# Section 4.4 – Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

In many problems in science and mathematics, linear equations  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  come from steady state problems. Eigenvalues have their greatest importance in dynamic problems. The solution of  $A\vec{x} = \lambda \vec{x}$  or  $\frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = A\vec{x}$  (is changing with time) has nonzero solutions. (*All matrices are square*)

### **Definition**

Suppose A is an  $n \times n$  matrix and

$$\lambda \vec{x} = A \vec{x}$$

The values of  $\lambda$  are called eigenvalues of the matrix A and the nonzero vectors  $\vec{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are called the eigenvectors corresponding to that eigenvalue  $(\lambda)$ .

 $\lambda$  is the eigenvalue associated with or corresponding to the eigenvector  $\vec{x}$ .

♣ One of the meanings of the word "eigen" in German is "proper"; eigenvalues are also called proper values, characteristic values, or latent roots.

### Example

The vector  $x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  is an eigenvector of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 8 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda = 3$  since

$$A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 8 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= 3\vec{x} \mid$$

Eigenvalues and eigenvectors have a useful geometric interpretation in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

### The equation for the eigenvalues

Let's rewrite the equation  $\lambda \vec{x} = A\vec{x}$ .

$$A\vec{x} - \lambda\vec{x} = 0$$

 $\lambda$ : are the eigenvalues and not a vector

$$A\vec{x} - \lambda I\vec{x} = 0$$

$$(A - \lambda I)\vec{x} = 0$$

The matrix  $A - \lambda I$  times the eigenvectors  $\vec{x}$  is the zero vector.

The eigenvectors make up the nullspace of  $A - \lambda I$ .

### **Definition**

The number  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of A if and only if  $A - \lambda I$  is singular:

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$$

This equation  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$  is called *characteristic equation* of A; the scalars satisfying this equation are the eigenvalues of A. when expanding the determinant  $\det(A - \lambda I)$  is a polynomial in  $\lambda$  of degree n, called the *characteristic polynomial* of A.

### Example

Find the eigenvalues of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ 

#### **Solution**

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

The characteristic equation of A is:

$$\lambda^2 - 3\lambda + 2 = 0$$

The eigenvalues of A are  $\lambda_1 = 1$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 2$ 

#### **Theorem**

If A is an  $n \times n$  triangular matrix (upper triangular, lower triangular, or diagonal), then the eigenvalues of A are the entries on the main diagonal of A.

## Example

Find the eigenvalues of the lower triangular matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & \frac{3}{2} & 0 \\ 5 & -8 & -\frac{1}{4} \end{pmatrix}$$

#### **Solution**

The eigenvalues are:  $\lambda_1 = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\lambda_2 = \frac{3}{2}$ , and  $\lambda_3 = -\frac{1}{4}$ 

### **Theorem**

If A is an  $n \times n$  matrix, the following are equivalent.

- a)  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of A.
- **b)** The system of equations  $(A \lambda I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  has nontrivial solutions.
- c) There is a nonzero vector  $\vec{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $A\vec{x} = \lambda \vec{x}$ .
- d)  $\lambda$  is a real solution of the characteristic equation  $\det(A \lambda I) = 0$

## **Eigenvectors**

To find the eigenvector  $\vec{x}$ , for each eigenvalue  $\lambda$  solve  $(A - \lambda I)\vec{x} = 0$  or  $A\vec{x} = \lambda \vec{x}$ 

From the eigenvalues, the eigenvectors, in the form  $V_i = \begin{pmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \end{pmatrix}$ , of the system can be determined by letting:

$$(A - \lambda_1 I)V_1 = 0$$
 and  $(A - \lambda_2 I)V_2 = 0$ 

### Example

Find the eigenvalues and the eigenvectors of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ 

### Solution

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

The eigenvalues of A are:  $\lambda_1 = 0$   $\lambda_2 = 5$ 

For  $\lambda_1 = 0$ , we have:

$$\begin{pmatrix} A - \lambda_1 I \end{pmatrix} V_1 = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 - 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 - 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{cases} x + 2y = 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{x = -2y}{1}$$
If  $y = -1 \Rightarrow x = 2$ 

Therefore, the eigenvector  $V_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ 

Or 
$$\begin{pmatrix} -2y \\ y \end{pmatrix} = y \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \implies V_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

For 
$$\lambda_2 = 5 \implies (A - \lambda_2 I)V_2 = 0$$
:
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 - 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 - 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -4 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \implies 2x - y = 0$$

$$2x = y$$
Therefore the eigenvector  $V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ 

Therefore, the eigenvector  $V_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ 

#### **Power of a Matrix**

#### **Theorem**

If k is a positive integer,  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of a matrix A, and  $\vec{x}$  is a corresponding eigenvector, then  $\lambda^k$  is an eigenvalue of  $A^k$  and  $\vec{x}$  is a corresponding eigenvector.

