

Week 8: Eigenvalues and eigenspaces

1. ☐ MULTI ☐ Single

A 5×5 matrix has eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_5$. If $\lambda_1 = 2 + i$, $\lambda_2 = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}$, $\lambda_3 = 2$ then what are the values of λ_4 and λ_5 ?

- (a) $\lambda_4 = \lambda_5 = 0$
- (b) $\lambda_4 = 2 + i, \lambda_5 = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}$
- (c) The information given is insufficient to determine λ_4 and λ_5
- (d) $\lambda_4 = 2 - i, \lambda_5 = -\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}$

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Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix that has eigenvalues $1, 3, 5, \dots, 2n - 1$. Compute $\text{tr}(A)$ and $\det(A)$. (Recall that $n! := 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdots (n - 1) \cdot n$.)

- (a) $\text{tr}(A) = n^2, \det(A) = \frac{(2n)!}{2(n!)}$
- (b) $\text{tr}(A) = n^2, \det(A) = \frac{(2n)!}{2^n(n!)}$
- (c) $\text{tr}(A) = n, \det(A) = \frac{(2n)!}{n!}$
- (d) $\text{tr}(A) = (n + 1)^2, \det(A) = \frac{(2n + 2)!}{2^n((n + 1)!)}$

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Let A be a matrix such that

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = -\lambda^3(\lambda - 1)(2\lambda + 1)^2.$$

Compute $\text{tr}(A)$ and $\det(A)$.

- (a) $\text{tr}(A) = 0, \det(A) = -1$
- (b) $\text{tr}(A) = 0, \det(A) = 0$
- (c) $\text{tr}(A) = \frac{1}{2}, \det(A) = 0$
- (d) $\text{tr}(A) = \frac{1}{2}, \det(A) = -\frac{1}{2}$

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Let A be a 7×7 matrix such that

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = (\lambda - 2 + i)(\lambda - i)(\lambda - \sqrt{2})^2(\lambda - 1)q(\lambda)$$

where $q(\lambda)$ is some polynomial. Compute $\text{tr}(A)$ and $\det(A)$.

- (a) $\text{tr}(A) = 2 + 2\sqrt{2}, \det(A) = 2 + 4i$.
- (b) Information given is insufficient to determine $\text{tr}(A)$ and $\det(A)$.
- (c) $\text{tr}(A) = 5 + 2\sqrt{2}, \det(A) = 10$.
- (d) $\text{tr}(A) = 2 + \sqrt{2}, \det(A) = \sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{2}i$.

5. ☐ MULTI ☐ Single

Consider the eigenvalues of the matrix

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 & 5 & 5 & 7 \\ 2 & 3 & 9 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 5 & 1 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 7 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix}.$$

How many eigenvalues of the matrix are **not** real?

- (a) 7
- (b) 0
- (c) 1
- (d) 3

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Let A be a matrix with characteristic polynomial

$$p(\lambda) = \lambda(\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 2)(\lambda - 3)(\lambda - 4)(\lambda - 5).$$

What is the dimension of $\ker(A)$?

- (a) 3
- (b) 2
- (c) 0
- (d) 1

7. ☐ MULTI ☐ Single

Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Compute the set of tuples $(\lambda, a_\lambda, g_\lambda)$ where λ is an eigenvalue, a_λ its algebraic multiplicity and g_λ is its geometric multiplicity.

- (a) $(\lambda_1 = 0, a_1 = 2, g_1 = 2)$
- (b) $(\lambda_1 = 1, a_1 = 1, g_1 = 2)$
- (c) $(\lambda_1 = 1, a_1 = 2, g_1 = 2)$
- (d) $(\lambda_1 = 1, a_1 = 2, g_1 = 1)$

8. ☐ MULTI ☐ Single

Consider the matrix

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

Compute the set of tuples $(\lambda, a_\lambda, g_\lambda)$ where λ is an eigenvalue, a_λ its algebraic multiplicity and g_λ is its geometric multiplicity.

- (a) $(\lambda_1 = 1, a_1 = 1, g_1 = 0), (\lambda_2 = 2, a_2 = 1, g_2 = 0), (\lambda_3 = 3, a_3 = 1, g_3 = 0)$

- (b) $(\lambda_1 = 1, a_1 = 0, g_1 = 1), (\lambda_2 = 2, a_2 = 0, g_2 = 1), (\lambda_3 = 3, a_3 = 0, g_3 = 1)$
- (c) $(\lambda_1 = 1, a_1 = 1, g_1 = 1), (\lambda_2 = 2, a_2 = 1, g_2 = 1), (\lambda_3 = 3, a_3 = 1, g_3 = 1)$
- (d) $(\lambda_1 = 1, a_1 = 3, g_1 = 2)$

9. ☐ MULTI ☐ Single

A matrix A has characteristic polynomial

$$p(\lambda) = \lambda(\lambda + 2)^2 + 3\lambda - 1.$$

Use the Cayley-Hamilton theorem to deduce a formula for A^{-1} in terms of A .

- (a) A is not invertible
- (b) $A^{-1} = A$
- (c) $A^{-1} = (A + 2)^2 + 3I$
- (d) $A^{-1} = A(A + 2)^2 + 3A - I$

10. ☐ MULTI ☐ Single

Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 10 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Which of the following statements is false?

- (a) A^4 has an eigenvalue $1/4$.
- (b) A^{-1} has an eigenvalue 2.
- (c) A is invertible.
- (d) A^4 has an eigenvalue 1.

Total of marks: 10