# Section 5.4 — Problem 2 — 5 points

The eigenvalues are the solutions to the equation

$$\det\left(\begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -4 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = 0.$$

We have

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -4 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda - 4 & 4 \\ -1 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

and therefore

$$\det\left(\begin{bmatrix} \lambda - 4 & 4 \\ -1 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}\right) = \lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 4 = (\lambda - 2)^2.$$

The eigenvalue is  $\lambda = 2$  with an algebraic multiplicity of 2.

The eigenspace  $E_2$  is the nullspace (or kernel) of the matrix 2I - A. We have

$$2I - A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 4 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We therefore have to solve the system

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

This corresponds to a system of linear equations. We solve it to find

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2y \\ y \end{bmatrix} = y \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore, a basis for the eigenspace  $E_2$  is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
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### Section 5.4 — Problem 10 — 5 points

We have to find the eigenvalues first. Those are the solutions to the characteristic equation

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

with A as in the problem. We have

$$\lambda I - A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda + 6 & 0 & 8 \\ 4 & \lambda - 2 & 4 \\ -4 & 0 & \lambda - 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

and therefore

$$\det(\lambda I - A) = \lambda^{3} - 2\lambda^{2} - 4\lambda + 8 = (\lambda - 2)^{2}(\lambda + 2).$$

The eigenvalues are  $\lambda_1 = 2$  (algebraic multiplicity 2) and  $\lambda_2 = -2$  (algebraic multiplicity 1).

We have to find a basis for each eigenspace.

 $\underline{E_2}$  We have to find all the solutions v to (2I - A)v = 0. In matrix form, this is

$$(2I - A)v = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 0 & 8 \\ 4 & 0 & 4 \\ -4 & 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

After solving the system, we see that

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -z \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = y \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + z \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore a basis for the eigenspace  $E_2$  is the following list:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

 $\underline{E_{-2}}$  We have to find all the solutions v to (-2I-A)v=0. In matrix form, this is

$$(-2I - A)v = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 8 \\ 4 & -4 & 4 \\ -4 & 0 & -8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

After solving the system, we obtain x = -2z, y = -z and z is a free variable. Therefore, we obtain

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2z \\ -z \\ z \end{bmatrix} = z \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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Therefore, a basis for  $E_{-2}$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{\top}$ .

### Section 5.4 — Problem 16 — 10 points

The first step is to find the eigenvalues. Those are the solution to the characteristic equation:

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

With the data from the problem, we obtain

$$\det(\lambda I - A) = \lambda^2 + 4 = 0.$$

We find the roots to be  $\lambda = \pm 2i$  where  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ , the imaginary unit in the complex numbers. The second step is to find bases for the eigenspaces.

 $E_{2i}$  We have to find all the solutions to (2iI - A)v = 0. In matrix form, we have

$$(2iI - A)v = \begin{bmatrix} 4+2i & -5\\ 4 & -4+2i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x\\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0\\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We can solve this system by finding the RREF of the system:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4+2i & -5 & 0 \\ 4 & -4+2i & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 4+2i & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We therefore find that 5y = (4+2i)x which gives

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ (4+2i)x/5 \end{bmatrix} = x/5 \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 4+2i \end{bmatrix}.$$

A basis for  $E_{2i}$  is therefore

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 4+2i \end{bmatrix}.$$

Another possibility for the basis is the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 - i/2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{\mathsf{T}}$ . The relation between the two vectors is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5\\4+2i \end{bmatrix} = (4+2i) \begin{bmatrix} 1-i/2\\1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

 $\underline{E_{-2i}}$  We have to find all the solutions to (-2iI - A)v = 0. In matrix form, we have

$$(-2iI - A)v = 0 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 - 2i & -5 \\ 4 & -4 - 2i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We can see that the first row is a multiple of the second row, Therefore, the system has infinitely many solutions and we have, from the first equation,

$$(4-2i)x - 5y = 0 \implies y = (4-2i)x/5.$$

Therefore, we obtain

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ (4-2i)x/5 \end{bmatrix} = x/5 \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 4-2i \end{bmatrix}.$$

A basis for  $E_{-2i}$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4-2i \end{bmatrix}^{\top}$ . Another possibility is the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 1+i/2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{\top}$ .

## Section 5.4 — Problem 25 — 5 points

Suppose that v is an eigenvector for the square matrix A with the associated eigenvalue  $\lambda = r$ . We want to show that v is also an eigenvector for  $A^2$ , but for the eigenvalue  $\lambda = r^2$ . Since v is an eigenvector associated to  $\lambda = r$ , we have

$$Av = rv$$
.

If we apply a second time the matrix A on the last equation, we get

$$A^2v = AAv = A(rv) = r(Av)$$

where the last equality comes from the associativity of the matrix multiplication and the scalar multiplication. Since v is an eigenvector of A associated to  $\lambda = r$ , we have

$$r(Av) = r(rv) = r^2v.$$

Therefore, we obtain

$$A^2v = r^2v.$$

This is what we wanted to prove because it shows that v is an eigenvector of  $A^2$  with the eigenvalue  $\lambda = r^2$ .

