$ of *n* components each is

$$W[x^{1}, x^{2}, \dots, x^{n}](t) = det([x^{1}, x^{2}, \dots, x^{n}]) = \begin{vmatrix} x_{11} & x_{21} & \dots & x_{n1} \\ x_{12} & x_{22} & \dots & x_{n2} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ x_{1n} & x_{2n} & \dots & x_{nn} \end{vmatrix}.$$

If $W[x^1, x^2, \ldots, x^n](t_0) \neq 0$ at some point t_0 then the system $x^1(t), x^2(t), \ldots, x^n(t)$ is linearly independent. Why? How to prove that elements x^1, x^2, \ldots, x^n are linearly dependent iff $det([x^1, x^2, \ldots, x^n]) = 0$? \Rightarrow Recall the theory of systems of linear algebraic equations.

Systems of Linear Algebraic Equations

Consider a system of n linear algebraic equations in n unknown written in the matrix form

$$Ax = b$$
,

where $A = (a_{ij})$ is the $n \times n$ matrix, $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ is unknown and $b = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$ is given.

- if there exists A^{-1} then $x = A^{-1}b$. What is the condition for existence of A^{-1} ?
- if det $A \neq 0$ and b = 0 then the only solution is the trivial one $\Rightarrow x = 0$.
- if $\det A = 0$, b = 0 then the system has infinitely many nonzero solutions including the trivial solution.
- if det A=0, $b\neq 0$ then the system has no solutions but if b satisfies the condition $\sum b_i y_i = 0$ for all $y=(y_1,y_2,\ldots,y_n)$ such that $\bar{A}^T y = 0$.

Systems of Linear Algebraic Equations

How can we find a solution? Cramer's rule, Gaussian elimination Consider the procedures for the sample system

$$\begin{cases} 2x_1 - x_2 + x_3 = -3, \\ x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 = 5, \\ 3x_1 - 2x_2 - x_3 = -8 \end{cases}$$

and apply Cramer's method and Gaussian elimination to solve it.

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Consider the equation Ax = y, where $A = (a_{ij})_{n \times n}$ is a matrix of scalars. Recall that any matrix defines a mapping on finite dimensional linear spaces and vice versa. How can we prove it? Therefore, the equation shows that a vector x is mapped to another vector y through the linear mapping defined by the matrix A. Denote $y = \lambda x$ where $\lambda \in \mathbb{K}$ and obtain

$$Ax = \lambda x$$
.

Definition. The value of λ for which there are nonzero vectors x satisfying the eq. is called the eigenvalue of A, and those nonzero vectors x are called the eigenvectors of A associated with λ . How can we find x? $(A - \lambda I)x = 0 \Rightarrow det(A - \lambda I) = 0$ for nonzero solutions. This is a polynomial equation of degree n whose n roots are the eigenvalues of A. The roots can be real or complex, single or repeated, or any combination of these cases.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -4 \\ 8 & -7 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 5 - \lambda & -4 \\ 8 & -7 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 + 2\lambda - 3$$

There are two eigenvalues $\lambda_1=1$ and $\lambda_2=-3$. For the eigenvalue $\lambda=1$, $(A-\lambda)x=0$, and

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & -4 \\ 8 & -8 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$-4x_1 & -4x_2 & = 0$$
$$8x_1 & -8x_2 & = 0$$

Thus, $x_1 - x_2 = 0$. \Rightarrow if $x_1 = a$ then

$$x = \left(\begin{array}{c} a \\ a \end{array}\right) = a \left(\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 1 \end{array}\right), \ a \neq 0$$

Similarly, for the eigenvalue $\lambda = -3$: (A+3I)x = 0 and hence, $2x_1 - x_2 = 0$

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} b \\ 2b \end{pmatrix} = b \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, b \neq 0$$

Consider another case

$$A = \left(\begin{array}{rrr} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \end{array}\right)$$

Then
$$det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 - \lambda & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = -\lambda^3 + 4\lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 2$$

The eigenvalues are $\lambda_1 = 2$, $\lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 1$.

The eigenvector corresponding to $\lambda_1=2$ are nonzero solutions of the system (A-2I)x=0

$$-2x_1 - x_3 = 0,$$

$$-x_1 - x_2 - x_3 = 0,$$

$$2x_1 + x_3 = 0.$$

Therefore,

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ a \\ -2a \end{pmatrix}$$

What is the eigenvector corresponding $\lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 1$?

