

**MATH V2020 PROBLEM SET 6**  
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Problem 6 corrected in this version. Malapropism in statement of 2(a) corrected (eigenvalue vs. eigenvector).

(1) Use Cramer's rule to compute the inverse of:

(a)  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ .

(b)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(2) Eigenspaces...

(a) Let  $F: V \rightarrow V$  be linear. Prove that if  $v$  is an eigenvector of  $F$  of eigenvalue  $\lambda$  and  $a \in \mathbb{F}$ ,  $a \neq 0$  then  $(av)$  is also an eigenvector of  $F$  of eigenvalue  $\lambda$ . (The proof should be short and needs few words.)

(b) Let  $F: V \rightarrow V$  be linear, and  $v, w$  eigenvectors of  $F$  of eigenvalue  $\lambda$ . Prove that  $v + w$  is an eigenvector of  $F$  of eigenvalue  $\lambda$ . (Similarly short and terse.)

(c) It is *not* true that if  $v$  and  $w$  are eigenvectors with different eigenvalues then  $v + w$  is an eigenvector. Give an example illustrating this. (Optional: prove that if  $v$  and  $w$  are eigenvectors with different eigenvalues then  $v + w$  is *not* an eigenvector.)

(3) Find the eigenvalues of the following matrices. Find an eigenvector corresponding to each eigenvalue.

(a)  $\begin{pmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

(b)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

(4) The numbers in problems (3) and (5) were chosen so that the eigenvalues you found were integers. How did (or could) I do this? (Note: this is more of a pain than finding matrices which row-reduce nicely.)

(5) Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -12 & 22 \\ -11 & 21 \end{pmatrix}$ . Compute  $A^{100}$  *by hand*, to ten significant digits.

(6) Recall that the *Fibonacci numbers* are defined by:  $F_0 = 0$ ,  $F_1 = 1$  and for  $n > 1$ ,  $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$ . So, the first few Fibonacci numbers are 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55.

(a) Let

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

Prove that the entries of  $A^n$  are

$$\begin{pmatrix} F_{n-1} & F_n \\ F_n & F_{n+1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

(Hint: you want to use induction. Prove the result is true for  $n = 1$  (trivial). Then, prove that if it holds for  $n$  then it holds for  $n + 1$ .)

- (b) Find the eigenvalues of  $A$ . Find an eigenvector corresponding to each eigenvalue. (This computation is a bit annoying.)
- (c) Find a matrix  $P$  so that  $P^{-1}AP$  is diagonal.
- (d) Use part 6c to compute  $A^n$ . This gives you another formula for  $F_n$ . What is it? (Again, a slightly annoying computation.)
- (e) What is  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{n+1}/F_n$ ?

(7) Prove that there is no invertible matrix  $P$  so that  $P^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} P$  is diagonal.

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