

Math 54, Section 214
Quiz 7, March 19, 2010

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Please write your name on each sheet. Show your work clearly and in order, including intermediate steps in the solutions and the final answer.

1. (7 pt) Can the matrix

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

be represented as $A = PDP^{-1}$, where D is diagonal and P is invertible? If so, find P and D .

Bonus (no points, hard): what are all possible values of P and D ?

① $|A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} =$
 $= (1-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (1-\lambda)(\lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 3) =$
 $= (1-\lambda)^2 (3-\lambda) \rightarrow \text{eigenvalues } \lambda = 1, 3.$
(mult. 2)

② $\text{Nul}(A - 1 \cdot I) = \text{Nul} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \text{Nul} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix};$

Basis for that: $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

③ $\text{Nul}(A - 3 \cdot I) = \text{Nul} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \text{Nul} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix};$

Basis for that: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

④ A has a basis of \mathbb{R}^3 eigenvectors \rightarrow it is diagonalizable.

We can take $P = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$

2. (7 pt) Consider the linear transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ whose matrix in the standard basis is

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

Find a basis \mathcal{B} of \mathbb{R}^2 so that the \mathcal{B} -matrix of the transformation T has the form

$$\lambda \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & -\sin \phi \\ \sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find the numbers λ and ϕ .

① $|A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & -2 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = \lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 2 = (\lambda - 1)^2 + 1;$
eigenvalues $1 \pm i$.

② $\text{Nul}(A - (1-i)I) = \text{Nul} \begin{bmatrix} -1+i & -2 \\ 1 & 1+i \end{bmatrix};$
a complex basis of that is $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+i \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$

③ We can form the basis \mathcal{B} out of the real and imaginary parts of \vec{v} : $\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$

The \mathcal{B} -matrix for A T is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & -\sin \phi \\ \sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{bmatrix}, \text{ when } \lambda = \sqrt{2} \text{ and } \phi = \pi/4.$$

Note: there are multiple correct answers.

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3. (6 pt) Let W be the subspace of \mathbb{R}^2 spanned by the vector

$$\vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find a basis for W^\perp .

Let $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$. Then $\vec{x} \perp \vec{w} \iff$

$\iff 2x_1 + x_2 = 0$. So, $W^\perp = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \mid 2x_1 + x_2 = 0 \right\}$;

a basis of that is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$.