### Example

Find the eigenvalues of 
$$A^7$$
 for  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ 

#### Solution

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda & 0 & -2\\ 1 & 2 - \lambda & 1\\ 1 & 0 & 3 - \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \lambda^3 - 5\lambda^2 + 8\lambda - 4 = 0$$

The eigenvalues of A:  $\lambda_1 = 1$  and  $\lambda_2 = 2$ 

The eigenvalues of  $A^7$  are:

$$\lambda_1 = 1^7 = 1$$
 and  $\lambda_2 = 2^7 = 128$ 

#### **Theorem**

A square matrix A is invertible iff  $\lambda = 0$  is not an eigenvalue of A.

### **Summary**

To solve the eigenvalue problem for an n by n matrix:

- 1. Compute the determinant of  $A \lambda I$ . With  $\lambda$  subtracted along the diagonal, this determinant starts with  $\lambda^n$  or  $-\lambda^n$ . It is a polynomial in  $\lambda$  of degree n.
- 2. Find the roots of this polynomial, by solving  $\det(A \lambda I) = 0$ . The *n* roots are the *n* eigenvalues of *A*. They make  $A \lambda I$  singular.
- 3. For each eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , solve  $(A \lambda I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  to find an eigenvector x.

### **Imaginary Eigenvalues**

### Example

Find the eigenvalues and the eigenvectors of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ 

#### Solution

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

The eigenvalues are:  $\lambda_{1,2} = \pm i$ 

For 
$$\lambda_1 = i$$
:  $(A - \lambda_1 I)V_1 = 0$   

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 - i & -1 \\ 5 & 2 - i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow (-2 - i)x_1 - y_1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2 + i)x_1 = -y_1$$

Therefore, the eigenvector  $V_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2+i \end{pmatrix}$ 

$$\begin{split} &\lambda_1 = -i: \left(A - \lambda_2 I\right) V_2 = 0 \\ & \begin{pmatrix} -2 + i & -1 \\ 5 & 2 + i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & \rightarrow & \left(-2 + i\right) x_2 - y_2 = 0 \\ & \Rightarrow & \left(-2 + i\right) x_2 = y_2 \end{split}$$

Therefore, the eigenvector  $V_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2-i \end{pmatrix}$ 

### **Example**

Find the eigenvalues and the eigenvectors of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ 

#### Solution

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

The eigenvalues are:  $\lambda_{1,2} = \pm i$ 

The matrix  $\vec{A}$  is a 90° rotation which has no real eigenvalues or eigenvectors. No vector  $\vec{Ax}$  stays in the same direction as  $\vec{x}$  (except the zero vector which is useless). If we add the eigenvalues together the result is zero which is the trace of  $\vec{A}$ .

$$\begin{split} \lambda_1 &= i: \qquad \left(A - \lambda_1 I\right) V_1 = 0 \\ \begin{pmatrix} -i & 1 \\ -1 & -i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & \rightarrow & \begin{cases} -ix + y = 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow & x = -iy \end{split}$$

Therefore, the eigenvector  $V_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix}$ 

$$\lambda_{2} = -i: \left( A - \lambda_{2} I \right) V_{2} = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} i & 1 \\ -1 & i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \Rightarrow \quad ix + y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = -ix$$

Therefore, the eigenvector  $V_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{pmatrix}$ 

1. Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of A,  $A^2$ ,  $A^{-1}$ , and A + 4I:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad and \quad A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -4 \\ -4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Check the trace  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2$  and the determinant  $\lambda_1 \lambda_2$  for A and also  $A^2$ .

2. Show directly that the given vectors are eigenvectors of the given matrix. What are the corresponding eigenvalues

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

**3.** For which real numbers c does this matrix A have

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -c \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- a) Two real eigenvalues and eigenvectors.
- b) A repeated eigenvalue with only one eigenvector
- c) Two complex eigenvalues and eigenvectors.
- 4. Find the eigenvalues of A, B, AB, and BA:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad BA = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- a) The eigenvalues of AB (are equal to) (are not equal to) eigenvalues of A times eigenvalues of B.
- b) The eigenvalues of AB (are equal to) (are not equal to) eigenvalues of BA.
- 5. When a+b=c+d show that (1, 1) is an eigenvector and find both eigenvalues of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

6. The eigenvalues of A equal to the eigenvalues of  $A^T$ . This is because  $\det(A - \lambda I)$  equals  $\det(A^T - \lambda I)$ . That is true because \_\_\_\_\_. Show by an example that the eigenvectors of A and  $A^T$  are not the same.

7. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Compute the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of A.

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

- a) What is the characteristic polynomial for A (i.e. compute  $\det(A \lambda I)$ ?
- b) Verify that 1 is an eigenvalue of A. What is a corresponding eigenvector?
- c) What are the other eigenvalues of A?
- (9-58)For the following matrices:
  - i. Find the characteristic equation.
  - ii. Find the eigenvalues.
  - iii. Find the eigenvectors.

