

# MTH113 QAM Class

### Problem 15

Prove that

$$\left( \sum_{j=1}^n a_j b_j \right)^2 \leq \left( \sum_{j=1}^n j a_j^2 \right) \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{b_j^2}{j} \right)$$

for all real numbers  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  and  $b_1, \dots, b_n$ .

*Proof.* Let

$$u = (a_1, \sqrt{2}a_2, \dots, \sqrt{n}a_n) \quad \text{and} \quad v = \left( b_1, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}b_2, \dots, \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}b_n \right).$$

Since  $\langle u, v \rangle = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k b_k$ , the Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality yields

$$(a_1 b_1 + \dots + a_n b_n)^2 \leq \|u\|^2 \|v\|^2$$

$$= (a_1^2 + 2a_2^2 + \dots + na_n^2) \left( b_1^2 + \frac{b_2^2}{2} + \dots + \frac{b_n^2}{n} \right),$$

as desired. □

### Problem 9

Suppose  $u, v \in V$  and  $\|u\| \leq 1$  and  $\|v\| \leq 1$ . Prove that

$$\sqrt{1 - \|u\|^2} \sqrt{1 - \|v\|^2} \leq 1 - |\langle u, v \rangle|.$$

*Proof.* By the Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality, we have  $|\langle u, v \rangle| \leq \|u\| \|v\|$ . Since  $\|u\| \leq 1$  and  $\|v\| \leq 1$ , this implies

$$0 \leq 1 - \|u\| \|v\| \leq 1 - |\langle u, v \rangle|,$$

and hence it's enough to show

$$\sqrt{1 - \|u\|^2} \sqrt{1 - \|v\|^2} \leq 1 - \|u\| \|v\|.$$

Squaring both sides, it suffices to prove

$$(1 - \|u\|^2)(1 - \|v\|^2) \leq (1 - \|u\| \|v\|)^2. \quad (3)$$

Notice

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \|u\| \|v\|)^2 - (1 - \|u\|^2)(1 - \|v\|^2) &= \|u\|^2 - 2\|u\| \|v\| + \|v\|^2 \\ &= (\|u\| - \|v\|)^2 \\ &\geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

and hence inequality (3) holds, completing the proof. □

### Problem 5

Let  $V$  be finite-dimensional. Suppose  $T \in \mathcal{L}(V)$  is such that  $\|Tv\| \leq \|v\|$  for every  $v \in V$ . Prove that  $T - \sqrt{2}I$  is invertible.

*Proof.* Let  $v \in \text{null}(T - \sqrt{2}I)$ , and suppose by way of contradiction that  $v \neq 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}Tv - \sqrt{2}v &= 0 \implies Tv = \sqrt{2}v \\&\implies \|\sqrt{2}v\| \leq \|v\| \\&\implies \sqrt{2} \cdot \|v\| \leq \|v\| \\&\implies \sqrt{2} \leq 1,\end{aligned}$$

a contradiction. Hence  $v = 0$  and  $\text{null}(T - \sqrt{2}I) = \{0\}$ , so that  $T - \sqrt{2}I$  is injective. Since  $V$  is finite-dimensional, this implies  $T - \sqrt{2}I$  is invertible, as desired.  $\square$

### Problem 13

Find  $p \in \mathcal{P}_5(\mathbb{R})$  that makes

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |\sin x - p(x)|^2 dx$$

as small as possible.

