

## Mock final Solutions

1.

(a)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ -1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$

$A$  is not symmetric  $\Rightarrow A$  is not orthogonally diagonalizable.

Eigenvalues:  $\text{charpoly}(A) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 4-\lambda & 4 \\ -1 & 5-\lambda \end{pmatrix} = (4-\lambda)(5-\lambda) + 4 = \lambda^2 - 9\lambda + 24$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{81 \pm \sqrt{81-4 \cdot 24}}{2}$$

Since  $81-4 \cdot 24 < 0$ ,  $A$  has no real eigenvalues  $\Rightarrow A$  is not diagonalizable.

(b)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \\ -3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$A$  is not symmetric  $\Rightarrow A$  is not orthogonally diagonalizable.

Eigenvalues:  $\text{charpoly}(A) = \det(A - \lambda I_4) = \det \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda & 2 & & \\ -2 & -\lambda & & \\ & & -\lambda & 3 \\ & & -3 & -\lambda \end{pmatrix}$

$$= (\lambda^2 + 4)(\lambda^2 + 9)$$

$\hookrightarrow$  This has no real roots  $\Rightarrow A$  is not diagonalizable.

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

$A$  is not symmetric  $\Rightarrow A$  is not orthogonally diagonalizable.

Eigenvalues:  $\text{charpoly}(A) = \det \begin{pmatrix} -2-\lambda & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1-\lambda & -2 \\ 2 & 2 & -3-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$

$$= (-2-\lambda) \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} 1-\lambda & -2 \\ 2 & -3-\lambda \end{pmatrix} + \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 2 & -3-\lambda \end{pmatrix} + \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1-\lambda \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= (-2-\lambda) \cdot \left( (1-\lambda)(-3-\lambda) + 4 \right) + \left( 2 \cdot (-3-\lambda) - 2 \cdot (-2) \right) + (4 - 2 \cdot (1-\lambda))$$

$$= (-2-\lambda) \cdot \underbrace{(\lambda^2 + 2\lambda - 3 + 4)}_{\lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 1} + (-6 - 2\lambda + 4) + (4 - 2 + 2\lambda)$$

$$= -\lambda^3 - 2\lambda^2 - \lambda - 2\lambda^2 - 4\lambda - 2 - 2\lambda - 2 + 2 + 2\lambda$$

$$= -\lambda^3 - 4\lambda^2 - 5\lambda - 2 \quad (*)$$

Observe:  $\lambda = -2$  is a solution:  $+2^3 - 4 \cdot 2^2 + 5 \cdot 2 - 2 = 8 - 16 + 10 - 2 = 0$ .

So let's divide by  $(\lambda+2)$ . Now  $-\lambda^3 - 4\lambda^2 - 5\lambda - 2 = (\lambda+2)(-\lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 4)$   
 roots:  $-1$  (algebraic multiplicity 2)

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

So the eigenvalues are  $-2$  and  $-1$ .

To see whether  $A$  is diagonalizable, we need to see if  $g_{-1} = 2$ .

Now  $g_{-2} = \dim(E_{-2})$ , and  $E_{-2} = \text{Ker}(A + 2I_3) = \text{Ker} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & -2 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

(clearly this matrix has rank 2,  
 so  $g_{-2} = 3 - 2 = 1$ )

Since  $g_{-1} = 1 < 2 = g_{-2}$ ,  $A$  is not diagonalizable.

$$(d) \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Since  $A$  is symmetric, it is orthogonally diagonalizable.

$$\text{Eigenvalues: char poly}(A) = \det \begin{pmatrix} -2-\lambda & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1-\lambda & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -2-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= (-2-\lambda) \cdot ((1-\lambda)(-2-\lambda) - 4) - 2 \cdot (2 \cdot (-2-\lambda) - 2) + (2 \cdot 2 - (1-\lambda))$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (-2-\lambda) \cdot (\lambda^2 + \lambda - 6) - 2 \cdot (-2\lambda - 6) + (3+\lambda) \\
 &= -\lambda^3 - \lambda^2 + 6\lambda - 2\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 12 + 4\lambda + 12 + 3 + \lambda \\
 &= -\lambda^3 - 3\lambda^2 + 9\lambda + 27 \quad (*)
 \end{aligned}$$

