

## Problem Set #3

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### Exercise 2

Let  $V = \text{span}(1, x, x^2)$  be a subspace of the inner product space  $L^2([0, 1]; \mathbb{R})$  given by  $D[p](x) = p'(x)$ . Find the eigenvalues and eigenspaces of  $D$  and their algebraic and geometric multiplicities.

We start by evaluating  $D$  on the basis vectors:  $D[1](x) = 0$ ,  $D[x](x) = 1$ ,  $D[x^2](x) = 2x$ . The matrix representation of  $D$  with respect to this basis is

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The eigenvalues of a triangular matrix are the elements on the diagonal  $\implies \lambda = 0$  is the only eigenvalue.

To find the eigenspaces of  $\lambda$  we solve  $\mathcal{N}(D - \lambda I)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \implies \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The geometric multiplicity of  $\lambda$  is 1, while the algebraic multiplicity is 3.

### Exercise 4

Recall that a matrix  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{F})$  is Hermitian if  $A^H = A$  and skew-Hermitian if  $A^H = -A$ . From Exercise 4.3, we know that the characteristic polynomial of any  $2 \times 2$  matrix has the form

$$p(\lambda) = \lambda^2 - \text{tr}(A)\lambda + \det(A).$$

Prove that

(i) a Hermitian  $2 \times 2$  matrix has only real eigenvalues.

*Proof:*

The eigenvalues of the matrix are

$$\lambda = \frac{\text{tr}(A) \pm \sqrt{(\text{tr}(A))^2 - 4\det(A)}}{2}.$$

To see if the matrix has only real eigenvalues, we need to check that

$$(\text{tr}(A))^2 - 4\det(A) \geq 0 \tag{1}$$

Note that the diagonal elements of a Hermitian matrix must be real, and the off-diagonal elements must be conjugates. Consider the matrix  $A$  with  $a, c \in \mathbb{R}, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & \beta \\ \bar{\beta} & c \end{bmatrix} \implies \text{tr}(A) = a + c \text{ and } \det(A) = ac - \beta\bar{\beta} = ac - \|\beta\|^2$$

Substituting into the inequality in (1), we have that

$$\begin{aligned}(a+c)^2 - 4(ac - \|\beta\|^2) &= a^2 + c^2 + 2ac - 4ac + 4\|\beta\|^2 \\ &= a^2 + c^2 - 2ac + 4\|\beta\|^2 \\ &= (a-c)^2 + 4\|\beta\|^2 \geq 0.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the eigenvalues of the matrix must be real.

(ii) a skew-Hermitian  $2 \times 2$  matrix has only imaginary eigenvalues.

*Proof:*

Similarly, to see if the matrix has only imaginary eigenvalues, we need to check that

$$(tr(A))^2 - 4det(A) < 0 \quad (2)$$

. Consider the matrix  $B$  with  $a, c \in \mathbb{R}, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} ai & \beta \\ -\bar{\beta} & ci \end{bmatrix} \implies tr(B) = ai + ci = (a+c)i \text{ and } det(B) = -ac + \beta\bar{\beta} = -ac + \|\beta\|^2$$

Substituting into the inequality in (2), we have that

$$\begin{aligned}((a+c)i)^2 - 4(-ac + \|\beta\|^2) &= -(a+c)^2 + 4ac - 4\|\beta\|^2 \\ &= -a^2 - c^2 - 2ac + 4ac - 4\|\beta\|^2 \\ &= -a^2 - c^2 + 2ac - 4\|\beta\|^2 \\ &= -(a-c)^2 - 4\|\beta\|^2 < 0.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the eigenvalues of the matrix must be imaginary.

### Exercise 6

The diagonal entries of an upper-triangular (or lower-triangular) matrix are its eigenvalues.