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{R}}[-\pi, \pi]$  denote the real inner product space of continuous real-valued functions on  $[-\pi, \pi]$  with inner product

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x)g(x)dx,$$

and let  $U$  denote the subspace of  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{R}}[-\pi, \pi]$  consisting of the polynomials with real coefficients and degree at most 5. In this inner product space, observe that

$$\|\sin x - p(x)\| = \sqrt{\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (\sin x - p(x))^2 dx} = \sqrt{\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |\sin x - p(x)|^2 dx}.$$

Notice also that  $\sqrt{\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |\sin x - p(x)|^2 dx}$  is minimized if and only if  $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |\sin x - p(x)|^2 dx$  is minimized. Thus by 6.56, we may conclude  $p(x) = P_U(\sin x)$  minimizes  $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |\sin x - p(x)|^2 dx$ . To compute  $P_U(\sin x)$ , we first find an orthonormal basis of  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{R}}[-\pi, \pi]$  by applying the Gram-Schmidt Procedure to the basis  $1, x, x^2, x^3, x^4, x^5$  of  $U$ . A lengthy computation yields the orthonormal basis

$$e_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$$

$$e_2 = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}x}{x^{3/2}}$$

$$e_3 = -\frac{\sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} (\pi^2 - 3x^2)}{2\pi^{5/2}}$$

$$e_4 = -\frac{\sqrt{\frac{7}{2}} (3\pi^2 x - 5x^3)}{2\pi^{7/2}}$$

$$e_5 = \frac{3 (3\pi^4 - 30\pi^2 x^2 + 35x^4)}{8\sqrt{2}\pi^{9/2}}$$

$$e_6 = -\frac{\sqrt{\frac{11}{2}} (15\pi^4 x - 70\pi^2 x^3 + 63x^5)}{8\pi^{11/2}}.$$

Now we compute  $P_U(\sin x)$  using 6.55(i), yielding

$$\begin{aligned} P_U(\sin x) &= \frac{105(1485 - 153\pi^2 + \pi^4)}{8\pi^6}x - \frac{315(1155 - 125\pi^2 + \pi^4)}{4\pi^8}x^3 \\ &\quad + \frac{693(945 - 105\pi^2 + \pi^4)}{8\pi^{10}}x^5, \end{aligned}$$

which is the desired polynomial. □

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Suppose  $C_R([-1, 1])$  is the vector space of continuous real-valued functions on the interval  $[-1, 1]$  with inner product given by

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f(x)g(x) dx$$

for  $f, g \in C_R([-1, 1])$ . Let  $\varphi$  be the linear functional on  $C_R([-1, 1])$  defined by  $\varphi(f) = f(0)$ . Show that there does not exist  $g \in C_R([-1, 1])$  such that

$$\varphi(f) = \langle f, g \rangle$$

for every  $f \in C_R([-1, 1])$ .

15. Solution: Suppose there exists  $g$  such that  $\varphi(f) = \langle f, g \rangle$  for all  $f \in C_{\mathbb{R}}[-1, 1]$ . We would like to show a contradiction.

For any positive integer  $n$  and integer  $-n \leq i \leq n - 1$ , define

$$f_{n,i}(x) = \begin{cases} 4n^2(x - i/n), & \text{if } x \in [i/n, i/n + 1/(2n)] \\ 4n^2((i+1)/n - x), & \text{if } x \in [i/n + 1/(2n), (i+1)/n] \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

then  $f_{n,i}(x) \in C_{\mathbb{R}}[-1, 1]$  and  $f_{n,i}(0) = 0$ .

Given any  $\epsilon > 0$ , since  $g \in C_{\mathbb{R}}[-1, 1]$ , by the fact that a continuous function on a closed interval is uniformly continuous, there exists  $N$  such that for any  $n \geq N$ , we have

$$|g(x) - g(y)| \leq \epsilon \tag{1}$$

if  $|x - y| \leq 1/n$ .

Note that

$$\int_{-1}^1 f_{n,i}(x) dx = \int_{i/n}^{(i+1)/n} f_{n,i}(x) dx = 1, \tag{2}$$

for any  $y \in [i/n, (i+1)/n]$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| g(y) - \int_{-1}^1 f_{n,i}(x) g(x) dx \right| \\ &= \left| \int_{i/n}^{(i+1)/n} f_{n,i}(x) (g(y) - g(x)) dx \right| \end{aligned}$$

for any  $y \in [i/n, (i+1)/n]$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| g(y) - \int_{-1}^1 f_{n,i}(x)g(x)dx \right| \\ &= \left| \int_{i/n}^{(i+1)/n} f_{n,i}(x)(g(y) - g(x))dx \right| \\ &\leq \int_{i/n}^{(i+1)/n} f_{n,i}(x)|g(y) - g(x)|dx \\ \text{by (1) and (2)} \quad &\leq \int_{i/n}^{(i+1)/n} f_{n,i}(x)\epsilon dx = \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, we also have

$$0 = f_{n,i}(0) = \varphi(f_{n,i}) = \langle f_{n,i}, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f_{n,i}(x)g(x)dx.$$

