

Key Problems

Problem 1.

Find all eigenvalues of A , and a base for the eigenspace E_λ for each eigenvalue λ :

$$\text{a) } A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 7 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{b) } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{c) } A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{d) } A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{e) } A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{f) } A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Problem 2.

Determine whether the matrix A is diagonalizable, and find an invertible matrix P and a diagonal matrix D such that $P^{-1}AP = D$ when this is possible:

$$\text{a) } A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 7 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{b) } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Problem 3.

Find the eigenvalues of A , and show that A is diagonalizable:

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

Problems from the Workbook

Workbook [W]	4.1 - 4.12 (full solutions in the workbook)
	4.13 - 4.15 (optional, harder problems)
Exam problems	Midterm exam 10/2017 Question 1-5

Answers to Key Problems

Problem 1.

- a) Eigenvalues $\lambda_1 = -4$, $\lambda_2 = 10$ and eigenvectors $E_{-4} = \text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1)$ and $E_{10} = \text{span}(\mathbf{v}_2)$, where $\mathbf{v}_1 = (-1 \ 1)^T$ and $\mathbf{v}_2 = (1 \ 1)^T$
- b) Eigenvalues $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 2$ and eigenvectors $E_2 = \text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1)$, where $\mathbf{v}_1 = (1 \ 1)^T$
- c) No eigenvalues or eigenvectors
- d) Eigenvalues $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 5$, $\lambda_3 = 3$ and eigenvectors $E_5 = \text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2)$ and $E_3 = \text{span}(\mathbf{v}_3)$, where $\mathbf{v}_1 = (0 \ 1 \ 0)^T$, $\mathbf{v}_2 = (1 \ 0 \ 1)^T$ and $\mathbf{v}_3 = (-1 \ 0 \ 1)^T$
- e) Eigenvalues $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 1$, $\lambda_3 = 4$ and eigenvectors $E_1 = \text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2)$ and $E_3 = \text{span}(\mathbf{v}_3)$, where $\mathbf{v}_1 = (-1 \ 1 \ 0)^T$, $\mathbf{v}_2 = (-1 \ 0 \ 1)^T$ and $\mathbf{v}_3 = (1 \ 1 \ 1)^T$
- f) Eigenvalues $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 2$ and eigenvectors $E_2 = \text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1)$, where $\mathbf{v}_1 = (1 \ 0 \ 0)^T$

Problem 2.

- a) Yes, with $P = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $D = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$
- b) No
- c) No
- d) Yes, with $P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $D = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$
- e) Yes, with $P = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$
- f) No

Problem 3.

The eigenvalues of A are $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0$ and $\lambda_3 = \lambda_4 = 2$.