*Proof:*

Let  $A$  be upper-triangular,

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & \cdots & a_{1,n} \\ 0 & a_{2,2} & \cdots & a_{2,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_{n,n} \end{bmatrix}$$

Then the eigenvalues of  $A$  are given by

$$det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} a_{1,1} - \lambda & a_{1,2} & \cdots & a_{1,n} \\ 0 & a_{2,2} - \lambda & \cdots & a_{2,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_{n,n} - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (a_{1,1} - \lambda)(a_{2,2} - \lambda) \cdots (a_{n,n} - \lambda) = 0$$

$$\implies \lambda_1 = a_{1,1}, \lambda_2 = a_{2,2}, \dots, \lambda_n = a_{n,n}$$

We can see that these are exactly the diagonal elements of  $A$ .

### Exercise 8

Let  $V$  be the span of the set  $S = \{\sin(x), \cos(x), \sin(2x), \cos(2x)\}$  in the vector space  $C^\infty(\mathbb{R}; \mathbb{R})$ .

(i)  $S$  is a basis for  $V$ .

*Proof:*

By definition, we know that  $S$  spans the space  $V$ . To show that  $S$  is a basis for  $V$ , we only need to show that the elements of  $S$  are linearly independent. If this is true, then we know that there do not exist nonzero constants  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.

$$a \sin(x) + b \cos(x) + c \sin(2x) + d \cos(2x) = 0.$$

Evaluating at  $x = 0$  and  $x = \pi$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} b + d &= 0 \\ -b + d &= 0 \\ \implies b &= d = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, if we evaluate at  $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , we get  $a = 0$ . Since we have already showed that  $a, b, d = 0$ , we are left with  $c \sin(2x) = 0$ . Clearly we must have that  $c = 0$  for this equation to hold  $\forall x$ .

(ii) Let  $D$  be the derivative operator. The matrix representation of  $D$  in the basis  $S$  is

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

(iii) Two complementary  $D$ -invariant subspaces in  $V$  are  $W_1 = \text{span}\{\sin(x), \cos(x)\}$  and  $W_2 = \text{span}\{\sin(2x), \cos(2x)\}$ .

### Exercise 13

Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 & 0.4 \\ 0.2 & 0.6 \end{bmatrix}$$

First, we find the eigenvalues of  $A$  by solving

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 0.8 - \lambda & 0.4 \\ 0.2 & 0.6 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 - 1.4\lambda + 0.4 \implies \lambda_1 = 0.4, \lambda_2 = 1$$

Next, we find the eigenvectors corresponding to these eigenvalues.

$$\lambda_1 = 0.4 : \begin{bmatrix} 0.4 & 0.4 \\ 0.2 & 0.2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \implies \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_2 = 1 : \begin{bmatrix} -0.2 & 0.4 \\ 0.2 & -0.4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \implies \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \implies P &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \implies P^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} 0.4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

### Exercise 15

If  $(\lambda_i)_{i=1}^n$  are the eigenvalues of a semisimple matrix  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{F})$  and  $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_nx^n$  is a polynomial, then  $(f(\lambda_i))_{i=1}^n$  are the eigenvalues of  $f(A) = a_0I + a_1A + \cdots + a_nA^n$ .

*Proof:*

Since  $A$  is semisimple, we know that it is diagonalizable, i.e. there exist a nonsingular matrix  $P$  and a diagonalizable matrix  $D$  s.t.  $A = P^{-1}DP$ . We want to find the eigenvalues of

$$\begin{aligned}f(A) &= a_0I + a_1A + \cdots + a_nA^n \\ &= a_0I + a_1P^{-1}DP + \cdots + a_nP^{-1}D^nP \\ &= P^{-1}(a_0I + a_1D + \cdots + a_nD^n)P \\ &= P^{-1}f(D)P.\end{aligned}$$

Since  $f(A)$  and  $f(D)$  are similar matrices, we know that they have the same eigenvalues, and thus it suffices to show that the eigenvalues of  $f(D)$  are  $(f(\lambda_i))_{i=1}^n$ . To prove this, we use the fact that  $f(D)$  is diagonal, which means that its eigenvalues are its diagonal entries. Since we know that the eigenvalues of  $D^k$  are  $(\lambda_i^k)_{i=1}^n$ , we can see that the matrix

$$f(D) = a_0I + a_1D + \cdots + a_nD^n$$

has as its diagonal entries

$$a_0I + a_1\lambda_i + \cdots + a_n\lambda_i^n = f(\lambda_i).$$

These  $(f(\lambda_i))_{i=1}^n$  are the eigenvalues of  $f(D)$  and therefore of  $f(A)$ .