Hence we have

$$|g(y)| = |g(y) - f_{n,i}(0)| \leq \epsilon$$

for any  $y \in [i/n, (i+1)/n]$ . Thus  $|g(x)| \leq \epsilon$  by taking all  $-n \leq i \leq n-1$  with  $n \geq N$ .

Since  $\epsilon$  is chosen arbitrarily, we have  $g(x) \equiv 0$ . Hence  $\varphi f \equiv 0$  for all  $f \in C_{\mathbb{R}}[-1, 1]$ , which is impossible. Therefore the proof is complete.

- (a) Describe the orthogonal complement of  $U = \{(x, y, z, w) \in \mathbb{R}^4 : x + y = 0, z + w = 0\}$  (denoted  $U^\perp$ ) with respect to the standard inner product of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .
- (b) Consider  $V = \text{Span}\{(1, 1, 0), (-1, 1, 1)\}$  as a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Find the orthogonal projection of  $(1, 0, 1)$  onto  $V$ . (6+6)

**Solution:** (a) (i) Basis of  $U$  is given by  $\{(1, -1, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1, -1)\}$ .

(ii)  $U^\perp = \{(x, y, z, w) \mid \langle(x, y, z, w), (1, -1, 0, 0) \rangle = \langle(x, y, z, w), (0, 0, 1, -1) \rangle = 0\}$ .

(iii) Therefore

$$U^\perp = \{(x, x, y, y) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

(b) (i) Orthonormal basis of  $V$  is given by  $\{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, 1, 0), \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(-1, 1, 1)\}$ .

(ii) Orthogonal projection of  $(1, 0, 1)$  onto  $V$  is

$$\langle(1, 0, 1), \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, 1, 0)\rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, 1, 0) + \langle(1, 0, 1), \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(-1, 1, 1)\rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(-1, 1, 1) = \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0\right).$$

**Example 5.** Find an orthogonal basis for the space of solutions of the homogeneous equations

$$3x - 2y + z + w = 0,$$

$$x + y + 2w = 0.$$

Let  $W$  be the space of solutions in  $\mathbf{R}^4$ . Then  $W$  is the space orthogonal to the two vectors

$$(3, -2, 1, 1) \quad \text{and} \quad (1, 1, 0, 2).$$

These are obviously linearly independent (by any number of arguments, you can prove at once that the matrix

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

has rank 2, for instance). Hence

$$\dim W = 4 - 2 = 2.$$

Next we find a basis for the space of solutions. Let us put  $w = 1$ , and solve

$$3x - 2y + z = -1,$$

$$x + y = -2,$$

by ordinary elimination. If we put  $y = 0$ , then we get a solution with  $x = -2$ , and

$$z = -1 - 3x + 2y = 5.$$

If we put  $y = 1$ , then we get a solution with  $x = -3$ , and

$$z = -1 - 3x + 2y = 10.$$

Thus we get the two solutions

$$A = (-2, 0, 5, 1) \quad \text{and} \quad B = (-3, 1, 10, 1).$$

**Question 3: 6.4.13** For the space  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , let  $w_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $w_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

$y = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and let  $W = sp\{w_1, w_2\}$ . (a) Find a basis for  $W$  consisting of two orthogonal vectors. (b) express  $y$  as the sum of a vector in  $W$  and a vector in  $W^\perp$ .

