

Linear Algebra 2: Tutorial 9

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Exercise 1. Let λ_0 be a scalar in a field \mathbb{F} , and let k be a positive integer. Consider the following matrix in $\mathbb{F}^{k \times k}$:

$$J_k(\lambda_0) := \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda_0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \lambda_0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Compute the characteristic polynomial of $J_k(\lambda_0)$, all the eigenvalues of $J_k(\lambda_0)$ along with their algebraic and geometric multiplicities, as well as a basis for each eigenspace.

Exercise 2. Consider the following matrix in $\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$:

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

This matrix can be written in the form

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

where the first and third matrix on the right-hand-side are each other's inverses. Compute the characteristic polynomial $p_A(\lambda)$ of A , all the eigenvalues of A along with their algebraic and geometric multiplicities, as well as a basis for each eigenspace of A . Can you compute this just by looking at the decomposition above (i.e. without actually computing)?

Exercise 3. Consider the matrix A from Exercise 2. Find a formula for A^m for a non-negative integer m . What happens if m is a negative integer?

Exercise 4. For each of the following matrices A (with entries understood to be in \mathbb{C}), determine whether the matrix is diagonalizable, and if so, diagonalize it and find a formula for A^n .

$$(a) A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 6 & -1 \end{bmatrix};$$

$$(b) A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix};$$

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

$$(d) A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$