9. 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 8 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**19.** 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

**28.** 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & -4 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

10. 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 10 & -9 \\ 4 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

**20.** 
$$\begin{pmatrix} -4 & 2 \\ -\frac{5}{2} & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

**29.** 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 6 & -6 \\ 4 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

**11.** 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**21.** 
$$\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{5}{2} & 2 \\ \frac{3}{4} & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

**30.** 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & -3 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**12.** 
$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & -7 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$22. \quad \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

31. 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & -4 \\ 3 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

13. 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 12 & 14 \\ -7 & -9 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$22. \quad \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 9 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

**32.** 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 6 & -10 \\ 2 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

**14.** 
$$\begin{pmatrix} -4 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$23. \quad \begin{pmatrix} -6 & 5 \\ -5 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

33. 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 11 & -15 \\ 6 & -8 \end{pmatrix}$$

**15.** 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ -6 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

**24.** 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 6 & -1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

**34.** 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

**16.** 
$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 0 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

**25.** 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**35.** 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 9 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$17. \quad \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ -4 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

**26.** 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

**36.** 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 13 & 4 \\ 4 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

**18.** 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$27. \quad \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ -2 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

**37.** 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$38. \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

**39.** 
$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & -4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**40.** 
$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -5 & -6 \\ -2 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

41. 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{42.} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -7 & 0 \\ 5 & 10 & 4 \\ 0 & 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

**43.** 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$44. \quad \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

**45.** 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ -8 & -5 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$46. \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$47. \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

48. 
$$\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{5}{2} & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -\frac{5}{2} & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -\frac{5}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{49.} \quad . \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{50.} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & -5 \\ \frac{1}{5} & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{51.} \quad \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 & 1 \\ -6 & -2 & 0 \\ 19 & 5 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

52. 
$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 \\ -4 & 13 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**59.** Find the eigenvalues of 
$$A^9$$
 for  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 7 & 11 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 3 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ 

**60.** Given: 
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 7 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 15 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$
. Compute  $A^{11}$ 

**61.** Find the eigenvalues of the matrices

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0.7 & 0.4 \\ 0.3 & 0.6 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.61 & 0.52 \\ 0.39 & 0.48 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A^{\infty} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.57143 & 0.57143 \\ 0.42857 & 0.42857 \end{pmatrix}, \quad and \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 0.3 & 0.6 \\ 0.7 & 0.4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
\mathbf{53.} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 \\ -8 & -4 & -3 \end{pmatrix}
\end{array}$$

$$\mathbf{54.} \quad \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -4 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -6 & -12 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$55. \quad \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 \\ -2 & -4 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

57. 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{58.} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 10 & -9 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- **62.** Given the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -3 \\ -3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ 
  - a) Find the characteristic polynomial.
  - b) Find the eigenvalues
  - c) Find the bases for its eigenspaces
  - d) Graph the eigenspaces
  - e) Verify directly that  $A\vec{v} = \lambda \vec{v}$ , for all associated eigenvectors and eigenvalues.
- **63.** Given the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 \\ -4 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ 
  - a) Find the characteristic polynomial.
  - b) Find the eigenvalues
  - c) Find the bases for its eigenspaces
  - d) Graph the eigenspaces
  - e) Verify directly that  $A\vec{v} = \lambda \vec{v}$ , for all associated eigenvectors and eigenvalues.
- **64.** Explain why a  $2 \times 2$  matrix can have at most two distinct eigenvalues. Explain why an  $n \times n$  matrix can have at most n distinct eigenvalues.
- 65. Construct an example of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix with only one distinct eigenvalue.
- **66.** Let  $\lambda$  be an eigenvalue of an invertible matrix A. Show that  $\lambda^{-1}$  is an eigenvalue of  $A^{-1}$ .
- 67. Show that if  $A^2$  is the zero matrix, then the only eigenvalue of A is 0.
- **68.** Show that  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of A if and only if  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A^T$ .
- **69.** For  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ , find one eigenvalue, without calculation. Justify your answer.
- 70. For  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ , find one eigenvalue, and two linearly independent eigenvectors, without

calculation. Justify your answer.

- 71. Consider an  $n \times n$  matrix A with the property that the row sums all equal the same number S. Show that S is an eigenvalue of A.
- 72. Consider an  $n \times n$  matrix A with the property that the column sums all equal the same number S. Show that S is an eigenvalue of A.

73. Let A be the matrix of the linear transformation T on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ 

T: reflects points across some line through the origin.

Without writing A, find an eigenvalue of A and describe the eigenspace.

74. Let A be the matrix of the linear transformation T on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ 

T: reflects points about some line through the origin.

Without writing A, find an eigenvalue of A and describe the eigenspace.

- 75. Show that if  $\vec{v}$  is an eigenvector of the matrix product AB and  $B\vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$ , then  $B\vec{v}$  is an eigenvector of BA
- **76.** Explain and demonstrate that the eigenspace of a matrix A corresponding to some eigenvalue  $\lambda$  is a subspace.
- 77. If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of the matrix A, prove that  $\lambda^2$  is an eigenvalue of  $A^2$ .