**Solution (a)** Apply step 1 of Gram-Schmidt:

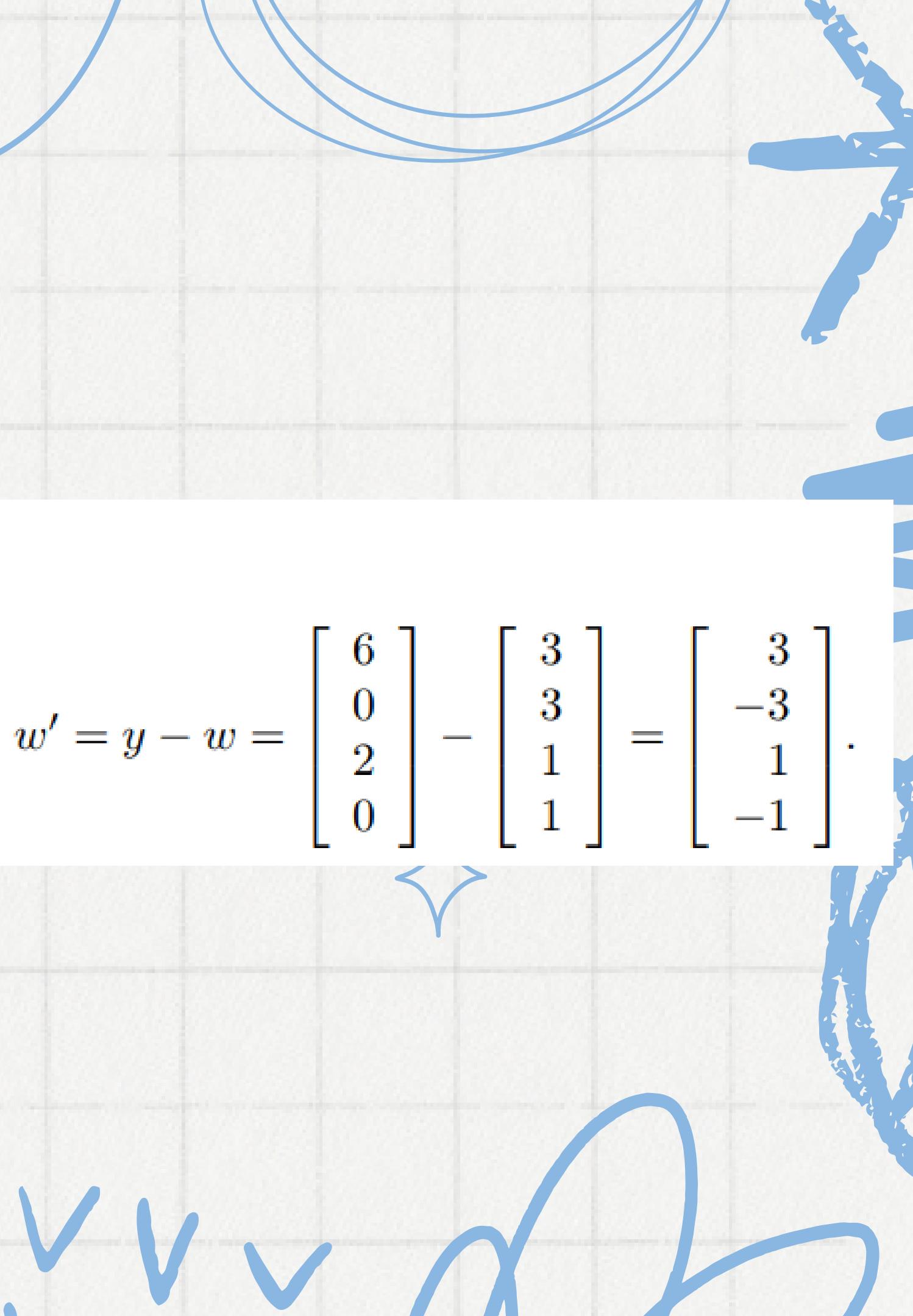
$$v_1 = w_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$v_2 = w_2 - \frac{(w_2, v_1)}{(v_1, v_1)} v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{\left( \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)}{\left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

This gives us an orthogonal basis  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$  for  $W$ .

