

5.1 Exercises

- Is $\lambda = 2$ an eigenvalue of $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$? Why or why not?
- Is $\lambda = -2$ an eigenvalue of $\begin{bmatrix} 7 & 3 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$? Why or why not?
- Is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ an eigenvector of $\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ -3 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$? If so, find the eigenvalue.
- Is $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ an eigenvector of $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$? If so, find the eigenvalue.
- Is $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ an eigenvector of $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7 & 9 \\ -4 & -5 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$? If so, find the eigenvalue.
- Is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ an eigenvector of $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & 7 \\ 3 & 2 & 7 \\ 5 & 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$? If so, find the eigenvalue.
- Is $\lambda = 4$ an eigenvalue of $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \\ -3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$? If so, find one corresponding eigenvector.
- Is $\lambda = 3$ an eigenvalue of $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$? If so, find one corresponding eigenvector.

In Exercises 9–16, find a basis for the eigenspace corresponding to each listed eigenvalue.

- $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\lambda = 1, 5$
- $A = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & -9 \\ 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$, $\lambda = 4$
- $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -3 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$, $\lambda = 10$
- $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$, $\lambda = -2, 5$
- $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\lambda = 1, 2, 3$
- $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 3 \\ -1 & 3 & 3 \\ 6 & 6 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$, $\lambda = -4$
- $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & -3 \\ 2 & 4 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$, $\lambda = 3$

$$16. A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \lambda = 4$$

Find the eigenvalues of the matrices in Exercises 17 and 18.

$$17. \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad 18. \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- For $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$, find one eigenvalue, with no calculation. Justify your answer.
- Without calculation, find one eigenvalue and two linearly independent eigenvectors of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -5 & 5 \\ 5 & -5 & 5 \\ 5 & -5 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$. Justify your answer.

In Exercises 21–30, A is an $n \times n$ matrix. Mark each statement True or False (T/F). Justify each answer.

- (T/F) If $A\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$ for some vector \mathbf{x} , then λ is an eigenvalue of A .
- (T/F) If $A\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$ for some scalar λ , then \mathbf{x} is an eigenvector of A .
- (T/F) A matrix A is invertible if and only if 0 is an eigenvalue of A .
- (T/F) A number c is an eigenvalue of A if and only if the equation $(A - cI)\mathbf{x} = 0$ has a nontrivial solution.
- (T/F) Finding an eigenvector of A may be difficult, but checking whether a given vector is in fact an eigenvector is easy.
- (T/F) To find the eigenvalues of A , reduce A to echelon form.
- (T/F) If \mathbf{v}_1 and \mathbf{v}_2 are linearly independent eigenvectors, then they correspond to distinct eigenvalues.
- (T/F) The eigenvalues of a matrix are on its main diagonal.
- (T/F) If \mathbf{v} is an eigenvector with eigenvalue 2, then $2\mathbf{v}$ is an eigenvector with eigenvalue 4.
- (T/F) An eigenspace of A is a null space of a certain matrix.
- Explain why a 2×2 matrix can have at most two distinct eigenvalues. Explain why an $n \times n$ matrix can have at most n distinct eigenvalues.
- Construct an example of a 2×2 matrix with only one distinct eigenvalue.

Numerical Notes (Continued)

- The best numerical methods for finding eigenvalues avoid the characteristic polynomial entirely. In fact, MATLAB finds the characteristic polynomial of a matrix A by first computing the eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ of A and then expanding the product $(\lambda - \lambda_1)(\lambda - \lambda_2) \cdots (\lambda - \lambda_n)$.
- Several common algorithms for estimating the eigenvalues of a matrix A are based on Theorem 4. The powerful *QR algorithm* is discussed in the exercises. Another technique, called *Jacobi's method*, works when $A = A^T$ and computes a sequence of matrices of the form

$$A_1 = A \quad \text{and} \quad A_{k+1} = P_k^{-1} A_k P_k \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots)$$

Each matrix in the sequence is similar to A and so has the same eigenvalues as A . The nondiagonal entries of A_{k+1} tend to zero as k increases, and the diagonal entries tend to approach the eigenvalues of A .

- Other methods of estimating eigenvalues are discussed in Section 5.8.

Practice Problem

Find the characteristic equation and eigenvalues of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

5.2 Exercises

Find the characteristic polynomial and the eigenvalues of the matrices in Exercises 1–8.

