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1. (2 points each) Determine if each statement is TRUE or FALSE. Give a short justification for your answer.

(a)  $\det(A+B) = \det(A) + \det(B)$  for square matrices  $A, B$  of the same size.

False

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 1.$$

(b) There is an orthogonal matrix  $A$  has 2 as an eigenvalue.

False

$\langle Av, Av \rangle = \langle v, v \rangle$  for any  $v$ . Since  $A$  is orthogonal.

$$\text{Suppose } Av = \lambda v, \text{ then } \lambda^2 \|v\|^2 = \|v\|^2.$$

Hence 2 can't be an eigenvalue.

(c) Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix and suppose there is a matrix  $C$  such that  $AC = I_m$ . Then  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  is consistent for any  $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ .

True

$$\forall \vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m, \text{ take } \vec{x} = C\vec{b}.$$

$$\text{Then } A\vec{x} = AC\vec{b} = I_m \vec{b} = \vec{b}.$$

(d) For any second order homogeneous linear differential equation  $y'' + by' + cy = 0$  ( $b, c$  are constant), there is a unique solution  $y(t)$  satisfying  $y(0) = y(1) = 0$ .

False

$$\text{Consider } y'' + \pi^2 y = 0.$$

Both  $y(t) = 0$  and  $y(t) = \sin(\pi t)$  are sol's satisfying  $y(0) = y(1) = 0$ .

(e) For any second order homogeneous linear differential equation  $y'' + by' + cy = 0$  ( $b, c$  are constant), there is a unique solution  $y(t)$  satisfying  $y(1) = y'(1) = 0$ .

True

This is the uniqueness theorem.

2. (10 points) Find a basis for the row space, column space, and the null space of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 5 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Row reduction:

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

pivot

$$\text{Row}(A) = \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle$$

$$\text{Col}(A) = \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle$$

$$\text{Nul}(A) = \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle$$

3. (10 points) Show that if  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ , then it is an eigenvalue of  $A^T$ .

$$\lambda \text{ is an eigenvalue of } A \iff \det(A - \lambda I) = 0.$$

$$\Updownarrow \text{ Since } \det(B) = \det(B^T) \forall B$$

$$\lambda \text{ is an eigenvalue of } A^T \iff \det(A^T - \lambda I) = 0 \quad \square$$

4. (10 points) Suppose that  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix (not necessarily a square matrix) such that  $\text{Nul}(A) = \{\vec{0}\}$ . Prove that  $A^T A$  is invertible.

$A^T A$  is a square matrix. It's invertible iff  $\text{Nul}(A^T A) = \{\vec{0}\}$ .

$$A^T A \vec{v} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \vec{v}^T A^T A \vec{v} = 0$$
$$\parallel$$
$$\langle A \vec{v}, A \vec{v} \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow A \vec{v} = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{v} = \vec{0} \text{ since } \text{Nul}(A) = \{\vec{0}\}.$$

□

5. (10 points) Let  $n$  be an odd number. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix such that  $a_{ij} = -a_{ji}$  for all  $i, j = 1, \dots, n$ . Show that  $\det(A) = 0$ .

$$A = -A^T.$$

$$\Rightarrow \det(A) = (-1)^n \det(A^T) = -\det(A)$$

$$\Rightarrow \det(A) = 0. \quad \square$$

6. (10 points) Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear map and  $\vec{v} \in V$  with the property that  $T^{k-1}(\vec{v}) \neq 0$  but  $T^k(\vec{v}) = 0$ . Show that  $\{\vec{v}, T(\vec{v}), \dots, T^{k-1}(\vec{v})\}$  is a linearly independent set.

Suppose there is  $a_0 \vec{v} + a_1 T(\vec{v}) + \dots + a_{k-1} T^{k-1}(\vec{v}) = \vec{0}$ .

$$\Rightarrow \vec{0} = T^{k-1} \left( a_0 \vec{v} + a_1 T(\vec{v}) + \dots + a_{k-1} T^{k-1}(\vec{v}) \right)$$

$$= a_0 T^{k-1}(\vec{v}). \quad \Rightarrow \underline{a_0 = 0}.$$

Similarly, we have

$$\vec{0} = T^{k-2} \left( a_1 T(\vec{v}) + \dots + a_{k-1} T^{k-1}(\vec{v}) \right)$$

$$= a_1 T^{k-1}(\vec{v}) \quad \Rightarrow \underline{a_1 = 0}.$$

Do this inductively, one gets  $a_0 = \dots = a_{k-1} = 0$ .  $\square$

7. (10 points) Suppose that  $A, B$  are  $n \times n$  matrices that commute, i.e.  $AB = BA$ , and suppose that  $B$  has  $n$  distinct eigenvalues.