(b) We must find vectors  $w \in W$  and  $w' \in W^\perp$  such that  $y = w + w'$ . Using our orthogonal basis from (a) and the Second Projection Theorem, we get

$$w = \frac{\left( \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)}{\left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{\left( \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right)}{\left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right)} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Then } w'$$



Compute  $W^\perp$ , where

$$W = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

## Solution

According to the proposition, we need to compute the null space of the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 7 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1/17 \\ 0 & 1 & 5/17 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The free variable is  $x_3$ , so the parametric form of the solution set is  $x_1 = x_3/17$ ,  $x_2 = -5x_3/17$ , and the parametric vector form is

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = x_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1/17 \\ -5/17 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Scaling by a factor of 17, we see that

$$W^\perp = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -5 \\ 17 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

We can check our work:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -5 \\ 17 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -5 \\ 17 \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$



# QAM CLASS - TOPIC:8

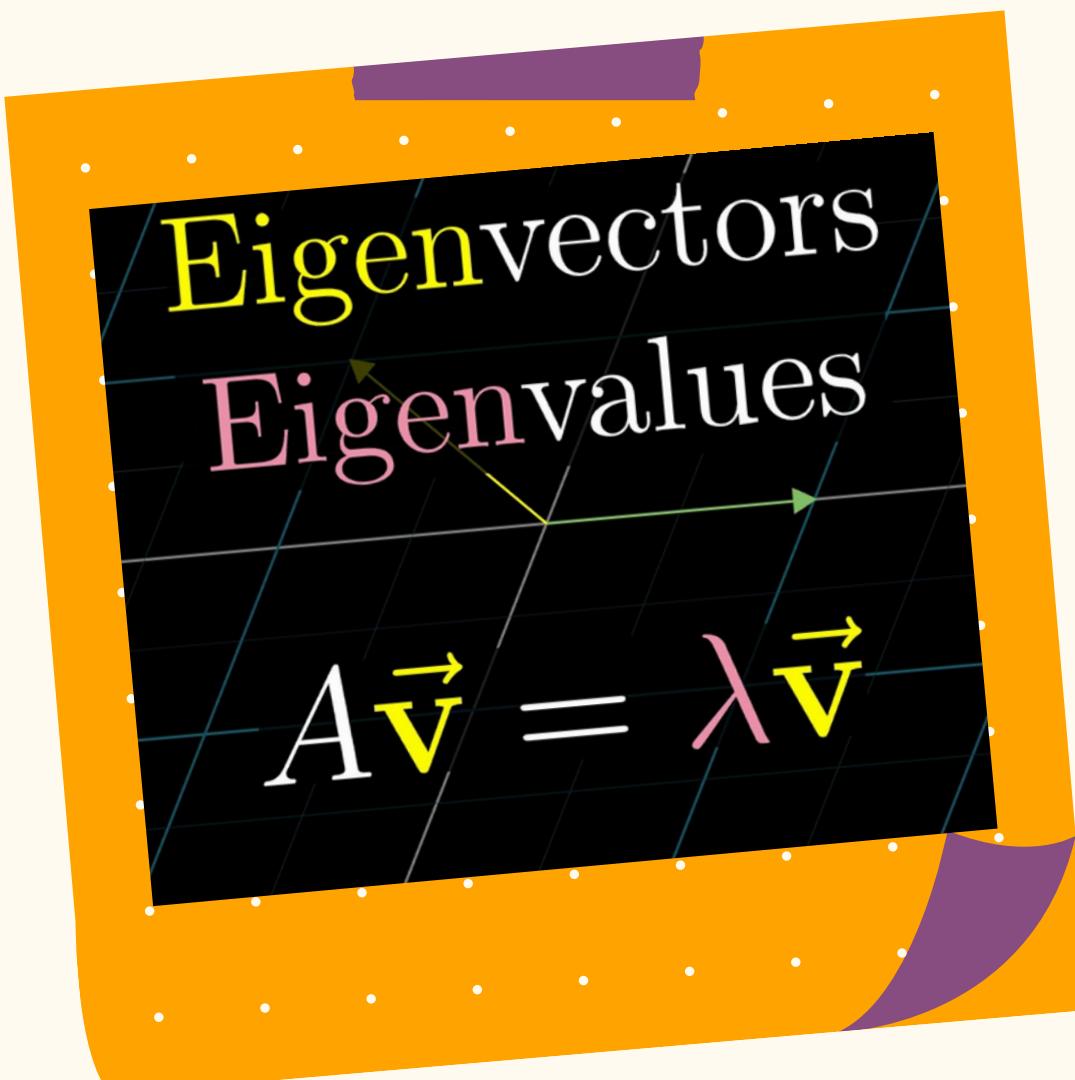
Eigen-values, Eigen-Vectors

## QUESTION -01

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

- A) DETERMINE THE EIGENVALUES OF A BY COMPUTING THE CHARACTERISTIC POLYNOMIAL OF A.
