

Problem 1 (20 points). Find a basis for each eigenspace of the matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_A(\lambda) &= |A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -\lambda & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (3-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ -1 & -1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} + 3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -\lambda \\ -1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (3-\lambda)(\lambda^2 + \lambda + 1) - (-1 - \lambda + 1) + 3(-1 - \lambda) \\ &= -\lambda^3 + 2\lambda^2 \\ &= \lambda^2(2-\lambda) \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\lambda=0} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[\substack{-3R_2+R_1 \\ R_2+R_3}]{} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} z &= t \\ y &= 0 \\ x &= -t \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{basis: } \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\boxed{\lambda=2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[\substack{-R_1+R_2 \\ R_1+R_3}]{} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -3 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 7/3 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} z &= t \\ y &= -\frac{2}{3}t \\ x &= -\frac{7}{3}t \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{basis: } \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -7/3 \\ -2/3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \text{ or } \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Problem 2 (20 points). Consider the matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 4 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$.

Find an invertible matrix P and a diagonal matrix D such that $A = PDP^{-1}$, or else show that no such matrices exist.

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_A(\lambda) &= |A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & -1 & 1 \\ 4 & -3-\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (2-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & -1 \\ 4 & -3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (2-\lambda)((2-\lambda)(-3-\lambda) + 4) \\ &= (2-\lambda)(\lambda^2 + \lambda - 2) \\ &= (2-\lambda)(\lambda+2)(\lambda-1) \end{aligned}$$

$\lambda = 1:$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 4 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} z=0 \\ y=t \\ x=t \end{array} \quad \text{basis: } \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$\lambda = 2:$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 4 & -5 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} z=t \\ y=t \\ x=t \end{array} \quad \text{basis: } \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$\lambda = -2:$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 & 1 \\ 4 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} z=0 \\ y=t \\ x=t/4 \end{array} \quad \text{basis: } \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Problem 3 (20 points). Solve the initial value problem:

$$\mathbf{X}'(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{X}(t), \quad \mathbf{X}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\chi_p(\lambda) = (1-\lambda)(2-\lambda)(-1-\lambda)$$

$$\lambda = 1: \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} z=0 \\ y=t \\ x=-t \end{matrix} \quad \text{basis: } \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\lambda = -1: \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} z=t \\ y=0 \\ x=0 \end{matrix} \quad \text{basis: } \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\lambda = 2: \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} z=t \\ y=3t \\ x=0 \end{matrix} \quad \text{basis: } \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{x}(t) = c_1 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} e^t + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-t} + c_3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{2t}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} -c_1 \\ c_1 + 3c_3 \\ c_2 + c_3 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} c_1 = -2 \\ c_3 = 1 \\ c_2 = 3 \end{matrix}$$

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} e^t + 3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-t} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{2t} = \begin{pmatrix} 2e^t \\ -2e^t + 3e^{2t} \\ 3e^{-t} + e^{2t} \end{pmatrix}$$

Problem 4 (20 points). Find the general solution to the following system of differential equations:

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= x + y \\y' &= -x + y\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_P \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\chi_p(\lambda) = \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 1 \\ -1 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (1-\lambda)^2 + 1 = \lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 2$$

$$\lambda = 1 \pm i$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} -i & 1 \\ -1 & -i \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -i & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} y = t \\ x = -it \end{array}$$

$$\text{basis: } \begin{pmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + i \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{X}_0(t) = \begin{pmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{(1+i)t} = \begin{pmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^t (\cos t + i \sin t)$$

Taking real & imaginary parts gives:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^t \cos t + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} e^t \sin t$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^t \sin t - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} e^t \cos t$$

$$\therefore \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 e^t \sin t - c_2 e^t \cos t \\ c_1 e^t \cos t + c_2 e^t \sin t \end{pmatrix}$$

Problem 5 (20 points). Consider the second order system of differential equations:

$$\begin{aligned}x'' &= 2x + y \\y'' &= 2x + 3y\end{aligned}$$

a) Convert this into a first order system of differential equations.

b) Find a non-trivial solution to the above system. You do not need to find the general solution, any solution other than $x(t) = 0, y(t) = 0$ will be acceptable.

a)

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 &= x \\x_2 &= x' \\x_3 &= y \\x_4 &= y'\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \begin{cases} x_1' = x_2 \\ x_2' = 2x_1 + x_3 \\ x_3' = x_4 \\ x_4' = 2x_1 + 3x_3 \end{cases} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{pmatrix} x_1' \\ x_2' \\ x_3' \\ x_4' \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_P \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

b):

$$\chi_p(\lambda) = \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -\lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\lambda & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = -\lambda \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \lambda^2 \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ 3 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ 3 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \lambda^2(\lambda^2 - 3) - 2(\lambda^2 - 3) + (-2)$$

$$= \lambda^4 - 5\lambda^2 + 4 = (\lambda^2 - 4)(\lambda^2 - 1)$$

$$= (\lambda - 4)(\lambda + 4)(\lambda - 1)(\lambda + 1)$$

$$\lambda = 1: \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{aligned} z &= t \\ y &= t \\ x &= -t \\ w &= -t \end{aligned} \quad \text{basis: } \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

\therefore A solution is given by

$$\begin{cases} x(t) = -e^t \\ y(t) = e^t \end{cases}$$