Observe:  $\lambda = 3$  is a solution:  $-3^3 - 3 \cdot 3^2 + 9 \cdot 3 + 27$

Next, divide by  $\lambda - 3$ :  $-\lambda^3 - 3\lambda^2 + 9\lambda + 27 = (\lambda - 3) \cdot (-\lambda^2 - 6\lambda - 9)$   
 $\downarrow$   
roots:  $\lambda = -3$

So the eigenvalues are 3 and -3 (algebraic multiplicity 2)

Eigenspaces:

$$E_3 = \text{Ker}(A - 3I_3) = \text{Ker} \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} -5 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & -5 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\text{I} \leftrightarrow \text{II}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -5 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 2 & 0 \\ -5 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\text{II} \rightarrow \text{II} - 2\text{I}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & -6 & 12 & 0 \\ -5 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{II} \rightarrow \frac{1}{6}\text{II}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 12 & -24 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\text{III} \rightarrow \text{III} - 12\text{I}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\text{I} \rightarrow \text{I} - 2\text{II}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \text{ Let } t$$

$$\Rightarrow E_3 = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2t \\ t \end{pmatrix} : t \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \rightarrow \text{Orthonormal basis: } \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$E_{-3} = \text{Ker} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\text{I} \rightarrow \text{I} - 2\text{II}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\text{III} \rightarrow \text{III} - \text{I}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow E_{-3} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -2t-s \\ t \\ s \end{pmatrix} : t, s \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \\
 \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\
 t \quad s$$

$$= \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Now we find an orthonormal basis of  $E_{-3}$ . Let  $u_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\text{If } w = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad w^\perp = w - (w \cdot u_2) \cdot u_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1/\sqrt{5} \\ -2/\sqrt{5} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Finally } u_3 = \frac{w^\perp}{\|w^\perp\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{5} & -2/\sqrt{5} & -1/\sqrt{30} \\ 2/\sqrt{5} & 1/\sqrt{5} & -2/\sqrt{30} \\ 1/\sqrt{5} & 0 & 5/\sqrt{30} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{5} & 3/\sqrt{5} & 1/\sqrt{5} \\ -2/\sqrt{5} & 1/\sqrt{5} & 0 \\ -1/\sqrt{30} & -2/\sqrt{30} & 5/\sqrt{30} \end{pmatrix}$$

2. (a) Note that  $S = \text{Ker}(2 \ 1 \ -1)$ , so  $S$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Since  $(2 \ 1 \ -1)$  has rank 1, by rank-nullity,  $\dim(\text{Ker}(2 \ 1 \ -1)) = 2$ .

(b) let us find an orthonormal basis of  $S$ .

Now, a basis for  $S$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  ( $\dim(S)=2$  and these are l.i.)

$$\text{Gram-Schmidt: } u_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad v_2^\perp = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2/\sqrt{5} \\ 1 \\ 1/\sqrt{5} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow u_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4+2\sqrt{5}}} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ \sqrt{5} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ \sqrt{5} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

let  $Q = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{5} & -2/\sqrt{30} \\ 0 & 5/\sqrt{30} \\ 2/\sqrt{5} & 1/\sqrt{30} \end{pmatrix}$  The matrix of proj's is

$$QQ^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{5} & -2/\sqrt{30} \\ 0 & 5/\sqrt{30} \\ 2/\sqrt{5} & 1/\sqrt{30} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{5} & 0 & 2/\sqrt{5} \\ -2/\sqrt{30} & 5/\sqrt{30} & 1/\sqrt{30} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{5} + 4/\sqrt{30} & -10/\sqrt{30} & 2/\sqrt{5} - 2/\sqrt{30} \\ -10/\sqrt{30} & 25/\sqrt{30} & 5/\sqrt{30} \\ 2/\sqrt{5} - 2/\sqrt{30} & 5/\sqrt{30} & 4/\sqrt{5} + 1/\sqrt{30} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 2/3 & -1/3 & 1/3 \\ -1/3 & 5/6 & 1/6 \\ 1/3 & 1/6 & 5/6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(c) \quad v'' = QQ^T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/3 - 2/3 + 3/3 \\ -1/3 + 10/6 + 3/6 \\ 1/3 + 2/6 + 15/6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2/3 \\ 11/6 \\ 19/6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$v^+ = v - v'' = \begin{pmatrix} 1/3 \\ 1/6 \\ -1/6 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$3. \quad \text{char poly}(A) = \det \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda & -1 \\ 1 & a-\lambda \end{pmatrix} = \lambda^2 - a\lambda + 1$$

Roots:  $\lambda = \frac{a \pm \sqrt{a^2-4}}{2}$ . This is a single value if and only if  $a^2-4=0$ , iff  $a=\pm 2$ .

