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2.

1.(6pts) Find the eigenvalues of the matrix

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

- (a) 0, 2, 4      (b) 0, 0, 2      (c) 0, 1, 2      (d) 2, 2, 2      (e) 2, 4, 4

**Solution.** Computing the characteristic polynomial  $p(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I)$  yields via cofactor expansion along the first column  $(2 - \lambda)^3 - 4(2 - \lambda) = (2 - \lambda)((2 - \lambda)^2 - 4) = (2 - \lambda)(\lambda)(\lambda - 4)$ . Thus, the eigenvalues are 0, 2, 4.

2.(6pts) Let  $A, B, C$  be  $4 \times 4$  matrices with  $\det(A) = \frac{1}{5}$ ,  $\det(B) = 5$ , and  $\det(C) = 8$ . What is  $\det(2A^T B^2 C^{-1})$ ?

- (a) 10      (b)  $\frac{5}{4}$       (c)  $\frac{1}{4}$       (d) 124      (e) 620

**Solution.** We compute  $\det(2A^T B^2 C^{-1}) = 2^4 \det(A) \det(B)^2 \det(C)^{-1} = 2^4 \cdot \frac{1}{5} \cdot 5^2 \cdot \frac{1}{8} = 10$

3.

3.(6pts) Find the change-of-coordinates matrix  $P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}$  from  $\mathcal{B}$  to  $\mathcal{C}$  between the following bases of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :

$$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad \mathcal{C} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

(a)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$       (b)  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$       (c)  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$       (d)  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$       (e)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

**Solution.** We row reduce the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 6 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 9 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  to find the change-of-coordinates matrix to be  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

4.(6pts) The vector  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 + 3i \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  is a complex eigenvector of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -5 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ . What is the corresponding complex eigenvalue?

(a)  $4 + 3i$       (b)  $3 + 2i$       (c)  $3 - 4i$       (d)  $4 - 3i$       (e)  $3 - 2i$

**Solution.** By assumption,  $A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x}$ , and we want to find  $\lambda$ . We compute  $A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -13 + 9i \\ 8 + 6i \end{bmatrix}$ . Examining the second entry, we thus see that  $\lambda = 4 + 3i$ .

4.

5.(6pts) Which subsets of  $\mathbb{P}_3$  are linearly independent?

- I.  $\{1 + t, 1 - t, t - t^3, (1 - t)^2, 1 + 2t - t^2 + 5t^3\}$
- II.  $\{t^3, (t - 1)^2\}$
- III.  $\{(t - 1)^3, (t - 2)^3, (t - 3)^3, (t - 4)^3, (t - 5)^3\}$
- IV.  $\{1 + t + 3t^2, 1, 1 + 2t\}$

- (a) II and IV
- (b) II, III, and IV
- (c) all are linearly independent
- (d) I, II, and III
- (e) none are linearly independent

**Solution.** Both (I) and (III) have 5 vectors, so they are linearly dependent sets. On the other hand, we claim that (II) and (IV) are linearly independent. Indeed,  $t^3$  is not a scalar multiple of  $(t - 1)^2$ , which shows this for (II), and choosing standard coordinates  $\{1, t, t^2, t^3\}$  for  $\mathbb{P}_3$  we see that the matrix formed from the column vectors of (IV) is upper triangular with all nonzero diagonal entries, hence invertible.

6.(6pts) Let  $T : \mathbf{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2, T(x) = Ax$  with  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 4 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ . Which of the following bases  $\mathcal{B}$  for  $\mathbf{R}^2$  gives a diagonal  $\mathcal{B}$ -matrix  $[T]_{\mathcal{B}}$  for  $T$ ?

- (a)  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$
- (b)  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$
- (c)  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$
- (d)  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$
- (e)  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

**Solution.** A basis  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $[T]_{\mathcal{B}}$  is diagonal is given by the eigenvectors for  $A$ . We compute the eigenvalues to be 3 and 5, and then the corresponding eigenvectors to be  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

5.

7.(6pts) Find the determinant of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 11 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & -9 & 6 & 12 \\ 2 & -20 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) 18                      (b) 0                      (c) 25                      (d) -25                      (e) -18

**Solution.** Cofactor expansion along the second row shows the determinant to equal  $-3$  times the determinant of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 & 12 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Cofactor expansion along the second column then shows that determinant to equal 6 times  $3 - 4 = -1$ . We conclude the determinant to equal 18.

8.(6pts) Which of the following sets are subspaces of the indicated vector spaces?

- I. The set of all vectors of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} s+t \\ 2t \\ 3s \end{bmatrix}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$
- II. The set of all degree 2 polynomials  $p(t)$  (i.e., those of the form  $at^2 + bt + c$  with  $a \neq 0$ ), inside the vector space  $\mathbb{P}_2$  of polynomials with degree  $\leq 2$ .
- III. The set of all invertible  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $A$ , inside the vector space of  $2 \times 2$  matrices.
- IV. The set of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $A$  of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix}$ , inside the vector space  $M_{2 \times 2}$  of  $2 \times 2$  matrices.

- (a) I and IV are subspaces      (b) III and IV are subspaces      (c) I, II, and III are subspaces  
(d) All are subspaces              (e) II and IV are subspaces

**Solution.** (I) is given by the span of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , so is a subspace. (II) is not a subspace since it doesn't contain the zero vector, which is the zero polynomial. (III) is not a subspace since it doesn't contain the zero vector, which is the  $2 \times 2$  matrix with all zeroes as entries. (IV) is a subspace as one may check it is closed under vector addition and scalar multiplication.