- B) OBTAIN EIGEN VECTORS FOR EACH OF THE EIGENVALUES OF A.

# RECALL THE STEPS



WE SUMMARIZE THE COMPUTATIONAL APPROACH FOR DETERMINING EIGENPAIRS  $(\lambda, x)$  (EIGENVALUES AND EIGENVECTOR) AS A TWO-STEP PROCEDURE:

**Step I.** To find the eigenvalues of  $A$  compute the roots of the characteristic equation  $\det(A - \lambda I_n) = 0$ .

**Step II.** To find an eigenvector corresponding to an eigenvalue  $\mu$ , compute a nontrivial solution to the homogeneous linear system  $(A - \mu I_n)x = 0$ .

# SOLUTION-01

(A)

**Proof:** (a) The characteristic polynomial of  $A$  is  $|\lambda - IA| = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 2 & 1 \\ 1 & \lambda - 2 \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda - 2)^2 - 1 = \lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 3 = \lambda^2 - 3\lambda - \lambda + 3 = (\lambda - 3)(\lambda - 1)$ . So the eigenvalues are 3, 1. (1 Marks)

(B)

(b) **Step 1:** Let eigenvector corresponding to 1 be  $v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} Av_1 &= v_1 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \\ &\Rightarrow 2x - y = x \text{ and } -x + 2y = y \\ &\Rightarrow x = y \\ &\Rightarrow v_1 = x \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

In particular,  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is an eigenvector with eigenvalue 1.

**Step 2:** Let an eigenvector corresponding to 3 be  $v_3 = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} Av_3 &= v_3 \Rightarrow 2x - y = 3x \text{ and } -x + 2y = 3y \\ &\Rightarrow v_3 = x \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

In particular,  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  is an eigenvector corresponding to 3.

