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Problem 1) (20 points) True or False? No justifications are needed.

1) **T** F
There is a real diagonalizable $3\times3$ matrix for which the algebraic multiplicity of an eigenvalue $\lambda = 2$ is larger than 1.

**Solution:**
You can find a diagonal example.

2) T **F**
Two symmetric not-invertible $3 \times 3$ matrices $A, B$ are similar if their trace agrees.

**Solution:**
They both can be diagonalized.

3) **T** F
Every orthogonal $5 \times 5$ matrix has a real eigenvalue.

**Solution:**
The characteristic polynomial is odd.

4) T **F**
The real eigenvalues of a $4 \times 4$ matrix $A$ do not change under row reduction.

**Solution:**
Already a scaling does change the eigenvalues.

5) T **F**
Every real diagonalizable $3 \times 3$ matrix can be diagonalized using an orthogonal matrix $S$.

**Solution:**
It is symmetric

6) T **F**
The eigenvalues of a $2 \times 2$ rotation matrix are always either 1 or $-1$.

**Solution:**
Can be complex

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7) [T] [F]    The nullity of a $n \times n$ matrix $A$ is the same as the nullity of $A^T$.

**Solution:**
The nullity of $A$ is the same than the nullity of $A^T$.

8) [T] [F]    A discrete dynamical system $\vec{v}(t+1) = A\vec{v}(t)$ defined by a $2 \times 2$ matrix $A$ is asymptotically stable if $A^8 = I_2/2$.

**Solution:**
By definition.

9) [T] [F]    A $3 \times 3$ matrix for a reflection about a line never has trace 0.

**Solution:**
The diagonal entries add up to $-1$.

10) [T] [F]    The trace of a $5 \times 5$ orthogonal projection matrix is the dimension of the image.

**Solution:**
The trace does not change under diagonalization. The trace in diagonal form is the dimension of the image.

11) [T] [F]    If $A$ and $B$ are diagonalizable $n \times n$ matrices, then $AB$ is diagonalizable.

**Solution:**
Start with a non-diagonalizable $C$ like $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and take $B = Diag(1, 2)$ for example.
Now form $C.B^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

12) [T] [F]    The sum of the geometric multiplicities of a $n \times n$ matrix $A$ is always at most $n$.

**Solution:**
The geometric multiplicities are smaller or equal than the algebraic multiplicities.

13) **T** | F    A $2 \times 2$ matrix $B$ such that $\mathrm{tr}(B) = 3$, $\mathrm{tr}(B^2) = 5$ is diagonalizable.

**Solution:**
The two eigenvalues are different

14) T | **F**    There is a $3 \times 3$ matrix A such that $A + 2I$ has rank one and $A - 5I$ has rank one.

**Solution:**
This would imply the characteristic polynomial has at least four roots

15) T | **F**    If $A$ is a $3 \times 3$ matrix with eigenvalues $\lambda_1 = 3$, $\lambda_2 = 3$, $\lambda_3 = 7$, then $A - 3I$ has rank one and $A - 7I$ has rank two.

**Solution:**
$A - 3I$ could have rank two if the geometric multiplicity of 3 is only one

16) **T** | F    If $A$ is a $10 \times 2$ matrix of rank 2, then the least square solution of $Ax = b$ is unique.

**Solution:**
Yes, this implies that the kernel of $A$ is trivial.

17) **T** | F    If $A$ is an asymptotically stable $3 \times 3$ matrix, then $A^T$ is asymptotically stable.

**Solution:**
$A$ and $A^T$ have the same eigenvalues

18) T | **F**    If a $3 \times 3$ matrix $A$ is similar to $C$ and a $3 \times 3$ matrix $B$ is similar to $D$, then $AB$ is similar to $CD$.

**Solution:**
One can already find diagonal examples: $A = Diag(2, 1), C = Diag(1, 2)$ and $B = Diag(3, 4), D = Diag(3, 4)$, then $AB = Diag(6, 4)$ and $CD = Diag(3, 8)$.

19)  | **T** | F |   If a $3 \times 3$ matrix $A$ is similar to the zero matrix $0$ then $A$ is equal to the zero matrix.

**Solution:**
This is not true for the shear.

20)  | T | **F** |   For any $3 \times 3$ matrices $A, B$ we know that if $A$ has the same determinant as $B^3$, then $B$ has the same determinant as $A^3$.

