

LINEAR ALGEBRA 1 (FALL 2024)
PROBLEM SHEET 11

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Problem 1 (20, multiplicities). Find three real square matrices A_1, A_2, A_3 of size 6 with characteristic polynomial $(\lambda - 3)^6$ and geometric multiplicity $m_g(A_i, 3) = 3$, such that A_i is not similar to A_j for $i \neq j$.

Problem 2 (10+20, symmetric matrices). (i) Let A and B be two real square matrices of size n which are diagonalizable over \mathbb{C} . Suppose we have for their characteristic polynomials: $p_A = p_B$. Prove that A is similar to B over \mathbb{R} .

(ii) Which of the following three matrices are similar to each other:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 14 & -3 & 1 \\ -3 & 9 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 9 & -3 & 6 \\ -3 & 11 & -1 \\ 6 & -1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 7\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{5}} \\ 7\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{5}} & 5 \\ & & 15 \end{pmatrix}$$

Problem 3 (40, higher eigenspaces). Find all real higher eigenspaces of the following matrices:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ & 1 & 1 \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & & \\ & 3 & \\ & & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 12 & -8 \\ -8 & 27 & -16 \\ -12 & 36 & -21 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ -2 & 5 & 4 \\ 2 & -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Problem 4 (40, company matrix). Let $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}$ be real numbers.

(i) Compute the characteristic polynomial of

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 & -a_0 \\ 1 & \ddots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ & & 1 & 0 & -a_{n-2} \\ & & & 1 & -a_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

(ii) Let λ be a complex eigenvalue of A . Show that its geometric multiplicity is 1.

(iii) Is the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} & & 2 \\ 1 & & 3 \\ & 1 & -1 \\ & & 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

diagonalizable over \mathbb{R} ?

(iv) Find a real matrix A of size 4 with complex eigenvalues $1 - i, 1 + i, 2, 3$. Given two such matrices, are they similar over \mathbb{R} ?

Problem 5 (20*, complex and real eigenspaces). Let A be a real square matrix of size n and $\lambda \in \text{Spec}_{\mathbb{R}}(A)$. Then:

(i) $\text{Eig}_{\mathbb{C}}(A, \lambda) = \text{Eig}_{\mathbb{R}}(A, \lambda) + i\text{Eig}_{\mathbb{R}}(A, \lambda)$.

(ii) $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \text{Eig}_{\mathbb{C}}(A, \lambda) = \dim_{\mathbb{R}} \text{Eig}_{\mathbb{R}}(A, \lambda)$.

Date: Please hand in before the lecture by **11th of December 2024**. For all exercises the results need to be proven using results from this lecture and the lectures before, provided you give a reference. * questions give extra points.

Problem 6 (10+10*, [direct sum of eigenspaces](#)). Let V be a vector space and W_1, W_2, \dots, W_r be subspaces. We call the sum

$$W_1 + W_2 + W_3 + \dots + W_r$$

a *direct sum* if the zero vector **cannot** be obtained as a sum $w_1 + w_2 + \dots + w_r$ with $w_i \in W_i$ with some summand being non-zero. Let A be a square matrix of size n and $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r$ be distinct real eigenvalues of A .

(i) Prove that

$$\text{Eig}(A, \lambda_1) + \text{Eig}(A, \lambda_1) + \dots + \text{Eig}(A, \lambda_r)$$

is direct.

(ii) We call $\text{Eig}^i(A, \lambda) := ((A - \lambda I_n)^i)$ the i th *higher eigenspace* of A corresponding to λ . Given any tuple of positive integers $\nu_1, \nu_2, \dots, \nu_r$, prove that

$$\text{Eig}^{\nu_1}(A, \lambda_1) + \text{Eig}^{\nu_2}(A, \lambda_1) + \dots + \text{Eig}^{\nu_r}(A, \lambda_r)$$

is direct.

Problem 7 (20*, [spectral norm](#)). Compute the spectral norm of

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

see Theorem 242 in the pdf about applications for Chapter 5.