# Section 5.5 — Problem 2 — 5 points

In Exercise 2, Section 5.4, the matrix A was

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -4 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The number  $\lambda=2$  is the only eigenvalue of A. Also, we found that  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{\top}$  was a basis for the eigenspace  $E_2$ . We therefore have  $\dim(E_2)=1\neq 2=\dim(\mathbb{R}^2)$  and the matrix A is not diagonalizable.

### Section 5.5 — Problem 10 — 10 points

The matrix in Exercise 10, Section 5.4 was

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -6 & 0 & -8 \\ -4 & 2 & -4 \\ 4 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We found that the numbers  $\lambda_1 = 2$  and  $\lambda_2 = -2$  were the eigenvalues of A. We also found that the vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{\mathsf{T}}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{\mathsf{T}}$  form a basis for  $E_2$  and the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} -1/2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{\mathsf{T}}$  form a basis for  $E_{-2}$ . Therefore, we have

$$\dim(E_2) + \dim(E_{-2}) = 2 + 1 = 3 = \dim(\mathbb{R}^3).$$

The condition is satisfied and the matrix A is diagonalizable.

To find P, we have to put the basis of the eigenspaces in a column. To ovoid fractions in the matrix P, we will scale by 2 the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} -1/2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Therefore, we obtain

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

Using Python, we compute the inverse  $P^{-1}$ :

$$P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The matrix D similar to A is

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We therefore have

$$A = PDP^{-1}.$$

### Section 5.5 — Problem 16 — 10 points

From the work done in Exercise 16, Section 5.4, the eigenvalues of A were 2i and -2i. We found that the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4+2i \end{bmatrix}^{\top}$  forms a basis for  $E_{2i}$  and the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4-2i \end{bmatrix}^{\top}$  forms a basis for  $E_{-2i}$ . Therefore, we have

$$\dim(E_{2i}) + \dim(E_{-2i}) = 1 + 1 = \dim(\mathbb{C}^2).$$

The condition is satisfied and therefore the matrix A is diagonalizable (over the complex numbers!). The matrix P is obtained from joining the basis of  $E_{2i}$  and  $E_{-2i}$  in a matrix:

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 5 \\ 4 + 2i & 4 - 2i \end{bmatrix}.$$

The inverse  $P^{-1}$  is computed with Python and the result is

$$P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{10} + \frac{i}{5} & -\frac{i}{4} \\ \frac{1}{10} - \frac{i}{5} & \frac{i}{4} \end{bmatrix}.$$

The matrix D similar to A is

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 2i & 0 \\ 0 & -2i \end{bmatrix}$$

and  $A = PDP^{-1}$ .

### Section 5.5 — Problem 24 — 5 points

The eigenvalues of the matrix are  $\lambda_1 = 3$  and  $\lambda_2 = -4$ . Therefore, the canonical Jordan form is of the following shape:

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & 0 \\ 0 & A_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We now list the possibilities for  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  according to the geometric multiplicities of each eigenvalues.

1. The algebraic multiplicity of the eigen value 3 is 2 (because we have two times the factor  $(\lambda - 3)$  in the characteristic polynomial). Therefore the matrix  $A_1$  has dimension  $2 \times 2$  with the number 3 on the main diagonal.

Geometric Multiplicity = 1. In this case, we have

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Geometric Multiplicity = 2. In this case, we simply have a diagonal matrix:

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

2. The algebraic multiplicity of the eigenvalue -4 is 4 because the factor  $(\lambda + 4)$  appears four times in the characteristic polynomial. Therefore the matrix  $A_2$  has dimensions  $4 \times 4$  with the number -4 on the main diagonal.

Geometric Multiplicity = 1. In this case, we have

$$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Geometric Multiplicity = 2. In this case, we have

$$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Geometric Multiplicity = 3. In this case, we have

$$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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Geometric Multiplicity = 4. In this case, we simply obtain a diagonal matrix:

$$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore, there are 8 possibilities for the Jordan Canonical Form:

1. 
$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$2. D = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

3. 
$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$4. D = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

5. 
$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$6. D = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$7. \ D = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$8. \ D = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$8. D = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

### Section 5.5 — Problem 32 — 5 points

- a) We have to find an invertible matrix P such that  $A = PAP^{-1}$ . We can take P = I where I is the identity matrix. We therefore have  $P^{-1} = I$  and A = IAI. So  $A \sim A$ .
- b) Suppose that  $A \sim B$ . Then there is an invertible matrix P such that  $A = PBP^{-1}$ . If we multiply by  $P^{-1}$  on the left and by P on the right, we obtain

$$P^{-1}AP = P^{-1}PBP^{-1}P = IBI = B.$$

Therefore, using the matrix  $P^{-1}$  in the definition of similarity between matrices, we see that  $B \sim A$ .

c) Suppose that  $A \sim B$  and  $B \sim C$ . Therefore, there are invertible matrices P and Q such that

$$A = PBP^{-1}$$
 and  $B = QCQ^{-1}$ .

We therefore have

$$A = P(QCQ^{-1})P^{-1} = PQCQ^{-1}P^{-1}.$$

Since  $Q^{-1}P^{-1} = (PQ)^{-1}$ , we can rewrite the previous equation as

$$PQCQ^{-1}P^{-1} = PQC(PQ)^{-1}.$$

Since P and Q are invertible, then PQ is an invertible matrix. Using PQ as the matrix P in the definition of similar matrices, we see that  $A \sim C$ .