



# Linear Algebra (MATH 201)

## Assignment 4

1. Given that,

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

(a) Is 3 an eigenvalue of  $A$ ? If so, find its corresponding eigenspace.

*Solution.*

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 3 - \lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 - \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 - \lambda \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$(3 - \lambda)((4 - \lambda)(2 - \lambda) - (-1)(-1)) = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$(3 - \lambda)(\lambda^2 - 6\lambda + 9) = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$(3 - \lambda)(\lambda - 3)^2 = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$\lambda = 3. \quad (6)$$

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*Solution.*

$$A - 3I = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (7)$$

$$R_2 \leftarrow R_2 + R_3 \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (8)$$

$$R_3 \leftarrow -R_3 \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (9)$$

$$R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3 \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (10)$$

$$\therefore \text{Eigenspace} = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}. \quad (11)$$

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(b) Express, if possible,  $e^A$  as a linear combination of  $I_3$ ,  $A$ ,  $A^2$ .

*Solution.*

$$e^A = \alpha_0 I_3 + \alpha_1 A + \alpha_2 A^2 \quad (12)$$

$$e^\lambda = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \lambda + \alpha_2 \lambda^2 \quad (13)$$

$$\frac{d}{d\lambda} e^\lambda = \alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 \lambda \quad (14)$$

$$\frac{d^2}{d\lambda^2} e^\lambda = 2\alpha_2. \quad (15)$$

$$e^3 = 2\alpha_2 \implies \alpha_2 = \frac{e^3}{2} \quad (16)$$

$$e^3 = \alpha_1 + 3e^3 \implies \alpha_1 = -2e^3 \quad (17)$$

$$e^3 = \alpha_0 - 6e^3 + \frac{9e^3}{2} \implies \alpha_0 = \frac{5e^3}{2}. \quad (18)$$

$$\therefore e^A = \frac{5e^3}{2} I_3 - 2e^3 A + \frac{e^3}{2} A^2. \quad (19)$$

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(c) Find, if possible, an orthogonal matrix  $P$ , such that  $A = PDP^T$ .

*Solution.*

$$\because \dim(\text{Eigenspace}(A)) < \dim(A) \implies A \text{ is not diagonalizable} \quad (20)$$

$$\therefore \nexists P \text{ such that } A = PDP^T. \quad (21)$$

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2. Use Cayley-Hamilton theorem to find the exponential matrix  $e^{At}$  such that:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -6 & -11 & 16 \\ 2 & 5 & -4 \\ -4 & -5 & 10 \end{pmatrix}.$$

*Solution.*

$$|A - \lambda I| = 0 \quad (22)$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} -6 - \lambda & -11 & 16 \\ 2 & 5 - \lambda & -4 \\ -4 & -5 & 10 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0. \quad (23)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda^3 - \text{Tr}(A)\lambda^2 + \text{Tr}(\text{Adj}(A))\lambda - |A| &= 0 \\ \lambda^3 - 9\lambda^2 + 26\lambda - 24 &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda = \{2, 3, 4\}. \quad (24)$$

$$e^{\lambda t} = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \lambda + \alpha_2 \lambda^2 \implies \begin{cases} e^{2t} &= \alpha_0 + 2\alpha_1 + 4\alpha_2 \\ e^{3t} &= \alpha_0 + 3\alpha_1 + 9\alpha_2 \\ e^{4t} &= \alpha_0 + 4\alpha_1 + 16\alpha_2 \end{cases} \quad (25)$$

$$\implies \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 9 \\ 1 & 4 & 16 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} \\ e^{3t} \\ e^{4t} \end{bmatrix} \quad (26)$$

$$\implies \begin{cases} \alpha_2 &= \frac{1}{2}(e^{4t} - 2e^{3t} + e^{2t}) \\ \alpha_1 &= -\frac{5}{2}e^{4t} + 6e^{3t} - \frac{7}{2}e^{2t} \\ \alpha_0 &= 3e^{4t} - 8e^{3t} + 6e^{2t} \end{cases} \quad (27)$$

$$e^{At} = \alpha_0 I_3 + \alpha_1 A + \alpha_2 A^2 \quad (28)$$

$$e^{At} = (3e^{4t} - 8e^{3t} + 6e^{2t})I_3 + \left(-\frac{5}{2}e^{4t} + 6e^{3t} - \frac{7}{2}e^{2t}\right)A + \left(\frac{1}{2}(e^{4t} - 2e^{3t} + e^{2t})\right)A^2. \quad (29)$$