### Exercise 16

Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 & 0.4 \\ 0.2 & 0.6 \end{bmatrix}$$

(i) We want to compute  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A^n$  with respect to the 1-norm, i.e. find a matrix  $B$  s.t. for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists an  $N > 0$  with

$$\|A^k - B\|_1 < \epsilon \quad \text{whenever} \quad k > N \implies \|P^{-1}D^kP - B\|_1 < \epsilon$$

Using the diagonal matrix we found in Exercise 13,

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 0.4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \implies D^k = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{as} \quad k \rightarrow \infty$$

we see that

$$P^{-1}D^kP = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix} = B$$

(ii) The 1-norm, the  $\infty$ -norm, and the Frobenius norm are topologically equivalent, so the answer does not depend on the choice of norm.

(iii) We want to find all the eigenvalues of the matrix  $3I + 5A + A^3$ . Since  $A$  is diagonalizable, we know that it is semisimple. Then we can apply the Semisimple Spectral Mapping Theorem. The eigenvalues of  $A$  are  $\{0.4, 1\}$ , so the eigenvalues of  $f(A) = 3I + 5A + A^3$  are  $f(0.4) = 3 + 5(0.4) + 0.4^3 = 5.064$  and  $f(1) = 3 + 5(1) + 1^3 = 9$ .

### Exercise 18

If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of the matrix  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{F})$ , then there exists a nonzero row vector  $\mathbf{x}^T$  s.t.  $\mathbf{x}^T = \lambda \mathbf{x}^T$ .

*Proof:*

Let  $\mathbf{x}$  be the eigenvector of the matrix  $A^T$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda$ . Then we know that  $\mathbf{x}$  is nonzero and  $A^T \mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{x}$ . Taking the transpose of both sides, we see that  $\mathbf{x}^T A = \lambda \mathbf{x}^T$ .

### Exercise 20

If  $A$  is Hermitian and orthonormally similar to  $B$ , then  $B$  is also Hermitian.

*Proof:*

Since  $B$  is orthonormally similar to  $A$ , we know that there exists an orthonormal matrix  $U$  s.t.  $B = U^H A U$ . Then

$$B^H = (U^H A U)^H = U^H A^H U = U^H A U = B.$$

### Exercise 24

Given  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ , define the Rayleigh quotient as

$$\rho(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\langle \mathbf{x}, A\mathbf{x} \rangle}{\|\mathbf{x}\|^2},$$

where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is the usual inner product on  $\mathbb{F}^n$ . The Rayleigh quotient can only take on real values for Hermitian matrices and only imaginary values for skew-Hermitian matrices.

*Proof:*

The denominator of the Rayleigh quotient is real and strictly positive for  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$ . Therefore, we want to analyze the numerator  $\langle \mathbf{x}, A\mathbf{x} \rangle$ . Taking the standard inner on  $\mathbb{F}^n$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{x}, A\mathbf{x} \rangle &= \langle \mathbf{x}, \lambda \mathbf{x} \rangle \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{x}_i \lambda x_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i\|^2 \lambda \end{aligned}$$

for the eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of  $A$  corresponding to  $\mathbf{x}$ . Since Hermitian matrices have only real eigenvalues and skew-Hermitian matrices have only imaginary eigenvalues, we know that the same holds for the Rayleigh quotient.

### Exercise 25

Let  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  be a normal matrix with eigenvalues  $(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$  and corresponding orthonormal eigenvectors  $[\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n]$ .

(i) The identity matrix can be written  $I = \mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_1^H + \dots + \mathbf{x}_n \mathbf{x}_n^H$ .