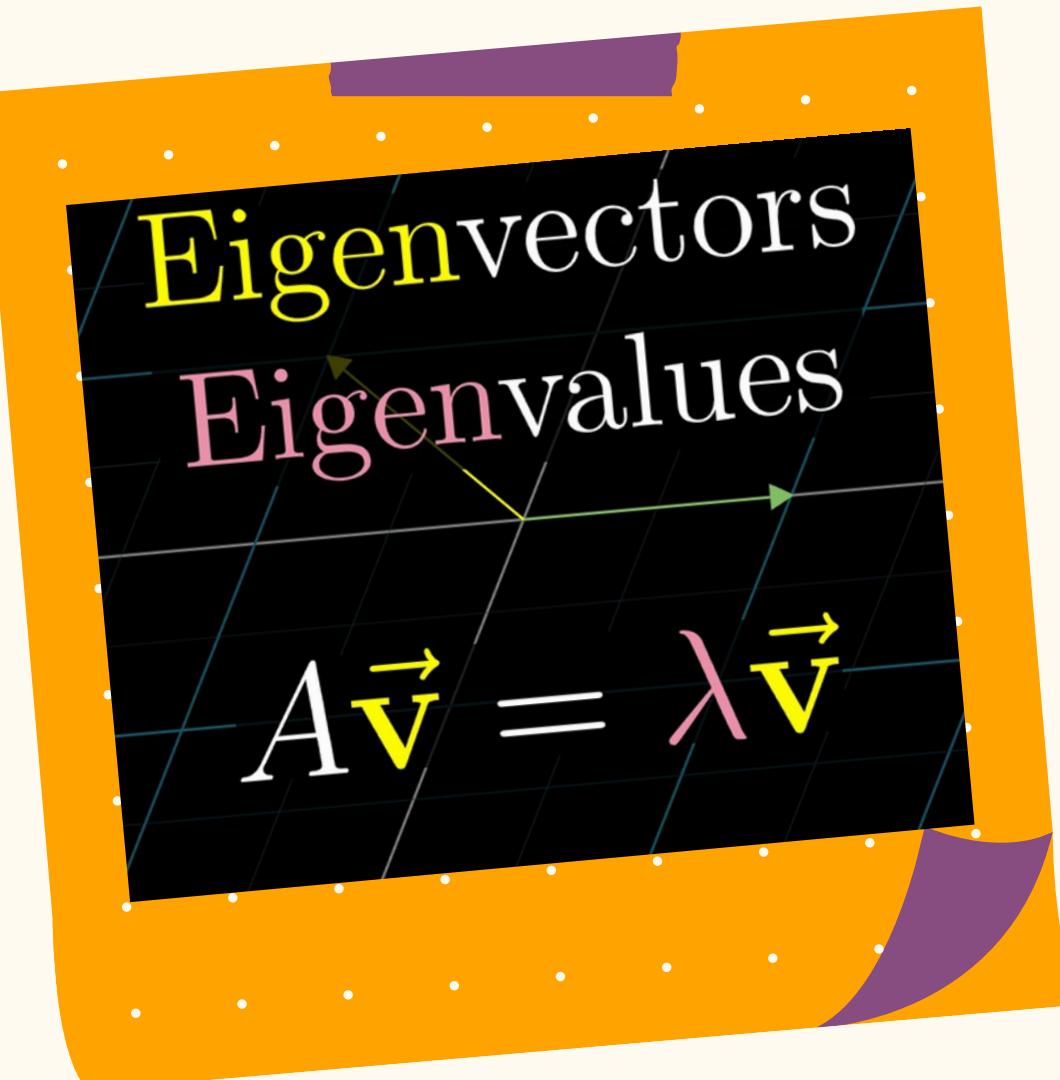
## QUESTION -02

(a) Show that  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is not diagonalizable.

(b) Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find a real matrix  $Q$  such that  $Q^{-1}AQ$  is a diagonal matrix. Justify your answer.

(5 + 7)

# RECALL THE STEPS



## DIAGONALIZATION OF MATRICES

- LET  $A$  BE A  $N*N$  MATRIX,  
THEN  $A$  IS DIAGONALIZABLE  
IF AND ONLY IF  $A$  HAS  $N$   
LINEARLY INDEPENDENT EIGEN VECTORS

# SOLUTION-01

(A)

(i)  $\det(A - \lambda I) = (3 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda)^2$ . Therefore eigenvalues of  $A$  are 1, 3.

(ii) We first note that  $A - 3I = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and it has rank two. Hence  $N(A - 3I)$  is one dimensional.

(2)

(iii) Next,  $A - I = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  is also of rank two, hence  $N(A - I)$  also has dimension one. (1)

(iv) Therefore there exists only two L.I. eigenvectors of  $A$ . This gives that  $A$  is not diagonalizable. (1)

(B)

(b) Here eigenvalues are 1, 2, 3.

