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Math 290-1 Final Exam

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Instructions:

- Read each problem carefully.
- Write legibly.
- Show all your work on these sheets.
- This exam has 13 pages, and 8 questions. Please make sure that all pages are included.
- You may not use books, notes or calculators.
- You have two hours to complete this exam.

Good luck!

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1. Determine whether each of the following statements is **TRUE** or **FALSE**. Justify your answer.

(a) Every 2×2 matrix for which \vec{e}_1 and \vec{e}_2 are eigenvectors is a diagonal matrix.

TRUE

$$\text{If } A\vec{e}_1 = \lambda_1\vec{e}_1 \text{ and } A\vec{e}_2 = \lambda_2\vec{e}_2,$$

$$\text{then } A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1\vec{e}_1 & \lambda_2\vec{e}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix},$$

which is diagonal.

(b) If A is a 3×3 matrix such that $\ker(A) = \text{span} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right)$, then $\text{rank}(A) = 1$.

FALSE

$$\text{Since } \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ } \ker A = \text{span} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right),$$

so $\dim(\ker A) = 1$, so by
the rank-nullity theorem

$$\text{rank}(A) = 3 - 1 = 2$$

- (c) Let A and B be 2×2 matrices, and let Ω be a parallelogram in \mathbb{R}^2 . If $A^2 = B^2$, then $\text{Area}(A(\Omega)) = \text{Area}(B(\Omega))$.

TRUE If $A^2 = B^2$, then $\det(A^2) = \det(B^2)$,
 so $(\det A)^2 = (\det B)^2$, so
 $|\det A| = |\det B|$.

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area}(A(\Omega)) &= |\det A| \text{Area}(\Omega) \\ &= |\det B| \text{Area}(\Omega) = \text{Area}(B(\Omega)) \end{aligned}$$

- (d) Let \mathcal{B} be the basis $\mathcal{B} = (2\vec{e}_1, 3\vec{e}_2, 5\vec{e}_3)$ for \mathbb{R}^3 . Then for a 3×3 invertible matrix A , if B is its \mathcal{B} -matrix,

$$\det(B) = 30 \det(A).$$

FALSE

Since A and B are similar

$$\det B = \det A,$$

and since A is invertible, $\det A \neq 0$,

$$\text{so } 30 \det A \neq \det A.$$

- (e) Let A be a 3×3 matrix, and let $\mathfrak{B} = (\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3)$ be a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 . Let \mathfrak{B}' be the basis $\mathfrak{B}' = (\vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2, \vec{w}_3)$, where $\vec{w}_1 = \vec{v}_3$, $\vec{w}_2 = \vec{v}_1$, and $\vec{w}_3 = \vec{v}_2$. If

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 57 & \sqrt{2} \\ 57 & 0 & \pi \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

is the \mathfrak{B} -matrix for A , then

$$B' = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 0 & 57 \\ \pi & 57 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

FALSE

is the \mathfrak{B}' -matrix for A .

The \mathfrak{B}' -matrix is $\begin{bmatrix} [A\vec{v}_3]_{\mathfrak{B}'} & [A\vec{v}_1]_{\mathfrak{B}'} & [A\vec{v}_2]_{\mathfrak{B}'} \\ | & | & | \end{bmatrix}$

~~$A\vec{v}_3$~~ The \mathfrak{B} -matrix is $\begin{bmatrix} [A\vec{v}_1]_{\mathfrak{B}} & [A\vec{v}_2]_{\mathfrak{B}} & [A\vec{v}_3]_{\mathfrak{B}} \\ | & | & | \end{bmatrix}$

$$\text{So } A\vec{v}_3 = \sqrt{2}\vec{v}_1 + \pi\vec{v}_2 + 0\vec{v}_3 = 0\vec{w}_1 + \sqrt{2}\vec{w}_2 + \pi\vec{w}_3$$

$$A\vec{v}_1 = 0\vec{v}_1 + 57\vec{v}_2 + 2\vec{v}_3 = 2\vec{w}_1 + 0\vec{w}_2 + 57\vec{w}_3$$

$$A\vec{v}_2 = 57\vec{v}_1 + 0\vec{v}_2 + 1\vec{v}_3 = 57\vec{w}_1 + 0\vec{w}_2 + 1\vec{w}_3$$

