

Homework Assignment No. 5
Due 10:10am, May 31, 2013

Reading: Strang, Chapter 6, Handout "Spectral Theorem."

Problems for Solution:

1. Prove each of the following statements:
 - (a) If λ is an eigenvalue of an invertible matrix \mathbf{A} , then λ^{-1} is an eigenvalue of \mathbf{A}^{-1} .
 - (b) The eigenvalues of \mathbf{A} are the same as the eigenvalues of \mathbf{A}^T .
 - (c) If λ is an eigenvalue of an *idempotent* matrix, then λ must be either 0 or 1. (An n by n matrix \mathbf{A} is said to be idempotent if $\mathbf{A}^2 = \mathbf{A}$.)
2. Determine if each of the following matrices is diagonalizable. If it is, find an invertible matrix \mathbf{S} and a diagonal matrix $\mathbf{\Lambda}$ such that $\mathbf{S}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{\Lambda}$. If it is not, find its Jordan form.

(a) $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

(b) $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

3.
 - (a) Do Problem 19 of Problem Set 6.2 in p. 309 of Strang.
 - (b) Do Problem 36 of Problem Set 6.2 in p. 311 of Strang.
4.
 - (a) Solve the difference equation $G_{k+2} - (1/2)G_{k+1} - (1/2)G_k = 0$ with initial conditions $G_0 = 0$ and $G_1 = 1/2$.
 - (b) Solve the differential equation $y'' - 5y' + 4y = 0$ with initial conditions $y(0) = 0$ and $y'(0) = 3$.
5. (This problem counts double.) Determine if each of the following statements is true. If yes, prove it. Otherwise, show why it is not or find a counterexample.
 - (a) The eigenvalues of a negative definite matrix are all negative.
 - (b) If \mathbf{A} is positive definite, then \mathbf{A}^{-1} is positive definite.
 - (c) A positive definite matrix is always invertible.
 - (d) $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ is positive definite.

- (e) If \mathbf{A} is a symmetric nonsingular matrix, then \mathbf{A}^2 is positive definite.
(f) If \mathbf{B}^2 is similar to \mathbf{A}^2 , then \mathbf{B} is similar to \mathbf{A} .

6. Which of these six matrices are similar?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

7. Consider

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

- (a) Compute $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$ and $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T$. Then find their eigenvalues and unit eigenvectors.
(b) Construct the singular value decomposition and verify that \mathbf{A} equals $\mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^T$.
(c) Find orthonormal bases for the four fundamental subspaces of \mathbf{A} .