

### 1. Suggested Problems

**Problem 1** (5.3.1). Let  $A = PDP^{-1}$ . Compute  $A^4$  where

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

**Problem 2** (5.3.5). 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.

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

**Problem 3** (5.3.7). Diagonalize the matrix if possible.

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

For Problems 4-6,  $A$ ,  $P$ , and  $D$  are  $n \times n$  matrices. Explain why the statement is True or False.

**Problem 4** (5.3.22). (T/F) If  $\mathbb{R}^n$  has a basis of eigenvectors of  $A$ , then  $A$  is diagonalizable.

**Problem 5** (5.3.23). (T/F)  $A$  is diagonalizable if and only if  $A$  has  $n$  eigenvalues, counting multiplicities.

**Problem 6** (5.3.24). (T/F) If  $A$  is diagonalizable, then  $A$  is invertible.

**Worksheet 17 Solution**  
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**Problem 1.** If  $A = PDP^{-1}$ , then  $A^4 = PD^4P^{-1}$ . For the power of diagonal matrices, one can simply raise the power of the diagonal entries, i.e.

$$D^4 = \begin{bmatrix} 2^4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1^4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 16 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

As  $\det(P) = 1$ ,  $P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -7 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ . Therefore

$$A^4 = PD^4P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 7 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 16 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -7 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 226 & -525 \\ 90 & -209 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Problem 2.** The eigenvalues are given by the diagonal entries of  $D$ , i.e.,

$$5, 1, 1$$

are the eigenvalues of  $A$  with multiplicity. Then the columns of  $P$  gives the corresponding eigenvectors that form the basis of the corresponding eigenspace, i.e.

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{for } \lambda=5}, \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{for } \lambda=1}$$

**Problem 3.**

(a) We first find the eigenvalues. The characteristic polynomial is

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

Therefore, the eigenvalues are  $\pm 1$ . Since there are 2 distinct eigenvalues for  $2 \times 2$  matrix, the matrix is diagonalizable.

(b) We need to find basis for the eigenspace of 1 and the eigenspace of  $-1$ .

$$A - I_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 6 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

so

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

works.

$$A + I_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

so

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

works.

(c) The diagonalization is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 6 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Problem 4. True.** This is the diagonalization theorem (pg 291).

**Problem 5. False.** Consider

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

The characteristic polynomial is  $(1 - \lambda)^2$  and the eigenspace for 1 is given by

$$E_1 = \text{Null}(A - \lambda I_2) = \text{Null}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \mid y = 0 \right\}$$

The general solution is given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow E_1 = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

which is of dimension 1. Therefore, by Theorem 7 (pg. 294), the matrix is not diagonalizable.

**Problem 6. False.** Consider the diagonal matrix with 0 on one of the diagonal entry, e.g.

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

The matrix is a diagonal matrix, so it is diagonalizable ( $P = I_2$ ) and is not invertible.