Hence, the \mathfrak{B}' -matrix is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 1 \\ \sqrt{2} & 0 & 57 \\ \pi & 57 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Determine whether each of the following statements is **ALWAYS** true, **SOMETIMES** true, or **NEVER** true. Justify your answer

(a) For an invertible matrix A and an eigenvalue λ of A , λ is also an eigenvalue of A^{-1} .

Sometimes

If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, then $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, and 1 is an eigenvalue of both.

If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$, then $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$

$A\vec{e}_1 = 2\vec{e}_1$ so 2 is an eigenvalue of A ,
but $\det(A^{-1} - \lambda I_2) = (\frac{1}{2} - \lambda)^2$, so $\frac{1}{2}$ is the only eigenvalue of A^{-1} .

(b) For a 3×3 matrix that has $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$, and $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ as eigenvectors, their corresponding eigenvalues are 2, 2, and 3 respectively.

Never

If $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ are in E_2 , then
 $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ is also in E_2 , not E_3 .

- (c) For a 7×7 matrix A with characteristic polynomial $f_A(\lambda) = (x-3)^2(x-1)^3(x+5)^2$, the matrix $A - I_7$ has rank 3.

Never

1 is an eigenvalue with $\text{algebraic multiplicity} = 3$,
so $\text{geometric multiplicity} \leq \text{algebraic multiplicity} = 3$.

Thus $\dim(\ker(A - I_7)) \leq 3$, so

by the rank-nullity theorem,

$$\text{rank}(A - I_7) \geq 4.$$

- (d) For an $n \times m$ matrix A and an $m \times n$ matrix B such that $AB = I_n$, $BA = I_m$.

Sometimes

If $A = B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, it's true.

If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, then

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ but } BA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \neq I_3,$$

so it's false.

- (e) For a 4×2 matrix A , the set of solutions of the linear system $Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

Never

The solution set of a linear system must have 0, 1, or infinitely many elements.

- (f) Given a non-invertible 4×4 matrix A for which $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, and $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 9 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ are all eigenvectors with eigenvalue 1, A is diagonalizable.

Always

Since $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, and $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 9 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ are ~~the~~ linearly independent, $\text{geom}(1) \geq 3$.

And since A is not invertible, $\text{geom}(0) \geq 1$.

So $\text{geom}(3) + \text{geom}(1) \geq 4$, so A is diagonalizable.

3. Consider the vectors

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -6 \\ 5 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 4 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Is \vec{x} in $\text{span}(\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3)$? Justify your answer.

We need to determine whether the system

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 & -6 \\ -1 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 4 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is consistent.}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & | & 2 \\ 2 & -2 & -6 & | & -2 \\ -1 & 2 & 5 & | & 4 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 & | & -6 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{-2(\text{I}) \\ +(\text{II})}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & | & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & -4 & | & -6 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & | & 6 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 & | & -6 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\times \frac{-1}{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & | & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & | & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & | & 6 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 & | & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & | & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & | & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{-2(\text{II}) \\ +3(\text{II})}}$$

The system is not consistent, so \vec{x} is not in $\text{span}(\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3)$.

4. Diagonalize $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \\ -3 & 5 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$, or show that it is not diagonalizable.

