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## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- (1) To receive credits you must:
  - (a) work in a logical fashion, show all your work and indicate your reasoning to support and justify your answer
  - (b) when applicable put your answer on/in the line/box; use the back of the page if needed
- (2) This exam covers (from *Elementary Linear Algebra* by Larson and Falvo  $7^{\text{th}}$  ed.): Sections  $3.1 3.4^*$ .
- (1) Compute the determinant.

$$\begin{vmatrix}
1 & 1 & -2 \\
0 & 15 & 0 \\
2 & 2 & -4
\end{vmatrix}$$

- (2) Find (i) the characteristic equation, (ii) the eigenvalues, and (iii) the corresponding eigenvectors of the matrix.
  - (a)

$$\begin{array}{c|cc} 4 & -5 \\ 2 & -3 \end{array}$$

(b)

- (3)  $(optional)^*$  Find the adjoint  $\mathbf{ad}(\mathbf{M})$  of the matrix  $M = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Verify that  $M\mathbf{ad}(M) = \mathbf{ad}(M)M = \det(M)I_3$ .
- (4) **Definition**. A vector  $\mathbf{u}$  is said to be in the null space of a matrix A provided

$$A\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$$
.

or, equivalently,  $\mathbf{u}$  is an eigenvector corresponding to the zero eigenvalue of A.

Which of the following vectors, if any, is in the null space of  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ?

- a)  $[-1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0]^T$  b)  $[0 \ 2 \ 1 \ -1]^T$  c)  $[0 \ 4 \ 2 \ -2]^T$
- (5) Determine which of the following statements are equivalent to the fact that a matrix A of size  $n \times n$  is invertible?
  - a) A is nonsingular
  - b) The row space of A has dimension n
  - c) The column space of A has dimension n
  - d) The determinant of A is nonzero
  - e) The system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has a unique solution for any given  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbf{R}^n$
  - f) The system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  has nonzero solution
  - g) The dimension of the null space of A is zero
  - h) The rows of A are linear independent
  - i) The columns of A are linear independent
  - j) The rank of A is n
  - k) A is row-equivalent to an identity matrix
  - 1) All eigenvalues of A are nonzero
  - m) A can be written as the product of elementary matrices.
- (6) (optional\*) The matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  row reduces to  $C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .
  - a) Find the rank and nullity of A.
  - b) Find a basis of the row space and the column space of A respectively.
  - c) Find a basis of the null space of A
  - d) Does the system  $A\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 109 \\ -217 \\ 66 \end{pmatrix}$  have a solution? (Hint: You can draw a conclusion from

the fact that dimension of column space is 3, without having to solve the system. Recall that rank(A) = dim(Col(A)) = dim(Row(A))

- e) What is the relation between rank, dim(null(A))?(Hint: Theorem 4.17 (pp.196) states that rank(A) + dim(null(A)) = n, the number of columns)
- (7) Find all the eigenvalues of the given matrix.

a) 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 0 \\ -4 & -5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

b) 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 9 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (c)  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  (d)  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  (e)  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  where  $i = \sqrt{-1}$  ( $i^2 = -1$ ) is the unit for pure imaginary numbers.

(8) We say a vector  $\mathbf{u}$  is a linear combination of a finite set of vectors  $\mathbf{v_1}, \mathbf{v_2}, \mathbf{v_3}$  if there exist constants  $c_1, c_2, c_3$  such that

$$\mathbf{u} = c_1 \mathbf{v_1} + \mathbf{v_2} + c_3 \mathbf{v_3}.$$

Determine whether one can write  $\mathbf{u} = [8\ 3\ 8]^T$  as a linear combination of the vectors in the set S.

$$S = \{ [4\ 3\ 2]^T, [0\ 3\ 2]^T, [0\ 0\ 2]^T \}$$

**Solutions** 2 (a). (i) The characteristic equation is  $|\lambda I - A| = 0$ , that is,

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

(ii) The eigenvalues are solutions to the characteristic equation:

$$\lambda_1 = -1, \ \lambda_2 = 2.$$

(iii) The eigenvectors corresponding to  $\lambda = -1$  is the set of nonzero solutions to  $(\lambda I - A)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ 

$$\begin{pmatrix} -5 & 5 \\ -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solving it yields