- (a) Show that if  $B\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$ , then  $BA\vec{v} = \lambda A\vec{v}$ .
- (b) Show that every eigenvector of  $B$  is also an eigenvector of  $A$ .
- (c) Show that  $A$  is diagonalizable.
- (d) Show that  $AB$  is diagonalizable.

(a)  $B\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v} \Rightarrow BA\vec{v} = AB\vec{v} = A(\lambda\vec{v}) = \lambda A\vec{v}. \quad \square$

(b) Since  $B$  has  $n$  distinct eigenvalues, each eigenspace of  $B$  is 1-dim'l.

Let  $\vec{v}$  be an eigenvector of  $B$ .  $B\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$ .

$$\Rightarrow B(A\vec{v}) = \lambda(A\vec{v}). \Rightarrow \text{~~A\vec{v} is in the span of \vec{v}~~} \quad A\vec{v} \in \text{Span}\{\vec{v}\}.$$

$\Rightarrow \vec{v}$  is an eigenvector of  $A$ .  $\square$

(c) The eigenbasis of  $B$  also gives an eigenbasis of  $A$ .

Hence  $A$  is diagonalizable.  $\square$

(d)  $AB$  also shares the same eigenvectors as  $A$  and  $B$ .

Hence also diagonalizable.  $\square$

Note: These statements are not true  
without the condition:  $AB = BA$ .



8. (10 points) Find a function  $y(t)$  satisfying

$$y'' + 2y' + 2y = 0; \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = 2.$$

Auxiliary eq'n:  $r^2 + 2r + 2 = 0$ . roots:  $-1 \pm i$ .

$\Rightarrow$  general sol'n:  $y(t) = c_1 e^{-t} \cos t + c_2 e^{-t} \sin t$

$$0 = y(0) = c_1$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = c_2 e^{-t} \sin t, \quad y'(t) = c_2 (-e^{-t} \sin t + e^{-t} \cos t)$$

$$2 = y'(0) = c_2.$$

Hence the sol'n is  $y(t) = 2e^{-t} \sin t$ .  $\square$

9. (10 points) Find a vector-valued function  $\vec{x}(t)$  satisfying

$$\vec{x}'(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}(t); \quad \vec{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The matrix has eigenvalues: 3 (mult. 2) and -3 (mult. 1)

$$\underline{\lambda=3}: \text{eigenspace} = \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle.$$

$$\underline{\lambda=-3}: \text{eigenspace} = \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle.$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{general sol'n: } \vec{x}(t) = c_1 e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 e^{-3t} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{x}(0) = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 1.$$

$$\text{Hence the sol'n is } \vec{x}(t) = e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + e^{-3t} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -e^{-3t} \\ e^{3t} - e^{-3t} \\ e^{3t} + e^{-3t} \end{bmatrix}. \quad \square$$

10. (10 points) Find a function  $u(x, t)$  satisfying

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 3 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad 0 < x < \pi, \quad t > 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(0, t) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(\pi, t) = 0, \quad t > 0,$$

$$u(x, 0) = x^2, \quad 0 < x < \pi.$$

By the method of separation of variables,

If  $x^2 = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(nx)$  is the Fourier cosine series of  $x^2$  on  $(0, \pi)$

then the soln is  $u(x, t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n e^{-3n^2 t} \cos(nx)$

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By computing  $\int_0^{\pi} x^2 \cos(nx) dx$ , we get:

$$x^2 = \frac{\pi^2}{3} + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} \cos(nx) \quad \text{for } 0 < x < \pi.$$

Hence  $u(x, t) = \frac{\pi^2}{3} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4(-1)^n}{n^2} e^{-3n^2 t} \cos(nx)$  is the soln.  $\square$