If  $a=2$ ,  $\lambda = 1$ , and  $E_1 = \text{Ker} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , so  $g_1 = 1 < 2 = a_1$ ,  
so  $A$  is not diagonalizable

If  $a=-2$ ,  $\lambda = -1$ , and  $E_{-1} = \text{Ker} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ , so  $g_{-1} = 1 < 2 = a_{-1}$   
so  $A$  is not diagonalizable

4. (a):  $T: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  Indeed,  $\text{Ker}(T) = \{0\}$  but  $\text{Im}(T) = \text{Span} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \neq \mathbb{R}^2$ .  
 $x \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

(b):  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ , by Exercise 2.

(c)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , since  $\text{char poly}(A) = \lambda^2 + 1$ . This has two distinct

eigenvalues over  $\mathbb{C}$ , so it is diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{C}$ , but the eigenvalues are complex,

so  $A$  is not diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

$$(d) A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \\ & & & 0 \\ & & & 0 \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Indeed,  $\text{Ker}(A) = \text{Span}(e_5, e_6, e_7) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^7$   
 $\text{Im}(A) = \text{Span}(e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^4$

(e) Consider the nonorthogonal vectors  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , and take  $A$  such that  $A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $A \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = A \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

So the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  works.

5. (a) False:  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is orthogonal but not symmetric.

(b) True: recall that  $\sum a_\lambda \leq \text{degree of charpoly}(A) = n$ , and  $g_\lambda \leq a_\lambda$  for all  $\lambda$ , so  $\sum g_\lambda \leq \sum a_\lambda = n$ .

(c) True: since  $v \in S$ ,  $\text{proj}_S(v) = v$

$$v \in S^\perp, \text{proj}_S(v) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow v = 0.$$

(d) True: let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ v_1 & \dots & v_n \\ | & & | \\ v_n & & v_n \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $A^T A = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \cdot v_1 & v_1 \cdot v_2 & \dots & v_1 \cdot v_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ v_n \cdot v_1 & v_n \cdot v_2 & \dots & v_n \cdot v_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \|v_1\|^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \|v_n\|^2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(e): True: the Jordan normal form of  $A$  is either

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & & \\ & 1 & 1 & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & & \\ & 1 & 1 & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & & \\ & 1 & 1 & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ or } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & & \\ & 1 & 1 & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

In each case,  $A - I_4 = S^{-1}JS - I_4 = S^{-1}(J - I)S$ , so

$$(A - I)^4 = S^{-1}(J - I)^4 S$$

$$\underbrace{\text{zero in every case}}_{\text{zero in every case}}: \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & \\ 0 & 1 & & \\ 0 & & 0 & \\ 0 & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}^4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & & \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \\ 0 & & 0 & \\ 0 & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}^4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & & \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \\ 0 & & 0 & \\ 0 & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}^4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & & \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \\ 0 & & 0 & \\ 0 & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}^4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & \\ 0 & & & \\ 0 & & & \\ 0 & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

6. Since  $V^T$  is invertible, using the hint,  $\text{Im}(A) = \text{Im}(U\Sigma)$ . Now

$$\text{Im}\left(U\begin{pmatrix} D & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \text{Span}(\text{first } r \text{ columns of } U) = \text{Span}(u_1, \dots, u_r).$$

Now obviously  $u_1, \dots, u_r$  form an orthonormal basis of  $\text{Im}(A)$ , since they are orthonormal and they span  $\text{Im}(A)$ .

$$\text{Next, } \text{Ker}(A^T) = \{v \in \mathbb{R}^n : A^T v = 0\}$$

$$= \{v \in \mathbb{R}^n : \sum U^T v = 0\}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{SVD}} = \{v \in \mathbb{R}^n : \sum U^T v \in \text{Ker}(V)\}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{Ker}(V) = \{0\}} = \{v \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ s.t. } \sum U^T v = 0\}$$

$$= \{v \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ s.t. } \begin{array}{l} \lambda_1(u_1 \cdot v) = 0 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_r(u_r \cdot v) = 0 \end{array}\}$$

$$= \{v \in \mathbb{R}^n : \text{first } r \text{ columns of } U \text{ are orthogonal to } v\}$$

$$= \text{Span}(u_1, \dots, u_r)^\perp$$

Clearly,  $u_{r+1}, \dots, u_n$  form an orthonormal basis of this subspace.