The characteristic polynomial is

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 3-\lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 2-\lambda & 1 \\ -3 & 5 & -2-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = (3-\lambda) \det \begin{bmatrix} 2-\lambda & 1 \\ 5 & -2-\lambda \end{bmatrix} - 0 + 0$$

$$= (3-\lambda)[(2-\lambda)(-2-\lambda) - 5] = (3-\lambda)[\lambda^2 - 9] = (3-\lambda)(\lambda+3)(\lambda-3)$$

The eigenvalues are $\lambda = 3$ (w/ algebraic multiplicity 2)
and $\lambda = -3$ (w/ algebraic multiplicity 1)

$$E_3 = \ker \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ -3 & 5 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 5 & -5 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 5 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ -3 & 5 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

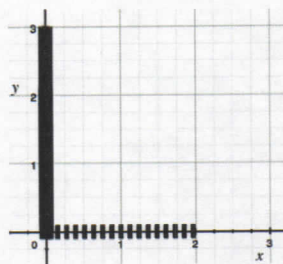
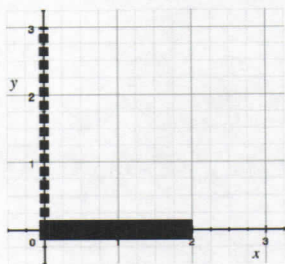
$$\rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{7}{2} & -\frac{7}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ t \\ t \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{so } E_3 = \text{span} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right), \text{ so}$$

$$\dim E_3 = 1 < 2 = \text{almu}(3).$$

Hence, the matrix is not diagonalizable.

5. Logos, Inc. has introduced a very creative new corporate logo. Unfortunately, the image is being displayed flipped and distorted on their webpage. It should look like the picture on the right below but is instead appearing as the one on the left. Find a 2×2 matrix that will send the figure on the left to the one on the right.



$$A(2\vec{e}_1) = 3\vec{e}_2$$

and $A(3\vec{e}_2) = 2\vec{e}_1$, so $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{3}{2} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

6. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & a & b \\ 0 & -1 & -a \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

(a) Find the eigenvalues of A and their algebraic multiplicities.

$$\det(A - \lambda I_3) = (2 - \lambda)(-1 - \lambda)(2 - \lambda)$$

Eigenvalues are 2 (w/ algebraic multiplicity 2)
and -1 (w/ algebraic multiplicity 1)

(b) For each of the eigenvalues you found, find the values of a and b for which its geometric multiplicity is 1.

$\text{geomu}(-1)$ is always 1, since -1 is an eigenvalue
and $\text{almu}(-1) = 1$, so $1 \leq \text{geomu}(-1) \leq 1$.

$$\ker(A - 2I_3) = \ker \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a & b \\ 0 & -3 & -a \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

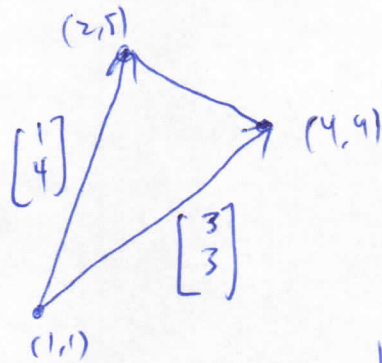
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & a & b \\ 0 & -3 & -a \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -3 & -a \\ 0 & a & b \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & \frac{a}{3} \\ 0 & a & b \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & \frac{a}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & b - \frac{a^2}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So $\text{geomu}(2) = 1$ if and only if $\text{rank}(A - 2I_3) = 2$, which occurs if and only if $b - \frac{a^2}{3} \neq 0$.

(c) For which values of a and b is A diagonalizable?

A is diagonalizable if and only if
 $\text{geomu}(2) = 2$, i.e. (from part (b)) when
 $b = \frac{a^2}{3}$

7. Find the area enclosed by the triangle in the plane with vertices $(1, 1)$, $(2, 5)$, and $(4, 4)$.



$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} \left| \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \right| = \frac{1}{2} |3 - 12| = \frac{9}{2}.$$

8. Find A^{964} . You must express your answer as a single matrix with entries written explicitly.

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} -3-\lambda & 1 \\ -6 & 2-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = (-3-\lambda)(2-\lambda) + 6 = \lambda^2 + \lambda = \lambda(\lambda+1)$$

$$E_0: \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 & | & 0 \\ -6 & 2 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{3} & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad E_0 = \text{span} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$E_{-1}: \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & | & 0 \\ -6 & 3 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad E_{-1} = \text{span} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad S^{-1} = \frac{1}{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{964} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}^{964} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 6 & -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$