**Solution:**
Its already not true for $A = 4I_n$ and $B = 2I_n$.

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Problem 2) (10 points) No justifications are needed.

a) (2 points) Which matrices have the property that the system $x(t+1) = Ax(t)$ is asymptotically stable? We just write "stable" abbreviating asymptotically stable.

| Matrix | stable | not stable |
|---|---|---|
| $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ | | |
| $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ | | |
| $\begin{bmatrix} 1/4 & 8 & 8 \\ 0 & 1/4 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/4 \end{bmatrix}$ | | |

**Solution:**
The first and last have eigenvalues smaller than one and are therefore stable.

b) (2 points) Which identities hold for a non-invertible $3 \times 3$ matrix with eigenvalues $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ and characteristic polynomial $f_A(\lambda)$?

| Identity | always true | not always true |
|---|---|---|
| $\det(A) = 0$ | | |
| $\operatorname{tr}(A) = 0$ | | |
| $f_A(\alpha) = 0$ | | |
| $\dim(\ker(A)) = 0$ | | |

**Solution:**

| Identity | always true | not always true |
|---|---|---|
| $\det(A) = 0$ | x | |
| $\operatorname{tr}(A) = 0$ | | x |
| $f_A(\alpha) = 0$ | x | |
| $\dim(\ker(A)) = 0$ | | x |

c) (2 points) Which of the following complex numbers are real? Remember that we defined $w^z = e^{z \log(w)}$ and $\log(z) = \ln|z| + i \arg(z)$ with $0 \leq \arg(z) < 2\pi$ for any complex numbers $w \neq 0, z \neq 0$ and where $\arg(z)$ is the angle so that $z = |z|e^{i \arg(z)}$.

| Number | is real | is not real |
|---|---|---|
| $\log(i\pi)$ | | |
| $e^{i\pi}$ | | |
| $\log(e^{i\pi})$ | | |
| $e^{i\pi/2}$ | | |

**Solution:**

| Number | is real | is not real |
|---|---|---|
| $\log(i\pi)$ | | x |
| $e^{i\pi}$ | x | |
| $\log(e^{i\pi})$ | | x |
| $e^{i\pi/2}$ | | x |

d) (2 points) Which type of matrices are always diagonalizable **over the real numbers**?

| Type of matrix | always diagonalizable over the reals | not necessarily diagonalizable |
|---|---|---|
| symmetric | | |
| orthogonal | | |
| horizontal shear | | |
| dilation | | |

**Solution:**

| Type of matrix | always diagonalizable over the reals | not necessarily diagonalizable |
|---|---|---|
| symmetric | x | |
| orthogonal | | x |
| horizontal shear | | x |
| dilation | x | |

e) (2 points) If $S$ is a $4 \times 4$ matrix whose columns are given by an eigenbasis of a matrix $A$ which has eigenvalues $0, 1, 2, 3$, then

| The statement | is always true | can be false |
|---|---|---|
| $A$ is invertible | | |
| $S$ is invertible | | |
| $A + I_4$ is invertible | | |
| $A - I_4$ is invertible | | |

**Solution:**

| The statement | is always true | can be false |
|---|---|---|
| $A$ is invertible | | x |
| $S$ is invertible | x | |
| $A + I_4$ is invertible | x | |
| $A - I_4$ is invertible | | x |

Problem 3) (10 points) No justifications are needed

a) (2 points) $A, B$ are arbitrary $3 \times 3$ matrices. Each of the two has distinct eigenvalues meaning that the algebraic multiplicity of each eigenvalue is 1. We write $A \sim B$ to indicate that $A$ is similar to $B$.

| The statement | implies $A = B$ | implies $A \sim B$ |
|---|---|---|
| $A, B$ have the same eigenvalues | | |
| $A, B$ have same eigenvectors | | |
| $A, B$ have same eigenvalue,eigenvector pairs | | |

**Solution:**

| The statement | implies $A = B$ | implies $A \sim B$ |
|---|---|---|
| $A, B$ have the same eigenvalues | | x |
| $A, B$ have same eigenvectors | | |
| $A, B$ have same eigenvalue,eigenvector pairs | x | x |

b) (2 points) Assume $A$ is an invertible and diagonalizable $2 \times 2$ matrix. Which matrices are diagonalizable too?

| $A^2$ | |
|---|---|
| $A^T$ | |
| $A^{-1}$ | |
| $2A + I_2$ | |

**Solution:**

| $A^2$ | x | |
|---|---|---|
| $A^T$ | | x |
| $A^{-1}$ | | x |
| $2A + I_2$ | | x |

c) (2 points) Fill in each of the two cases the $Q$ and $R$ matrices giving the QR factorization $A = QR$ of $A$:

| $A$ | $Q$ | $R$ |
|---|---|---|
| $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ | | |
| $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ | | |

**Solution:**

| $A$ | $Q$ | $R$ |
|---|---|---|
| $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ | I | A |
| $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ | $A/\sqrt{5}$ | $\sqrt{5}I$ |

d) (2 points) Which of the following matrices $A$ has the property that

$$A[x(t), x(t-1), x(t-2)]^T = [x(t) + x(t-1) + x(t-2), x(t), x(t-1)]^T \ .$$

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

**Solution:**
The second one.

e) (2 points) Exactly one of the three statements is **not** part of the spectral theorem. Which one?

| | |
|---|---|
| A symmetric matrix has an orthonormal eigenbasis | |
| A real symmetric matrix has real eigenvalues | |
| A matrix with real eigenvalues has an orthonormal eigenbasis | |

**Solution:**

| | |
|---|---|
| A symmetric matrix has an orthonormal eigenbasis | |
| A real symmetric matrix has real eigenvalues | |
| A matrix with real eigenvalues has an orthonormal eigenbasis | x |

Find the function

$$a|x| - b|x - 1| = y$$

which is the best fit for the data

| x | y |
|---|---|
| 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 2 |
| -2 | 1 |
| 2 | 0 |
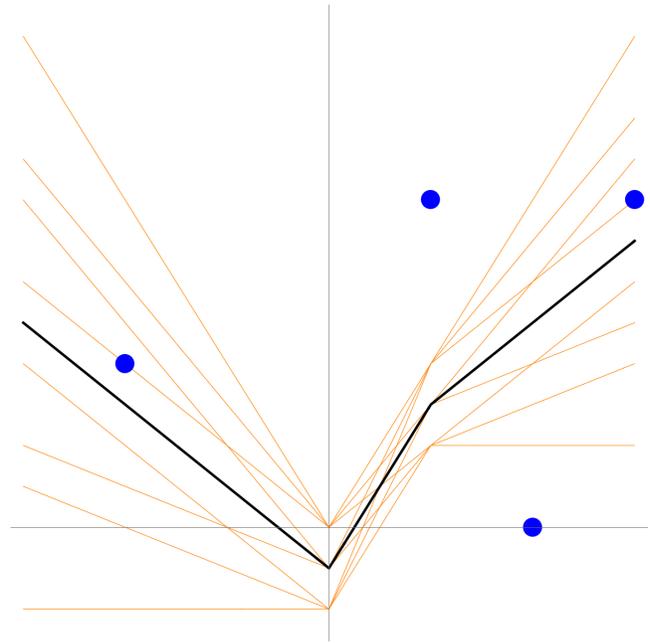
**Solution:**

Write the data as a system of equations $Ax = b$ with $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & -2 \\ 2 & -3 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $b = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

The rest is routine. We have $x = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b = [, -1]^T / 6$. A few check points: $(A^T A) = \begin{bmatrix} 18 & -14 \\ -14 & 14 \end{bmatrix}$. The inverse is $\begin{bmatrix} 14 & 14 \\ 14 & 18 \end{bmatrix} / 56$. $A^T b = [10, -7]^T$. The best fit is $y = (3/4)|x| - (1/4)|x - 1|$.

a) (2 points) Find the determinants of

$$A(2) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A(3) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

b) (2 points) Use Laplace expansion to get the determinant of

$$A(4) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

c) (2 points) Find the determinant of

$$
B = \begin{bmatrix}
5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
2 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 2 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 2 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 5 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 5
\end{bmatrix} .
$$

d) (2 points) Find the determinant of

$$
C = \begin{bmatrix}
5 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\
2 & 5 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\
2 & 2 & 5 & 2 & 2 \\
2 & 2 & 2 & 5 & 2 \\
2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 5
\end{bmatrix} .
$$

e) (2 points) Find the determinant of

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

**Solution:**
a) 21 and 85 (Direct computation or Laplace expansion)
b) 341 Laplace expansion
c) $5^6$ upper triangular
d) 1053 compute eigenvalues
e) $-30$ just one pattern and count upcrossings.

Problem 6) (10 points)

The recursion $x(t+1) = 5x(t) - 4x(t-1)$ can be written as $v(t+1) = Av(t)$.

a) (3 points) Fill in the $2 \times 2$ matrix $A$ to make this a recursion

$$
\begin{bmatrix}
x(t+1) \\
x(t)
\end{bmatrix}
=
\begin{bmatrix}
\cdot & \cdot \\
\cdot & \cdot
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
x(t) \\
x(t-1)
\end{bmatrix} .
$$

b) (3 points) Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of $A$.

c) (4 points) Write the initial condition $\vec{v}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} x(1) \\ x(0) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ as a combination of eigenvectors and use this to write down the **closed form solution** for $\vec{v}(t)$.