6.

9.(6pts) Let  $\mathbb{P}_2$  be the vector space of degree  $\leq 2$  polynomials. Which of the following linear transformations  $T : \mathbb{P}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  are both one-to-one and onto? Select the answer that corresponds to *all* valid choices.

$$\text{I. } T(p(t)) = \begin{bmatrix} p(1) \\ p(2) \\ p(3) \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\text{II. } T(p(t)) = \begin{bmatrix} p(1) \\ p'(1) \\ p''(1) \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\text{III. } T(p(t)) = \begin{bmatrix} p'(1) \\ p'(2) \\ p'(3) \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\text{IV. } T(p(t)) = \begin{bmatrix} p(0) \\ p'(0) \\ p''(0) \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) I, II, and IV only                      (b) None                      (c) I, II, and III only  
(d) All                      (e) III and IV only

**Solution.** We see that (III) is not one-to-one since  $T(1)$  is the zero vector. This rules out all options except for ‘None’ and ‘I, II, and IV only’. On the other hand, (IV) is one-to-one and onto, since if we use the standard basis  $\{1, t, t^2\}$  of  $\mathbb{P}_2$  to write the linear transformation

$T$  as a matrix  $A$ , we get  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , which is invertible. Thus, the answer must be ‘I, II, and IV only’.

We could also check (I) and (II) work via the same method.

10.(6pts) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix,  $n > 1$ . Which of the following statements is *false*?

- (a) If  $A$  is diagonalizable, then  $A$  has  $n$  distinct eigenvalues.  
(b) If  $A$  has  $n$  distinct eigenvalues, then  $A$  is diagonalizable.  
(c) If 0 is an eigenvalue of  $A$ , then  $A$  is not invertible.  
(d) If  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ , then  $\text{Nul}(A - \lambda I)$  has dimension not equal to 0.  
(e) If  $A$  is diagonalizable, then  $\mathbb{R}^n$  has a basis comprised of eigenvectors for  $A$ .

**Solution.** The identity matrix is diagonalizable, but its eigenvalues are all equal to one, hence the statement ‘If  $A$  is diagonalizable, then  $A$  has  $n$  distinct eigenvalues.’ is false.

7.

11.(14pts) The eigenvalues of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  are 2 and  $-2$ .

(i) Find a basis for the eigenspace of  $A$  corresponding to the eigenvalue 2.

(ii) Find a basis for the eigenspace of  $A$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $-2$ .

(iii) Give a diagonal matrix  $D$  and an invertible matrix  $P$  such that  $A = PDP^{-1}$ , or if none exists, explain why. (Note: you do not need to compute  $P^{-1}$ .)

**Solution.** For the 2-eigenspace, we have a basis given by the vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

For the  $-2$ -eigenspace, we have a basis given by the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Thus, for (iii) one possible

option is given by  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $P = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

12.(14pts) Let  $\mathbb{P}_2$  be the vector space of degree  $\leq 2$  polynomials, and consider the two bases

$$\mathcal{B} = \{1, t, -2 + t^2\}, \quad \mathcal{C} = \{1 - 2t + t^2, t^2, 1 + 2t + t^2\}.$$

(i) Let  $p(t) = 2 - t + t^2$ . Find the  $\mathcal{B}$ -coordinate vector  $[p(t)]_{\mathcal{B}}$  of  $p(t)$ .

(ii) Find the change-of-coordinates matrix  $P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}$  from  $\mathcal{B}$  to  $\mathcal{C}$ , that transforms  $\mathcal{B}$ -coordinates into  $\mathcal{C}$ -coordinates.

(iii) Find the  $\mathcal{C}$ -coordinate vector  $[p(t)]_{\mathcal{C}}$  of  $p(t) = 2 - t + t^2$ .

**Solution.** We may express both bases relative to the standard basis  $\{1, t, t^2\}$  of  $\mathbb{P}_2$  in

order to compute. We thus row reduce the  $3 \times 6$ -matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -2 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  to get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 & -1/4 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/2 & 1/4 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ so } P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & -1/4 & -1/2 \\ -1 & 0 & 3 \\ 1/2 & 1/4 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

For (i) solve:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and for

(iii) solve  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  or multiply  $P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}$  with the vector obtained in (ii).



8.

**13.**(12pts) Let 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 15 & 5 & 0 & 15 \\ 6 & 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 9 & 6 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

(i) Compute the determinant of  $A$ .

(ii) Suppose  $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}$  is a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  such that  $Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Use *Cramer's rule* to find  $x_1$ .

**Solution.** For (i), cofactor expansion along the third column shows that  $\det(A)$  equals

the determinant of the  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 15 & 5 & 15 \\ 6 & 2 & 4 \\ 9 & 6 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Factoring out 5 from the first row, 2

from the second row, and 3 from the third row shows that the determinant is then 30 times

the determinant of  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Replacement operations reduce this matrix to  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

which cofactor expansion along the first column shows has determinant 3. We deduce that

$\det(A) = 90$ . For (ii), let  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 5 & 0 & 15 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 4 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 6 & 6 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . By similar methods to (i), we compute

$\det(B) = -60$ . Cramer's rule then shows that  $x_1 = -60/90 = -1/3$ .