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad t \neq 0$$

Similarly the eigenvectors corresponding to  $\lambda = 2$  are

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2 & 5 \\ -2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solving it yields

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = t \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \qquad t \neq 0$$

2 (b). (i) The characteristic equation reads

$$\begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & \lambda - 3 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & \lambda + 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

(ii) The eigenvalues are obtained by solving the above equation. We start with simplifying

$$\begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & \lambda - 3 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & \lambda + 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 2 & \lambda - 2 & 0 \\ -1 & \lambda - 3 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & \lambda + 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

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

$$= (\lambda - 2) \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 2 & -1 \\ -4 & \lambda + 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (\lambda - 2)(\lambda + 2)(\lambda - 3).$$

Hence  $\lambda_1 = -2$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 2$  and  $\lambda_3 = 3$ .

2 (b) (iii) To find the eigenvectors for  $\lambda$ , we solve the linear homogeneous equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda - 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & \lambda - 3 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & \lambda + 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

If  $\lambda_1 = -2$ , row reduction yields

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 - 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & \lambda_1 - 3 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & \lambda_1 + 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{4} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = t \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} \\ -\frac{1}{4} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad t \neq 0.$$

The eigenvectors for  $\lambda_2$  and  $\lambda_3$  can be found in a similar way. If  $\lambda_3 = 3$ , say, row reduction yields

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_3 - 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & \lambda_3 - 3 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & \lambda_3 + 1 \end{bmatrix} \to \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = t \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad t \neq 0.$$

3\*. By definition the adjoint matrix of a matrix  $A = (C_{ij})_{n \times n}$  is given by

$$\mathbf{ad}(A) = \begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{21} & \cdots & C_{n1} \\ C_{12} & C_{22} & \cdots & C_{n2} \\ C_{1n} & C_{2n} & \cdots & C_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} M_{ij}$  are cofactors of A.

$$\mathbf{ad}(M) = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 0 & -6 \\ 6 & -5 & 2 \\ -9 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

A straight forward computation shows  $Mad(M) = ad(M)M = -15I_3$ .

 $6^*$ . (a) Rank(A) = 3. nullity(A) = 1 (nullity is the dimension for the null space of A)

(b) A basis for Row(A) is given by  $\{[2\ 1\ 3\ 1]^T, [1\ -1\ 0\ 1]^T, [1\ 1\ 2\ 1]^T\}$ . A basis for Col(A) is given by  $\{[2\ 1\ 1]^T, [3\ 0\ 2]^T, [1\ 1\ 1]^T\}$ .

(c) The solutions to 
$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$$
 consist vectors of the form  $\{t \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, t \neq 0\}$ . So a basis can be

chosen as 
$$\begin{pmatrix} -1\\-1\\1\\0 \end{pmatrix}$$
.

- (d) Yes. Because the dimension of the column space of A equals to 3, and, the dimension of the column space of the augmented matrix [Ab] is also 3. We see that the column space and the augmented space are consistent in the case. Therefore the system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is consistent or solvable.
  - (e) Rank(A) + dim(null(A)) = 3 + 1 = 4 which should be the number of columns.
- 7. (a) The eigenvalues are solutions of

$$\begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & \lambda - 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 & \lambda - 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$
$$(\lambda - 1) \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 1 & 2 \\ 3 & \lambda - 1 \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda - 1)(\lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 5) = 0.$$

Hence  $\lambda_1 = 1, \ \lambda_{2,3} = 1 \pm \sqrt{6}$ .

7 (c). 
$$\lambda = \pm i$$
.

7 (d) 
$$\lambda = \pm 1$$
.

$$\begin{vmatrix} \lambda & -i \\ -i & \lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 + 1 = 0$$

we obtain  $\lambda_1 = i$ ,  $\lambda_2 = -i$ .

(8) We can rewrite

$$\mathbf{u} = c_1 \mathbf{v_1} + \mathbf{v_2} + c_3 \mathbf{v_3}.$$

in the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 3 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$: \mathbf{c} = [c_1, c_2, c_3]^T = [2 - 1 \ 3]^T$$