(1)

We have  $A - I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $(x, y, z)$  is in the kernel of  $A - I$  if and only if  $x = y$  and  $2x + 2y + z = 0$ . Hence it is the span of  $(1, 1, -4)$ .

(2)

We also have  $A - 3I = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $(x, y, z)$  is in the kernel of  $A - 3I$  if and only if  $x + y = 0$  and  $2x + 2y - z = 0$ . Hence an eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 3 is  $(1, -1, 0)$ .

(2)

We also have  $A - 2I = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $(x, y, z)$  is in the kernel of  $A - 2I$  if and only if  $x = y = 0$ .

Hence an eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 2 is  $(0, 0, 1)$ . (1) (basically 2+2+1 marks for finding three L.I. eigenvectors)

$$\text{For } Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -4 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(1)

we have

$$Q^{-1}AQ = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

(1)

# **TAKE HOSTEL PROBLEM**

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 10 & 3 \\ 4 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

1. If the eigenvalues of A are  $\lambda_1 = -4$ ,  $\lambda_2$ ,  $\lambda_3$ , determine  $\lambda_2$ ,  $\lambda_3$  and the eigenvectors corresponding to  $\lambda_2$  and  $\lambda_3$ .
2. Among A and B, which one is diagonalizable?

## **ANSWERS**

1. (0,8).  
For 0, an eigenvector is (1, -1, 2) AND For 8, an eigenvector is (9, 3, 2)
2. A is diagonalizable as it has 3 distinct eigenvalues. B is NOT diagonalizable as it has only two linearly independent eigenvectors.



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Lecture 9

# Question 1

(3) Let  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  be subspaces of  $M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$  (the space of  $2 \times 2$  real matrices) given by

$$W_1 = \{A \in M_2(\mathbb{R}) \mid A = A^T\}$$

and

$$W_2 = \{A \in M_2(\mathbb{R}) \mid EAE = A^T\},$$

where  $E = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find a basis of  $W_1$ ,  $W_2$ ,  $W_1 + W_2$  and  $W_1 \cap W_2$ .

What if we were only asked to find dimension instead of basis?

# Solution

Here  $W_1 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & d \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$  and basis of  $W_1 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

$W_2 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & a \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$  and a basis of  $W_2 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

basis of  $W_1 \cap W_2 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

# Solution

Hence we get:

dimension of  $W_1=3$

dimension of  $W_2=3$

dimension of  $W_1 \cap W_2=2$

# Solution

In order to find  $\dim W_1 + W_2$ , we can use the following theorem:

$$\dim (P + Q) = \dim(P) + \dim(Q) - \dim(P \cap Q)$$

where, P and Q are subspaces of a finitely-dimensional vector space

# Solution

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Thus, } \dim W_1 + W_2 &= \dim W_1 + \dim W_2 - \dim W_1 \cap W_2 \\ &= 3 + 3 - 2 = 4\end{aligned}$$

$$\dim W_1 + W_2 = 4$$

Thus, using the theorem, we were able to calculate dimension of  $W_1 + W_2$ , without actually finding basis for it!

## Question 2

Let  $W$  be a subspace of  $V$ . Show that there is no subspace  $U$  such that  $U \cap W = \{0\}$  and  $\dim U + \dim W > \dim V$ .

This can also be done by  
previous theorem!



# Solution

Since  $U \cap W = \{0\}$ ,  $\dim U \cap W = 0$

Since,  $\dim U+W = \dim U + \dim V - \dim U \cap W$   
and  $\dim U \cap W = 0$ ,

$\dim U+W = \dim U + \dim V$

# Solution

Since  $U$  and  $W$  are subspaces of  $V$ , thus for every  $a \in U, b \in W, a+b \in V$

Thus,  $\dim (U+W) \leq \dim V$

# Solution

Thus,

$$\dim U + \dim W = \dim (U+W) \leq \dim V$$

$$\dim U + \dim W \leq \dim V$$

# Solution

Thus, it contradicts the fact that  
 $\dim U + \dim W > \dim V$

Thus, there is no such subspace U!