*Proof:*

Since the vectors  $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n$  are orthonormal, we know that  $\|x_i^H x_j\| = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_1^H + \dots + \mathbf{x}_n \mathbf{x}_n^H) \mathbf{x}_j &= \mathbf{x}_1 (\mathbf{x}_1^H \mathbf{x}_j) + \dots + \mathbf{x}_j (\mathbf{x}_j^H \mathbf{x}_j) + \dots + \mathbf{x}_n (\mathbf{x}_n^H \mathbf{x}_j) \\ &= 0 + \dots + 1 \cdot \mathbf{x}_j + \dots + 0 \\ &= \mathbf{x}_j. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_1^H + \dots + \mathbf{x}_n \mathbf{x}_n^H$  must be equal to  $I$ .

(ii)  $A$  can be written as  $A = \lambda_1 \mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_1^H + \dots + \lambda_n \mathbf{x}_n \mathbf{x}_n^H$ .

*Proof:*

As before, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} (\lambda_1 \mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_1^H + \dots + \lambda_n \mathbf{x}_n \mathbf{x}_n^H) \mathbf{x}_j &= \lambda_1 \mathbf{x}_1 (\mathbf{x}_1^H \mathbf{x}_j) + \dots + \lambda_j \mathbf{x}_j (\mathbf{x}_j^H \mathbf{x}_j) + \dots + \lambda_n \mathbf{x}_n (\mathbf{x}_n^H \mathbf{x}_j) \\ &= 0 + \dots + 1 \cdot \lambda_j \mathbf{x}_j + \dots + 0 \\ &= \lambda_j \mathbf{x}_j \\ &= A \mathbf{x}_j. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\lambda_1 \mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_1^H + \dots + \lambda_n \mathbf{x}_n \mathbf{x}_n^H$  must be equal to  $A$ .

### Exercise 27

Assume  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{F})$  is positive definite. Then all its diagonal entries are real and positive.

*Proof:*

Since  $A$  is positive definite, we know that  $\langle \mathbf{x}, A \mathbf{x} \rangle > 0 \forall \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$ . Consider the unit vector  $e_i$ . We can access the diagonal entries of  $A$  as follows:

$$e_i^H A e_i = a_{i,i} > 0$$

This guarantees that the diagonal entries of  $A$  are strictly positive.

### Exercise 28

Assume  $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{F})$  are positive semidefinite. Then

$$0 \leq \text{tr}(AB) \leq \text{tr}(A)\text{tr}(B),$$

and  $\|\cdot\|_F$  is a matrix norm.

*Proof:*

### Exercise 31

Assume  $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{F})$  and  $A$  is not identically zero. Then

(i)  $\|A\|_2 = \sigma_1$ , where  $\sigma_1$  is the largest singular value of  $A$

*Proof:*

(ii) if  $A$  is invertible, then  $\|A^{-1}\|_2 = \sigma_1^{-1}$

*Proof:*

(iii)  $\|A^H\|_2^2 = \|A^T\|_2^2 = \|A^H A\|_2 = \|A\|_2^2$

*Proof:*

(iv) if  $U \in M_m(\mathbb{F})$  and  $V \in M_n(\mathbb{F})$  are orthonormal, then  $\|UAV\|_2 = \|A\|_2$

*Proof:*

### Exercise 32

Assume  $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{F})$  is of rank  $r$ . Then

(i) if  $U \in M_m(\mathbb{F})$  and  $V \in M_n(\mathbb{F})$  are orthonormal, then  $\|UAV\|_F = \|A\|_F$

*Proof:*

(ii)  $\|A\|_F = (\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \cdots + \sigma_r^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , where  $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \cdots \geq \sigma_r > 0$  are the singular values of  $A$

*Proof:*

### Exercise 33

Assume  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{F})$ . Then

$$\|A\|_2 = \sup_{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2=1, \|\mathbf{y}\|_2=1} |\mathbf{y}^H A \mathbf{x}|$$

*Proof:*

### Exercise 36

Give an example of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix whose determinant is nonzero and whose singular values are not equal to any of its eigenvalues:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The eigenvalue of the matrix is  $\lambda = -1$ , and the singular value is  $\sigma = 1$ .