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} -50 & -69 & 108 \\ 14 & 23 & -28 \\ -26 & -31 & 56 \end{bmatrix} \quad (30)$$

$$e^{At} = (3e^{4t} - 8e^{3t} + 6e^{2t}) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \left(-\frac{5}{2}e^{4t} + 6e^{3t} - \frac{7}{2}e^{2t}\right) \begin{bmatrix} -6 & -11 & 16 \\ 2 & 5 & -4 \\ -4 & -5 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \quad (31)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &+ \left(\frac{1}{2}(e^{4t} - 2e^{3t} + e^{2t})\right) \begin{bmatrix} -50 & -69 & 108 \\ 14 & 23 & -28 \\ -26 & -31 & 56 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -7e^{4t} + 6e^{3t} + e^{2t} & -7e^{4t} + 3e^{3t} + 4e^{2t} & 14e^{4t} - 12e^{3t} - 2e^{2t} \\ 2e^{4t} - 2e^{3t} & 2e^{4t} - e^{3t} & -4e^{4t} + 4e^{3t} \\ -3e^{4t} + 2e^{3t} + e^{2t} & -3e^{4t} + e^{3t} + 2e^{2t} & 6e^{4t} - 4e^{3t} - e^{2t} \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

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3. Given that:

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

(a) Show that  $A$  is an idempotent matrix (i.e.  $AA = A$ ).

*Solution.*

$$AA = A \iff \lambda = 0 \vee \lambda = 1. \quad (33)$$

$$|A - \lambda I| = 0 \quad (34)$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 - \lambda & -2 & -4 \\ -1 & 3 - \lambda & 4 \\ 1 & -2 & -3 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (35)$$

$$\lambda^3 - \text{Tr}(A)\lambda^2 + \text{Tr}(\text{Adj}(A))\lambda - |A| = 0 \quad (36)$$

$$\lambda^3 - 2\lambda^2 + \lambda = 0 \quad (37)$$

$$\lambda = \{0, 1, 1\}. \quad (38)$$

$$\therefore AA = A \quad (39)$$

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(b) Use part (a) to solve the initial value problem.

$$x' = 2x - 2y - 4z$$

$$y' = -x + 3y + 4z$$

$$z' = x - 2y - 3z$$

Such that,  $x(0) = y(0) = z(0) = 1$

*Solution.*

$$e^{At} = \alpha_0 I_3 + \alpha_1 A + \alpha_2 A^2 \quad (40)$$

Since  $A$  is idempotent i.e.  $A^2 = A$ ,

$$= \alpha_0 I_3 + \alpha_1 A \quad (41)$$

Using Cayley-Hamilton:

$$e^{\lambda t} = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \lambda \quad (42)$$

$$e^0 = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \times 0 \implies \alpha_0 = 1 \quad (43)$$

$$e^t = 1 + \alpha_1 \times 1 \implies \alpha_1 = e^t - 1 \quad (44)$$

$$\cdot \quad (45)$$

$$e^{At} = I_3 + (e^t - 1)A \quad (46)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + (e^t - 1) \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & -4 \\ -1 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (47)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 + 2(e^t - 1) & -2(e^t - 1) & -4(e^t - 1) \\ -1(e^t - 1) & 1 + 3(e^t - 1) & 4(e^t - 1) \\ 1(e^t - 1) & -2(e^t - 1) & 1 - 3(e^t - 1) \end{bmatrix} \quad (48)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2e^t - 1 & -2e^t + 2 & -4e^t + 4 \\ -e^t + 1 & 3e^t - 2 & 4e^t - 4 \\ e^t - 1 & -2e^t + 2 & -3e^t + 4 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (49)$$

$$r = e^{At}r_0 \quad (50)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2e^t - 1 & -2e^t + 2 & -4e^t + 4 \\ -e^t + 1 & 3e^t - 2 & 4e^t - 4 \\ e^t - 1 & -2e^t + 2 & -3e^t + 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (51)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -4e^t + 5 \\ 6e^t - 5 \\ -4e^t + 5 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (52)$$

$$x(t) = -4e^t + 5 \quad (53)$$

$$y(t) = 6e^t - 5 \quad (54)$$

$$z(t) = -4e^t + 5. \quad (55)$$

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4.

