

Practice Midterm 2

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Problem 1

Decide if the following statements are *always true* or *sometimes false*. JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWER.

- a) Every orthogonal set is a linearly independent set.
- b) Two diagonalizable matrices A and B are similar if they have the same eigenvalues, counting multiplicities.
- c) If A^3 is diagonalizable, then A is diagonalizable as well.
- d) If A^3 is diagonalizable, then there exists diagonalizable B such that $A^3 = B^3$.
- e) Let A be a $n \times n$ matrix. If the sum of entries in a column is zero for each column, then 0 is an eigenvalue of A .
- f) Suppose $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$ are vectors in \mathbb{R}^n . If $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ is an orthonormal set, then it is a basis for \mathbb{R}^n .
- g) If A and B are $n \times n$ invertible matrices, then AB is similar to BA .

Problem 2

Define a linear transformation T from \mathbb{P}_2 to \mathbb{P}_2 as follows.

$$T(p(t)) = 3p(t) - tp'(t).$$

a) Let \mathcal{E} be the standard basis for \mathbb{P}_2 . Find the \mathcal{E} -matrix for T .

b) Is it possible to find a basis \mathcal{B} for \mathbb{P}_2 such that

$$[T]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} ?$$

Problem 3

Let A be

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 & -4 \\ 2 & 1 & -4 \\ -2 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

whose characteristic polynomial $\chi_A(\lambda)$ is $-(\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 3)(\lambda - 5)$.

- a) Find 3 linearly independent eigenvectors and, using them, find a diagonal matrix D and an invertible matrix P such that

$$P^{-1}AP = D.$$

- b) Find all possible D 's. For each D , find one corresponding invertible matrix P such that $P^{-1}AP = D$.

Problem 4

- 1) Let T be a linear transformation from V to W . For bases \mathcal{B} of V and \mathcal{C} of W , let the matrix for T relative to \mathcal{B} and \mathcal{C} be

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Which of the following matrices could be a matrix for T (possibly, choosing different \mathcal{B}' and \mathcal{C}' from \mathcal{B} and \mathcal{C})?

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

- 2) Which of the following matrices are similar to

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}?$$

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

- 3) Which of the following sets are orthogonal?

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

d) $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ e) $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -1 \\ -11 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

Problem 5

Consider

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Note that they are orthogonal to each other and let W be the span of $\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\}$.

a) Define a linear transformation T from \mathbb{R}^4 to \mathbb{R}^4 as the orthogonal projection

$$T(\mathbf{x}) = \text{proj}_W(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{x}}{3} \mathbf{u} + \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{x}}{3} \mathbf{v}.$$

Let's denote the \mathcal{E} -matrix of T by $[T]$. (\mathcal{E} is the standard basis for \mathbb{R}^4 .) Find eigenvalues of $[T]$.

b) Is the matrix $[T]$ diagonalizable?

Problem 6¹

Let W be a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n . Given an orthogonal basis $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_m\}$ for W , recall that the formula of the orthogonal projection of $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ onto W is given by

$$\frac{\mathbf{b}_1 \cdot v}{\mathbf{b}_1 \cdot \mathbf{b}_1} \mathbf{b}_1 + \dots + \frac{\mathbf{b}_m \cdot v}{\mathbf{b}_m \cdot \mathbf{b}_m} \mathbf{b}_m.$$

Let's denote this by $\text{proj}_{W, \mathcal{B}}(v)$.²

a) Show that $v - \text{proj}_{W, \mathcal{B}}(v)$ is orthogonal to $\text{proj}_{W, \mathcal{B}}(v)$. Also, prove that $v - \text{proj}_{W, \mathcal{B}}(v) \in W^\perp$.³

¹This problem is designed to prove that the formula for the orthogonal projection,

$$\frac{\mathbf{b}_1 \cdot v}{\mathbf{b}_1 \cdot \mathbf{b}_1} \mathbf{b}_1 + \dots + \frac{\mathbf{b}_m \cdot v}{\mathbf{b}_m \cdot \mathbf{b}_m} \mathbf{b}_m,$$

is independent of the choice of an orthogonal basis $\{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \dots, \mathbf{b}_m\}$ for W .

²I intentionally put \mathcal{B} to emphasize that this is the projection using the basis \mathcal{B} .

³Hint. Use the linearity property of an inner product $\cdot \cdot \cdot$ and the definition of *orthogonality*. In order to prove $v - \text{proj}_{W, \mathcal{B}}(v) \in W^\perp$, you only need to show that $v - \text{proj}_{W, \mathcal{B}}(v)$ is orthogonal to $\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \dots, \mathbf{b}_m$.

b) Let $\mathcal{C} = \{c_1, \dots, c_m\}$ be another orthogonal basis for W .⁴ Prove that⁵

$$\text{proj}_{W,\mathcal{B}}(v) - \text{proj}_{W,\mathcal{C}}(v) \in W^\perp.$$

c) Assume that there is no nonzero vector v such that $v \in W$ and $v \in W^\perp$ at the same time, without a proof. Using this fact, prove that

$$\text{proj}_{W,\mathcal{B}}(v) - \text{proj}_{W,\mathcal{C}}(v) = 0$$

Therefore,

$$\text{proj}_{W,\mathcal{B}}(v) = \text{proj}_{W,\mathcal{C}}(v).$$

So, we can conclude that the formula of the orthogonal projection does not depend on the choice of an orthogonal basis.

Remark. Why does $v \in W$ and $v \in W^\perp$ at the same time imply $v = 0$?

If then, $v \cdot v = 0$ because $v \in W$ and $v \in W^\perp$. However, $\|v\|^2 = 0$ implies $v = 0$.

⁴From a), we have $v - \text{proj}_{W,\mathcal{C}}(v) \in W^\perp$.

⁵Hint. W^\perp is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n (you can use this fact without a proof) so that W^\perp is closed under addition and scalar multiplication.