1. $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 \\ 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

2. $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

3. $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

4. $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ -4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

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

6. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

7. $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ -4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

8. $\begin{bmatrix} 7 & -2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

Exercises 9–14 require techniques from Section 3.1. Find the characteristic polynomial of each matrix using expansion across a row or down a column. [Note: Finding the characteristic polynomial of a 3×3 matrix is not easy to do with just row operations, because the variable λ is involved.]

9. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

10. $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

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

12. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -3 & 6 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

13. $\begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & 9 & 0 \\ 5 & 8 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

14. $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 6 & 7 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$

For the matrices in Exercises 15–17, list the eigenvalues, repeated according to their multiplicities.

15. $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -7 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & -4 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

16. $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 8 & -4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -5 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

17. $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -5 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 8 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -7 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -4 & 1 & 9 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

- It can be shown that the algebraic multiplicity of an eigenvalue λ is always greater than or equal to the dimension of the eigenspace corresponding to λ . Find h in the matrix A below such that the eigenspace for $\lambda = 5$ is two-dimensional:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 & 6 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & h & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix, and suppose A has n real eigenvalues, $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$, repeated according to multiplicities, so that $\det(A - \lambda I) = (\lambda_1 - \lambda)(\lambda_2 - \lambda) \cdots (\lambda_n - \lambda)$

Practice Problems

1. Compute A^8 , where $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$.
2. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 12 \\ -2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, and $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Suppose you are told that \mathbf{v}_1 and \mathbf{v}_2 are eigenvectors of A . Use this information to diagonalize A .
3. Let A be a 4×4 matrix with eigenvalues 5, 3, and -2 , and suppose you know that the eigenspace for $\lambda = 3$ is two-dimensional. Do you have enough information to determine if A is diagonalizable?

5.3 Exercises

In Exercises 1 and 2, let $A = PDP^{-1}$ and compute A^4 .

$$1. P = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 7 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2. P = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

In Exercises 3 and 4, use the factorization $A = PDP^{-1}$ to compute A^k , where k represents an arbitrary positive integer.

$$3. \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 3(a-b) & b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$4. \begin{bmatrix} -6 & 8 \\ -4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

In Exercises 5 and 6, the matrix A is factored in the form PDP^{-1} . Use the Diagonalization Theorem to find the eigenvalues of A and a basis for each eigenspace.

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

$$6. \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Diagonalize the matrices in Exercises 7–20, if possible. The eigenvalues for Exercises 11–16 are as follows: (11) $\lambda = 1, 2, 3$; (12) $\lambda = 1, 4$; (13) $\lambda = 5, 1$; (14) $\lambda = 3, 4$; (15) $\lambda = 3, 1$; (16) $\lambda = 2, 1$. For Exercise 18, one eigenvalue is $\lambda = 5$ and one eigenvector is $(-2, 1, 2)$.

$$7. \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 6 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$8. \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$9. \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$10. \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$11. \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 & -2 \\ -3 & 4 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$12. \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$13. \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$14. \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$15. \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 4 & 16 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \\ -2 & -2 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$16. \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -4 & -6 \\ -1 & 0 & -3 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$17. \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$18. \begin{bmatrix} -7 & -16 & 4 \\ 6 & 13 & -2 \\ 12 & 16 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$19. \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -3 & 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$20. \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

In Exercises 21–28, A , P , and D are $n \times n$ matrices. Mark each statement True or False (T/F). Justify each answer. (Study Theorems 5 and 6 and the examples in this section carefully before you try these exercises.)

21. (T/F) A is diagonalizable if $A = PDP^{-1}$ for some matrix D and some invertible matrix P .
22. (T/F) If \mathbb{R}^n has a basis of eigenvectors of A , then A is diagonalizable.
23. (T/F) A is diagonalizable if and only if A has n eigenvalues, counting multiplicities.
24. (T/F) If A is diagonalizable, then A is invertible.
25. (T/F) A is diagonalizable if A has n eigenvectors.
26. (T/F) If A is diagonalizable, then A has n distinct eigenvalues.
27. (T/F) If $AP = PD$, with D diagonal, then the nonzero columns of P must be eigenvectors of A .
28. (T/F) If A is invertible, then A is diagonalizable.