- (a) Let  $A$  be a diagonalizable  $n \times n$  matrix show that if the multiplicity of an eigenvalue  $\lambda$  is  $n$ , then  $A = \lambda I$ .

*Solution.*

$$A = PD_\lambda P^{-1} \quad (56)$$

$$= P(\lambda I)P^{-1} \quad (57)$$

$$= \lambda PIP^{-1} \quad (58)$$

$$= \lambda I. \quad (59)$$

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- (b) Use part (a) to show that the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is not diagonalizable.

*Solution.*

$$|A - \lambda I| = 0 \quad (60)$$

$$(3 - \lambda)^2 = 0 \quad (61)$$

$$\implies \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 3. \quad (62)$$

Using (a),  $3I$  is the only matrix of multiplicity 2 that is diagonalizable

$$\therefore \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (63)$$

$$\therefore \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is not diagonalizable.} \quad (64)$$

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5.

- (a) The eigenvalues ( $\lambda$ ) of a diagonalizable square matrix  $A$  together with their multiplicities are given in the following table.

$\lambda$	Multiplicity
1	1
2	3
3	2

- i. Find the dimension of  $A$

*Solution.*

$$\dim(A) = \sum_{k=1}^n \text{Mult}(\lambda_k) \quad (65)$$

$$= 1 + 3 + 2 \quad (66)$$

$$= 6. \quad (67)$$

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- ii. Find the Trace and determinant of  $A$ .

*Solution.*

$$\text{Tr}(A) = \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k \quad (68)$$

$$= 1 + 3 \times 3 + 3 \times 2 \quad (69)$$

$$= 13. \quad (70)$$

$$|A| = \prod_{k=1}^n \lambda_k \quad (71)$$

$$= 1 \times 2^3 \times 3^2 \quad (72)$$

$$= 72. \quad (73)$$

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- iii. Find the characteristic polynomial of  $A$ .

*Solution.*

$$(\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 2)^3(\lambda - 3)^2 = 0. \quad (74)$$

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- iv. Find  $|e^{At}|$ .

*Solution.*

$$|e^{At}| = |PD_{e^{\lambda t}}P^{-1}| \quad (75)$$

$$= |P||D_{e^{\lambda t}}||P^{-1}| \quad (76)$$

$$= |D_{e^{\lambda t}}| \quad (77)$$

$$= e^{\sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k t} \quad (78)$$

$$= e^{\text{Tr}(A)t} \quad (79)$$

$$= e^{13t}. \quad (80)$$

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(b) Solve the differential equations

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 2x - 3y; \frac{dx}{dt} = 3x - 4y.$$

for  $x(0) = 1; y(0) = 0$

*Solution.*

$$|A - \lambda I| = 0 \quad (81)$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 - \lambda & -3 \\ -3 & 4 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (82)$$

$$-(3 - \lambda)(3 + \lambda) + 8 = 0 \quad (83)$$

$$\lambda = \pm 1. \quad (84)$$

$$\text{At } \lambda = 1 \quad \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & -4 & 0 \\ 2 & -4 & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (85)$$

$$\text{At } \lambda = -1 \quad \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 4 & -4 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (86)$$

$$e^{At} r_0 \quad (87)$$

$$e^{At} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (88)$$

$$P D_{e^{\lambda t}} P^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (89)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^t & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (90)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2e^t - e^{-t} & -2e^t + 2e^{-t} \\ e^t - e^{-t} & -e^t + 2e^{-t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (91)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2e^t - e^{-t} \\ e^t - e^{-t} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (92)$$

$$x(t) = 2e^t - e^{-t} \quad (93)$$

$$y(t) = e^t - e^{-t} \quad (94)$$

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