P.S. The recursion appearing here could have been useful to compute the determinants $A(n)$ in problem 5a) and 5b).

**Solution:**
The eigenvalues are 1 and 4. The eigenvectors are $[1,1]^T, [4,1]^T$. The initial condition is the sum. The closed form solution is $4^t[4,1]^T + [1,1]$.

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| Problem 7) (10 points) |
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The matrix

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

has the eigenbasis

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2} \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

a) (3 points) Find the eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$ of $A$.

b) (3 points) Find the eigenvalues $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3$ of the inverse

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

c) (2 points) What are the eigenvectors of $A^{-1}$?

d) (2 points) Check the boxes which lead to true identities "left expression = expression above":

|  | $\mathrm{tr}(A)$ | $\det(A)$ |
|---|---|---|
| $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3$ |  |  |
| $\lambda_1\lambda_2\lambda_3$ |  |  |

**Solution:**

a) Just compute for every eigenvector $v$, the expression $Av$. As we know this is a multiple of the eigenvalue, we can read of that factor. For example

$$
\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = (1+\sqrt{2}) \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}
$$

We see the eigenvalues are $1+\sqrt{2}, 1-\sqrt{2}, 1$.
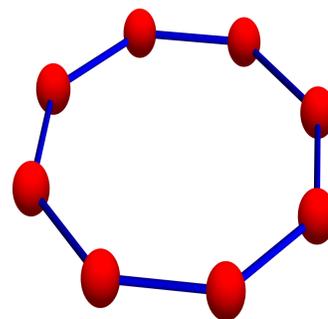
b) The eigenvectors of $A^{-1}$ are the same, the eigenvalues are $1/(1+\sqrt{2}), 1/(1-\sqrt{2}), 1$. c) The sum of the eigenvalues is the trace, the product of the eigenvalues is the determinant. In this case the sum is 3, the product is $-1$. In the inverse case, the sum is $-1$, the product is still $-1$.

**Remark:** There is some background story here. Here is a recent theorem in the geometry of finite sets (quantum geometry): *A simplicial complex $G$ is a finite set of $n$ non-empty sets closed under the process of taking non-empty finite subsets. Such a complex defines a $n \times n$ matrix (Laplacian), where $L(x,y) = 1$ if $x, y$ intersect and $L(x,y) = 0$ otherwise. The* **unimodularity theorem** *assures that $\det(L)$ is either $1$ or $-1$ so that the inverse (called Green function) $g = L^{-1}$ has integer entries. In this case, the complex $G$ is given by all nonempty subsets of $\{a, b\}$, so that $G = \{(a), (b), (ab)\}$ has $n = 3$ points. The set $(ab)$ is connected to all leading to the first row of the matrix having $1$. The others are only connected to themselves and $(a, b)$.*

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**Problem 8) (10 points)**

The Laplacian of the circular graph $C_8$ is

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



The matrix $B$ can be written as $2I - A - A^{-1}$, where $A$ is an orthogonal matrix.

a) (5 points) What are the eigenvalues of $B$?

b) (5 points) What are the eigenvectors of $B$?

**Solution:**
a) Write $B = 2 - A - A^{-1}$ where $A$ is a circular matrix with top row $[0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]$. The eigenvalues of $A$ are $\lambda_k = e^{2\pi i k/8}$ with $k = 0, 1, ..., 7$. The eigenvalues of $B$ are $\mu_k = 2 + \lambda_k + 1/\lambda_k$. b) The eigenvectors of $A$ are $v_k = [1, \lambda_k, \lambda_k^2, ..., \lambda_k^7]^T$.

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**Problem 9) (10 points)**

a) (4 points) Find the QR factorization of

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

b) (4 points) Find the QR factorization of

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

c) (2 points) Assume $A$ is an orthogonal $3 \times 3$ matrix. What is

$$P = A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T \ ?$$

**Solution:**
a) $A$ is already orthogonal so that $A = QR = AI$
b) $A$ is already upper triangular so that $A = QR = IA$
c) Simplify $A^T A = I$ and the use $AA^T = I$. The answer is $I$. Yes this is a projection formula. But in the case when $A$ is invertible, the projection formula gives the projection onto the entire space, which is the identity matrix.