### Exercise 38

If  $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{F})$ , then the Moore-Penrose pseudoinverse of  $A$  satisfies the following:

(i)  $AA^\dagger A = A$

*Proof:*

$$\begin{aligned}
 AA^\dagger A &= (U_1 \Sigma_1 V_1^H)(V_1 \Sigma_1^{-1} U_1^H)(U_1 \Sigma_1 V_1^H) \\
 &= U_1 \Sigma_1 V_1^H V_1 \Sigma_1^{-1} U_1^H U_1 \Sigma_1 V_1^H \\
 &= U_1 \Sigma_1 \Sigma_1^{-1} \Sigma_1 V_1^H \\
 &= U_1 \Sigma_1 V_1^H \\
 &= A
 \end{aligned}$$

(ii)  $A^\dagger AA^\dagger = A^\dagger$

*Proof:*

$$\begin{aligned}
 A^\dagger AA^\dagger &= (V_1 \Sigma_1^{-1} U_1^H)(U_1 \Sigma_1 V_1^H)(V_1 \Sigma_1^{-1} U_1^H) \\
 &= V_1 \Sigma_1^{-1} U_1^H U_1 \Sigma_1 V_1^H V_1 \Sigma_1^{-1} U_1^H \\
 &= V_1 \Sigma_1^{-1} \Sigma_1 \Sigma_1^{-1} U_1^H \\
 &= V_1 \Sigma_1^{-1} U_1^H \\
 &= A^\dagger
 \end{aligned}$$

(iii)  $(AA^\dagger)^H = AA^\dagger$

*Proof:*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (AA^\dagger)^H &= ((U_1 \Sigma_1 V_1^H)(V_1 \Sigma_1^{-1} U_1^H))^H \\
 &= (V_1 \Sigma_1^{-1} U_1^H)^H (U_1 \Sigma_1 V_1^H)^H \\
 &= U_1 (\Sigma_1^{-1})^H V_1^H V_1 \Sigma_1^H U_1^H \\
 &= U_1 (\Sigma_1^{-1})^H \Sigma_1^H U_1^H \\
 &= U_1 (\Sigma_1^H)^{-1} \Sigma_1^H U_1^H \\
 &= U_1 U_1^H \\
 &= U_1 \Sigma_1 \Sigma_1^{-1} U_1^H \\
 &= U_1 \Sigma_1 V_1^H V_1 \Sigma_1^{-1} U_1^H \\
 &= (U_1 \Sigma_1 V_1^H)(V_1 \Sigma_1^{-1} U_1^H) \\
 &= AA^\dagger
 \end{aligned}$$

(iv)  $(A^\dagger A)^H = A^\dagger A$

*Proof:*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (A^\dagger A)^H &= (V_1 \Sigma_1^{-1} U_1^H)(U_1 \Sigma_1 V_1^H) \\
 &= V_1 \Sigma_1^{-1} U_1^H U_1 \Sigma_1 V_1^H \\
 &= V_1 V_1^H \\
 &= V_1 \Sigma_1^{-1} \Sigma_1 V_1^H \\
 &= V_1 \Sigma_1^{-1} U_1^H U_1 \Sigma_1 V_1^H \\
 &= (V_1 \Sigma_1^{-1} U_1^H)(U_1 \Sigma_1 V_1^H) \\
 &= A^\dagger A
 \end{aligned}$$



(v)  $AA^\dagger = \text{proj}_{\mathcal{R}(A)}$  is the orthogonal projection onto  $\mathcal{R}(A)$

*Proof:*

(vi)  $A^\dagger A = \text{proj}_{\mathcal{R}(A^H)}$  is the orthogonal projection onto  $\mathcal{R}(A^H)$

*Proof:*