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} -c \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = b \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, b, c \neq 0$$

Exercise: Compute eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors for the following matrices

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc} 2 & -2 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -4 & 3 \end{array}\right), \left(\begin{array}{ccc} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & -4 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \end{array}\right), \left(\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \end{array}\right)$$

- If a real matrix A has a complex eigenvalue λ and x is a corresponding eigenvector, then the complex conjugate $\bar{\lambda}$ is also an eigenvalue with y, the conjugate vector of x, as a corresponding eigenvector. Prove it.
- A matrix A has an inverse matrix A^{-1} if and only if it does not have zero as an eigenvalue. If $\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_n \neq 0$ are the eigenvalues of A, then the eigenvalues of A^{-1} are $1/\lambda_1, \ldots, 1/\lambda_n$. Prove it.
- The eigenvalues of A are the same as the eigenvalues of A^T .
- If λ is an eigenvalue of A with an eigenvector x, then λ^k is an eigenvalue of A^k with a corresponding eigenvector x, $c\lambda$ is an eigenvalue of cA with a corresponding eigenvector x, and $C_m\lambda^m + C_{m-1}\lambda^{m-1} + \ldots + C_1\lambda + C_0$ is an eigenvalue of $C_mA^m + C_{m-1}A^{m-1} + \ldots + C_1A + c_0I$ with a corresponding eigenvector x. Prove it.

Theorem. Eigenvectors associated with distinct eigenvalues are linearly independent.

Proof. Consider the case n = 2, you can prove that it will hold for any n by induction.

Let A be a 2×2 matrix with eigenvalues $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$ and the corresponding eigenvectors x^1, x^2 . If

$$C_1 x^1 + C^2 x^2 = 0$$

then

$$0 = (A - \lambda_1 I)(C_1 x^1 + C_2 x^2) = C_1 (A - \lambda_1 I) x^1 +$$

+ $C_2 (A - \lambda_1 I) x^2 = C_2 (A x^2 - \lambda_1 x^2) = C_2 (\lambda_2 - \lambda_1) x^2,$

and hence, $C_2 = 0$. Prove that $C_1 = 0$ as well. $\Rightarrow x^1, x^2$ are linearly independent.

Diagonalizable matrices

Two $n \times n$ matrices A and B are said to be **similar** if there exists a matrix T (similarity transformation matrix), such that

$$B = T^{-1}AT$$
.

In this case

- $\det(B-\lambda I) = \det(T^{-1}AT T^{-1}\lambda IT) = \det(T^{-1}(A-\lambda I)T) = \det(T^{-1}) \cdot \det(A-\lambda I) \cdot \det(T) = \det(A-\lambda I).$
- if λ is an eigenvalue of B with the corresponding eigenvector x, then $A(Tx) = T(T^{-1}AT)x = T(Bx) = T(\lambda x) = \lambda(Tx)$.

Therefore, if A and B are similar matrices them they have the same characteristic polynomial, the same eigenvalues, and if x is an eigenvector of B then Tx is the eigenvector of A.

Prove that $A^k = TB^kT^{-1}$, k = 1, 2, ...

Diagonalizable matrices

Prove that the eigenvalues of an upper triangular matrix and a lower triangular matrix are the diagonal elements.

A matrix A is said to be **diagonalizable** if it is similar to a diagonal matrix B.

Theorem. An $n \times n$ matrix A is diagonalizable if and only if it has n linearly independent eigenvectors.

Proof.

1. If A is diagonalizable, i.e. $D=T^{-1}AT$, $D=diag(d_1,\ldots,d_n)$, then A has the same eigenvalues as D, i.e. d_1,\ldots,d_n . The corresponding eigenvectors

$$e^1 = (1, 0, ..., 0), e^2 = (0, 1, ..., 0), ..., e^n = (0, ..., 0, 1)$$
 are linearly independent. \Rightarrow the eigenvectors $Te^1, Te^2, ..., Te^n$ of A are linearly independent as well.

Diagonalizable matrices

2. If A has n linearly independent eigenvectors x^1, x^2, \ldots, x^n , $Ax^i = \lambda_i x^i$. Denote by T the matrix whose columns are vectors (x^1, \ldots, x^n) . Then the rank of T is n, and T^{-1} exists.

$$(x^1 \dots x^n) \cdot diag(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) = (\lambda_1 x^1 \dots \lambda_n x^n) =$$

$$= (Ax^1 \dots Ax^n) = A(x^1 \dots x^n) = AT \Rightarrow$$

$$diag(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) = T^{-1}AT$$

Exercise: Prove that the matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ can be

diagonalized as follows

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1/5 & 3/5 & 1/5 \\ -2/5 & 4/5 & 3/5 \\ 1/5 & -2/5 & 1/5 \end{pmatrix}$$